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Action stations on the camogie front

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ON Sunday next, the Cork senior team travel to Littleton to play Tipperary in the National League. At club level there are a number of important championship matches and league games down for decision.

Cork, who have full points to date in the National League, only need two further points in order to qualify for the National League final against Dublin on May 18. This they hope to do when they travel to Littleton on Sunday next to take on Tipperary in what should be a most entertaining game.

Cork, who will be without the services of Claire Cronin who is not available for selection this weekend, will be otherwise fielding an almost full-strength team. They have very determined players in Marian McCarthy, Margo Twomey, Sandy Fitzgibbon and wing forwards Lynda Mellerick and Colette O'Mahony who are both showing excellent form at the moment at club level. Cork will be very anxious for a win here as any other result will bring Wexford back into the reckoning for a qualifying place but they won't have it all their own way as Tipperary girls Jennie English, Maura Hackett, Rosie Ryan and Breda Kennedy will be very determined not to leave Cork advance at their expense.

Cork: Marian McCarthy, Margo Twomey, Eileen Dineen, Mary Spillane, Liz Dunphy, Val Fitzpatrick, Ann Leahy, Sandy Fitzgibbon, Noelle O'Driscoll, Colette O'Mahony, Mary Geaney, Lynda Mellerick.

On the local front, Glen Rovers and Aghabullogue replay their U-18 championship match tonight at the Glen Field in what should be a very closely-contested game. Glen Rovers, who have excellent players in Diane Deane, Fiona McCarthy and Carmel Currid, will be very anxious to improve on their display of the first match and will be hoping to account for Aghabullogue who will be depending on Brid Kelleher,

Eileen Buckley and Teresa Walsh.

On Saturday, Killeagh and Brian Dillons meet in the Under-18 championship semi-final at the Tank Field. Brian Dillons, who won the Junior "A" league in such excellent fashion last Sunday, and with players of the calibre of Lynda Mellerick, Liz O'Sullivan and Kathleen O'Keefe, must surely start as favourites but Killeagh, who are always a very difficult side to overcome, will have other ideas and will look to Helena O'Connor, Ina Leahy and Dolores Joyce to carry the day for them.

Pick of the league games for the coming week will be the meeting of old rivals, Eire Og and Glen Rovers, in the Senior League at Ovens on Thursday night. Glen are still unbeaten and a win here for them will almost definitely decide the destination of the Senior League trophy for 1985. Eire Og, who dropped two points last Sunday to St. Finbarrs, will be very anxious to do well here as a win for them will bring them back into the reckoning. St. Finbarrs will also be waiting with keen interest on the result of this game and will undoubtedly be hoping for an Eire Og win as this would almost certainly bring them back into the reckoning for league honours, so, with so much at stake, this should be a game well worth seeing.

In other league games listed for the week, St. Finbarrs and Watergrasshill meet in the Intermediate League. Both these teams are unbeaten in this league, so points are vital to both. It is St. Finbarr's

Toinette Santry (captain), Dolores Duffy and Niamh Coughlan to turn up trumps.

On Wednesday night, Aghabullogue and Watergrasshill meet in Under-16 League semi-final and on Sunday, Eire Og take on Fr. Mathews in the Junior "B" league.

Finally, congratulations to Brian Dillons on winning the Junior "A" league last Sunday. Dillons have been knocking on the door of this competition for the past few years but deservedly took the trophy last Sunday with a fine win over Bishopstown.

Friday, April 25:

Under-18 Championship 1985: Glen Rovers v. Aghabullogue at Glen venue at 7.15. Ref. Eileen Noonan.

Saturday, April 26:

Under-18 Championship Semi-final 1985: Brian Dillons v. Killeagh at Brian Dillons at 7.15. Ref. Annette O'Donovan.

Intermediate League: St. Finbarr's v. Watergrasshill at St. Finbarrs at 7.15. Ref. Na Piarasigh.

Sunday, April 27:

National League: Cork v. Tipperary at Littleton at 12 noon.

Junior "B" League: Eire Og v. Fr. Mathews at Ovens at 3 p.m. Ref. Ballinora.

Wednesday, April 30:

Senior League: St. Finbarrs v. Na Piarasigh at St. Finbarrs at 7.15. Ref. June Hammond.

Under-16 League Semi-final 1985: Watergrasshill v. Aghabullogue at Watergrasshill at 7.15. Ref. Eirins Own.

Thursday, May 1:

Glen Rovers v. Eire Og at Ovens at 7.15. Ref. Marie Kearney.

Cork girls through to league decider

Cork 3-10; Tipperary 0-4

A fine second half performance by Cork guaranteed them the points in this final zone match of the National Senior Camogie League at Drombane, Thurles yesterday.

Following a very close first half, Cork led by 1-3 to 0-3 at the interval and they continued to apply the pressure on the resumption. Maintaining the play in the Tipperary sector they had goals by Colette O'Mahony and Linda Mellerick to which Ann Leahy, Noelle O'Driscoll, Colette O'Mahony and Linda Mellerick added points.

Tipperary only managed a single point in the second half from Kirsty McCluskey following a fine solo effort by Geraldine Ryan.

Best for the winners were Mary Spillane, Noelle O'Driscoll, Linda Mellerick, Colette O'Mahony and Mary Geaney. For Tipperary Siobhan Tynan, Maire Hackett, Margaret Madden, Mona Quigley, Geraldine Ryan and Kirsty McCluskey were the outstanding players.

Scorers for Cork, who now play Dublin in the League final at a Dublin venue were, C. O'Mahony 2-2, Linda Mellerick 1-1, N. O'Driscoll 0-5 (2 from 30's) and Ann Leahy 0-1. For Tipperary M. Quigley 0-2, M. O'Dwyer 0-1, K. McCluskey 0-1.

Cork: M. McCarthy (capt), E. Dineen, M. Spillane, M. Twomey, L. Dunphy, C. Crowley, V. Fitzpatrick, A. Leahy, N. O'Driscoll, L. Mellerick, C. O'Mahony, M. Geaney.

Tipperary: M. Minogue, M. Madden (capt), M. Hackett, S. Tynan, G. Ryan, R. Ryan, M. Quigley, K. McCluskey, S. Hickey, N. Bonnar, A. Hayes, M. O'Dwyer. Sub. M. Browne for A. Gayes.

Cork in the mood to reach decider

COMFORTABLY placed with full points to date, Cork should secure a place in the National Senior Camogie League final by accounting for Tipperary next Sunday. Tipperary have found themselves at the wrong end of decisions with Clare and Wexford and have no further interest in the competition.

Cork are operating with a large panel at the moment and have given several good prospects an opportunity to establish themselves. With the local championship about to commence, the players are reasonably fit. Regulars like Sandie Fitzgibbon, Mary Geaney, Clare Cronin, Linda Mellerick and Marion McCarthy should make it a worthwhile journey for Cork.

Tipperary had a host of new faces on view in their match with Wexford. However, the heavy defeat prompted the selectors to have second thoughts. Several old hands were recalled for the Limerick game and their experience gathered the points.

Wexford had the majority of the championship side on view at Monamolin. Eileen Kehoe, Catherine Murphy, Elsie Coady and Anne Reddy were in sparkling form. A repeat showing should be sufficient to take the points from a Limerick side which has yet to register a win in the competition.

Kilkenny and Galway should make further progress at the expense of Ulster counties, Down and Antrim who are finding the going tough at the moment. The junior game between Kilkenny and Down should be evenly contested. Neither side has reached great heights this season.

Derry entertain Meath in their last game of the section. Their form has been impressive with wins over Armagh, Louth and Fermanagh. Arlene McWilliams, Sarah Ann Quinn, Marie Kilpatrick, Donna Spears and Noelle McKendry should wrap up Zone E and see Derry advance to the semi-finals.

WITHDRAWING

Monaghan and Westmeath have indicated their intentions to withdraw from the Junior League. This would leave Cavan winners of Zone C. Cavan have, of course, defeated Donegal, Tyrone and Monaghan.

Armagh, who are down two points, should get back on the winning way when they take on Fermanagh. Wicklow and Waterford play at Rathdrum but zone honours are out of reach for both.

The players of St. Raphael's, Loughrea and F.C.J. Bunclody and their supporters stood disappointedly on Saturday as the Rathdowney pitch was declared unplayable. Efforts to find a replacement at short notice failed as very heavy rain in the area had caused the damage.

The sides will return to Rathdowney on Thursday afternoon when hopefully the weather will smile on these young players and permit them to display their undoubted skills.

St. Raphael's midfielder, Clare Robinson, was an absentee last Saturday and may not have shaken off the effects of flu in time for Thursday's meeting. Both coaches have studied the video recordings and worked with their squads during the week. Confidence prevails in both camps.

The travellers returned from the Isle of Man convinced that more clubs will wish to make the trip next Easter. A wide variety of entertainment was laid on to keep the teams occupied. St. Paul's, Kilkenny brought home Buaneachorna Casca having defeated Croagh-Kilfinny, Co. Limerick in the final.

FIXTURES

TODAY — All-Ireland Colleges Senior Final (replay), At Rathdowney (4.0) — F.C.J. Bunclody v St. Raphael's, Loughrea.

SUNDAY — National Leagues — At Kilmee (2.0) v2 Junior — Limerick v Wexford (3.30) Senior — Limerick v Wexford. At Annalong (2.0) Junior — Down v Kilkenny (3.15) Senior — Down v Kilkenny. At Glenmaddy (1.0) Senior — Galway v Antrim. At Tipperary (3.0) — Senior — Tipperary v Cork. At Limerick (3.0) Senior — Fermanagh v Armagh. At Derry (3.0) Junior — Derry v Meath. At Rathdrum (3.0) Junior — Wicklow v Waterford.

Dubs need a point to reach another final

DUBLIN are expected to reach their fourth successive National Senior League final on May 18. One point from their remaining game with Galway at Silver Park on Sunday will be sufficient to see them through to the decider.

Always a good National League side, Dublin have scored comfortable victories in their games to date. Una Crowley, Yvonne Redmond, Edel Murphy, Anna Condon, Marion Conroy and Joan Gormley and fit and in form at the moment. It is unlikely that Galway could halt their march forward.

Galway have moved up a number of last season's juniors to the senior ranks. With the colleges final over, they may choose to play some of the St. Raphael's girls. However, as shown in their game with Kilkenny, spanning the bridge will take some time.

The junior match between these counties looks promising. Both are undefeated and anxious for a place in the quarter-final. Galway had to find a completely new side and have located several rising stars. Carmel Burke, Geraldine Kilkelly, Ann Murray, Paula Earls and Bridget Linnane will make Dublin fight hard for the points.

Dublin, who had a championship outing last Sunday, will be well tuned up for this game. They fielded some newcomers from last season's side. The experienced Ger Brady, Ailish Redmond, Eunice Keogh,

Mairead Cronin and Denise O'Leary will present a stronger challenge than Galway have faced so far.

Kildare should make sure of National Junior League section D on Sunday when they entertain Offaly at Cedanstown. Offaly have had a poor league so far and should find the ability of Miriam Malone, Rose Merriman, Gemma Cooney, Melanie Treacy and Marian Johnson too much to cope with.

All-Ireland Minor champions for the past three years, Cork open the defence of their title with an away game against Tipperary. Brid Walsh, Tracey O'Riordan and Deirdre Ryan hold their places and will be supported by newcomers Fiona O'Driscoll, Catherine McSweeney, Irene O'Keefe and Una Murphy.

Tipperary have a large number of promising young players as was evident by the standard seen at the coaching sessions organised by Mona Ouligley and Breda Kennedy. If these have been moulded into a team, Cork's crown will be in danger.

The individual brilliance of Deirdre Costello divided St. Raphael's, Loughrea, and F.C.J., Buncloody, in the replay of the All-Ireland Colleges Final at Ballyragget.

Scoring 3-2 from play, she signalled danger every time she got possession. The Buncloody defence played well and held the other forwards.

Considering that other school sides have been brushed aside by St. Raphael's, the Buncloody team did very well in both games. However, they lacked a scoring forward but the names Deirdre Atkinson, Noleen Jordan, Eilish Atkinson and Dolores O'Neill will be hard of again.

The 1986 Gradam Talite will be staged at St. Finian's College, Mullingar, on June 19. Angelika Downey has made this competition her own in the past two years. Would-be challengers should be well advanced in their preparations.

All camogie players know that they are not permitted to use banded sticks. Time and again, players take the field with sticks which do not conform to rule. Many referees inspect the sticks before starting the game. However, the habit of bringing back into use a stick which has been ruled out by the referee, is common.

COURAGEOUS

In a recent inter-county junior game, Dublin referee Aine Derham had the courage to send two defenders to the line for this offence. Ard Comhairle fully backed her action at their meeting on Saturday and sounded a warning to anyone taking a banded stick into play. The culprit will watch the remainder of the game from the sideline.

The sub-committee for 1986 were selected. Mary Lynch, President, will chair the Finance and Management Committees. The other sub-committees will be led as follows: Referees, Jo Golden; Fixtures, Sheila Weallace; Coaching, Mary Moran; Gaelic, Mary Hanley.

FIXTURES

SUNDAY

National Leagues 2 At Silver Park, Dublin (2.45) — Junior, Dublin v Galway. (3.15, Senior, Dublin v Galway.
At Cedanstown (3.0) — Junior, Kildare v Offaly.

Camogie trophy

Cork County Camogie Board recently took possession of a new trophy which will be presented for competition in the Cork under-16 championship. The trophy will be known as the "Majella O'Callaghan Perpetual Trophy" and it will commemorate a former Redmonds camogie player who died, tragically, at 16 years of age.

The trophy was presented to the chairperson of the Cork Board, Miriam Higgins, by Majella's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael O'Callaghan, who are associated with the Redmonds club.

The presentation was made at a reception in Beamish and Crawford's premises, South Main Street, and in thanking Mr. and Mrs. O'Callaghan for their kind gesture, Miriam Higgins urged the Redmonds club to re-form their camogie section and again take part in regular competition. She promised them the support of the County Board who were anxious to encourage greater participation by the city-centre clubs especially in their competitions.



Our photograph shows Mr. and Mrs. O'Callaghan presenting the new trophy to Miriam Higgins, chairperson of the Cork Camogie Board.

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Dublin find touch!

The Dublin Juniors recaptured their scoring touch, which deserted them in the championship game against Kildare, to comfortably account for Galway in their League outing. They entertain a hopeful Clare side in the National League quarter-final at Silverpark on Sunday.

Clare, who made their exit in extra time to the eventual winners in last season's competition, are determined to come good. They impressed in their defeat of Wexford at Rathnure when Pauline O'Brien, Maura McNicholas, Noeleen Quinn, Claire Bracken and Cathie O'Loughlin looked good.

The National League tables have been completed as follows:

SENIOR A					
	P	W	D	L	P
Dublin	4	4	0	0	8
Kilkenny	4	3	0	1	6
Galway	4	2	0	2	4
Down	4	1	0	3	2
Antrim	4	0	0	4	0

SENIOR B					
	P	W	D	L	P
Cork	4	4	0	0	8
Wexford	4	3	0	1	6
Clare	4	2	0	2	4
Tipperary	4	1	0	3	2
Limerick	4	0	0	4	0

JUNIOR A					
	P	W	D	L	P
Dublin	3	3	0	0	6
Galway	3	2	0	1	4
Down	3	1	0	2	2
Kilkenny	3	0	0	3	0

JUNIOR B					
	P	W	D	L	P
Clare	3	3	0	0	6
Wexford	3	2	0	1	4
Limerick	3	1	0	2	2
Tipperary	3	0	0	3	0

JUNIOR C					
	P	W	D	L	P
Cavan	4	4	0	0	8
Donegal	4	3	0	1	6
Tyrone	4	2	0	2	4
Monaghan	4	1	0	3	2
Westmeath	4	0	0	4	0

JUNIOR D					
	P	W	D	L	P
Kildare	4	4	0	0	8
Carlow	4	2	1	1	5
Waterford	4	1	1	2	3
Wicklow	4	1	1	2	3
Offaly	4	0	1	3	1

JUNIOR E					
	P	W	D	L	P
Derry	4	3	1	0	7
Armagh	4	3	0	1	6
Louth	4	2	0	2	4
Meath	4	1	1	2	3
Fermanagh	4	0	0	4	0

The Dublin seniors survived a to reach the National Senior determined challenge from Galway League final. They will play Cork in Dublin on May 18. The National Junior League semi-finals pair Kildare with Cavan while Derry await the winner of the quarter-final match.

The Pan Celtic Festival is scheduled for Killarney this weekend. Two camogie competitions, senior and under 16, have attracted a total of thirty-one teams. Among the visitors will be Carbury, Ashhill, Knockville Kildare, Ballinacorney, Woodville, Roscommon and a number of Cork clubs.

Offaly and Wexford meet in the Leinster championships at junior and minor grades. A double for the Model County would come as no surprise. Wicklow host Westmeath in the same competitions. If Westmeath can muster full panels, they should advance.

Down journey up the road to tackle neighbours Antrim in the Ulster Senior Championship. Neither side fared well in the National League. Both will be anxious to avail of this opportunity to prepare for the forthcoming Open Draw matches.

The Wexford County Board have organised a special club seven-a-side to be known as the Mary Cahill Memorial Sevens. The event will commemorate the late Mary Cahill who captained her county to victory in the 1968 All-Ireland senior final. The competition will be open to all club sides and be staged at Rathnure on May 31.

FIXTURES

National Junior League Quarter-final SUNDAY

At Silver Park (3.00) — Dublin v. Clare.

Leinster Championships At Tullamore — Minor (2.00) — Offaly v. Wexford; Junior (3.15) — Offaly v. Wexford.

At Ballycane — Minor (2.00) — Wicklow v. Westmeath; Junior (3.15) — Wicklow v. Westmeath.

Big weekend for camogie

ALL roads will lead to Killarney this weekend for the annual Pan Celtic All-Ireland Festival of Camogie. On the club front there is only one match listed for the coming week when Brian Dillons play St. Finbarrs in the Under-16 League Semi-final.

The Pan Celtic Festival has been growing in popularity since its inception some years back and this year's festival promises to be a real thriller with teams travelling from as far away as Roscommon, Galway, Dublin, Kilkenny, Wexford, Limerick, Cork and there will also be a number of local teams from the Kerry region taking part. As usual Cork will have a big representation of clubs travelling with Glen Rovers, Eire Og, St. Finbarrs, Na Piarsaigh, Blackrock and Brian Dillons taking part in the senior competition, and Bishopstown, Glen Rovers, St. Finbarrs, Eire Og, Inniscarra and Blackrock in the under-16 grade.

On Wednesday night Brian Dillons meet St. Finbarrs at Togher in the 1985 Under-16 League Semi-final.

The Senior Championship will be getting under way over the next few weeks with a preliminary round between Aghabul-

logue and Killeagh fixed for Friday, May 23. The following are the dates for the first round matches: Wednesday, May 28, Imokilly v. Na Piarsaigh; Wednesday, June 4, winners of Aghabullogue/Killeagh v. St. Finbarrs; Friday, June 6, Eire Og v. Glen Rovers; Saturday, June 7, Blackrock v. Sarsfields.

Clubs are reminded that there is now an insurance scheme available to members. Club secretaries have been notified of the details and are asked to have all applications returned to the county secretary before May 17.

FIXTURES

Saturday, May 10 — Pan Celtic Festival at Killarney. Senior competitions will be played at St. Brendan's College Grounds; under-16 competitions will be played at Fitzgerald's Stadium and St. Finans.

Sunday, May 11 — Finals of all competitions at Fitzgerald's Stadium: Under-16 'B', 1 p.m.; Senior 'B', 2 p.m.; Under-16 'A', 3 p.m.; Senior 'A', 4 p.m.

Wednesday, May 14 — Under-16 League Semi-final 1985, St. Finbarrs v. Brian Dillons at St. Finbarrs at 7.15 (referee Blackrock).

Presentation Bandon take it

Presentation Bandon 1-4 Scariff C.S. 1-3

THE Munster Colleges Intermediate camogie title has found its way to Bandon after a lapse of ten years. Saturday saw one of the best games in the campaign take place in Thomond College, Limerick when both sides fought out a hard game.

Bandon, playing with a strong breeze in the first half, were first to score with a point from Clare O'Regan. Scariff failed to score in the opening half, while Bandon scored a further goal and two points.

On the changeover, Scariff took advantage of the strong breeze and came back into the game with three points in succession. With ten minutes remaining, Hil-da Kenneally put Bandon further ahead with a fine point, but a determined Scariff side fought back with a well-taken goal in a nail-biting finish. Scariff were denied on many occasions, and Bandon held out for victory.

Cork teams triumph in Pan Celtic Festival

IT was success all round for the Cork camogie teams at the Pan Celtic Festival in Killarney over the weekend with all four trophies coming to Cork.

In a very exciting senior final St. Finbarrs overcame a strong challenge from Glen Rovers to take their first title 3-4 to 1-4. Glen Rovers, playing with the wind in the first half, had a two point lead at the interval but this was not enough to curtail a very determined Barrs side.

It was neck and neck all the way in the second half but a magnificent sideline cut by Claire Cronin in the final minutes of the game which ended up in the back of the net gave the Barrs girls a well deserved victory.

In the Senior 'B' final Brian Dillons, who were led by Lynda Mellerick and Liz O'Sullivan, proved much too strong for Ballyagran from Limerick and were worthy winners 2-4 to 0-1.

It was much closer in the Under-16 final with Bishopstown having to fight all the way to overcome an excellent Ballyagran side who were mainly made up of girls from St. Mary's School in Charleville who recently won the All-Ireland Junior Colleges final.

Bishopstown, who had excellent players in Sheenagh Morley, Aine Buckley and Bernie Hayes, eventually proved the more experienced side and won 2-2 to 1-2.

In the Under-16 'B' final Macroom, coached by Cork senior Angela Higgins, had a convincing 4-3 to 1-5 win over Carbury, Co. Kildare.

Cork and Dublin in intriguing clash

HIGHLIGHT of the coming week on the camogie field is the meeting of Cork and Dublin in the National League final at O'Toole Park, Dublin, on Sunday at 3 o'clock and on Friday night the Cork Junior team travel to Dungarvan to play Waterford in the first round of the Munster championship.

In recent years there has been great rivalry between Cork and Dublin with never more than a puck of a ball between

the sides and Sunday's game will be no exception with a real thriller promised. Cork, who have only won the league on one occasion before will be hoping to wipe out their defeats at the hands of Dublin in last year's championship and league and bring the National League title to the Lee for only the second time.

The Cork selectors have been experimenting in all sectors during the league campaign and will now be hoping that they have found the right combination to win this game. They have very experienced performers in Marian McCarthy, Eileen Dineen, Claire Cronin, Val Fitzpatrick and these together with newcomers to the team Mary Spillane, Margo Twomey and Colette O'Mahony will be very determined to put a stop to Dublin's success in this competition.

Dublin, who will be spearheaded by such fine players as Edel Murphy, Una Crowley and Cathy Walsh are a very resourceful side, full of determination and capable of raising their game at any stage. It is a combination of these factors that make them such a difficult side to overcome.

CORK TEAM: Marian McCarthy, Eileen Dineen, Margo Twomey, Mary Spillane, Claire Cronin, Val Fitzpatrick, Sandy Fitzgibbon, Liz Dunphy, Noelle O'Driscoll, Lynda Mellerick, Mary Geaney, Colette O'Mahony. Subs: Cathy Landers, Ann Leahy, Patricia Fitzgibbon, Angela Higgins, Evelyn Healy, Irene O'Leary, Betty Joyce, Patsy Keniry.

DUBLIN TEAM: Yvonne Redmond, Germaine Noonan, Marian Conway, Breda Kenny, Helena Broderick, Mary Murnagh, Edel Murphy, Ena Crowley, Anna Condon, Cathy Walsh, Maria Connell, Joan Gormly.

The Cork junior team will be hoping for a more successful first outing than last year when they travel to Dungarvan tonight to play Waterford. Cork have prepared well for this game and must be fancied to advance to the next round against Kerry. They have some excellent players in their line-up including Fiona McCarthy, Niamh Coughlan, Kathleen O'Keeffe, Karen Mellerick, Liz O'Sullivan, Paula Carey and Paula Morgan, all of whom have won All-Ireland medals with the Cork Minors over the past three years. The selectors have decided not to pick Colette O'Mahony, Margaret Finn and Evelyn Healy as these girls will be involved with the Cork Seniors on Sunday.

So, all in all, this looks a very strong Cork side but Waterford, who have excellent players in Orla Flynn (who is currently playing with UCC), Ger Power (Tramore) and Niamh McMahon (Butterstown), will have other ideas and they will be very anxious not to leave Cork advance at their expense.

CORK TEAM: F. McCarthy, K. O'Keeffe, N. Coughlan, D. Deane, S. Barrett, K. Mellerick, L. O'Sullivan (capt.), J. O'Regan, G. Kelleher, G. Mackey, P. Carey, P. Morgan. Subs: E. Hennessy, E. Healy, M. O'Callaghan, C. Sheehan, Y. O'Neill, M. Finn, H. Barry, J. P. Kent, C. O'Mahony, T. O'Callaghan, I. Leahy, A. Brady.

All players are requested to travel by bus and will leave from St. Patrick's Church at 5.30. Supporters can travel on this bus at a nominal charge.

Clubs are reminded to return Ciste Gael tickets at next Monday's county board meeting.

FIXTURES

FRIDAY, MAY 16

Munster Junior Championship, Cork v Waterford at Abbeyside, Dungarvan, at 7.15.

SUNDAY, MAY 18

National League final, Cork v Dublin, at O'Toole Park, at 3 p.m.

Experimental Cork line-up

A much changed Cork team travels to O'Toole Park on Sunday to face Dublin in the final of the National Senior League. Showing six changes in personnel from the side which failed to Dublin in the championship last season, this Cork side is in the experimental category.

Gine from the team which finished 1-10 to 3-1 behind at St. Finbarrs are Miriam Higgins, who is now directing operations as Chairperson of the County Board, Mary O'Leary, presently a selector of the team and Cathy Landers.

Cathy has just returned from her honeymoon and will be on call if required. Liz Lynch, Patsy Keniry and Ann Marie Landers did not receive the nod.

Long serving goalkeeper Marion McCarthy captains the team. Her clubmate, Eileen Dineen, will play in front of her. Coming in at right back is Mary Spillane, the only Killeagh representative. Clare Cronin will start in her club position at centre-back. The defence is completed by Margo Twomey.

FLEET-FOOTED

The fleet-footed Sandie Fitzgibbon is joined at midfield by Val Fitzpatrick and former defender Liz Dunphy. Noelle O'Driscoll fills the centre-forward spot with the experienced Mary Geaney in front of her.

Colette O'Mahony, captain of the Cork winning minor team of 1983, gets her chance at right forward while colleges star Linda Mellerick completes the side at left-forward.

The Dublin side also shows changes since their last meeting. Bernie Toner and Barbara Redmond were not available for selection and Carmel O'Byrne did not make the first 12.

Yvonne Redmond will be hard to beat as always in the Dublin goal. She receives excellent cover from the capable Marion Conroy. Germaine Noonan continues at right back where she operates effectively. Former Galway player Breda Kenny is positioned at centre-back. Her UCD clubmate Helena Broderick rounds off the defence.

Dublin have three ac-

mplished players across the centre of the field. Mary Mernagh, Edel Murphy and captain Una Crowley are well-versed in the requirements of the job. Joan Gormley wears the No. 10 shirt with Marie Connell inside her. Marie had much of last season disrupted by injury and is hoping for a good run in the months ahead.

Dublin ran up a sizeable score against Galway. They relaxed and were nearly caught. With their internal championships in full swing, the Dublin players are likely to be fitter than their Cork counterparts. The outcome may depend on the performance of the Cork newcomers.

With their seniors involved in the League final, the Munster Junior Championship first round game between Cork and Waterford has been brought forward to Friday night.

FIXTURES

FRIDAY

Munster...Junior Championship. At Dungarvan (7.0) — Waterford v Cork.

SUNDAY

National Senior League Final. At O'Toole Park (3.0) — Dublin v Cork.

Munster Junior Championship. At Ennis (3.0) — Clare v Tipperary.

Leinster Championships. At Myshall (2.0) — Minor — Carlow v Kilkenny; (3.15) — Junior — Carlow v Kilkenny.

At Kildare — (2.0) — Kildare v Laois; (3.15) — Junior — Kildare v Laois.

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Dublin's Ann Condron races goalward, pursued by Cork's Val Fitzpatrick during the National Senior League final at O'Toole Park, Crumlin yesterday, in which Cork were the winners. — Photographs: Pat Langan).



Ann Condron of Dublin has the sliotar delicately balanced on her hurley as she is about to be tackled by Cork's Val Fitzpatrick during this incident from yesterday's National Senior League final.



Sandy Fitzgibbon (Cork) showing her skill as she soloed towards the Dublin goal in the National Senior League final at O'Toole Park.

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• EYES ON THE BALL . . . Cork's Claire Cronin sets off on a solo run, pursued by Siobhán Gormley of Dublin, during yesterday's camogie final at O'Toole Park (Picture by CYRIL BYRNE).

GREANEY STARS AS CORK FOIL DUBLIN

CORK 3-8
DUBLIN 1-10

Two second half goals by Mary Geaney gave Cork victory over Dublin in a close and exciting National Senior League camogie final at O'Toole Park, Dublin, yesterday.

Playing with a strong wind, Dublin carved out a single point lead, (1-6 to 1-5) at half time thanks in great measure to five points from Edel Murphy and a Marie Connell goal.

But Cork midfielder Sandy Fitzgibbon looked very impressive in this half and with goal scorer Linda Mellerick and Collette O'Mahony, who scored two points, finding their range the Cork girls looked

certain to use the wind to good advantage in the second half.

Points from Sandy Fitzgibbon and Ann Leahy put Cork into the lead only minutes after the restart, but Edel Murphy quickly put Dublin back in the lead with two points from frees. But it all fell apart for the Dubliners in the 37th minute when Cork full forward Geaney finished a long ball from the right to the net.

Dublin pulled the Cork lead back to a single point twice in the remaining quarter with points by Marie Connell and Anna Condron and with minutes left Connell mishit a shot only yards from goal and Murphy shot just wide from a difficult free. But Geaney, the

Irish Hockey international, wrapped it up for Cork in the final minute with another opportunist goal.

Geaney, Fitzgibbon and Clare Cronin were particularly impressive for the winners while Dublin were best served by Murphy, Germaine Noonan and Una Crowley.

CORK: M. McCarthy, E. Dineen, M. Spillane, C. Cronin, A. Leahy (0-1), V. Fitzpatrick (0-1), E. Dunphy, S. Fitzgibbon (0-1), C. O'Mahony (0-3), N. O'Driscoll (0-1), L. Mellerick (1-0), M. Geaney (2-1). Sub: I. O'Leary (for Leahy).

DUBLIN: G. Moran, M. Conroy, G. Noonan, B. Kenny, H. Broderick, U. Crowley, M. Mernagh, E. Murphy (0-7), C. Walsh (0-1), J. Gormley, A. Condron (0-1), M. Connell (1-1). Subs: C. O'Byrne (for Walsh), C. Ledgidge (for Kenny).

Referee — M. Mhic Fhearraigh (Kilkenny).

Cork take title again

CORK 3-8
DUBLIN 1-10

CORK won the National Senior League and AIB Cup for the second time when they defeated Dublin at wind-swept O'Toole Park yesterday. It was a very keen and closely contested game with the issue in doubt to the final whistle.

With the wind behind them in the opening half, Dublin's Edel Murphy had an early point from a 30. Collette O'Mahony equalised and an opportunist goal from Marie Connell put Dublin in front again.

Minutes afterwards a Linda Mellerick goal put Cork ahead and then Mary Geaney and Cathy Walsh exchanged points. The home side continued on the attack and Edel Murphy, who is very accurate with place balls, scored four points before the interval. This gave Dublin a slender lead of 1-6 to 1-5.

On resuming the visitors were early on the attack and Noelle O'Driscoll levelled. Minutes later the lead changed again when Andy Leahy pointed. But Edel Murphy replied with two long range points to leave the score Dublin 1-8, Cork 1-7 at the threequarter stage. Defences were severely tested in the last ten minutes and in a hectic finish Cork held out to win by four points.

CORK (M Geaney 2-1, L Mellerick 1-0, C O'Mahony 0-3, N O'Driscoll 0-2, A Leahy 0-1, V Fitzpatrick 0-1). DUBLIN (E Murphy 0-7, M Connell 1-1, C Walsh 0-1, A Condron 0-1).

CORK GIRLS ARE CHAMPS

Cork 3-8,
Dublin 1-10

IN a keen and closely contested National Senior League camogie final played at Dublin's O'Toole Park yesterday, Cork defeated their old rivals on a 3-8 to 1-10 scoreline.

After a very closely contested first half Dublin led by a single point — 1-6 to 1-5. However, Cork were soon in to the attack on resuming and Noelle O'Driscoll levelled. Almost immediately Ann Leahy put the Munster side into the lead.

However, Edel Murphy, with two long range points, put Dublin ahead at the three-

quarter stage. Both defences were under severe pressure in the final ten minutes but Cork held out in a thrilling finish to win by four points.

Scorers - Cork: M. Geaney 2-1, L. Mellerick 1-0, C. O'Mahony 0-3, N. O'Driscoll 0-2, A. Leahy and V. Fitzpatrick 0-1 each.

Dublin: E. Murphy 0-7, M. Connell 1-1, C. Walsh, A. Condron 0-1 each.

WIN FOR JUNIORS
Cork 6-7,
Waterford 0-2

A strong Cork team advanced to the next round of the Munster Junior Camogie Championship with an

easy win over Waterford last Friday night in Waterford.

Best for Cork were Grainne Mackey, Paula Carey, Therese O'Callaghan and Mairead O'Callaghan.

Best for Waterford was Tish Barry.

Scorers: Cork: Paula Carey 0-3, Karen Mellerick 1-1, Grainne Mackey 2-0, Therese O'Callaghan 1-2, Waterford: Tish Barry 0-2.



A Cork forward gets to the ball first and shoots for goal during the National Camogie League final against Dublin in O'Toole Park, Dublin yesterday.



The Cork team who won the National Camogie League Final at O'Toole Park, Dublin by defeating Dublin.

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BACK:- MARY GEANEY, IRENE O'LEARY, VAL FITZPATRICK, BETTY JOYCE, EILEEN DINEEN,
NOELLE O'DRISCOLL, ANGELA SHEEHAN, COLETTE O'MAHONY, MAG FINN, EVELYN HEALY,
ANNE LEAHY, & PATRICIA FITZGIBBON
FRONT:- LINDA MELLERICK, LIZ DUNPHY, MARION MCCARTHY (CAPT)
MARY SPILLANE, SANDIE FITZGERARD & CLARE O'DONNIN

Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael



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Entertaining clash at Clane

KILDARE and Cavan meet at Clane in what should be a very entertaining semi-final of the National Junior League. These counties performed very well so far coming through their respective sections with flying colours.

Tradition slightly favours Cavan. Winners of this competition in 1981 and finalists in the All-Ireland Junior Championships two years ago, they travel with confidence. Emigration has hit the Cavan side. Early in the year, Ita Brady crossed the Atlantic and she was joined later by Bernie Callaghan.

Now goalkeeper Anne McKiernan has decided to follow. She may play in Sunday's game but it will be her last for some time. Cavan have been fortunate in that Catherine Denning and Rosaleen Reilly, who have been drafted in as replacements, have measured up to the task.

Cavan will have regulars Lorraine O'Neill, Ita Farrelly, Noleen Klerman, Olive Scorr and Margaret Carroll available. These girls looked good in the Donegal match

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and will put it up to Kildare.

With two Leinster Championship titles to their credit and National Junior League finalists on two occasions, Kildare's record is not far behind. Their top players have found places regularly on the Leinster side.

If Miriam Malone, Anna Dargan, Rose Merriman, Melanie Treacy, Marianne Johnston and Gemma Cooney hit top form, a home victory will be on. They know the Clane pitch well and this should be to their advantage.

Derry were due to meet the winner of the quarter final tie between Clare and Dublin next Sunday. However, the Eire Og pitch in Ennis was waterlogged two weeks ago and the game had to be deferred. The quarter-final will go ahead on Sunday and Derry will play the victors on June 1.

Antrim are at home at Clane on Saturday night in the Ulster Minor cham-

pionship. Despite losing the final of the Ulster Minor League to Down recently, Antrim are expected to come through. The Antrim seniors scored a single point victory over Down to retain the Ulster senior crown.

Kilkenny who defeated Carlow in the first round of the Leinster Minor Championship, play Meath next Sunday. With a large number of good colleges players available for selection, Kilkenny should advance to final.

Cork captured their second National Senior League title and signalled their intentions to be a major force in the championship last Sunday. What pleased their mentors most was the very promising showing of the newcomers. Mary Spillane held Anna Condon to a point and Colette O'Mahony picked off Cork's two opening scores.

The Cork Juniors rounded off a very satisfying weekend for the southern county by advancing to the semi-final of the Munster championship at the expense of Waterford. Fielding eight

minor medal-holders, they proved superior on the scoreline 6-7 to 0-2.

Crumlin won their first Dublin Senior Championship title last year. They have reached final of the 1986 competition. UCD are expected to provide the opposition. The loss of Yvonne Redmond, who has gone to the States for the summer, could prove crucial.

Crumlin have, of course, Barbara Redmond, Bernie Toner, Cathy Walsh, Anna Condon, Mary Mernagh and Mary Keane. But UCD will not be pushed aside easily.

SATURDAY

Ulster Minor Championship
At Rasharkin (5.00) —
Antrim v Cavan.

Leinster Minor Championship
At Danesfort — Kilkenny
v Meath.

SUNDAY

National Junior League
Quarter-final
At Sixmilebridge (3.00) —
Clare v Dublin.

National Junior League
Semi-final
At Clane (3.00) — Kildare
v Cavan.

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KILDARE 1-6; CAVAN 1-1

KILDARE are through to the Camogie National Junior League final following this impressive performance against a poor Cavan side, at Clane yesterday.

Scores: Kildare — M. Malone, 0-1, N. Egan, 1-0, M. Johnston, 0-2, K. Elliott, 0-1. Cavan — R. Brady, 1-0, P. Smith 0-1.



CAMOGIE — Cork School of Commerce team, winners of the 1956 Schools' Camogie Championship. Left to right (front row): Margaret King; Gemma Kelly, Louise Allan, Anne Grant (Capt); Patsy O'Mullane, Cora McLean, Terry Riordan; Aileen Crewne (trainer). Standing, Breda Haughton, Joan Clancy, Anne Hayes, Margaret Walsh, Breda McDonnell, Mary Crowley, Anne Healy, Mary Downey.

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ARE ST. RAPHAEL'S LOUGHREA THE BEST COLLEGES SIDE OF ALL TIME?

ARE St. Raphaels, Loughrea the best colleges side of all time? Their performance in winning their fourth title in three years prompts the question.

The girls in black and red made camogie followers sit up and take note with an exhilarating performance in the 1984 junior final against Comprehensive School, Shannon. Showing many touches of real class, they registered the impressive total of six goals and eight points.

The Galway school returned with two teams in 1985. The junior side dismissed Colaiste Muire, Ennis with a competent display. Many of the 1984 juniors had moved up to the senior side. They took the upgrading in their stride by defeating a fancied St. Patrick's team 4-7 to 3-3.

F.C.J. Bunclody temporarily halted St. Raphael's record-breaking achievements by drawing with them in the senior final at Croke Park this year. However, the best efforts of the Bunclody girls were not sufficient in the replay when St. Raphaels came out on top by 3-5 to 0-4.

Naturally, there are several gifted players on the St. Raphael's team. Deirdre Costello, who possesses delightful wristwork and ball control, scored three goals in each final. 1986 captain, Angela Cooney has excellent positional sense and reads the game well. The long clearance of Brid Stratford and the accuracy of Anne Fahy are significant assets to the side.

These four girls have already won All-Ireland Junior Championship and League medals with Galway and represented Connacht. Nine of the team including the free-scoring forward division will be available to add to the school's roll of honour next season. With the expert coaching of Cyril Farrell, a three-

in-a-row of senior championships is within the bounds of possibility.

Two other colleges won colleges senior titles in successive years. Presentation College, Athenry and Presentation, Kilkenny. If the original question is to be answered by taking into consideration the heights which these colleges players achieved at the climax of their careers, the Kilkenny school would occupy the number one spot. Their winning team of 1969 included Liz Neary, Helena O'Neill, Teresa O'Neill and Carmel Savage. Between them they hold sixteen All-Ireland senior medals. Perhaps the girls of St. Raphaels will match that achievement in the years to come.

A number of alterations to the national leagues were agreed upon by Annual Congress. In future the two top teams in each section of the senior league will qualify for the play-off stages. Under the present system if a county lost their opening game they almost certainly lost interest. Now they can aim at the second spot and a chance of reaching the semi-finals.

The National Junior League will be organised on a promotion and relegation basis. This will allow counties to compete with teams of equal standard and retain their interest in the competition to the finish.

While many considered that the Gael-Linn Cup competitions had their short-comings there was little support for the motion to discontinue the series. Congress directed the President, Mary Lynch to appoint a commission to investigate all aspects of the Association and make their recommendations within the next two years.

Westmeath made an excellent job of hosting Congress. They will now turn their organising skills to staging Gradam Tailte at St. Finian's College, Mullingar on 19th July. Angela Downey's performance in retaining this title last year was quite exceptional. She has really put it up to the camogie players of the other counties. Let us hope that the challenge will be accepted and a great contest will be seen.



Pictured here are four of the stars of the St. Raphael's team. From left: Brid Stratford, Anne Fahy, Angela Cooney (Capt.) and Deirdre Costello.



★ All-Ireland Vocational Schools camogie champions, Ennis. Back row (l. to r.), Fr. Pat Cotter, Claire McInerney, Deirdre Daly, Carmel Hickey, Catherine Nagle, Mary Carmody, Brid Keane, Mary Neylon, Anne Leamy, Deirdre Moroney, Mrs. Kathleen Crehan. Front row (l. to r.), Hilda Carey, Eileen Carmody, Bernadette Rynne, Nuala Hurley, Patricia Rynne (capt.), Maura McNicholas and Brenda Daffy.

Off on the senior championship trail



Killeagh forward Marian Sweeney.

THE big race for the senior championships starts this coming week with two games down for decision. Tonight Aghabullogue and Killeagh meet at Delaneys and on Wednesday night Imokilly and Na Piar-saigh will battle it out at Carrigtwohill. There are also two very interesting league matches listed with St. Finbarrs and Eire Og meeting in the senior league play-off and Eire Og and Bishopst-town play in the junior "B" league semi-final.

Killeagh and Aghabullogue will open this year's senior championship campaign tonight. Killeagh, who will be without the services of the Costine sisters Marie, Kathleen and Bernie, who have returned to play with their native Cloyne, must still be fancied to overcome Aghabullogue. The Spillane sisters, Cathy Landers, Patsy Keniry and these together with their younger players Ina Leahy and Brenda Kelly must surely complete a very strong combination. Fr. Bertie Troy is sure to have his charges in peak condition and he will be most anxious to wipe out last year's defeat in the final.

Aghabullogue on the other hand will have other ideas about this and they will be hoping for their first ever senior championship win. They have top class performers in Sheila Barrett, Joan Riordan, Norma Delaney, Brid Kelleher and Geraldine Barry

Murphy, and if these girls hit form then Killeagh's road to victory will not be an easy one.

The Na Piar-saigh/Imokilly game on Wednesday night promises to be a real thriller with very little between the sides. Imokilly who will be strengthened this year by the Costine sisters, who are now eligible to play with them, will also be spearheaded by such vastly experienced players as Mary O'Leary, Angela Higgins and Margaret Finn, and these surely will cause problems for the younger Piar-saigh girls. But Na Piar-saigh, who always paid such great attention to their underage teams, have a wealth of young talent available to them and will be very anxious for a win here.

They have very talented players in Deirdre O'Shea, Irene O'Leary, Jean Paula Kent, Shirley O'Sullivan and Claire Harris, and if these girls play well then it could be anyone's game, but whatever the result it will be a game well worth seeing for all camogie followers.

Eire Og and St. Finbarrs meet in the senior league play-off at Togher on Saturday night and this promises to be a very exciting and closely contested game. Both these teams have met on a lot of occasions during the past year and have served up some excellent games of camogie. Eire Og are a very experienced side and always a very difficult team to

overcome but St. Finbarrs, who are playing exceptionally well at the moment, are an up and coming young side and will not give in to defeat easily.

Eire Og are in action once again on Sunday when they entertain Bishopstown in the junior "B" league semi-final at Ovens, and here the city girls could prove too strong for Eire Og who will be fielding their third team.

FIXTURES

Friday, May 23; senior championship Aghabullogue v Killeagh at Delaneys, 7.15 p.m. ref. Brenda McDonnell.

Saturday, May 24; senior league play-off St. Finbarrs v Eire Og at Ovens, 7.15 p.m. ref. June Hamill.

Sunday, May 25; junior "B" league semi-final Eire Og v Bishopstown at Ovens, 5 p.m., ref. Cloughduv.

Wednesday, May 27; senior championship Na Piar-saigh v Imokilly at Carrigtwohill, 7 p.m., ref. Anne O'Donovan.

Camogie: Cork Senior championship, Killeagh 5-10, Aghabullogue 1-2.
Senior League, Eire Og 4-4, St. Finbarrs 2-4.

Ennis' record fourth

ENNIS V.S. 1-6, THOMASTOWN 1-1

ENNIS won a record fourth consecutive All-Ireland Vocational Schools camogie title when they beat Thomastown of Kilkenny at Borrisokane.

Trained by former Clare football goalkeeper Fr. Pat Cotter (chaplain) and teacher Kathleen Crehan, a former Kilkenny camogie star, Ennis won an early grip on the game as a result of the ability of centre-forward Maura McNicholas.

Patricia Rynne at centre-back was also prominent as Ennis opened up a half-time lead of 1-2 to 0-0, with the goal coming from Maura McNicholas. Later, after Thomastown came back to goal against the wind, Miss McNicholas was again to the forefront as Ennis finished strongly to ensure victory.

Their best players were Bernadette Rynne, Maura McNicholas, Deirdre Daly, Deirdre Moroney and Patricia Rynne.

The team was, Brid Keane, Deirdre Daly, Catherine Nagle, Deirdre Moroney, Nuala Hurley, Brenda Duffy, Bernadette Rynne, Patricia Rynne, Mary Carmody, Maura McNicholas, Anne Leahy, Carmel Hickey.

ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL 4-2 COLAISTE MUIRE 0-2

St. Mary's, Midleton had a merited win over Colaiste Mhuire, Crosshaven, in the final of the Cork Colleges Intermediate Camogie Championship at Carrigtwohill yesterday.

Crosshaven, opened the scoring with a point from a free by Patricia Doran, the best player on view. Both sides had chances afterwards but failed to capitalise and at the half time whistle, Crosshaven led 0-1 to 0-0.

A goal inside the opening minute of the second half by Patricia Cotter seemed to settle the East Cork girls and with their skipper Ina Leahy striking form, Midleton took a grip of the game.

A good point from Leahy, who also set up Mary O'Brien for a goal, sounded the death knell

for Crosshaven who had some fine players in P. Doran, E. Murray, E. Buckley, E. Downing.

For Midleton, Ina Leahy, Imelda Leahy, Pat Green, M. Motherway, F. O'Driscoll starred.

Scorers St. Mary's: I. Leahy, 1-2; P. Cotter, M. O'Brien, N. Goldspring 1-0 each.

Colaiste Mhuire: P. Doran 0-2 (frees).

Midleton: C. Buckley, M. Motherway, P. Green, S. Lenihan; H. O'Connor, N. Goldspring, Ina Leahy, Imelda Leahy, F. O'Driscoll, P. Cotter, G. O'Keefe, M. O'Brien.

Crosshaven: E. Buckley, N. O'Connell, S. Hogan, M. Madigan, E. Buckley, E. Murray, P. Doran, E. Downing, F. O'Driscoll, O. Creedon, S. Shanahan, M. Hogan.

Referee: E. Noonan (Sarsfields).

KILLEAGH START IN STYLE

Killeagh 5-10 Aghabullogue 1-2

Killeagh launched their bid to regain the Cork Senior Camogie Championship title they relinquished last year in decisive fashion at Delaneys Grounds last evening when they easily beat Aghabullogue.

Against the wind in the second half, Killeagh only managed a solitary point but a 5-9 to 0-1 lead, totted up in the first half, gave them plenty of leeway and a disciplined defence gave little away once they turned to face the wind.

Shelley Spillane, dropped back from mid-field to help out in this sector where Catherine Landers, Mary Spillane and Helen Kelly were always impressive while up front Breda Kelly, Marian Sweeney and Ann Leahy were superb.

Norma Delaney, who scored 1-1, was the only forward to make any headway for Aghabullogue who were shattered by the scoring spree that yielded 4-4 near the end of the first half. Eileen Buckley, Mary Lynch and Joan O'Riordan tried hard throughout.

Killeagh: P. Fitzgibbon, M. Spillane, H. Kelly, B. Landers, C. Landers, A. M. Landers, B. Kirby, S. Spillane, A. Leahy, B. Joyce, B. Kelly, M. Sweeney.

Aghabullogue: Evelyn Buckley, E. O'Callaghan, Eileen Buckley, M. O'Shea, S. Barrett, M. Lynch, J. O'Riordan, A. Downey, N. Delaney, T. Walsh, G. Barry-Murphy, N. Delaney.

Referee: Brenda McDonnell (Na Piar-saigh).

Midleton girls best in final

Wexford advance to final

Late rally overpowers Kildare

Wexford 2-4
Kildare 0-5

Wexford, the defending champions, advanced to the Leinster final at the expense of visitors, Kildare, at Rathnure, on Saturday last in the minor championship Camogie semi-final with two goals in the final five minutes to ensure victory on a scoreline 2-4 to 0-5.

Wexford, playing against the wind in the first half opened the scoring after four minutes with a point by Ann Marie O'Connor. Bernie Farrelly with a point from a free

equalised for Kildare, two minutes later with the same player with a point from play, put the visitors into the lead. Kathleen Conway with a point from Kildare completed the scoring and left the visitors 0-3 to 0-1 in the lead at the interval.

Clare Cullen with a point for Wexford opened the scoring after two minutes of the second half. Kildare with two points by Teresa Hanley increased the lead with points for Wexford by Ann Marie O'Connor and Clare Cullen reduced the lead to one point. With five minutes remaining a deflection in the goalmouth, an own goal put Wexford back into the lead with a goal by Geraldine Codd, securing victory for Wexford.

Best for Wexford were Deirdre Hearne, Deirdre Atkinson, Clare Cullen, Mag Kehoe, Helen Sinnott, and Ann Marie O'Connor. Best for Kildare were Marcella Gorman, Gemma Thornton, Celine Galvin, Teresa Hanley, and Bernie Farrelly.

Teams; Wexford: Tina Farrell, Tina Furlong, Deirdre Hearne (Capt.), Mag Parker, Deirdre Atkinson, Mag Kehoe, Audrey O'Leary, Michelle McCormack, Clare Cullen 0-2, Helen Sinnott, Geraldine Codd, 1-0, Ann Marie O'Connor 0-2.

Subs.—Pauline Casey for Michelle McCormack, Breda Lambe for Tina Furlong. Also Eithne Sinnott, Mairead Mahon and Ann Furlong.

Kildare: Marcella Gorman, Gemma Thornton, Samantha Feely, Ashling Treacy, Deirdre Dunne, Celine Galvin, Lidna Lenehan, Bridget Kilduff, Theresa Hanley 0-2, Bernie Farrell 0-2, Loraine Commins, Kathleen Conway 0-1, Subs. Tina Milroy, Fiona Feely, Mairead Phillips, and Andrea Murphy.

Referee: Kathleen Whitehead (Kilkenny).

County training for the above named players at Pairc Charman, on Monday next, June 2nd, at 7 p.m. and all players are requested to attend.

Scariff pipped

Presentation, Bandon 1-4
Scariff 1-3

Scariff failed by the narrowest of margins, at the first attempt, to win the Munster intermediate schools camogie title at Thomond College on Saturday last. Bandon, beaten in last year's final after a replay, just held on to gain victory in a most exciting contest. Scariff exerted maximum pressure in the second half but great defensive play by the Cork girls denied them of the vital scores.

Bandon played with the aid of a strong breeze in the first half and by half time were 1-3 to nil in front. Hopes for Scariff were high at this stage as their defence had played excellently with Aileen Minogue (goalie), Fina Kelly and Nuala O'Brien in top form.

On the resumption Scariff went into the attack and had three points from Pauline O'Brien. Bandon raised their game considerably and held the upper hand for a while

during which they scored a point which proved vital. Scariff came back for a Pauline O'Brien goal. With Jillian Sexton and Clodagh O'Brien doing well at midfield the expected break-through looked to be on the cards. However Bandon defended stoutly and held on for victory.

Overall it was a good season for Scariff under coach Jacko Treacy and with most of the side available for next season they should have a bright future.

★ Scariff: Aileen Minogue (Feakle), Regina Kiely (Ogonnelloe), Evelyn O'Brien (Bodyke), Ann Burke (do), Nuala O'Brien (Ogonnelloe), Una Kavanagh (Scariff), Pauline O'Brien (Bodyke), Jillian Sexton (do), Marie Kelleher (do), Clodagh O'Brien (do), Anne O'Brien (do), Eleanor Solan (Whitegate) capt.

Subs: Deirdre Sheedy (Ogonnelloe), Geraldine Sexton (Bodyke), Mgt. Nugent (Feakle), Teresa Callinan (Feakle), Joan Kelleher (Bodyke), Carmel Kelleher (do).

Rathnure National 7-a-side

Rathnure Camogie club are organising a national 7-a-side competition and will take place in Rathnure next Saturday, 31st May with teams from Wexford and visiting teams also taking part, with the competition to start at 10.30 a.m.

Rathnure Camogie club have undertaken to organise this ambitious tournament in memory of the late Mary Cahill, who captained Wexford to their first All-Ireland success in 1968. Various sponsorships have been obtained by the club throughout the county to ensure that the competition will be a success for which the club is truly thankful.

Teams taking part are Rathnure, Marshalstown, Buffers Alley, St. Ibar's, Monageer and Duffry Rovers, all from Wexford. Visiting teams included St. Paul's (Kilkenny), Celtic (Dublin), U.C.D. (Dublin), St. Anne's (Offaly), Imokilly (Cork), Myshall (Carlow), Galtier (Waterford), St. Mary's Glennamaddy (Galway), St. Mullin's (Carlow), Croagh Kilfinney (Limerick), Adraheen (Waterford).

Rathnure Camogie club are grateful to Rathnure Hurling club, Rathnure Hall committee, Rathnure I.C.A. for their help in catering for all the teams on Saturday.

Prior to the commencement of the 7-a-side a special remembrance Mass for Mary Cahill will be offered and also for the success of the tournament, in Rathnure Church.



★ Scariff Community College, beaten in the Munster intermediate camogie final last week. Back row (l. to r.), Teresa Callinan, Clodagh O'Brien, Deirdre Sheedy, Anne Burke, Margaret Nugent, Eleanor Solan, Marie Kelleher, Regina Kiely, Una Kavanagh. Seated (l. to r.), Joan Kelleher, Geraldine Sexton, Carmel Kelleher, Sinead O'Brien, Pauline O'Brien, Aileen Minogue, Nuala O'Brien, Evelyn O'Brien and Jillian Sexton.

40 YEARS AGO

A.O.H. and Rockville qualified to meet each other in the final of the Burkley Soccer Cup, when they defeated Cork United by 3 goals to 1 and Blackrock by 3 goals to 1, respectively, when both finals were played at Turners Cross. The four teams lined out as follows: A.O.H.: C. Quinn, J. O'Connell, D. Murphy, E. Murphy, A. Donnellan, J. Leahy, W. Jones, E. O'Donovan, P. Horgan, M. Hennessey, J. O'Mullane; Cork United: T. Cuthbert, B. Murphy, R. O'Connor, F. Cunningham, J. Baynam, J. Cotter, J. Broderick, J. O'Connell, D. Noonan, T. Morrissey, P. Keane; Rockville: T. Webb, J. Betson, C. Hosford, J. Philpott, C. McCarthy, J. Lynch, J. Madden, J. Sullivan, C. Curtin, P. Cronin, D. Healy; Blackrock: F. Hughes, R. Buckle, P. Mooney, J. Ryan, F. Burke, M. Morley, J. Matthews, S. McCarthy, J. Cremin, C. Crowley, J. O'Sullivan.

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ST. PATRICKS of Whitechurch had a hard earned 2-1 to 1-0 win over Courtbrack in the Camogie League at Blarney. Best for the winners were B. Spillane, N. Sheehan, J. Browne and R. Hegarty, while F. Mitchell, F. Walsh and N. O'Mahony tried hard for Courtbrack.

40 YEARS AGO

St. ALOYSIUS CONVENT won the Cork Schools Senior Camogie Championship title as a result of their 5-0 to 3-2 win over School of Commerce in the final at the U.C.C. grounds where the teams lined out as follows. — St. Als. — E. Long, S. Leahy, B. Walsh, B. Duggan, M. Woods, M. Lane, P. Osborne, M. Lyons, M. McElligott, A. Buckley, T. Coughlan, M. Coffey. School of Commerce — J. Long, M. Creamer, P. Burgh, T. McCarthy, C. Wills, M. Buckley, E. Hogan, M. Allen, R. Master, S. Harrington, J. O'Connor, M. Brennan.

Fitter Dublin were much too strong

DUBLIN 2-9 CLARE 1-3

CLARE junior camogie team's ambitions of qualifying for the semi-final of the National League were shattered in no uncertain terms by a superbly fit Dublin side who coasted to a deserved nine-point win over a disappointing home team in perfect conditions at a well-appointed Sixmilebridge grounds on Sunday last.

This was the visitors third success in the past four years over the Clare girls at this stage of the competition.

Dublin were much fitter and faster to the ball and they relied mainly on ground play and stamped their authority on proceedings right from the start, making full use of wind advantage to score 2-2 without reply in the opening quarter.

Clare opened their account with a pointed free by Maura McNicholas and the same player was a little unlucky moments later to see a stinging shot rebound into play off the post. At half time, Dublin held a nine-point advantage.

When Catherine O'Loughlin scored a point immediately after resuming, hopes were high of a Clare fight-back, but this didn't materialise simply because the home side were rarely allowed the possession they needed to bring this about. While Clare did manage 1-1 from placed balls it was the winners who finished stronger with a succession of points to complete their scoring.

Certainly, this is a game Clare will want to forget and there is room for a big improvement, especially in fitness. Pauline O'Brien brought off a number of good saves between the posts, while Patricia Ryan and Noeleen Quinn worked hard in defence. Patricia Rynne battled gamely at midfield, while up front Catherine O'Loughlin was best.

CLARE: P. O'Brien; J. Connellan, P. Ryan, N. Quinn, S. Reidy, S. O'Halloran, P. Rynne, N. Comyns, C. Molloy, M. McNicholas (1-2), C. O'Loughlin (0-1), C. Bracken.

Subs: M. Twomey for J. Connellan; Y. McInerney for C. Bracken.

Referee: B. Joyce, Cork.

CLARE 4-4
LIMERICK 3-0

Clare's minor camogie team displayed great courage and character when playing into the teeth of a strong wind in the second half of this keenly-contested Munster championship semi-final at Sixmilebridge on Wednesday of last week. In defeating a highly-fancied Limerick side, Clare qualified for a Munster final date against Cork on July 4.

Clare went in at the break leading on the score of 1-3 to 1-0 and this looked to be anything but sufficient as they would now have to face the strong breeze. In fact, they can count themselves lucky to be ahead at the break as their goal came just before the half time whistle.

Limerick made most of the running in the early stages and while Clare had opened the scoring with a Frances Phelan point, the visitors went ahead with a Frances Broderick goal from close range. Points from Frances Phelan and Catherine O'Loughlin levelled matters before Angela Sheridan put them in front with a goal.

The Clare defence withstood strong pressure in the early stages of the second half and the all-round performance of the players improved as the game wore on. Two goals from Angela Sheridan put Clare in control for the remainder of the game.

Shannon girl, Angela Sheridan, was the star of the side and her contribution of three goals proved vital. Frances Phelan, Linda Quinn and Catherine O'Loughlin were also effective in the attack.

The defence in which goalie Ema O'Halloran, Patricia Di-

viney, Clodagh O'Brien, Mary Sheedy and Shelly Hegarty thwarted many a Limerick raid, grew in confidence as the game progressed. Mairead Twomey enhanced her reputation as a skillful midfield player and got good support from Yvonne McInerney and Ann Bourke.

CLARE: E. O'Halloran; P. Divine, C. O'Brien, M. Sheedy, S. Hegarty, Y. McInerney, M. Twomey, A. Burke, F. Phelan (1-2), L. Quinn, C. O'Loughlin (0-2), (Capt.), A. Sheridan (3-0).

Sub: C. Bracken for A. Burke.



Coachford Community College, winners of Co. Cork V.E.C. Camogie Championships.



Mrs. Nora Newman, Glen Rovers Camogie Club, presenting a shield for the seven-a-side inter-schools competition to Dr. F. J. Steele, Principal St. Aidan's College, Dublin Hill, Cork, the winners. Also present are (from left): Marie O'Riordan, captain of the runners-up; Mrs. Ann O'Donovan, coach; Mrs. Nora Cronin, vice-chairman, Glen Rovers; and Catherine Monaghan, captain winning team.

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KILLEAGH TOPS IN THRILLER

KILLEAGH 1-7,
ST. FINBARRS 1-6

KILLEAGH had to survive a tremendous effort by St. Finbarrs to snatch a dramatic one-point victory in the quarter-final of the Cork senior camogie championship at Caherlag last night.

At half-time, St. Finbarrs led by 1-2 to 0-4, Yvonne O'Neill goaling for the Barrs just before the break.

On the resumption, St. Finbarrs added to their tally with points from Colette O'Mahony and after 16 minutes of this half they led by a goal.

Killeagh fought back, with Patricia Fitzgibbon giving a star performance in goal. Ann Leahy burst through the St. Finbarrs defence and Betty Joyce was on hand to palm home a goal. Colette O'Mahony and Marian Sweeney each had a point to level the scores for the fifth time.

It looked as if a draw was on the cards but, at the end of normal time, Betty Joyce proved to be the hero for Killeagh when she scored a great point. Forty seconds from the end of the two minutes of injury time, St. Finbarrs were awarded a free from 15 metres but for once Colette O'Mahony drove the ball wide.

Scorers — Killeagh: B. Joyce 1-3, A. Leahy 0-2, M. Sweeney 0-2; St. Finbarrs: C. O'Mahony 0-5, Y. O'Neill 1-0, M. O'Farrell 0-1.

KILLEAGH: P. Fitzgibbon, B. Landers, H. Kelly, M. Spillane, B. Kirby, K. Landers, A. M. Landers, S. Spillane, A. Leahy, B. Joyce, B. Kelly, M. Sweeney, Sub: I. Leahy for B. Kelly.

ST. FINBARRS: M. O'Sullivan, M. Walsh, M. Henchion, D. Coughlan, C. Cronin, S. Curtin, M. Farrell, C. Cronin, C. O'Mahony, C. O'Leary, P. Carey, Y. O'Neill, Subs: E. Kelleher for Y. O'Neill, M. Hogan for C. O'Leary.

Referee: M. Kearney (Sarsfield).

A lot of camogie action coming up

THERE will be plenty of activity on the camogie field this coming weekend with two senior championship matches down for decision on Friday and Saturday night. On Sunday the 1985 Under-18 Championship and Under-16 League finals will be decided and also on Saturday the Feile Na nGael blitz takes place.

Tonight County Champions Eire Og will set out in defence of their senior title when they take on Glen Rovers at Riverstown in what promises to be a thriller. In recent years these teams have had many close encounters and tonight's game will be no exception. Both teams have excellent players with Eire Og in a position to call Marian McCarthy, Eileen Dinneen, Miriam Higgins, Mary Geaney and Noelle O'Driscoll. All these girls are very experienced players and can cause problems for

any opposition but Glen Rovers have their stars too and they will be spearheaded by their captain Mary Ring, Marie Mackey, Sandy Fitzgibbon, Val Fitzpatrick and Fiona McCarthy and if these girls strike form then it could be anyone's game.

In the second senior championship game Blackrock play Sarsfields at Togher on Saturday night. Blackrock who are relatively new to senior ranks are a very young side and could find the going tough against Sars who have been knocking on the door for some time now. Blackrock have marvellous players in Una O'Connor, Claire Ronan, Bernice Cashman, Patricia O'Shea and Catherine Healy but they will have to work very hard if they are to overcome the girls from Riverstown who will be led by the talented Liz Dunphy, Marie Kearney,

Eileen Noonan, Jackie O'Regan and Ann Brady.

Sunday will be a hectic day with two finals to be decided. In the first Aghabullogue play St. Finbarrs in the Under-16 League Final and this should be a close one. These teams already met in the Championship semi-final and after an exciting tussle Aghabullogue had a narrow victory. Aghabullogue who will be calling on a lot of their Feile Na nGael winning side have excellent players in Brid and Rena Kelleher, and Nora Twomey and if these girls strike form they could prove very difficult to overcome but the Barrs are a very determined side and they will be looking to their captain Paula Carey, Fiona and Niamh O'Sullivan and Sandra O'Donovan to carry them through.

In the second final Brian Dillons and Na Piarasigh meet in the 1985 Under-18 Cham-

pionship and this should be a marvellous game between two excellent sides. Brian Dillons, who have been playing so well this year will be fancied to do well here again. They have top class performers in Cork senior Lynda Mellerick, Liz O'Sullivan, Kathleen O'Keeffe and Aileen Barry, but Na Piarasigh will have other ideas and they will be looking to Irene O'Leary, Jean Paula Kent, Catherine Martin and Lorraine Kelly to turn up trumps.

Saturday will be a busy day for our up and coming young stars when the Feile Na nGael Blitz will be held at St. Finbarrs and Ballincollig GAA grounds commencing at 10.30. There are no fewer than twenty-two clubs taking part so there should be plenty of keen competition. The semi-finals of this competition will be held on Tuesday, June 10, at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. at St. Finbarrs and the final on Thursday, June 12, at 7.30 at St. Finbarrs.

Friday, June 6 — Senior Championship — Glen Rovers v Eire Og at Riverstown at 7.30. Ref. Mary Maher.

Saturday, June 7 — Senior Championship — Blackrock v Sarsfields at St. Finbarrs at 7.30. Ref. Betty Joyce.

Feile Na nGael Blitz — At St. Finbarrs and Ballincollig GAA grounds commencing at 10.30.

Sunday, June 8 — Under-16 League Final (1985) — Aghabullogue v St. Finbarrs at Ballinlough at 2.30. Ref. June Hammill.

Under-18 Championship Final (1985) — Brian Dillons v Na Piarasigh at Ballinlough at 3.30. Ref. Eleanor Twomey.

Tuesday, June 10 — Feile Na nGael semi-finals at St. Finbarrs at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Wednesday, June 11 — Feile Na nGael skills competition at St. Finbarrs at 7 p.m.

Thursday, June 12 — Feile Na nGael at St. Finbarrs at 7.30.

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Killeagh and the 'Barrs at Caherlag

THE Senior Championship continues this coming week with one of the most attractive of the championship matches down for decision when Killeagh will play St. Finbarrs at Caherlag on Wednesday night. In the only other match listed Eire Og play Aghabullogue in the under-18 League.

Wednesday night's match between Killeagh and St. Finbarrs promises to be a thriller with very little between the sides. Killeagh who easily overcame Aghabullogue in a preliminary round are very strong in every sector and must be considered experts when it comes to championships. They have marvellous players in Patricia Fitzgibbon, who takes over the gaol's position; Mary Spillane, Cathy Landers, Ann Marie Landers, Ann Leahy, Marion Sweeney and Betty Joyce who returns to the team this year and who showed excellent form against Aghabullogue.

All these girls are very experienced performers and if they strike form will prove very difficult for any team to overcome. Fr. Bertie Troy who coaches the team is sure to have his charges in peak condition and he will be very anxious that Killeagh will re-establish their superiority in this grade.

St. Finbarrs will have other ideas about this and they will be very determined to go a step nearer to bringing their first senior title to Togher. They have been improving every year since they first went into senior ranks in 1983 and must be in with a great chance of taking senior honours in the very near future.

They will be spearheaded by such vastly experienced players as Claire Cronin, Margaret

Farrell and Marie O'Sullivan and these together with some of their up-and-coming young stars Colette O'Mahony, Paula Carey, Colette Cronin and Yvonne O'Neill will complete a fine combination. These girls will not give into defeat easily and will be hoping for a first championship victory over the famed Killeagh club.

There will be keen competition in tonight's under-18 League game between Aghabullogue and Eire Og. Aghabullogue have excellent players in the Kelleher sisters Brid and Rena and Eileen Buckley while Eire Og will be looking to Lynda Aherne, Suzanne O'Brien and Claire O'Regan to turn up trumps. The winners of this game will play Brian Dillons in the semi-final.

Clubs are reminded that the Feile Na nGael blitz takes place on Saturday June 7 commencing at 10.30. It will take place at two venues — St. Finbarrs G.A.A. grounds, Togher, and Ballincollig G.A.A. grounds. Club secretaries will be notified of the venue and the times during the coming week.

The draw for the under-18 League semi-final took place and is as follows:

Killeagh v St. Finbarrs and winners of Aghabullogue/Eire Og v Brian Dillons.

FIXTURES

Friday, May 30

Under-18 League: Eire Og v Aghabullogue at Ovens at 7.15, ref. Ballincollig.

Wednesday, June 4

Senior Championship: Killeagh v St. Finbarrs at Caherlag at 7.30, ref. Marie Kearney.

Rathnure host Cahill Sevens

EIGHTEEN years ago Mary Walsh climbed the steps of the Hogan Stand amid emotional scenes to accept the O'Duffy Cup on behalf of Wexford for the first time. Mary had earlier scored a first-half goal to settle her team and inspire them to this historic victory.

The tall athletic looking girl from Moonageer was one of the outstanding performers of Wexford's golden era. The stylish centre - forward captained the 1969 Gael - Linn winning Leinster team which included such greats of the game as Una O'Connor, Margaret O'Leary, Ann Carroll, Ally Hussey and Judy Doyle.

A championship player with St. Davids (Oylegate) and later St. Ibar's, Mary settled in Rathnure on her marriage to Larry Cahill. Failing health led to a premature death last September.

The Wexford County Board plans to perpetuate Mary's memory by inaugurating the Mary Cahill Memorial Sevens. As appropriate the event will be staged in Rathnure. Seven Wexford clubs will participate in tomorrow's event. Included, of course, will be Ballyvaughan, the kingpins of the seven-a-side game.

Clubs from Connacht, Munster and Leinster will be present. St. Marys, Glenamaddy, St. Pauls, Kilkenny, Ballyvaughan, Imokilly, Celtic, Gaultier, Ardkeen, Croagh - Killybeg, U.C.D. and Myshall will travel to pay tribute to a former star.

DECISIVE WIN

Dublin had a decisive win over Clare in the National Junior League quarter final to qualify for next Sunday's semi final with Derry. This Dublin side has come to life since they made their exit from the Leinster championship at the hands of Kildare.

They scored a good win over Galway and were unquestionably the better side at Sixmilecross. Faster to the ball, crisper strikers and with the capacity to take their chances, this Dublin side will pose problems for Derry.

Derry have yet to reach a National Junior League final. They have some excellent players notably Sarah Ann Quinn, Arlene McWilliams, Noeleen McKendry, Patsy Quinn, Donna Spears and Brid Doherty. They will need to be on their toes to stop this fast moving Dublin 12. The winners will meet Kildare, who registered a narrow victory over Cavan, in the final.

Armagh will be at home to Cavan in the opening game of the Ulster Junior Championship on Sunday. Disappointed at their exit from the National Junior League at Clane last Sunday, Cavan will have to regroup their resources and start all over again.

The curtain came down on the Munster Colleges season with the First Year Blitz at Knockainey on Saturday. St. Marys, Macroom, turned around to face gale in the final with only a single point to spare over Colaiste Muire, Ennis. The Cork girls defended superbly to win the title for the first time Nora Twomey, Lyn Dunlea, Josie O'Callaghan and Sinead Buckley were the architects of the victory.

Good progress has been made in the Munster Championships. Clare and Cork will contest the minor final on July 5. Angela Sheridan, Frances Phelan, Mairead Twomey and Mary Sheedy helped Clare to a 4-4 to 3-0 win over Limerick. Cork accounted for Tipperary 4-4 to 0-1.

In the Munster Junior Championship the semi final stage has been reached. On June 22, Limerick, the holders will entertain Clare.

FIXTURES

Tomorrow—Mary Cahill Memorial Sevens—At Rathnure (19.30). Sunday—National Junior League semi-final—At Dublin (19.30)—Dublin v. Derry.



The Rathnure camogie team who defeated UCD in the final of the club's first national sevens tournament held last weekend. The tournament attracted eight teams who played for the Mary Cahill Memorial Cup. Back row (l. to r.) — Trish Dreelan, Anna Hickey, Jacqueline Codd, Ann Reddy, Caroline Higgins. Front (l. to r.) — Mary Codd, Sinead Cowman, Bridget Howlin, Bernie Higgins (captain), Geraldine Codd.

Rathnure host and win first sevens contest

RATHNURE, by virtue of a magnificent team performance, defeated U.C.D. in the final of the Rathnure 7-a-side camogie tournament over the week-end to capture the Mary Cahill (nee Walsh) Memorial Cup.

RATHNURE	5-4
U.C.D.	3-8

CAMOGIE

For the Rathnure Club it was a memorable day. This is the club's first such tournament—named after Mary Walsh, who played on the 1968 Wexford team.

Eight teams turned out for the competition, and full credit is due to all who helped to make the day the success it was. The sponsors, Rathnure I.C.A., Rathnure Hall Committee, referees, Wexford Camogie Board and the host club Rathnure.

Rathnure: Bernie Higgins (capt.), Sinead Cowman, Tish Dreelan, Ann Reddy (1-1), Jackie Codd (1-2), Bridget Howlin (2-0), Carmel Higgins (1-0), Anna Hickey, Mary Codd, Geraldine Codd.

Additional award winners were as follows: Player of the Tournament: Breda Kenny (U.C.D.); Golden Goal—Bridget Howlin (Rathnure); Silver Sale—Gay Moran (U.C.D.).

Results—Rathnure 3-3, Myshall 1-0; St. Paul's 5-6, Ardkeen 0-0;

Celtic 1-4, St. Ibars 0-1; U.C.D. 9-8, Ardkeen 0-1; U.C.D. 5-5, 3-1, St. Ibar's 0-1; U.C.D. 5-5, St. Paul's 3-2, Celtic 8-6, Duffry Rovers 0-2.

Semi-finals: Rathnure 3-4, Celtic 2-4; U.C.D. 8-6, Myshall 2-0. Final — Rathnure 5-4, U.C.D., 3-8.



Individual award winners in the Mary Cahill camogie tournament played at Rathnure last weekend (l. to r.) — Gay Moran, UCD, best save; Breda Kenny, UCD, best player and Bridget Howlin, best goal.



Glen forwards Ger McCarthy and Mary Curridy beating Eire Og defender Margaret Twomey during the Cork Co. Camogie Championship game last night.

Late goal denies Glen victory

Eire Og 2-3; Glen Rovers 1-6

A GOAL from a free by Noelle O'Driscoll in the third minute of injury time gave Eire Og another crack against Glen Rovers in the quarter-final of the Cork Senior Camogie Championship at Riverstown last night.

Glen Rovers, however, will long remember this game as, for most of this titanic struggle, they dominated proceedings and looked to be coasting to a decisive victory until O'Driscoll's score.

Maria Mackey opened the scoring for the Glen inside 90 seconds and five minutes later Noelle O'Driscoll had the sides level. Eire Og added two more points and at the end of the first quarter looked to be in control.

With eight minutes to the interval Glen Rovers suddenly struck their best form and reduced the leeway with a point from June Hamil. Then a harmless looking ball was misjudged by Marian McCarthy in the Eire Og goal. The ball struck the foot of the upright and rolled onto the toe of the incoming June Hamil and the Glen were a hit.

With Val Fitzpatrick in top form for the Glen she gave the Eire Og side a lot of problems and when she found Ger McCarthy loose on the left wing the latter obliged with a point with two minutes to the short whistle.

Then in one of their few attacks, Sarah Murphy passed a high ball to Noelle O'Driscoll who flicked it

overhead to the Glen net to leave the sides level at half time.

Glen Rovers continued their superiority but many chances went begging and when they did get a shot at goal Marian McCarthy was inspired and made up for the terrible blunder of the first half.

Glen Rovers, with two superb points from Ger McCarthy and another from June Hamil, looked set for victory but Eire Og never gave in and with great play from Joan Shannon, Miriam Higgins, Margot Twomey, and Noelle O'Driscoll kept plugging away.

With three minutes of injury time gone came the free. O'Driscoll's shot was blocked down by the Glen defence only to roll over the goal line.

Mary Ring, Maria Mackey, Val Fitzpatrick, Sandy Fitzgibbons, Ger McCarthy and June Hamil were best for Glen Rovers.

Scorers for Eire Og — Noelle O'Driscoll 1-2; Mary Geaney 1-0; Sarah Murphy 0-1. Glen Rovers — June Hamil 1-2; Ger McCarthy 0-2; Regina Scotos 0-1; Mary Mackey 0-1.

Eire Og — Marian McCarthy; Joan Shannon; Clare Kelleher; Margot Twomey; Miriam Higgins; Clare O'Regan; Grainne Mackey; Mary O'Donovan; Sarah Murphy; Noelle O'Driscoll; Mary Geaney; Eileen Dineen.

Glen Rovers — Fiona McCarthy; Mary Ring; Ann Delaney; Maria Mackey; Diane Deane; Sandy Fitzgibbons; Val Fitzpatrick; Mary Curridy; Teresa O'Callaghan; June Hamil; Ger McCarthy; Regina Scotos. Referee — Mary Maher, Douglas.



Glen Rovers' Mary Curridy (right) beating Eire Og defender Miriam Higgins (left) during the Co. Championship game at Riverstown last night. (Examiner)

Camogie

The Dublin juniors only chance of winning a trophy this season hinges on the outcome of tomorrow's National League final with old rivals Kildare. Ever since the Lily-Whites defeated the Metropolitans in the Leinster championship recently, Dublin have been thirsting for revenge.

In most of their meetings down through the years Kildare have proved to be something of a hoodoo team for Dublin who had high hopes of championship success this season. Unfortunately Kildare put paid to those ambitions for at least another year when the forward line had a nightmare outing in the first round.

However, Dublin have improved tremendously in the interim and victories over fancied teams like Galway, Clare and Derry have put the Blues into the right frame of mind for tomorrow's intriguing encounter. With Dublin demanding domestic programme coming to a close shortly the Metropolitans are fitter than most counties at this time of the year.

There are two changes from the team that started the semi-final against Derry. One of these is enforced due to the absence of Grainne O'Mahoney who is unavailable due to holidays while Anne Halpin now finds herself on the substitute bench after playing in all of the games to date.

Geraldine Dunne, who scored two fine goals when operating from centre-field against Derry is now placed on the left wing where Carmel Gray returns to midfield after being excused from playing in the last two games due to examinations.

The vacancy left by Grainne O'Mahoney is filled by moving Louise Lynch from the edge of the square to left corner forward with Aileen Redmond, who scored three goals against U.C.D. in last week's senior championship decider getting a deserved recall at full-forward.

The back line remains the same as in the last two outings but there is a slight fitness doubt about left corner back and captain Patsy Murphy. Patsy injured her finger against Derry last weekend and the selectors are prepared to play a wait and see game on her availability. Certainly Patsy would be a big loss against tomorrow's opposition but the selectors have named two fine substitute defenders in Crumlin's Anne Heavey and Marino's Mary Kavanagh.

Cathy Hickey in goal, Anne O'Mahoney full back, Ger Brady right back and Mairead Cronin centre back are all skillful and stylish players and if they can manage to play to the top of their form Kildare will not find scores easy to come by. Michelle Donnelly retains her right wing position and while she didn't have a great game against Derry she is capable of turning up thrumps when the occasion demands.

Perhaps the most difficult task of all falls to midfielder Carmel Gray who will have to contend with the ageless Miriam Míglán. Much will depend on how Carmel comes to grips with this great player.

In the forward division Denise O'Leary against Derry regained some of the form we know she can produce when she is in top gear while Louise Lynch, Cathy Walsh and Aileen Redmond have plenty of scoring power between them.

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Late burst seals it for Imokilly

Imokilly 4-5
Na Piarsaigh 1-7

A POWERFUL display in the last ten minutes gave Imokilly a seven points victory over Na Piarsaigh in the opening round of the Co. Senior Championship at Carrigtwohill, last night.

Na Piarsaigh, four points ahead, seemed to be in control until Mary O'Leary switched to centre-forward and the two Fr. O'Neill girls, Mary Kenefick and Fiona O'Driscoll came on for the divisional side.

O'Leary set up Angela Higgins for a vital goal and immediately afterwards Higgins again gained possession and passed to the unmarked Mary Kenefick, who blasted home another.

Kenefick added another point to put Imokilly in the driving seat and they made the game safe when a long shot from Josephine Rumley went all the way to the net.

Na Piarsaigh were in control in the opening half and led by 1-4 to 1-1 at the interval. They added two fast points early in the second half but the never-say-die attitude of Imokilly proved decisive in the end.

Scorers — Imokilly: M. O'Leary (1-4 frees), M. Kenefick (1-1), A. Higgins (1-0), J. Rumley (1-0).

Na Piarsaigh: L. Kelly (1-2), I. O'Leary (0-5, 0-3 from frees).

IMOKILLY: S. Curley (St. Catherine's), M. O'Callaghan (Watergrasshill), P. Greene (Churchtown North), G. Swayne (Fr. O'Neill's), N. O'Driscoll (do.), J. Power (Youghal), C. Fenton (Watergrasshill), M. Finn (Fr. O'Neill's), C. O'Sullivan (Bride Rovers), M. O'Leary (Watergrasshill), A. Higgins (do.), J. Rumley (Fr. O'Neill's). Subs: M. Kenefick (Fr. O'Neill's) for C. Fenton; F. O'Driscoll (Fr. O'Neill's) for J. Power.

NA PIARSAIGH: D. O'Shea, C. Martin, P. Martin, S. O'Sullivan, P. Goggins, E. Healy, I. O'Leary, A. O'Donovan, L. Kelly, S. O'Leary, B. McDonald, E. O'Connell, Subs: A. Gillington for S. O'Leary.

Referee: A. O'Donovan (Glen Rovers).

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Improved Dubs on revenge mission

ELIMINATED from the Leinster Junior Championship at the first hurdle, Dublin have bounced back to reach the final of the National Junior Camogie League. Their opponents will be Kildare, the side which daught Dublin napping in the Leinster contest. Dublin are seeking Conn Stobhan de Burca for the fourth time. In addition they are anxious to prove that their championship form last month was only a temporary lapse.

Dublin have impressed in the meantime. They accounted for Clare by 2-9 to 1-3, in the quarter final of the League. They came away from Greenlough last Sunday leaving no doubt about their superiority over Derry. Clever play in the forward line registered 5-2 while their capable defence kept their goal intact.

Cathy Hickey, Patsy Murphy, Ger Brady and Mairead Cronin are strong in defence. Further afield Dublin have accomplished players in Nora Maguire, Geraldine Fagan, Aileen Redmond, Carmel Grey and Geraldine Dunne. Recent performances suggest that Dublin will be successful.

Kildare look to their championship showing against Dublin and draw hope from the result. However, in the meantime Kildare have not been as impressive as their opponents. They made heavy weather of accounting for a limited Cavan side in the semi-final.

National honours have been few and far between in Kildare's camogie history. A top class showing from Miriam Malone, Anna Dargan, Rose Merriman, Gemma Cooney, Melanie Treacy and Marianne Johnston could improve that record.

CRUMLIN AGAIN

The Dublin Senior Championship final between Crumlin and U.C.D. did not produce the expected exhibition of camogie. Champions Crumlin retained their title by a seven point margin.

Yvonne Redmond excelled in the Crumlin goal. In fact, it was the Crumlin defence which paved the way for their second championship success. Phyllis Dawson and Mary Mernagh also shone on the Crumlin side.

U.C.D. finished as runners-up for the second time in a week at the Mary Cahill Memorial Sevens at Rathnure on Saturday. In the early game of the competition, U.C.D. looked likely winners. Breda Kenny, Edel Murphy, Gaye Moran, Joan Shields, Helena Broderick and Maire Ni Cheallaigh were adapting very well to the seven aside game.



Mary Malone, captain of Kildare, who beat Dublin in the National Junior Camogie League final, gets the ball away in determined style, despite the attentions of a Dublin defender. —(Picture by Frank McGrath Junior.

Kildare's third title

KILDARE 2-3
DUBLIN 1-4

NOT even an inspired second half comeback from the Dublin girls could prevent Kildare from taking their third National Junior League Camogie title at Silverpark, Dublin yesterday.

The Dublin side trailed 2-2 to 0-2 midway through the second half before Geraldine Dunne, Michelle Donnelly and Crumlin's Eileen Redmond reduced the deficit.

But despite their best efforts, Dublin just couldn't notch that elusive goal despite putting the Kildare girls under severe pressure in the last five minutes.

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Scorers: Kildare — K. Elliott, N. Kerrigan (1-0 each), M. Malone (0-2), B. Farrelly (0-1), Dublin — G. Dunne (1-1), M. Donnelly (0-2), E. Redmond (0-1).

Kildare — R. Merriman, P. Hambury, M. Treacy, A. Dargan, A. Merriman, G. Cooney, M. Malone, P. Keatley, K. Elliott, M. Johnson, N. Kerrigan, N. Egan. Subs.: B. Farrelly, E. Donohue, E. Conway, G. Dwyer.

Dublin — C. Hickey, A. O'Mahony, P. Murphy, M. Cronin, G. Brady, M. Donnelly, C. Grey, G. Dunne, C. Walsh, D. O'Leary, L. Lynch, A. Redmond. Subs.: A. Halpin, A. Henney, S. Mullen, M. Kavanagh.

Referee — M. O'Callaghan (Offaly).

The local club Rathnure eased their way through their own section to meet another Dublin club, Celtic, in the semi-final. They looked a tired side as they trooped off the field with a narrow win.

In a tribute to Mary Cahill, the Rathnure girls rose magnificently to the challenge and defeated U.C.D. 5-4 to 3-8 in a great final. Four sisters, Bernie and Carmel Higgins, Patricia Dreelin and Bridget Howlin played a major part in Rathnure's win. They received tremendous help from Jackie Codd, Anne Reddy and Sinead Cowman.

Breda Kenny, who covered an amount of ground during the day, was voted Player of the Tournament. Bridget Howlin picked up the Golden Goal award and the Silver Save went to Gaye Moran of U.C.D.

SUNDAY, National Junior League Final, Silverpark, Dublin at 3.00. Dublin v Kildare.

Camogie results

SENIOR County Championship: Killeagh 1-7, St. Finbarrs 1-6; Glen Rovers 1-6, Eire Og 2-3; Blackrock 1-3, Sarsfields 1-3; U-16 League final: Aghabullogue 3-1, St. Finbarrs 1-4; U-18 championship final: Brian Dillons 4-0, Na Piarasigh 1-3.



• CLOSE MARKING ... as Kildare's MIRIAM MALONE and Dublin's MAIREAD CRONIN clash for possession during the National Junior Camogie league final at Silverpark yesterday.

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Glen forward Val Fitzgibbon (helmet) whipping towards the Eire Og goal during the county championship game at Riverstown last night. The game ended in a draw.

Camogie **BRIAN DILLONS ARE CHAMPIONS**

Brian Dillons 4-0 Na Piarsaigh 1-3.

BRIAN Dillons became Cork Co. Under 18 champions when they had six points to spare over a gallant Na Piarsaigh team in a keenly contested final at Ballinlough.

Goals by Linda Mellerick and Caroline O'Brien had Dillons 2-0 to 0-2 in front at half time but Na Piarsaigh staged a great second half rally and came on level terms with an Agnes Skillington goal ten minutes from time. In a hectic finish goals by Helena Barry and Lisa O'Brien wrapped it up for Brian Dillons.

Karen Mellerick and Viv O'Brien were particularly impressive for the winners, while Jean Paula Kent and goalkeeper Lorraine Kelly were outstanding for Na Piarsaigh.

Scorers Brian Dillons: L. Mellerick 1-0, C. O'Brien 1-0, H. Barry 1-0, L. O'Brien 1-0 each, Na Piarsaigh: A. Skillington 1-0, J. P. Kent 0-2, E. Realy 0-1.
Brian Dillons: M. Mulcahy, K. O'Keefe, N. Cotter, C. Murphy, M.

Rose, L. Mellerick, K. Mellerick, (captain) V. O'Brien, C. O'Brien, L. O'Brien, H. Barry, A. Barry, Sub G. Ryan for L. O'Brien.
Na Piarsaigh: L. Kelly, K. Martin, P. Martin, D. O'Riordan, E. Healy, A. Skillington, L. Sheehan, G. O'Donovan, J. P. Kent, M. Coad, M. McCarthy, D. Kelly.
Ref. E. Twomey, St. Finbarrs.

Aghabullogue 3-1; St. Finbarrs 1-4.

AGHABULLOGUE came from behind to win the Cork Co. Under 16 title in a thrill packed game at Ballinlough.

Late goals by captain Theresa Walsh and Evelyn Buckley clinched victory for Aghabullogue in the Cork County U-16 final, at Ballinlough.

Scorers Aghabullogue: T. Walsh 2-0, E. Buckley 1-0, C. Buckley 0-1. St. Finbarrs: M. O'Connell 1-0, P. Carey 0-3, F. O'Sullivan 0-1.
Aghabullogue: G. Noonan, J. Lynch, N. Twomey, C. Curtin, B. Kelleher, T. Walsh, R. Kelleher, H. McSweeney, Eileen Buckley, Evelyn Buckley, J. Roche, Clare Buckley.
St. Finbarrs: G. French, D. Ryan, A. O'Connor, J. Moloney, F. O'Sullivan, J. Barrett, S. O'Donovan, V. Cummins, P. Carey, Mary O'Connell, M. Martin, N. O'Sullivan.
Ref. J. Hammond, Glen Rovers.

SO EASY FOR SARS

Sarsfields 2-7
Blackrock 0-2

Sarsfields had little difficulty in beating Blackrock in the replay of their Cork County Senior Camogie quarter-final at rainsoaked Togher last evening and will now meet the winners of tonight's game between Glen Rovers and Eire Og.

There was little between the sides in the opening 15 minutes as the winners led by 0-3 to 0-2 but a goal by Breda O'Sullivan and two points from Lilian Zinkant in the last six minutes left Sarsfields with a 1-5 to 0-2 advantage at the break.

The weather deteriorated in the second half and although both sides had chances we had to wait until the 17th minute for the first score. After that Sarsfields continued to dominate and ran out worthy winners.

Sarsfields — E. Barry, Lillian Twomey, E. Noonan, G. Barry, L. Dunphy, A. Brady, J. O'Regan, M. Brady, L. Zinkant, B. O'Sullivan, S. Barry, C. O'Riordan, Sub. M. Kearney for C. O'Riordan.

Blackrock — B. O'Connor, B. Maher, U. O'Connor, G. Cashman, C. Ronan, J. Hyde, P. Darcy, D. Murphy, C. Lyons, B. Cashman, U. Lyons, M. Lyons.

Referee: B. Newman (Na Piarsaigh).

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once again Dublins failure to avail of their scoring chances denied them success in the National League final against Kildare last Sunday. Overall, Kildare are to be congratulated on achieving their first national title but Dublin squandered chance after chance in the second period.

With their demise from the championship earlier in the season, the Dublin juniors can only look back on the might-have-beens and hope for a better return next time round.

Tomorrow the Vocational Educational Committee are holding a sport for all day in the Sports Complex in Belfield. There are five camogie matches listed for this venue and it is hoped that there will be many enthusiasts present throughout the course of the day.

Also tomorrow Dublin travel to Wexford Park to take on the home county in the Leinster Senior Championship semi-final. In their last outing in the final of the National Senior League, Dublin, who just like their junior counterparts wasted many scoring opportunities, failed against Cork. They will have to improve on that performance if they hope to achieve victory against a Wexford side that have high hopes of championship success this season.

For this latest encounter the selectors have dropped Germaine Noonan and replaced her with her Marino clubmate Patricia Clinton. Another Marino player Carmel O'Byrne gets her chance to stake a claim for a permanent position on the team for the fastly approaching open draw series. She finds herself at left corner forward with Edel Murphy now leading the attack at centre forward. Joan Gormley is placed at full forward, a position many people consider to be her best.

Marie Connell switches out to right corner forward from where Cathy Walsh moves to the left wing. Elsewhere the team is along predicted lines with Yvonne Redmond, Marian Conroy, Breda Kenny, Helena Broderick, Mary Mernagh and captain Una Crowley occupying the same positions as against Cork.

DUBLIN (v WEXFORD): Y. Redmond, M. Conroy, P. Clinton, B. Kenny, H. Broderick, H. Crowley, M. Mernagh, C. Walsh, M. Connell, E. Murphy, C. O'Byrne, J. Gormley.

MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS: Under 11 — Cameron Park; U-12 — Naomh Bríd; U-13 — Cameron Park; U-14 — Naomh Bríd; U-15 — Clanna Gael.

Eithne good choice as the leader

EITHNE Neville, secretary of Munster Council, will chair the Commission set up to examine all aspects of the Camogie Association. As directed by Congress, President Mary Lynch has appointed the members who will convene for the first time next Saturday.

A teacher by profession, Eithne is an excellent choice as leader of the Commission. She has served Limerick and Munster admirably over the years and has a deep understanding of the problems and requirements of the Association.

Mary Lynch has named six others to act on the Commission. These include commerce graduate from U.C.D. Gaye Moran, whose Galway chairman Frank camogie administration experience has been at Third Level. Former Connacht and Galway chairman Frank O'Grady will represent the Western viewpoint.

BEST PLAYER

The motion calling for the setting up of the Commission specified the inclusion of two players. Angela Downey of Kilkenny, widely accepted as the best player in the game at present, and Sarah Ann Quinn, a physical education teacher and centre-back for Derry, fill the player roles.

The resolution also stipulated the inclusion of an administrative member of the GAA. Mary wisely chose Dan McCartan, Cathaoirleach Coisde na gClub. A teacher at St. Coleman's, Newry, Dan is a most capable and respected officer. The Commission is completed by Mary Moran, the National P.R.O.

Congratulations are appropriate to Kildare on their first ever national title. They overcame Dublin 2-3 to 1-4 in a close game to collect the National Junior League crown last Sunday.

It was particularly pleasing to see Miriam Malone collect an All-Ireland medal. Miriam has soldiered on in the Kildare colours for over two decades meeting defeat after defeat.

But she never lost hope and has, at last, been rewarded. Miriam, the Merriman sisters, Gemma Cooney and Anna Dargan were the stars of the Kildare side which now must be favourites for the championship.

HOW GOOD?

Just how good are Wexford seniors is a question which should be answered on Sunday when they meet Dublin in the semi-final of the Leinster Senior Championship. Unlucky to finish a mere point behind Kilkenny, the eventual winners, in the All-Ireland championship last August, they are showing definite signs of returning to the top bracket.

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They were unfortunate that their opening game of the National League clashed with the final stages of the hurling club championship. It meant that Wexford girls had several replacements on their side as the Buffer's Alley players supported their hurlers. Apart from that game, Wexford had a clean sheet in the League.

On home ground Tina Fitzhenry, Jackie Codd, Elsie Cody, Anne Reddy, Catherine Murphy and Geraldine Wynne will be hard to beat. Dublin dropped the decision to Cork in their last outing, when lack of finish in front of goal proved a problem.

No doubt, Judy Doyle, whose scoring record was par excellence in her playing days, will have worked on this short-coming. She will insist that the good ball supplied by Edel Murphy, Breda Kenny, Una Crowley and Germaine Noonan is used to good effect.

MARGARET OUT

The winners will advance to meet Kilkenny in the provincial decider on the following Sunday. Kilkenny will be without Margaret Farrell for the defence of their All-Ireland title this season.

Margaret, who notched five points in the All-Ireland final, did not declare for her native county by the appointed date. By rule, she is now entitled to field for Cork where she is employed and plays her club camogie with St. Finbarrs. That course of events is highly unlikely as Margaret is not interested in a change of allegiance.

National Coach Ann Carroll will be back in action at the National Coaching Course at Gormanston College on the first weekend of July. Application forms are with the County Boards. Those interested would not want to delay as places are limited.

FIXTURES

Sunday
Leinster Senior Champion-
ship semi-final, at Monaghan C.
Wexford v Dublin.

Féile final

The final of the Cork under-14 Féile na nGael camogie tournament between Ballincollig and Bishopstown will be played at the St. Finbarr's grounds this evening at 7.30.

Ballincollig reached the final by beating Blackrock 4-2 to 1-1 while Bishopstown had a massive 9-2 to 0-0 victory over St. Finbarr's.

Dublin through to decider

DUBLIN 2-8
WEXFORD 3-2

Dublin qualified for their sixth successive Leinster championship final when they defeated Wexford by 2-8 to 3-2 in the semi-final played at Wexford Park, yesterday. The winners had a lead of 1-4 to 0-2 at the break. But goals from R. O'Leary, E. Keogh and C. Murphy early in the second half raised the home side's hopes. However, Dublin added 1-4 to win by 0-3.

4 Scorers — Dublin: C. Walsh 1-2, E. Murphy 1-2, C. O'Byrne 0-2, J. Gormley 0-1, M. Mernagh 0-1. Wexford: R. O'Leary 1-1, E. Keogh 1-0, C. Murphy 1-0, A. Reddy 0-1.
Leinster Under-14 Championship — Dublin 2-4, Kilkenny 1-4.



Mr. Paddy Byrne, deputy manager, Jurys Hotel, Cork, presenting the May Cork Sportstar Award to Marian McCarthy of Eire Og at a function in Jurys Hotel, yesterday.
(Examiner)

Marian wins May award

MARIAN MCCARTHY, brilliant goalkeeper on the victorious Cork camogie team which captured the National League title recently thanks to a splendid victory over Dublin, was the recipient of the Jury's Hotel, Cork Sportstar award for May yesterday.

Marian, who has eight All Ireland medals and two National League medals in a magnificent career, both with her club Eire Og and Cork, played a leading role in Cork's recent triumph. She stopped a goal-bound shot late in the game when Cork were

just one point in front and she then scored an amazing goal from a puck out to finish the Dubs.

Cork Co. Board Chairperson, Miriam Higgins paid tribute to the outstanding goalkeeper for her marvellous contribution to Cork teams over the years, saying she was an inspiration to everyone.

In her acceptance speech Marian said she was delighted with the award, adding that it was the "courage, dedication and tremendous spirit" of the team which made it possible.

DUBLIN'S DANGER SIGNS APPARENT

Dublin qualified for yet another Leinster senior final when they beat Wexford by three points in last Sunday's semi-final playing in conditions that were at last akin to camogie.

The metropolitans had to take the field without centre-back Brid Kenny who was injured and goalkeeper Yvonne Redmond who along with selector Judy Doyle went to the wrong venue.

However Yvonne replaced substitute goalkeeper Gayle Moran late in the game.

The danger signs were once again apparent for Dublin. They were travelling home by a clear seven points when Wexford came with a late burst in the final quarter and smashed home three goals with only a couple of minutes left for play.

This left only two points between the sides but Cathy Walshe ensured victory for Dublin with a last minute insurance point.

As in their league encounter with Galway some weeks back this apparent lack of concentration when well in control of a game will be viewed with a little bit of alarm by selectors and mentors.

As they prepare to face the challenge of all Ireland champions Kilkenny in tomorrow's Leinster final, Dublin will know that they cannot afford to be so lenient.

Anything less than full commitment for the entire 50 minutes will be severely punished by the likes of Angela Downey, Breda Holmes, Jo Dunne and company.

The selectors have picked the same team as against Wexford but have made two positional changes. Patricia Clinton who performed quite well at centre back now moves to right corner back in a direct switch with club colleague Germaine Noonan while in the forward line Marie Connell returns to the

edge of the square with Joan Gormley now positioned at light corner forward.

On home ground Dublin should be favourites. They already have a victory under their belt against Kilkenny in the opening game of the National League.

Nevertheless, the Noreiders will be anxious to take revenge for that setback and Dublin will have to be on their toes for the entire game if they hope to collect their first trophy of 1986.

Patrons please note that in order for people who wish to attend the Leinster Hurling semi-final in Croke Park the starting time of tomorrow's game is fixed for 12 noon.

LEINSTER SENIOR FINAL — Dublin v Kilkenny. Silver Park 12.00 noon.

DUBLIN: Y. Redmond, M. Conroy, P. Clinton, G. Noonan, H. Broderick, C. Walshe, M. Mernagh, W. Crowley (Captain), J. Gormley, E. Murphy, C. O'Byrne, M. Connell.

Junior 'B' league final

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IT will be all go again this coming week on the camogie front with the 1985 Junior 'B' league final between Eire Og and St. Fanahans listed for Sunday and a number of interesting Junior 'A' and Under 14 leagues down for decision during the week.

In the Junior 'B' league final on Sunday, Eire Og and St. Fanahans will meet at Caherlag to decide the winners of this competition for 1985. It is the first time that these two teams have met in a final so it promises to be an exciting affair. Eire Og, who reached the final with victories over Bishopstown, Courcy Rovers, Fr. Mathews, Newcestown and Passage, are a very strong and determined side. They have excellent players in Clare O'Regan and Helena Kiely and are also in a position to call on Clare Kelleher who missed the senior and intermediate championships, and if these girls strike form they could prove too strong for the North Cork girls, but St. Fanahans will have other ideas about this and with victories over Castlemagner, Araglen, Bride Rovers and St. Catherine's behind them, they will be very confident. They have very experienced performers in Mary Twomey, Tina

O'Brien, Bridget Clahane and Kay Nolan and these girls will be very anxious to achieve a much-needed victory for their club.

The 1986 Junior 'A' and Under 14 leagues get under way over the coming week so there should be plenty of keen competition. In the Junior 'A' Brian Dillons who are playing so well at the moment should prove too strong for Killeagh. Aghabullogue who will be fielding their second team could find the going tough against Cloughduv. Douglas, who have marvellous players in Mary and Liz Maher, will be anxious to do well against Bishopstown. Na Piarasigh, who are now in a position to call on Jean Paula Kent and Paula Morgan who both missed the Senior championship through injury, may have too much strength for Nemo Rangers and the Inniscarra/Ballincollig game should be a closely contested affair.

There is always plenty of excitement in Under 14 matches and here Glen Rovers should do well against Brian Dillons. Ballinora and Ballincollig meet in a local derby and this promises to be a cracker. Churchtown should have too much strength for Erins Own while there should be keen rivalry between St. Finbarrs and Douglas.

On Wednesday night last the Feile na nGael skills competition was held at St. Finbarrs. The judge, Mary Moran, complimented all entrants on the high standard of skills. Edel Ryan of Bishopstown was a deserving winner with the talented Fiona O'Driscoll from Fr. O'Neills runner-up. The third position went to 11-year-old Nora O'Connell from St. Catherine's and I am sure we will be seeing a lot of this girl in the future.

The draw for the Junior 'B' championship took place and is as follows: (a) St. Finbarrs v. Sarsfields; (b) Eire Og v. Grenagh; (c) Courcy Rovers v. A; (d) Barryroe v. Fr. Mathews; (e) Erins Own v. St. Fanahans; (f) Bride Rovers v. Carrigtwohill; (g) Blackrock v. Churchtown; (h) Passage v. St. Catherine's; (i) Fr. O'Neill's v. Bishopstown.

Quarter-finals: (j) E v.

B; (k) H v. F; (l) D v. I; (m) C v. G.

Semi-finals: K v. M; L v. J.

Finally, please note a coaching course will be held on July 4 at Gormanston College. Anyone interested should contact the secretary of the County Board immediately.

Sunday, June 15

Junior 'B' League final 1985: Eire Og v. St. Fanahans at Caherlag at 3.15. (Ref. Betty Joyce).

Junior 'A' League: Castlemagner v. St. Catherine's at St. Catherine's at 2 p.m. (Ref. Fr. O'Neills).

Monday, June 16

Under 14 Leagues: Glen Rovers v. Brian Dillons at Brian Dillons at 7.30. (Ref. Glen Rovers). Ballinora v. Ballincollig at Ballinora at 7.15. (Ref. Ballincollig).

Tuesday, June 17

Under 14 Leagues: Churchtown v. Erins Own at Caherlag at 7.30. (Ref. Churchtown). Douglas v. St. Finbarrs at St. Finbarrs at 7.30. (Ref. Douglas).

Wednesday, June 18

Junior 'A' Leagues: Killeagh v. Brian Dillons at Killeagh at 7.30. (Ref. Fr. O'Neills). Cloughduv v. Aghabullogue at Cloughduv at 7.30. (Ref. St. Finbarrs). Douglas v. Bishopstown at Douglas at 7.30. (Ref. Eleanor Hackett). Na Piarasigh v. Nemo Rangers at Na Piarasigh at 7.30. (Ref. Glen Rovers). Ballincollig v. Inniscarra at Ballincollig at 7.30. (Ref. Ballinora).

Hard luck, girls!

KILKENNY under-14 team was unlucky to be beaten by Dublin, in Callan on Saturday in the Leinster championship by 2-4 to 1-4.

But, they are still in with a chance as it is played on a league basis.

The best player for Kilkenny was Brid Mullally who scored 1-3, with Mary McGrath getting the remaining point. Others to play well were V. Wal in goal, M. Dalton, G. Dillon, Y. Ryan, S. Dermody and L. Barden.

This team has great potential.

Team: V. Wall, M. Hickey, C. Butler, E. Kennedy, M. Dalton, G. Dillon, Y. Ryan, M. McKillen, B. Mullally, S. Dermody, M. McGrath, L. Barden. Subs: E. O'Shea, C. Butler, O. Ryall, M. Ryall, F. Dalton.

Kilkenny senior team play Dublin in the Leinster final on Sunday in Silver Park in Leopardstown at 12 noon and Kilkenny will be out for revenge.

Brid Mullally of Tullogher

won the skills competition on Saturday and will represent Kilkenny at the Feile in Clare at the end of the Month.

Schools

In the final of the Roinn C Under-14 event, Carrickshock beat Kilmacow by 5-0 to 1-0. In the Roinn A Primary schools championship, Freshford play St. Brigid's, Ballycallan in the final.

St. Brigid's beat Shamrocks by 5-8 to 0-0. Scorers for St. Brigid's were Sinead Millea (3-6) and Treacey Millea (2-2).

The Roinn B Primary schools quarter finals take place in Danesfort on Saturday. The line-up is:

Tullogher v. Lisdowney at 2 p.m.; Carrickshock v. Tullaroan at 3 p.m.

St. Scuthin's, Clara v. St. Canice's is the other semi-final. The senior county championship will start next weekend. It features Shamrocks v. St. Pauls; St. Brigid's (Ballycallan) v. Bennettsbridge and Tullogher v. Black and Whites.

Lucky Clare earn another chance

CLARE 2-3
LIMERICK 1-6

Clare and Limerick must meet again to decide this Munster junior camogie championship following their draw at Kilmeedy on Saturday last. Clare were fortunate to escape with a share of the spoils as they had to hang on desperately in the closing stages to retain interest in the competition.

A thunder storm followed by torrential rain at the start of the game ruled out attractive play as both sides struggled to overcome the slippery conditions.

Clare appeared to adapt better to the conditions and they dictated the trend of the play for virtually all of the half. They were 1-2 ahead before Limerick had their only score of the half which was a point. Clare continued to dominate and increased their lead with a further goal before half time to lead at the break by 2-2 to 0-1.

The visitors were in command during the early stages of the second half but their forwards failed to avail of many good scoring opportunities. Their only score in this half was a point from a free.

A Limerick goal ten minutes from full time got the home team moving and they came more and more into the game scoring three further points without reply. Clare goalie Pauline O'Brien and full back, Patricia Ryan defended stoutly while Patricia Rynne had a good first half.

Clare: P. O'Brien; P. Ryan, S. Reidy, N. Quinn, A. Murriane, N. Comyns, P. Rynne, S. O'Halloran, C. Molloy (1-0), M. McNicholas (1-3), C. O'Loughlin, C. Bracken.

EASY FOR BISHOPSTOWN

Bishopstown 12-6
Ballincollig 0-1

BISHOPSTOWN qualified to represent Cork in the Feile na nGael All-Ireland finals in Clare at the end of the month, following a facile win over Ballincollig in the Cork final at St. Finbarrs Grounds, Togher last evening. The winners got off to a whirlwind start and were 3-2 up after only ten minutes and turned over at the interval leading by 5-4 to 0-1.

For the winners Moira Harrington had an excellent game at full-back while Cecilia Crowley, and Patricia Horgan were prominent in the half-back line. Edel Ryan, who captained the side, and won the skills competition the previous evening, and Elaine O'Connor had fine games in the centre of the field. Up front Eithne Duggan was the real star and got great support from Sinead White and Judy Walsh.

Bishopstown: A. O'Leary, M. Harrington, C. Crowley, P. Horgan, O. Higgins, E. Ryan, E. O'Connor, S. Barry, S. White, E. Duggan, E. Kearney, J. Walsh. Sub. B. Keating.

Ballincollig: V. Chan, D. McGroarty, G. Costello, C. Flavin, S. Murphy, J. Walsh, J. Riordan, S. O'Connor, S. Cahill, E. Lynch, G. Brady, D. Murphy. Sub. J. O'Callaghan for E. Lynch.

Ref. Annette O'Donovan (Glen Rovers).

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CORK SOUND A WARNING

Are Cork on course for a return to the rankings list in the All-Ireland senior camogie championship in September? That is a key question just now following the Leesiders' exciting display when beating Dublin by four points in the National Senior League final — and in Dublin.

Little was heard of the Leesiders following their All-Ireland semi-final defeat by Dublin last August until the League decider. Their achievement in travelling to Dublin last month and taking revenge for that set-back was a first-rate one, and stamps Cork now as leading contenders for the O'Duffy Cup.

Cork have evidently got together a strong combination. They have introduced some newcomers, and one just had to be impressed by the performances of Mary Spillane in defence, and Colette O'Mahony who showed no signs of nerves when opening her team's scoring with two fine points in the League final.

In addition, the craft of campaigners like Marion McCarthy, who captained the team from goal, full back Eileen Dineen, Sandy Fitzgibbon at midfield, and Mary Geaney in the attack, who are all holders of All-Ireland senior medals, will prove of great benefit to Cork in their bid to regain the championship last won in 1983.

At the same time, it would be unwise to lightly dismiss Dublin for the knock-out series. They will undoubtedly have to show improved form in the knock-out test, but they can still take encouragement from a number of factors.

One is that they have some of the most gifted campaigners in the sport. Another is that there are many promising young players on the way up in the county. With nearly two months to plan following the League set-back and the opening of the championships, the Dubs should come out battling strongly from the recent set-back.

Yvonne Redmond, who has been such a mighty influence in goal for Dublin in recent years, has gone to the U.S. for the summer. However, it is quite on the cards that she will travel home for the championship games. While Dublin and Cork have captured most of the limelight in recent times, Kilkenny, holders of the All-Ireland championship, have been experiencing a somewhat low profile.

Their prospects of a successful defence of the National League title were effectively ended when they lost their opening tie of the series to Dublin. There was no way back for the Nore-siders after that.

But, they are sure to be a real force in the championship, and with players of the quality of Angela and Ann Downey,



Cork midfielder Sandie Fitzgibbon in full flight in the National Senior League final with Colette O'Mahony, left, in support. Coming in to tackle is Dublin's Edel Murphy.

Bridie Martin, Margaret Farrell and Anna Whelan, they are bound to prove formidable opposition for the best.

THE DRAW

Kilkenny are in the same section of the draw as Cork. The new League champions appear to have an easy first round game, when they entertain Down in a preliminary tie on July 27. Victory would give them a meeting with Antrim for a place in the last four.

Cork must be fancied to win both

matches on the strength of their League run.

Kilkenny will start their campaign on August 10, with a visit from Limerick. The winners will go through to the semi-finals, so the indications are that Cork and Kilkenny will meet in one of those games.

Dublin are away to Clare in a preliminary round game on July 27. If they successfully negotiate that hurdle — and they must be strongly fancied to do just that — they will have a clash with Tipperary for a place in the last four.

The other two teams in this section are Galway, who were only beaten by Dublin by a point in the concluding series of games in the group programme of the National League, and Wexford.

Wexford will have ground advantage in this meeting on August 10, and that must boost their hopes of qualifying for the semi-finals.

Some very interesting games, then, are ahead in the senior championship before the way is finally cleared for the summit on September 14.

A big attraction next month is Gradam Tailte, camogie's annual day of sporting competition involving the player of the year from each county. The competition, won for the second successive year in 1985 by Angela Downey, will be decided at St. Finian's College, Mullingar, of July 19.



Cork . . . National Senior League champions of 1986. Back row, from left: Mary Geaney, Val Fitzpatrick, Eileen Dineen, Nielle O'Driscoll, Colette O'Mahony, Mary Leahy. Front row: Linda Mellerick, Liz Dunphy, Marion McCarthy, captain, Mary Spillane, Sandie Fitzpatrick, Clare Cronin.

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Dublin set for title No. 42!

Leinster Senior title no. 42 seems very much on the cards for Dublin when they face rivals Kilkenny in the provincial decider on Sunday. Champions for the past five years, Dublin have an excellent record in this competition.

A much changed Dublin side from the one which dropped a decision to Cork in the National Senior League final came away from Wexford Park last Sunday pleased with a good win.

Yvonne Redmond was not considered for the goalkeeping position for the League Final as she had indicated that she would be in America for much of the summer. But she was back between the posts last Sunday to give confidence to her defenders.

OPPORTUNITY

Patricia Clinton was preferred to her Marino club-mate Germaine Noonan at right-back. With Anna McManus away on holidays, Carmel O'Byrne was given the opportunity to stake a claim on the team for the championship.

A number of positional switches saw Cathy Walsh move out to right wing, Marie Connell take the left-forward spot and the placing of Joan Gormley at full-forward. An injury in a Dublin league game to former Galway player, Breda Kenny led to further alteration of the side but the new look team did very well.

Kilkenny were at the wrong end of a 3-8 to 2-1 scoreline when the sides met early in the season in the National League. Without a competitive match for several weeks, Kilkenny find themselves short members of

their All-Ireland winning side.

Bride McGarry, their excellent half-back is away on holidays and Margaret Farrell failed to declare for her native county. These losses will be sorely felt as Kilkenny's reserve talent is not great.

The mainstays of the team — Angela Downey, Liz Neary, Marie Fitzpatrick, Ann Downey, Biddy O'Sullivan and Anne Holden will have to lift their game if Kilkenny are to win. However, Kilkenny are probably more concerned about the retention of their All-Ireland title and see this game as useful preparation.

NEW SCHEME

The response to the new insurance scheme provided for camogie players has been dismal. Fees have been received from less than one-third the minimum number required to get the scheme off the ground. Unless there is an immediate flood of applications, the proposed scheme will be a non starter.

The semi-finals of the Munster Junior Championship are listed for the weekend. To avoid a clash with the hurling championship game at Cusack

Park, the Clare v Limerick game is likely to be brought forward to Saturday.

Clare enjoyed a good run in the League. Unbeaten in their own section, they were confident of doing well in the play-off stages. Unfortunately for them, they met Dublin in top form and suffered a set-back.

Clare have several fine young players. In particular, Maura McNicholas, Catherine McLoughlin, Yvonne McInerney, Pauline O'Brien and Noeleen Quinn will test the Limerick side.

FLOPPED

Limerick are the Munster champions. They scored a one point win over Clare in the final last season but flopped to Armagh in the All-Ireland semi-final. A number of that side are listed on the senior panel. If the Limerick officials decide to keep them for the senior team, Clare should advance.

The second game will be in Cork where visitors Kerry take on a side which had a good win over Waterford. The gap in standards between these neighbouring counties is considerable. Mairead O'Callaghan, Fiona McCarthy, Paula Carey, Grainne Mackey and Margaret Finn are expected to see Cork through to the final.

National Camogie Day will be celebrated all over the country on Sunday. Many clubs have attractive programmes planned to involve all players, young and not so young.

FIXTURES

SATURDAY

Munster Junior Championship
At Kilmee (7.30) — Limerick v Clare.

SUNDAY

Leinster Senior Final
At Silverpark (12.0) — Dublin v Kilkenny.

Kilkenny fail in Leinster test

KILKENNY senior team put up a courageous display but had to concede defeat in the Leinster final on Sunday. They were beaten by Dublin by 3-11 to 3-6. The winners led at half-time by 2-8 to 2-4.



Kilkenny: M. Fitzgerald, L. Neary, R. Weyms, A. Kelly, B. O'Sullivan, A. Whelan, Ann Downey, C. Jones, N. Phelan, B. Holmes (2-1), Angela Downey (1-5), J. Dunne.

Subs.: D. Malone for R. Weyms, G. Cullen for N. Whelan.

Primary schools Roinn B quarter-finals — Lisdowney 1-2, Tullagher 0-3; Carrickshock 1-0, Tullaroan 0-2.

In the semi-finals Carrickshock play St. Canice's in Danesfort on Saturday at 3 p.m., and on Monday at 7 p.m. Clara play Lisdowney.

The final will be played along with the Roinn A final between St. Brigid's, Ballycallan, and Freshford, in Nowlan Park on Saturday, July 5. Also on that day will be the Leinster under-14 championship game between Kildare and Kilkenny.

St. Brigid's, Ballycallan, travel to Clare next week-end to represent Kilkenny in the Féile. This is their first time to travel to the Féile as the last time they won the under-14 final, in 1979, the Féile was in Kilkenny. They are being hosted by St. Flannan's club in Inogh.

A big loss to the team since they won the county final is their star midfield player Patricia Cleere, out with a leg injury. Sinéad Millea also suffered a facial injury in a game over the week-end but she will be fit to play.

Skills winner Brid Mullally of Tullagher will be representing Kilkenny in the Skills event. Talented Brid is a member of the county under-14 team.

The last player from Kilkenny to win the skills trophy at the Féile was Marie Fitzpatrick, the present senior county goalie.

Senior county championship fixtures this week-end — Second round: St. Paul's v. Ballycallan (Carrickshock referee), Bennettsbridge v. Tullagher (Thomastown referee), Blacks and Whites v. Shamrocks (Tullagher referee). First named team has home venue.

Glen in complete control

GLEN ROVERS 1-12
EIRE OG 0-5

Eire Og, relinquished their Cork County Senior Camogie title to a far better Glen Rovers side on the quarter-final replay at Riverstown on Saturday night.

Once the winners got over their initial nerves they dominated in all sectors and richly deserved their victory. Ger McCarthy sparked and scored eight points, scores which proved vital to the Glen.

The sides were level twice until Ger McCarthy had three points in the last ten minutes and Glen Rovers led 0-6 to 0-2 at the break.

On the resumption Glen Rovers, through the brilliance of their midfield, opened a six points lead, before Eire Og had a point from Mary Geaney. Then Ger McCarthy tacked on two more points for the Glen and one sensed this was the end for the title holders.

Regina Scouts had a golden opportunity to put the issue out of Eire Og's reach when, from five metres, she drove wide. However, she made amends later when June Hamill put her through and she gave Marion McCarthy no chance.

The remainder of the game was a mere formality for the Glen, who now meet Sarsfields in the semi-final.

Scorers for Glen Rovers: G. McCarthy 0-8; R. Scouts 1-0; M. Mackay-Ryan 0-2; S. Fitzgibbon 0-1; J. Hamill 0-1.

Eire Og: S. Murphy 0-2; M. Geaney 0-1; M. O'Donovan 0-1; N. O'Driscoll 0-1.

Glen Rovers: F. McCarthy, A. Delaney, M. Ring, M. Mackay-Ryan, D. Deane, S. Fitzgibbon, V. Fitzpatrick, M. Currid, T. O'Callaghan, J. Hamill, G. McCarthy, R. Scouts.

Eire Og: M. McCarthy, J. Shannon, C. Kelleher, D. Callon, M. Higgins, G. Mackay, M. O'Donovan, S. Murphy, N. O'Driscoll, M. Geaney, E. Dinneen. Sub: A. O'Leary for M. Higgins. Referee: Betty Joyce, Killeagh.

Dubs Leinster champs

DUBLIN 3-11; KILKENNY 3-6

DUBLIN defeated Kilkenny in the Leinster Senior Camogie Championship final at Silverpark Dublin. The half-time score was Dublin 2-8, Kilkenny 2-4.

Scorers — DUBLIN — J. Gormley (2-0), M. Connell (1-1), E. Murphy (0-7), C. Walsh (0-2), M. Mernagh (0-1). KILKENNY — E. Holmes (2-1), A. Downey (1-5).

Bishopstown seek feile honours

CORK will be represented in the under 14 camogie finals of the Féile na nGael competition by Bishopstown. The finals will be played in Clare from June 27 to June 29 and Bishopstown qualified by winning the Cork title from a record entry of 22 teams.

Bishopstown thus became the first club to win four Cork county titles for they previously won in 1981, 1983 and 1984. They did so by showing impressive form, for the team, trained by Mr. Pat Murray, the Cork Corporation councillor, won all their games by big margins.

They defeated the 1985

winners, Aghabullogue by 4-3 to nil in their section and then scored by 10-3 to nil over Douglas and by 6-0 to 1-0 over Fr. O'Neills.

In the semi-final Bishopstown beat their near-neighbours St. Finbarrs 9-2 to nil and overcame Ballincollig 12-6 to 0-1 in the final.

In Clare Bishopstown will be hosted by the Kilmaley club and they will be involved in a competition that will also include Sixmilebridge, Shannon and St. Flannans from Clare as well as teams from Dublin, Galway, Limerick and Kilkenny.

The trophy has not been won by a Cork team for a number of years although Bishopstown went into the final in 1981. Bishopstown have already won the All-Ireland Under 16 club championship and will make a brave bid to add this title. Their panel of players is captained by Edel Ryan, a member of the Cork minor panel this year who won the Féile na nGael individual skill competition this year. She has to miss the National finals of the individual because you cannot contest both team and individual competitions according to rule.

The Bishopstown panel is: Aisling O'Leary, Edel Kearney, Cecilia Crowley, Moira Harrington, Bláithín Keating, Grace O'Connell, Orla Higgins, Gillian Conlon, Patricia Horgan, Edel Ryan, Claire Murphy, Siobhan Barry, Eithne Duggan, Elaine O'Connor, Judy Walsh, Sinéad White, Eavan O'Neill and Niamh Carroll.

Among those who have helped to prepare the team are Sheila Harrington, Joe and Margaret O'Hara, Phil Duggan, Pat and Breda Ryan, Irene Higgins and John Geary.

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Members of Aghabullogue under-16 league winning team.

Aghabullogue Abú!

CAMOGIE is blossoming in the Mid-Cork parish of Aghabullogue. Success at both under-age and Intermediate level has created new interest and enthusiasm in the area.

The club's first ever under-age victory came when the u-14 team won the 1985 County Feile na nGael and went on to represent Cork in Wexford. This trip to Wexford was a particularly historic occasion as Aghabullogue were guests of Castlebridge and it was these two clubs that met in the All-Ireland hurling final of 1890 when the men from Aghabullogue

brought the first All-Ireland hurling title to Cork.

Returning to the League the team went on to capture the County League title defeating Bishopstown in a closely contested final.

The Intermediate team also won the 'County' in 1985. In the final Glen Rovers were denied by a last minute goal.

Aghabullogue u-16 team also provided the club with many honours. This team had a marvellous run in both the championship and League.



Four of Bishopstown's camogie stalwarts, Edel Ryan (captain), Linda Barry, Moira Harrington and Elaine O'Connor.

Feile na nGael in Clare

FEILE na nGael is one of the more attractive events on the camogie calendar. Clare hosts the 1986 festival this coming weekend. While there are a host of events incorporated in the weekend, the competitions remain the main attraction. The camogie players are in the under fourteen age group and never fail to impress with their skill and enthusiasm.

The premier division will pressive last season, but a club's Feilke team can vary a lot from year to year. Among the front runners should be An Caislean (Dublin), the 1984 champions; Newtownshandrum (Limerick) and Bishopstown (Cork).

Wexford will be represented by Bunclody, whose school sides did so well in Leinster this year. St. Brigid's (Kilkenny), Oran (Roscommon) and An-na-earra (Wicklow) will also make their presence felt.

Shannon and Kilmaley will spearhead the local challenge. But the chances of Eire Og, Sixmilebridge, Kilkishen, St. Joseph's, Ruin, and St. Finbarrs cannot be written off.

In Division 2, the holders Carbery will be in action. The Kildare club may expect strong opposition from Drumcullen (Offaly), Crookedwood (Westmeath) and Toomevara (Tipperary). Deirdre Belfast, the club of former Texaco Award winner Sue Cashman, and Killine (Mesth) complete this section.

The host's representatives include Ballyea, Boydke, Clooney, Kilnamona, Ogonnelloe and Parteen.

In Division 3, the visiting teams are Leo Casey's (Longford), Newtownbutler (Fermanagh), St. Saviours (Waterford) and Killarney. Shannon, Kilmaley and Eire Og are fielding second strings and Trugh makes up the fourth Clare side.

The Skills competition holds particular appeal. But the performance of certain skills is not an end in itself. A player should be able to execute them in a match situation.

A glance at the list of previous winners proves that the top young players are coming through. In 1980, Marie Fitzpatrick was the Skills Champion. Five years later, she played a vital part in Kilkenny's All-Ireland senior victory.

Deirdre O'Shea (1978 and 1979) and Anne Ryan (1981) already have All-Ireland junior medals and Jean Paula Kent (1983) has won a hat-trick of minor medals. Last year's winner, Helen Cagney played full-forward on the St. Mary's, Charleville, side which captured the colleges junior championship.

Tipperary travel to play Limerick in the semi-final of the Munster Senior Championship on Saturday. Neither side did particularly well in the NBational League, but with the Open Draw only weeks away, they will regard this game as useful preparation.

Semi-final time on the camogie front

THE race for the Senior Camogie Championship continues this coming week with two vital semi-finals down for decision. In the first Glen Rovers play Sarsfields at Carrigtwohill on Sunday and Imokilly meet Killeagh at Ballynoe on Wednesday night. The Feile na nGael competition is also being held in Clare over the weekend and here Bishopstown will carry the Cork flag.

Sarsfields desperately keen to achieve senior success this year face a tough semi-final tie with Glen Rovers on Sunday at Carrigtwohill. They had a fine win over Blackrock last Friday night in the first round replay but will have to be much sharper if they are to do well against a Glen side who are playing with great skill and determination at the moment. Sars who have fine players in Liz Dunphy, Lilian Zinkant, Ann Brady and Eileen Noonan will have to perform at the peak of their powers if they are to savour success on this occasion.

Glen Rovers will face this game with great confidence as a result of their impressive win over old rivals Eire Og last Saturday night. They are

playing exceptionally well at the moment and must surely be fancied to advance to the final. They have marvellous performers in Val Fitzpatrick, Ger McCarthy, Marie Mackey and Ann Delaney and it is difficult to see the Sars girls holding them on their present form.

The second semi-final should be a marvellous encounter with Killeagh taking on their neighbours Imokilly in a local derby on Wednesday night at Ballynoe. Killeagh who must consider themselves lucky to have overcome St. Finbarrs in the first round are a star-studded side and must surely start as favourites. They will be spearheaded by the vastly experienced Cathy Landers. Marion Sweeney, Ann Leahy and Ann Marie Landers and all these girls have proved on more than one occasion that they can be match winners but Imokilly who have the pick of the Junior and Intermediate clubs of East Cork available to them will be hoping for a different result.

They came from behind to overcome a strong Na Piarasigh side in the first round and looked a useful side. They have a great leader in Mary

O'Leary. Angela Higgins, Margaret Finn, Josephine Rumley and the young Fiona O'Driscoll are other experienced players who will not give Killeagh an easy road to victory.

Best wishes go to Bishopstown who travel to Clare this weekend to represent Cork in the All-Ireland Feile na nGael competition. Bishopstown who have won the Cork Feile on many occasions have yet to capture the All-Ireland title. They had an impressive win in the Cork Feile so let's hope they will succeed this year and bring the title back to Cork after a lapse of many years. Best wishes are also extended to Fiona O'Driscoll from Fr. O'Neills who will be representing us in the skills competition.

FIXTURES

Sunday, June 29 — Senior Championship Semi-final: Glen Rovers v Sarsfields at Carrigtwohill at 5.30. Referee: Mary Maher.

Monday, June 30 — Under-14 league: Glen Rovers v St. Finbarrs at Glen Rovers, 7.30. Referee: St. Finbarrs.

Tuesday, July 1 — Under-14 leagues all at 7.30: Grenagh v Killshan-

ning at Grenagh. Referee: Kilshannig; Eire Og v Ballinora at Ovens. Referee: Ballinora; Watergrasshill v Sarsfields at Watergrasshill. Referee: Sarsfields; Bishopstown B v Blackrock at Bishopstown. Referee: Blackrock; Fr. O'Neills v Araglen at Fr. O'Neills. Referee: Araglen; Churchtown v St. Catherine's at Churchtown. Referee: St. Catherine's; Erins Own v Killeagh at Erins Own. Referee: Killeagh; Aghabullough v Cloughduv at Cloughduv. Referee: Aghabullough.

Wednesday, July 2 — Senior Championship: Imokilly v Killeagh at Ballynoe at 7.30. Referee: Annette O'Donovan.

Thursday, July 3 — Under-14 Leagues: Brian Dillons v Douglas at Douglas at 7.30. Referee: Brian Dillons; Bishopstown 'A' v Na Piarasigh at Na Piarasigh at 7.30. Referee: Bishopstown.

There should be plenty of keen competition in the Under-14 league competition during the week with no fewer than eleven games down for decision. The date for the Senior Championship Final has been fixed and is on Wednesday, July 16 at Ballinlough at 7.30 p.m.

Feile na nGael

One of the closest games of the day was the Division One camogie final in which the holders, Mullagh of Galway, had a one point win, 1-2 to 0-4, over Bishopstown of Cork after extra time. Division Two camogie honours went to Armagh, who defeated Cork "B" 1-3 to 1-0, while the Division Three title was won by Eire Og of Ennis, who defeated Fermanagh.

The Feile has been running in Clare for the past two weeks and has proved to be one of the most successful in the history of the event. The parade was again reviewed by President Hillery, who also attended at Cusack Park.

CAMOGIE RESULTS

Senior championship semi-final: Glen Rovers 1-10, Sarsfields 0-2.

U-18 League semi-final (1985): Brian Dillons 3-7, Eire Og 1-5.

Junior "A" League: Ballincollig 1-2, Inniscarra 0-2; Douglas 2-0, Bishopstown 0-6; Killeagh 1-2, Brian Dillons 3-8.

FIXTURES SATURDAY

Feile na nGael in Clare
Munster Senior Championship Semi-final at Kilmaley (7.30) — Limerick v Tipperary.

SUNDAY

Feile na nGael in Clare.

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Camogie title for Kildare

KILDARE 2-3
DUBLIN 1-4

Kildare camogie team captured their first ever All-Ireland when they defeated Dublin on Sunday in the National Junior League final at Silverpark, Leopardstown.

Kildare went into this game with an eagerness to win never before seen, and they also wanted to prove their defeat of Dublin in the championship was not just a flash in the pan.

Right from the throw-in they had Dublin on the defensive. In the tenth minute Miriam Malone sent a very well-taken sideline shot across to Kathleen Elliott who was just on the edge of the square. Kathleen doubled on the incoming ball and sent it to the back of the net. Some minutes later Miriam had a very well-taken point from play to put Kildare 1-1 ahead. Dublin had their only score of the half after about twenty minutes.

Dublin opened the scoring in the second half with a point. The Kildare selectors saw the need to bring on a fresh player. Nora Egan was replaced by Bernadette Farrelly on the wing, Nuala Kerrigan was moved to full-forward. It did not take this very young player many minutes to score a point for Kildare. The forwards were now playing with the same determination as in the first half, and with fifteen minutes gone combined very well to leave Nuala Kerrigan on target for Kildare's second goal.

With six points between the teams Dublin made some switches and they started to put a lot of pressure on Kildare but the backs, as always, were very strong. Dublin had three shots at goal before they could score. Miriam Malone put four points between the sides again when she scored from a difficult position. Dublin had two further points, one from play and the other a free.

Kildare started with two changes from the Cavan match. Geraldine Dwyer replaced Phyllis Bambury who was injured and Elizabeth Conway replaced Antoinette Merriman, unavailable due to holidays. This did not weaken the backs in any way and must show the strength of the Kildare team. Rose Merriman was very cool in goal and had some five saves at crucial moments. Geraldine Dwyer was very sound at full back. Anna Dargan relieved a lot of pressure with her long clearances and got plenty of assistance from her wings. Melanie Treacy and Liz Conway. Miriam Malone was by far the best of the midfield players on both sides. Each of the forwards had her part to play in the win. Dublin had some very good individuals but Kildare's teamwork was the winning factor.

Scorers: K. Elliott and Nuala Kerrigan 1-0 each; Miriam Malone 0-2; Bernadette Farrelly 0-1.

Kildare: Rosemary Merriman, Geraldine Dwyer, Melanie Treacy, Anna Dorgan, Elizabeth Conway, Gemma Conney, Miriam Malone, Patricia Keatley, Kathleen Elliott, Marian Johnson, Nuala Kerrigan, Nora Egan.



Glen Rovers player Sandra Fitzgibbon gets in her shot during the Cork County camogie championship semi-final against Sarsfield at Carrigtwohill yesterday.

Glen ease way into decider

Glen Rovers 1-11,
Sarsfields 0-2

GLEN ROVERS eased into the Cork Co. senior camogie championship final with a comprehensive victory over Sarsfields at Carrigtwohill yesterday.

The county champions of three years ago laid the foundation for victory in the first half when they chalked up 1-6 with Sarsfields replying with a mere point. Ger McCarthy, who showed neat free taking ability, accounted for all six Glen points.

The Glen received a major boost just before the short whistle when Ann Hourihane somehow managed to squeeze a shot past goalkeeper Fiona McCarthy and the upright.

Sarsfields forced a number of attacks in the second half but they were denied by a resolute defence in which Mary Ring, Ann Delaney and Val Fitzpatrick starred.

Scorers: Glen Rovers: A. Hourihane (1-0), G. McCarthy (0-7, 0-4 frees and 0-1 '65), T. O'Callaghan (0-3), S. Fitzgibbon (0-1). Sarsfields: L. Zinkant (0-2, 0-1 free).

GLEN ROVERS: F. McCarthy, M. Ring (captain), A. Delaney, D. Deane, V. Fitzpatrick, M. Currid, E. Scutts, S. Fitzgibbon, T. O'Callaghan, J. Hamill, A. Hourihane, G. McCarthy. Sub: C. Flynn for McCarthy, injured.

SARSFIELDS: E. Barry, R. Twomey, E. Noonan, G. Barry, E. Dunphy, M. Brady, J. O'Regan, A. Brady, L. Zinkant, S. Barry, M. Kearney, B. O'Sullivan. Sub: V. Twomey for Kearney.

Referee: M. Maher (Douglas)



A Glen Rovers player is first to the ball during the Cork County Senior camogie championship semi-final at Carrigtwohill yesterday. (Examiner)



Smiles of victory from Orla O'Leary, Buncloody captain as she receives the winning trophy in the under 14 Co. Camogie final from county chairman, John Furlong.

Clare for minor crown

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The race for the 1986 All-Ireland Minor title heats up this weekend with the four provincial finals listed for decision. Cork, champions of the past three years, have a very tough assignment. Their opponents, Clare, have been in sparkling form this season.

Cork uttered a sign of relief when the final whistle blew in the corresponding fixture last season. They were lucky to be point ahead following a great game. Cork improved as the season wore on and retained their All-Ireland title.

Four of that team remain. Goalkeeper Brid Walsh, Deirdre Ryan, Tracy O'Riordan and Ber Cashman are the experienced members of the side. They are joined by newcomers Clare O'Regan, Irene O'Keeffe, Suzanne O'Brien, Fiona O'Driscoll and Breda Kelly. Cork did well against Tipperary but the Clare challenge will be much stiffer.

Three of the Clare side Catherine O'Loughlin, Yvonne McInerney and Clare Bracken were members of the county's Under 18 team which decisively beat Cork last autumn.

Supporting those girls will be Frances Phelan, Angela Sheridan, Linda Quinn, Mairead Twomey and Clodagh O'Brien. The Munster minor title which has eluded Clare over the years may be captured at last.

Galway had a fine minor side last season which reached the All-Ireland final. Seven players are over age but very worthy replacements have been found. Mary Treacy, Patricia Connors, Imelda Hobbs, Cora Curley, Bridget Fahy, Nora O'Rourke and Triona Dolphin will be on duty when Roscommon provide the opposition in the Connacht final on Sunday.

With the exception of 1978, Galway have won this competition each year. Roscommon is the only other name on the base of the cup. Majella Byrne, Sinead Grogan, Claire McGeeney, Blathina Kelly, Mary Grehan and Hilary Hussey will strive hard to upset the odds and make it number two.

Ten years have elapsed since Kilkenny last won the Leinster Minor Championship. An increase in the number of underage teams has not produced players of quality in sufficient numbers to form a really good county minor team.

Frances Rothwell, Fiona Lambert and Elaine Butler are three of the stars of the present side who hope to redress the situation.

Wexford, the current holders of the Leinster title, provide stiff opposition. Winners over Offaly, Westmeath and Kildare, Wexford field a big, strong side which includes Deirdre Atkinson, Ann-Marie O'Connor, Claire Cullen, Deirdre Kearney and Geraldine Codd and should be good enough to come through.

The Ulster minor final will be staged at Leitrim where the home county will entertain Antrim. Down are the champions but they will find Antrim no pushover. Betty Hamill, Maureen McAleenan and Donha Greeran should figure prominently on the Down side.

Antrim draw heavily from the Rasharkin team which won Feile Division 3 in Wexford. Captained by Donna McLoughlin, Antrim look to Gedaldine McGarrell, Denise O'Boyle and Lisa McNeilly to regain the trophy which they last held in 1984.

Clare and Limerick drew in the semi-final of the Munster Junior Championship and must start all over again on Friday night. These players know each other's style well and another close game is expected.

Michelle Cameron from Naomh in Rush was the clearcut winner of the Feile Skills Competition in Shannon. Coached by former Austin Stacks player Maire Ni Mhorain, who has done so much to establish the game in Rush, Michelle had 11 points to spare over her nearest challenger.

The Division I final was a pulsating affair as Bishopstown brought the holders, Mullagh, to extra time. The champions survived by 0-5 to 1-1 to join Woodville and Marino as the only clubs to retain the premier honours. Keady (Armagh) clinched Division 2 and home club, Eire Og brought off the Division 3 trophy.

FIXTURES
SATURDAY
Connacht Minor Final — At Athlone (7.0) Roscommon v Galway.
Munster Minor Final — At Cork (3.30) — Cork v Clare.

SUNDAY
Leinster Minor Final — At Coolree, Kildare (3.0) — Wexford v Kilkenny.
Ulster Minor Final — At Leitrim (3.30) — Down v Antrim.

A double-header at Douglas

THERE will be an interesting double-header at Douglas tomorrow (Saturday) night with Cork and Clare meeting in the Munster Minor Camogie Championship Final at 7.15 and this will be preceded by a first round senior game also between Cork and Clare at 6 o'clock.

Tomorrow night, the Cork Minors set out to achieve a record five-in-a-row Munster Championships when they play Clare in the final. The team shows one change from the side which overcame Tipperary in the semi-final. Niamh Cotter from Brian Dillons comes in at corner forward in place of Valerie Twomey from Sarsfields.

This team had an impressive win in the semi-final and will be fancied to bring yet another Munster Championship to Cork. They have an excellent keeper in Brid Walsh who is having her third season with the Cork Minors. Aine Buckley, Deirdre Ryan, Suzanne O'Brien and Tracy O'Riordan are all very experienced defenders and will be expected to do well against the Clare forward line. They have a marvellous centre field in Fiona O'Driscoll from Fr. O'Neills, who was runner-up in the Feile na nGael skills competition last weekend. Clare O'Regan and Catherine O'Sullivan and the forward line of Breda Kelly, Niamh Cotter, Ber Cashman and Irene O'Keeffe are all playing well at club level at the moment.

If all these girls strike form it is hard to see the Clare girls holding them, but Clare, who last won a Munster Championship in 1981, are very anxious for success this year and could cause a surprise.

The Cork seniors defend their Munster crown also on Saturday when they play Clare at the same venue. Cork recently crowned National League champions will be facing this game with confidence and will be fancied to advance to the Munster Final. Marian McCarthy once again fills the number one position and she will be ably assisted by full backs Mary Spillane, Eileen Dineen and Ann Leahy, who comes on to the side in place of Margo Twomey. Cathy Landers returns to her usual role at centre back in place of Claire Cronin who will not be available for selection for the rest of the season.

The centre field positions fall to Sandy Fitzgibbon, Val Fitzpatrick and Liz Dunphy, all of whom have shown excellent form in recent championship games with their clubs. Noelle O'Driscoll will be at half forward with clubmate Mary Geaney in her usual position of full forward. The two wing forward positions will be filled by Colette O'Mahony and Lynda Mellerick.

The Clare team was not available at the time of writing but is certain to include the Moroney sisters, Carmel and Patricia, Veronica Casey, Ann Marie Russell and Carmel Wall. All these girls are top class players and could upset Cork's chances of advancing. Clare have only won the Munster Championship on one occasion but in recent years have been getting nearer to success.

There are a number of Junior "B" League games listed for the coming week and here Courcy Rovers should get the better of Kilshannig while there should be very little between Grenagh and Ballinora. Bride Rovers should account for St. Catherine's, who will be fielding their second team. Fr. O'Neills and Erins Own will be a closely contested affair while Bishopstown should have too much strength for Blackrock. Barryroe, fielding for the first time this year, could find the going tough against Passage and St. Fanahans will be expected to overcome Mounseabbey.

In the Under 14 League Barryroe will be in action again when they play Inniscarra on Tuesday night and on Saturday night Castlemartyr will battle it out with St. Catherine's in a local derby.

Cork Minor Team: Brid Walsh, Deirdre Ryan, Aine Buckley, Suzanne O'Brien, Tracy O'Riordan, Fiona O'Driscoll, Clare O'Regan, Catherine O'Sullivan, Breda Kelly, Niamh Cotter, Ber Cashman, Irene O'Keeffe.

Subs: Maria O'Brien, Fiona O'Driscoll, Rena Kelleher, Hilda Kenneally, Edel Ryan, Valerie Twomey, Catherine McSweeney, Una Murphy, Sheenagh Morley, Eileen Buckley.

Senior Team: Marian McCarthy, Mary Spillane, Eileen Dineen, Ann Leahy, Cathy Landers, Sandy Fitzgibbon, Val Fitzpatrick, Liz Dunphy, Noelle O'Driscoll, Colette O'Mahony, Mary Geaney, Lynda Mellerick.

Subs: Patricia Fitzgibbon, Betty Joyce, Ger McCarthy, Angela Higgins, Mary Ring, Irene O'Leary, Margo Twomey, Patsy Keniry.

Under 14 League: Castlemartyr v. St. Catherine's at St. Catherine's at 7.30 (Ref. Castlemartyr).

Tuesday, July 8

Under 14 League: Barryroe v. Inniscarra at Inniscarra at 7.30 (Ref. Barryroe).

Wednesday, July 9

Junior B League: Courcy Rovers v. Kilshannig at Ballinspittle at 7.30 (Ref. Mounseabbey); Grenagh v. Ballinora at Grenagh at 7.30 (Ref. Inniscarra); St. Catherine's v. Bride Rovers at Bride Rovers at 7.30 (Ref. Watergrasshill); Churchtown v. Carrigtwohill at Churchtown at 7.30 (Ref. Cloyne); Fr. O'Neills v. Erins Own at Erins Own at 7.30 (Ref. Sarsfields); Blackrock v. Bishopstown at Blackrock at 7.30 (Ref. Douglas); Barryroe v. Passage at Barryroe (Ref. Ballinora).

Thursday, July 10

Junior "B" League: Mounseabbey v. St. Fanahans at Mounseabbey at 7.30 (Ref. Kilshannig).

Kildare beat the champions

KILDARE 2-5
WEXFORD 3-1

Kildare dethroned Leinster Champions Wexford by a point in Rathnure on Sunday. This was Kildare's toughest match to date and Wexford showed once again how hard they are to beat.

Kildare were first to score, a point from Miriam Malone. Kildare had most of the play for the first fifteen minutes but missed a lot of scoring chances. At the end of that period Wexford were five points ahead after scoring two goals. The first came from an incident on the edge of the square and the Kildare goalie Rose Merriman received an injury from which she didn't seem to recover for the rest of the half. The goal was allowed to stand.

After this period Kildare showed the determination seen all year and their fitness began to show. Miriam Malone and Nuala Kerrigan had a point each before Nuala finished a low shot, from Marianne Johnson, to the net to leave the teams level at half time.

With only two minutes gone in the second half, Miriam made good an earlier miss and put Kildare ahead with a very well taken point. Miriam Malone had another point for Kildare. About the fifteenth minute Wexford got through for their third goal. Kildare were once again behind but, like so many times this year, grit and determination came out again. Miriam soloed up the left wing past a number of defenders and from a very difficult angle shot to the net. The Kildare backs played some tremendous stuff from then until the final whistle and allowed Wexford in for only one point.

Best for Kildare were Geraldine Dwyer, Anna Dargan, Melanie Treacy, Miriam Malone, Gemma Cooney, Marianne Johnson and Nuala Kerrigan. Scorers Miriam Malone 1-3; Nuala Kerrigan 1-1; Marianne Johnson 0-1.

Team: Rose Merriman, Geraldine Dwyer, Melanie Treacy, Anna Dargan, Antoinette Merriman, Gemma Cooney, Miriam Malone, Patricia Kealey, Kathleen Elliott, Marianne Johnson, Nuala Kerrigan, Elizabeth Conway. Subs.: Bernadette Farrelly for Liz Conway and Elizabeth Donohoe for Kathleen Elliott.

FIXTURES

Saturday, July 5

Munster Minor Championship Final — Clare v. Wexford at Douglas at 7.15.

Munster Senior Championship: Cork v. Clare at Douglas at 6 o'clock.

Mullagh retain camogie title in great final

MULLAGH, GALWAY 0-5
BISHOPSTOWN, CORK 1-1
(After extra time)

REIGNING champions Mullagh retained their All-Ireland U-14 Féile na nGael title when defeating Bishopstown of Cork in an exciting final at Cusack Park, Ennis, on Sunday.

It took extra time to separate two evenly-matched sides. Mullagh, who easily defeated host club Ruam (Clare) in their opening game, had to play excellently to defeat Kilkenny and Dublin also on Saturday before qualifying for Sunday's decider.

The East Galway side had two points, 3-3 to 3-1, to spare over Dublin but had to come from behind to defeat Kilkenny in the semi-final, 1-4 to 0-2. Sunday's final, played in a constant drizzle, was always close and exciting.

Star forward and captain Emer Hardiman opened the Galway account with a pointed free after two minutes. It took ten more minutes before the next score was registered, a Cork goal from Elaine O'Connor. Just before the break the outstanding Alice Murphy scored a great point to reduce the deficit.

The only score of the second half fell to Emer Hardiman from a free which was enough to force the final into extra time. In the first period of extra time Elaine O'Connor and

Ann Kelly exchanged points.

There were only two minutes left when from a Mullagh free forty metres out the ice-cool Emer Hardiman shot the winning point.

It would be an injustice to single out any player for special mention but in fairness seven players stood out, goalie Kathleen Coen, full-back Mary Connaughton, Fiona Connaughton, Alice Murphy, Ellen Smyth, Emer Hardiman and Ann Kelly. Little behind them were Deirdre Hardiman, Maura Garvey, Elizabeth Hough, Imelda Daly and Yvonne Lowery, and substitute Niamh Glennon.

Mullagh: K. Coen, M. Connaughton, D. Hardiman, E. Smyth, M. Garvey, A. Murphy, F. Connaughton, E. Hough, I. Daly, E. Hardiman, capt., A. Kelly, Y. Lowery. Subs.: N. Glennon, S. Kilkenny, M. Costello, L. Mannion, C. Mannion, A. Cormican.

Bishopstown: A. O'Leary, M. Harrington, C. Crowley, P. Horgan, O. Higgins, E. Ryan, E. O'Connor (1-1), S. Barry, E. Duggan, B. Keating, E. Kearney, C. Murphy.

Lynch is third in skills test

ELEVEN-YEAR-OLD Clair Lynch from the Davitts Camogie Club put up a fine performance to finish third overall in the All-Ireland finals of the U-14 Camogie Féile Skills which took place at Shannon, Co. Clare, last weekend.

Clair, a native of Duniry, was one of the youngest contestants in the event, but she showed tremendous skill for one so young. Indeed with a little luck Clair could have won the title outright.

Wexford meet Kilkenny in camogie final

WEXFORD, the defending champions, meet Kilkenny in the Leinster under 16 camogie championship final on Sunday next in Coolree (Duffry Rovers Pitch) at 3 p.m.

Wexford have five survivors from last year's conquering team, namely Deirdre Hearne (St. Ibars), who is captain of the side, Clare Cullen (St. Ibars), Audrey O'Leary (Faythe Harriers), Ann Marie O'Connor (Buffers Alley) and Geraldine Codd (Rathnure), all of whom hold key positions on the team for the final.

On the way to the final Wexford accounted for Offaly 6-4 to 1-4; Westmeath 10-7 to 0-0 and Kildare in the semi-final 2-4 to 0-3.

Kilkenny on the other hand are a strong side who defeated Meath in the semi-final. Wexford will be hoping to defend the title won last year and with a good all round team performance can upset the visitors on Sunday.

Wexford team:

Eithne Sinnott (Buffers Alley)	Tina Farrell (Oylegate)	Pauline Casey (Duffry Rovers)
Mag Kehoe (Marshallstown)	Deirdre Hearne (capt.) (St. Ibars)	Breda Lamb (St. Ibars)
Geraldine Codd (Rathnure)	Deirdre Atkinson (Duffry Rovers)	Eileen Sinnott (Duffry Rovers)
	Audrey O'Leary (Faythe Harriers)	
	Clare Cullen (St. Ibars)	
	Ann Marie O'Connor (Buffers Alley)	

Subs: Michelle McCormack (Oylegate), Tina Furlong (Buncloody), Mag Parker (St. Ibars), Mairead Mahon (Buncloody), Ann Furlong (Faythe Harriers).

Wexford play Carlow in the under 14 Leinster championship at Oulart on Saturday next, July 5, at 3 p.m. With victories over Wicklow (home) and Carlow (away) they will be hoping to take another step to the play-off stages of the Leinster championships.

Killeagh stroll home!

KILLEAGH 4-13; IMOKILLY 1-3

KILLEAGH experienced little difficulty in overcoming a rather weak Imokilly side in this Cork County senior camogie championship semi-final at Ballynoe last night.

The game started briskly with Marian Sweeney goaling for Killeagh after two minutes. However, Imokilly settled down after this and had points in the fifth and sixth minutes from Fiona O'Driscoll and Angela Higgins and looked like making an exciting game of it. With Anne-Marie Landers playing well at midfield, Killeagh slowly took control but their shooting left a lot to be desired and despite dominating for the closing ten minutes of the half they had a total of nine wides as against three for Imokilly and only led 1-5 to 0-2 at the interval.

Imokilly's hopes of a revival received a setback when Anne-Marie Landers goaled immediately after the resumption, and when Betty Joyce had a further goal in the 29th minute the game was as good as over.

At this stage it was all Killeagh with first-half substitute Patsy Keniry picking off points at random. Entering the final quarter Imokilly did

succeed in lifting their game somewhat and a great shot by Angela Higgins, by far the best player for the divisional side, came off the upright in the 38th minute for Catherine O'Sullivan to goal from the rebound to give Imokilly some heart.

In addition to Higgins, Mairead O'Callaghan, Dinah Fenton and Josephine Rumley tried their utmost to swing the game Imokilly's way but they just had no answer to a far stronger and more experienced Killeagh, who had their final place against Glen Rovers booked long before the final whistle.

Scorers - Killeagh: P. Keniry 1-4, B. Joyce 1-3, A. M. Landers 1-2, M. Sweeney 1-1, A. Leahy, I. Leahy, B. Kirby 0-1 each. Imokilly: C. O'Sullivan 1-0, F. O'Driscoll, A. Higgins, J. Rumley 0-1 each.

Killeagh: P. Fitzgibbon, M. Spillane, H. Kelly, C. Landers, B. Landers, A. M. Landers, S. Spillane, B. Kirby, M. Sweeney, A. Leahy, B. Joyce, B. Kelly. Sub.: P. Keniry for B. Kelly and I. Leahy for A. Leahy.

Imokilly: S. Curley (St. Catherines), M. O'Callaghan (Watergrasshill), A. Higgins (do), N. O'Driscoll (Fr. O'Neill's), G. Sweeney (do), M. Finn (do), J. Power (Youghal), C. O'Sullivan (Bride Rovers), F. O'Driscoll (Fr. O'Neill's), D. Fenton (Watergrasshill), M. Kennefick (Fr. O'Neill's), J. Rumley (do).

Sub.: P. Breen (Churchtown North) for G. Sweeney, D. Barry (Churchtown North) for F. O'Driscoll.

Referee - Annette O'Donovan (Glen Rovers).

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dre Hearne, Deirdre Atkinson, Clare Cullen, Anne-Marie O'Connor, Mary Kehoe and Helen Sinnott, and they should be able to hold on to their title.

In Ulster, Antrim face Down in Leitrim. Down won the 1985 Ulster minor championship, but found themselves out of their depth against Galway in the All-Ireland semi-final. They overcame Fermanagh and Derry to reach this year's decider. Betty Hamill, Maureen McAleenan and Donna Greeran will spearhead their challenge.

Main Strength

Antrim had a ten-point win over Donegal in the semi-final. Earlier they accounted for Cavan. Mainly drawn from the successful Rasharkin side, Antrim depend on Donna McLoughlin, Geraldine McGarrell, Denise O'Boyle and

Lisa McNeilly and may be good enough to win back the title which they last held in 1984.

Galway had a very fine minor side last season. Five of the team who reached the All-Ireland final are eligible for action again. Such is the strength of the underage game in Galway that there should be little between the players who have moved on and their replacements.

Lining out in the Galway colours will be Imelda Hobbins, Nora O'Rourke, Patricia Connors, Mary Tracey, Triona Dolphin and Cora Curley. Roscommon slipped Galway in 1978, but otherwise have had to play second fiddle to their neighbours. Sinead Grogan, Mary Grehan, Claire McGeeney, Hilary Hussey and Majella Byrne will work hard to redress this situation.

Clare and Limerick played a

draw in the Munster Junior semi-final and will resume acquaintances on Friday night. Both sides missed chances in the first game and the issue is wide open.

Michelle Cameron proved a clear-cut winner of the Féile Skills Competition at Shannon. Her performance delighted the former Austin Stacks player, Maire Ni Mhorain, who has worked so hard in establishing the Naomh Mair Club in Rush. Fiona O'Driscoll from Ballymacoda, Co. Cork, was the runner-up. Eleven-year-old Clare Lynch, from Davitts of Galway, had to withstand the pressure of a tie-breaker to make the third spot.

Eire Og, who possessed more scoring power than Newtownstiler, carried off Division Three honours in the Féile. Keady (Armagh) brought the Division Two title to Ulster and the Division

One final matched the All square at the final time. Mullagh (Galway) Bishopstown (Cork) took extra time. The holders retained their title by a narrow margin, while town had to be content with runner-up medals for the time.

The Minor Camogie Championship Finals this weekend should be interesting, judging by the closeness of last year's game between Cork and Clare.

All-Ireland champions for the past three years, Cork, won by a single point last year, over the strongly fancied Clare side, who look promising again this year.

The Cork team retains four of their winning side, and newcomers include Suzanne O'Brien and Fiona O'Driscoll, while the Clare team includes inter-county players, Catherine O'Loughlin, Clare Bracken and Yvonne McInerney.

The Kilkenny minors, who accounted for Carlow and Meath to-date, travel to Coolree to tackle Wexford in the Leinster final. It is ten years since a Kilkenny victory, but Frances Rothwell, Elaine Butler and Fiona Lambert will do their best for the county.

Wexford advanced to the final at the expense of Offaly, Westmeath and Kildare. A fine side, they have strong players in Deir-



The Cork team which defeated Clare in the Munster minor camogie championship final at Douglas, Cork.

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Cork on a record run!

Cork 4-4 Clare 0-2

ALL-IRELAND champions, Cork, raced to a record fifth consecutive Munster Minor Camogie Championship title when they proved too good for Clare at rain soaked Douglas on Saturday evening.

A goal on the stroke of half-time and another 30 seconds into the second half knocked the heart out of the Clare challenge and the issue was never in doubt from there on.

Clare started very promisingly and were 0-2 to 0-0 ahead after only two minutes but the winners settled and a goal by Brid Kelly in the 10th minute, after a fine clearance by centre back Tracy O'Riordan, set them on the right road.

They could even afford the luxury of 10 wides in the half as a magnificent defence, in which Aine Buckley starred, never allowed Clare a chance to settle, while Cork's midfield also had the upper hand.

Ber Cashman gave them a huge boost with the second goal before the break, leaving Cork 2-2 to 0-2 ahead and when Kelly stroked home her second immediately after the resumption it was over as a contest. Irene O'Keeffe scored a spectacular fourth goal after 37 minutes to seal victory.

Scorers: Cork B. Kelly (2-0), N. Cotter (1-2), I. O'Keeffe (1-0), F. O'Driscoll (0-1 free), C. O'Sullivan (0-1 '30). Clare Y. McInerney and C. O'Loughlin (0-1) each.

Cork B. Walsh, D. Ryan, A. Buckley, S. O'Brien, T. O'Riordan, F. O'Driscoll, C. O'Regan, C. O'Sullivan, N. Cotter, B. Kelly, B. Cashman, I. O'Keeffe.

Clare E. O'Halloran, P. Diviney, S. Hegarty, M. Sheedy, C. O'Brien, Y. McInerney, M. Twomey, C. Bracken, C. O'Loughlin, L. Quinn, F. Phelan, A. Sheridan.

Referee: B. Stokes (Limerick).

● The senior championship game between the same counties did not take place as Clare failed to muster a side due to the late arrival of the team bus. Cork were awarded the match.

Bishopstown girls retain U-14 title

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

Bishopstown easily retained the Munster Community Games Under-14 camogie title when they comprehensively defeated Limerick opposition at Thurles.

On their way to the final they had beaten the Tipperary champions, Burgess who were trained by Donie Nealon. They out scored that side by 5-1 to 0-0. In the semi final against Waterford they did even better, win-

ning by a remarkable 9-3 3 to 0-0.

Coached by Pat Murray, the well-known councillor, Bishopstown are clearly a most formidable side and they now go forward to contest the national semi final at Mosney in September.

Their stalwarts in the final against Ballingarry-Granagh were Edel Kearney who scored five goals, team captain Eithne Duggan, Clare Murphy, Blaithe Keating, Naimh Carroll and Judy Walsh and Cecilia Crowley.



Camogie awards. Back row: Patricia Keatley with Senior Championship cup; Miriam Malone with All Ireland League cup. Front row: Jean Kelly, U-21 Championship cup; Threase Farrelly, U-18 League trophy, and Elizabeth Conway, Senior League cup. All are from Broadford Club.

Alley and Rathnure in senior final

BUFFERS ALLEY, the current holders and Rathnure, advanced to the final of the Co. Senior Camogie championship, accounting for St. Ibars and Duffry Rovers, respectively, in the semi-finals played at Monageer on Sunday last.

BUFFERS ALLEY 4-11
ST. IBARS 0-02

Buffers Alley turned in a strong second half to see off the challenge of St. Ibars in the senior championship semi-final played at Monageer on Sunday last.

Buffers Alley led at half time 1-6 to 0-1 with scores coming from Jean O'Leary (1-1), Elsie Cody (0-3), Nora O'Leary (0-1), and Gertrude O'Leary (0-1), with Bernie Darcy scoring for St. Ibars.

Buffers Alley with scores in the second half from Jean O'Leary (2-1), Gertrude O'Leary (1-3), Nora O'Leary (0-1), completed their tally with Angie Hearne replying for St. Ibars.

Best for Buffers Alley were Ann Butler, Fiona Cousins, Jean O'Leary and Gertrude O'Leary.

Best for St. Ibars were Mag Cullen, Christine Harding and Edel Cullen.

Buffers Alley: Kathleen Tonks, Ann Butler, Stella Sinnott, Imelda

O'Leary, Elsie Cody, Caroline Farrington, Fiona Cousins, Paula Sinnott, Nora O'Leary, Gertrude O'Leary, Jean O'Leary, Catherine Sinnott. Subs.: Ann Marie

O'Connor for Paula Sinnott, also Terry Butler and Ailish Kavanagh.

St. Ibars: Teresa Kehoe, Teresa Harding, Edel Cullen, Bernie Doyle, Christine Harding (captain), Mag Cullen, Aine Furlong, Ann Lyndon, Trisha Keane, Angie Hearne, Bernie Darcy, Jackie Carr. Sub.: Kathleen Donohoe for Aine Furlong.

Referee: Tish Dreehan (Rathnure).

RATHNURE 4-9
DUFFRY ROVERS 3-2

Rathnure, despite conceding two goals in the opening minutes, accounted for Duffry Rovers in the second semi-final to advance for a final clash with Buffers Alley.

Rathnure led at half time on a scoreline 2-6 to 2-2 with scores by Carmel Higgins (1-0), Bridget Howlin (1-0), Mary Codd (0-1), Ann Reddy (0-1), and Bernie Higgins (0-4). Duffry Rovers scorers were Ben Fenlon (1-0), Ailish Atkinson (1-0), and Maddy Purcell (0-2).

Rathnure scorers in the second half were Geraldine Codd (1-0), Bridget Howlin (1-0) who also scored a point together with Mary Codd and Bernie Higgins. Maddy Purcell had a goal for Duffry Rovers.

Rathnure: Sinead Cowman, Tish Dreehan, Breda Carr, Rita Reddy, Bernie Higgins, Anna Hickey, Mary Codd, Jackie Codd, Ann Reddy, Carmel Higgins, Bridget Howlin, Geraldine Codd. Subs.: Linda Sheehan for Anna Hickey, also Breda White.

Duffry Rovers: Joan Redmond, Pauline Casey, Ann Codd, Mairead Codd, Tina Fitzhenry, Catherine Atkinson, Deirdre Atkinson, Ben Fenlon, Catherine Purcell, Helen Sinnott, Maddy Purcell, Ailish Atkinson. Subs.: Ann Fenlon for Mairead Codd.

Referee: Pat Shiel (Faythe Harriers).

FAYTHE HARRIERS 3-14
BUFFERS ALLEY 1-05

Faythe Harriers, newly promoted to the intermediate grade after winning the junior title last year, recorded a good victory over Buffers Alley in the semi-final of the intermediate championship.

Faythe Harriers led at half time on a scoreline 1-9 to 1-4 with scores by Mary Shiel (1-4), Jannette Hanley (0-4), with Terry Butler (0-4) and Joanne Kelly (1-0), replying for Buffers Alley.

Faythe Harriers had further scores from Jannette Hanley (2-1), Mary Shiel (1-1), and Joanne Kelly (1-1).

Referee: Tish Dreehan (Rathnure).

Aoife Cleere, Bernie Mahon, Subs.: Sinead Cleere for Aoife Cleere; also Mary Kehoe and Mary Cummins.

Buffers Alley: Annette Kinsella, Mairead Murphy, Anita Doran, Eileen Leacy, Ellen Sunderland, Majella O'Connor (captain), Carol Sinnott, Pauline Hall, Michelle Kavanagh, Helen Roberts (0-1), Sonia Donohoe (1-0), Shirley Walker. Subs.: Rita Murphy for Anita Doran, Caroline Cousins for Shirley Walker, also Beth Murphy, Betty Ryan and Emer Murphy.

OYLEGATE 4-1
MARSHALSTOWN 0-0

Oylegate defeated Marshalstown in the under 14 championship camogie final played at Rathnure on Monday last on a scoreline 4-1 to 0-0.

Oylegate opened the scoring after ten minutes with a goal by Eileen Reck. Two minutes later a point from a free increased the lead and this was how it stood at the interval.

Kay Jennings opened the scoring of the second half with a goal after seven minutes. Midway through the half, a goal by Stephanie Jordan and a goal by Eileen Reck completed the scoring for Oylegate.

Oylegate: Josephine Fogarty, Clodagh McCormack, Angela Fogarty (0-1), Geraldine Jordan, Caroline Whelan, Fiona McCormack, Lisa McCormack, Kay Jennings (1-0), Shirley Farrell, Stephanie Jordan (1-0), Eileen Reck (2-0). Subs.: Una O'Connor, Martina O'Brien, Gena Nolan and Linda Maher.

Marshalstown: Claire Swaine, Francis Nolan, Geraldine Jordan, Valerie Jordan, Ann Bolger, Aileen Crean, Brenda Byrne, Gillian Kelly, Ailish Kinsella, Catherine Dunphy, Mary Conlon, Elizabeth Dunne. Subs.: Kate Bolger for Mary Conlon, Marian Nolan for Geraldine Jordan; also Joan Doyle and Catherine Dagg.

Referee: Tish Dreehan (Rathnure).

RATHNURE HUNGLODY 2-0
BUNCLADY 1-1

Rathnure defeated Hungloody in the semi-final of the under 14 camogie league on a scoreline 2-0 to 1-1 played at Rathnure recently. Rathnure opened the scoring with a goal by Nicola Carran, while Hungloody replied with a point from a free. In the second half, Rathnure took the lead with a goal and this was how it stood at the interval.

Referee: Tish Dreehan (Rathnure).

Rathnure were unlucky not to have another goal when Mary Donnelly's well struck shot hit the woodwork with Rathnure holding out for victory.



The girls from Oylegate who won the under 14 county camogie 'B' final.



The Rathnure under 14 camogie team, winners of the county 'A' final.

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Camogie — A ship without a rudder

"WE are, I feel, like a ship without a rudder. We are being carried along on a tide of amateur enthusiasm and hard-working personnel who know that they are promoting a great game with a proud tradition; yet, very few are planning for the future."

This is how the camogie situation in Cork is seen by chairperson Miriam Higgins, a current player with county champions Eire Og and a former All-Ireland star with Cork and Dublin.

There are 38 clubs in Cork with 2,000 playing members, but they have no grounds. The relationship with the GAA is exceptionally good, especially with individual clubs like St. Finbarrs, Blackrock, Delanys, Ballincollig, Erins Own and Sarsfields, and the City Division who regularly provide pitches for inter-county games and as neutral venues for senior championship matches.

But, Miriam says, they are unable to plan with any great certainty because they are dependent on others and the situa-

tion will get worse rather than better in the immediate future as limited resources are put under greater strain.

As well, most women, not just in camogie, but in all sports, see their role as transient, in her opinion. "They are willing, hard workers in the immediate, but for reasons, which are probably historic, don't plan for the future in terms of purchasing land or building facilities."

Apart from the obvious worry about the lack of playing facilities there is the concern for camogie over the counter attractions of sports with an international dimension. Miriam plays hockey with Harlequins, tennis at the Sunday's Well club and golf at Kinsale, has a wide interest in sport and sees an attraction in them all; but, at the moment, it is not popular to be a nationalist, she claims, and the glamour of top class sport as portrayed on TV can have short-term effects, especially in schools, which she describes as the nerve centre and nursery for the future.

"The lack of an inter-

national dimension also affects sponsorship," she adds. "Firms in the present economic climate must look at the return for their investment, and while the Cork team offers the very best return in the national context, it is limited in the amount of publicity it gets, camogie being classed, rightly or wrongly, as a minority sport."

"We also suffer," Miriam continues, "from the public's mistaken belief that we are members of the GAA, with, apparently, limitless funds. We are a separate organisation."

The camogie authorities say they have no worries about amateurism and they greatly appreciate any sponsorship offered to them. The annual Government grant is used at national level to employ a full-time secretary and the post has helped greatly to co-ordinate many of the agencies throughout the country working for camogie and will, in time, co-ordinate a national plan.

Miriam's hopes for the future are a camogie

team attached to every hurling club in the country; a camogie team playing with every school; a greater awareness by the City Fathers of the need to provide green areas to enable the sport to flourish; a greater commitment from players to give something back to the game by way of coaching, refereeing or administration; the acceptance by the public, and especially by women, that camogie when played well is one of the greatest team sports played today; that it should be recognised as a spectator rather than a participating sport and ultimately move from its minority status to equal status in a county that loves all sport so passionately.

The standard of camogie in Cork ranks with the best in the country. The natural ability of the players, coupled with a determined effort to provide coaching for teachers, has ensured a constant supply of good, skilful minors and these players eventually form the nucleus of the senior side.

It was Tipperary hurling, however, that first inspired Miriam. Her mother, Margaret Quinlisk from Borrisokane, is a hurling fanatic and still a staunch Tipp supporter. Her only daughter, was brought along to all the local club games, while on long summer holidays around Borrisokane.

Miriam's first camogie club was her local Brian Dillons and when they disbanded she played for a season or two with Glen Robers before a transfer to Dublin, where she joined the Celtic Club and won five county senior championships and seven senior leagues where the league is taken very seriously.

Selection for the Dub-

lin juniors came in her first season and she gained Leinster and All-Ireland junior medals in 1971. After four seasons with the Dublin seniors, she returned to Cork in 1979, joined some of her friends in the Eire Og Club and the following season gained her place on the county senior team. She won six Munster championships between 1980 and 1985 to add to the three won with the juniors from '68 to '70, and won senior All-Irelands in '80, '82 and '83, Kilkenny preventing four-in-a-row with a final replay win in '81. A National League medal was added in '84 when Cork won the competition for the first time. She was also on Munster's Gael Linn interprovincial winning team in 1983.

Last season she had the distinction of refereeing the All-Ireland senior final between Dublin and Kilkenny after Munster champions, Cork, had been eliminated. Miriam, an income tax inspector, says her career blossomed with Eire Og, that she gained a new lease of life there, motivated by the dedication of trainer Con Malone, and she was on their county championship winning team last year, their first since the three-in-a-row of '76-'78. She also won three Cork senior leagues and four Munster senior leagues with them. Treasurer of the Co. Board for two years and PRO for three, she took over the chair this year, having retired from her right corner-back spot with the county team.

Miriam's father, Dermot, hails from the St. Luke's district. Her brother Dermot plays football in the army; Gregory fancies badminton, but John prefers technology to sport.



Cork's Munster Championship camogie team last season. Front row (left to right): Linda Mellerick, Sandie Fitzgibbon, Catherine Landers, Val Fitzpatrick, Clair Cronin, Liz Dunphy. Back: Ann Marie Landers, Eileen Dineen, Miriam Higgins, Mary Geaney, Mary O'Leary, Marian McCarthy.



Referee Miriam Higgins and rival captains Edel Murphy, Dublin (left), and Bridie McGarry, before the start of last season's All-Ireland senior camogie final at Croke Park.

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Brian Dillons camogie girls

BRIAN DILLONS camogie club goes from success to success. Already this year, they have won the Cork county junior league, the Cork under-18 championship and a senior trophy at the Pan Celtic Games in Killarney.

Revived in 1981, Brian Dillons won the Cork under-18 championship a year later and contested the 1982 county junior final against Ballinora. Their progress went hand in hand with the successes of St. Patrick's girls school under trainer John Ring.

Eleven Brian Dillons players helped St. Patrick's to win the Munster Colleges title at Pairc Ui Chaoimh early this year, a great goal by Linda Mellerick wresting victory from gallant St. Al's.

The club's first success this year came when Dillons won the county junior league,

beating Na Piarasigh, St. Catherine's, Killeagh and Bishopstown. A week later Brian Dillons went to Killarney and collected a senior trophy at the Pan Celtic Games. They beat Ballyagran of Limerick in the final.

COUNTY WIN

Then, the under-18

side won the most prestigious under-age competition in camogie, the Cork County championship by beating Na Piarasigh after a great match at Ballinlough. Dillons had accounted for St. Finbarrs, Killeagh and Bishopstown in the earlier rounds.

On the intercounty scene, Linda Mellerick shone for the Cork seniors in the National League triumph over Dublin, and Elizabeth O'Sullivan captained the Cork junior team in the Munster championship. Other players to wear the Cork colours include Karen Mellerick, Helena Barry, Kathleen O'Keeffe, Vivienne O'Brien, Aileen Barry and Naomh Cotter.

The victorious under-18 panel was: Mary Mulcahy, Kathleen O'Keeffe, Vivienne O'Brien, Catherine Murphy, Naomh Cotter, Mary Rose, Karen Mellerick, Linda Mellerick, Caroline O'Brien, Lisa O'Brien, Aileen Barry, Helena Barry, Gillian Ryan, Gayle Fleming, Claire Barry, Pauline O'Callaghan, Gillian Linehan, Kaye Twohig, Susan Fahy



Miriam Higgins, chairperson, Cork Camogie Board, presents the county league trophy to Brian Dillons captain Linda Mellerick.



The Brian Dillons team that won the Cork junior league title by beating Bishopstown in the final at Curraheen. Back row (left to right): Mrs. Eily McDonnell, chairperson; Linda Mellerick, captain; Mary Rose; Caroline O'Brien; Aileen Barry; Elizabeth O'Sullivan; Mary Mulcahy. Front row: Lisa O'Brien; Catherine Murphy; Helena Barry; Karen Mellerick; Vivienne O'Brien; Kathleen O'Keeffe; Mary Murphy.



Linda Mellerick about to score for Brian Dillons in the county league final against Bishopstown

and the captain Elizabeth O'Sullivan, who missed the county final through injury.

The mentors involved

in Brian Dillons camogie successes include chairperson Mrs. Eily McDonnell, who won All-Ireland camogie

medals with Cork in her youth; John and Ann Mulcahy; Billy Barry, a Cork senior hurler in the 1950s, and Mrs. Lily Barry.

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ANGELA GOES FOR TREBLE

One of the most welcome developments in camogie in recent times was the introduction in 1982 of Gradam Tailte, an annual individual competition that could be described as the sport's own superstars test. The event is decided over a number of disciplines or exercises covering athletics, basketball, gym and, naturally enough, camogie skills tests.

The challenge for the latest title will bring leading exponents to St. Finian's College, Mullingar, on July 19, and already one question above all others hovers over the title chase:

Can anyone halt the amazing onward march of Kilkenny's brilliant sharpshooter, Angela Downey?

Angela has become something of a legend in the short history of this superstars test. She won the title for the first time in highly impressive fashion in 1984 in Dublin, and did even better when she retained the crown last year at Kilkenny.



Match winning skills from Angela Downey.

The dynamic Noreside player left the rest of the field far behind as she collected an amazing 64 points from a possible 70 by winning five first places and two seconds. Truly, a remarkable display of athleticism.

Appropriately enough — in view of the quality of her performance — Angela became the first to win Gradam Tailte twice. She has decided to defend her crown once more this month, and the odds must be firmly on a unique treble for the Kilkenny ace.

Certainly, little has happened in the past year to suggest that a serious challenger has emerged for Miss Downey.

Even so, the Mullingar test should provide many worthwhile highlights. Enthusiasts will welcome the opportunity of seeing such a superb exponent

as Angela Downey turning on the style again, and the other candidates have no illusions at this stage of the heights they will have to aim at to make an impact on the leaderboard by the end of the day.

Kay Barry, of Wicklow, who was one of three players to tie for second place last year, will be bidding for further glory, and it will be interesting to compare her performance with last season's fine effort.

Miriam Malone, who has already helped to carve out history this year, will also be in the field. Miriam was a splendid midfielder in the Kildare team that beat Dublin in Dublin last month by two points to take the National Junior League for the first time.

Margaret Curran (Donegal), Patricia Finneran (Roscommon) and Catherine Murphy (Wexford) are among the other players who will be striving to relieve Angela Downey of her title.

But when all the points are added up at the end of what has the makings of an interesting day's competition, it should be Angela Downey on top of the class once more.

Josephine McClements, of Antrim, won the inaugural Gradam Tailte, in 1982, and Clare Cronin (Cork) brought the title South the following year.

BOOST FOR DUBLIN

Dublin have given their All-Ireland open-draw hopes a timely boost by retaining the Leinster senior championship. The competition became independent of the All-Ireland series following the introduction of the open-draw in the O'Duffy Cup in 1973, and the Dubs had a five points win over old rivals Kilkenny in Dublin last month.

The success provided a measure of compensation for the disappointment of a home defeat from Cork in the National Senior League final in Dublin in May.

Kilkenny are unlikely to be too dismayed about their prospects of a successful defence of the All-Ireland crown as a result of that set-back. They had been inactive for some weeks prior

to the game, having failed to win out in their group of the National League. The Leinster final is bound to prove invaluable in their preparation for the championship.



Marion Conroy (Dublin) clears from Mary Geaney (Cork) in a recent game.

The Noresiders' chances of retaining the League title were ended in the first round last March when they lost to Dublin in Kilkenny. The Dubs went on to win the group, of course, and so earn that show-down with Cork.

Cork's return to the top in the League must augur well for their prospects of regaining the O'Duffy Cup after an interval of three years.

Another county that may repay watching is Galway. The Westerners have a rich pool of young talent, as has been evident from performances by teams from there in the All-Ireland Colleges' championship, and in last season's minor and junior inter-county tests. Galway were runners-up to Cork at minor and won the junior title.

Indeed, the up-coming championship promises to be very competitive. But, having said that, it must also be admitted that the two matches that will raise the curtain on the campaign at the end of the month do not have very open appearances.

Cork have Down as visitors on July 27, and after their League triumph, it will be a real sensation if they fail to win. Similarly, Dublin must be strong favourites to return from Clare the same day with their place booked in the following round.

The momentum will then quicken early in August, with the four quarter finals on the same day — August 10.

Plenty to look forward to, then, on the camogie scene in the weeks ahead.

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Glen Killeagh final should be a cracker

HIGHLIGHTS of the coming week is the Senior Championship final between Killeagh and Glen Rovers and the meeting of Cork and Clare in the Munster Junior final.

Next Wednesday night Ballinlough will be the stage for the final scene of this year's senior camogie championship and what a glamorous pairing it has turned out to be. Killeagh going for

their fifth title having previously won it in 1980, '81, '82 and '84 being opposed by the famed Glen Rovers club who have won the title on 12 occasions. Glen are the only club to have won the title seven years in a row and this they achieved in 1962, '63, '64, '65, '66, '67 and '68; they also won it in 1950, '51, '54, '58 and '83.

It is interesting to note that both teams are being steered by such well

known hurling names as Fr. Bertie Troy of Killeagh and Finbarr O'Neill of Glen Rovers. Glen, who last won the championship in 1983, are hoping to reverse last year's semi-final defeat by Killeagh who likewise are hoping to atone for falling at the last hurdle last year when they were beaten by Eire Og.

Killeagh easily overcame the challenge of Aghabullogue in the first round but breathed a sigh of relief when they escaped from Caherlag by the narrowest of margins from their closest of rivals St. Finbarr's. They then went on to record a facile victory over neighbours Imokilly. Glen Rovers who drew with Eire Og in the first round easily overcame their challenge in the replay and went on to beat Sarsfields comprehensively in the semi-final.

Glen played with great determination all through the championship and looked an impressive side but their failure to convert a lot of scoring opportunities must worry their selectors. They will be captained by Mary Ring and have other top-class players in Mary Mackey, Ann Delaney, Val Fitzpatrick and Therese O'Callaghan. Wing forward Ger McCarthy who is their top scorer to date in the championship received an injury in the semi-final and could be a doubtful starter.

Killeagh on the other hand have reported no injuries and they will be fielding a full length side. They will be captained by inter-county corner back Mary Spillane and have other top-class players in Ann Leahy, Cathy and Ann Marie Landers, Patricia Fitzgibbon, Marion Sweeney and Betty Joyce who returned to the team this year and has been playing exceptionally well. These girls are always great championship contenders, full of determination and possessing a never say die attitude. It is a combination of these factors that make them such a difficult obstacle to the very best.

It is very difficult to predict a winner from this pairing as I am sure the outcome will be in doubt up to the final stages but whatever the result it is a game that should not be missed by

all camogie enthusiasts.

The final will be refereed by County Chairperson Miriam Higgins. Miriam, a former inter-county player and current senior player with her club Eire Og, is also an accomplished referee. She has refereed the county final on two occasions previously and was last year given the honour of refereeing the All-Ireland final between Dublin and Kilkenny.

The Munster final between Cork and Clare also promises to be a marvellous encounter. Clare, defeated in last year's final by Limerick, are determined to make a bold bid for provincial honours this year. They have marvellous players in Maura McNicholas, Noeleen Quinn, Catherine Loughlin and Sheila O'Halloran and these girls produce the goods. Cork will have to be tough.

Cork, who had an easy win over Waterford in the first round, are a very strong side with fewer than nine All-Ireland minor medal holders in their side. They will be spearheaded by captain Liz O'Sullivan and have other top-class players in Colette O'Mahony, Niamh Coughlan, Therese O'Callaghan, Eveline Healy and Paula Carr. But Cork are certain to feel the keen edge of Clare's challenge on the occasion and they will have to perform at the peak of their powers if victory is to be theirs. It should be a cracking contest.

Cork Junior Team: McCarthy, N. Coughlan, Deane, K. O'Keefe, E. Healy, O'Mahony, K. Mellerick, L. O'Sullivan, G. Kelleher, T. O'Callaghan, P. Carey, G. Mackey, Sub: J. Kent, P. Morgan, I. Leahy, O'Neill, E. Hennessey, S. Barry, A. Brady, J. O'Regan, O'Callaghan, C. Sheehan, M. Finley, H. Barry.

FIXTURES

Sunday, July 13

Munster Junior Final: Cork vs Clare at Wolfe Tone G.A.A. Pitch, Shannon, 3.00 p.m.

Monday, July 14

Junior B League: Sarsfields vs Carrigtwohill at Sarsfields, 7.30. Ref. Erins Own. Eire Og vs Blackrock at Owens at 7.30. Ballinacorney.

Wednesday, July 16

Senior Championship: Killeagh vs Glen Rovers at Ballinlough at 7.30. Ref. Miriam Higgins.



Action during the Cork Co. Senior Camogie final at Ballinlough last night between Glen Rovers and Killeagh. (Examiner).

Lucky 13 for Glen

GLEN ROVERS 4-5 KILLEAGH 2-4

HIGHLY motivated Glen Rovers captured their 13th Cork Co. Senior Camogie Championship when their all round ability proved too much for Killeagh in a marvellous contest before a fine crowd at Ballinlough last evening.

The decisive score came in an extraordinary way. Glen goalkeeper Fiona McCarthy launched a huge puck out in the 31st minute after Killeagh had jumped 2-4 to 2-3 ahead, and it eluded everyone to finish in the net. It knocked the wind out of the losers, who had just clawed their way back from a two goal half time deficit.

Glen did most of the damage in the first half, when playing against the strong wind. Two goals in the space of two minutes by Therese O'Callaghan and the impressive Val Fitzpatrick rocked the Killeagh challenge, while the brilliant Mary Ring played a captain's part at full back.

Killeagh really put it up to the new champions with two goals by Ann Leahy and Betty Joyce in the

first three minutes of the second half and the scene was set for a gripping finish, particularly when Leahy pointed almost immediately to shove them ahead for the first time.

However the Glen didn't panic and solid performances from Ring, Fitzpatrick and Mary Currid kept the pressure on Killeagh, who finally bowed when June Hamill netted four minutes from the end.

Scorers — Glen Rovers: V. Fitzpatrick (1-2), T. O'Callaghan (1-1), F. McCarthy and J. Hamill (1-0) each. R. Scouts (0-2). **Killeagh:** B. Joyce (1-2), A. Leahy (1-0), A. M. Landers and P. Keniry (0-1) each.

GLEN ROVERS — F. McCarthy, D. Deane, M. Ring captain, A. Delaney, M. Mackey, S. Fitzgibbon, V. Fitzpatrick, M. Currid, R. Scouts, T. O'Callaghan, J. Hamill, G. McCarthy, Sub. A. Hourihane for G. McCarthy injured.

KILLEAGH — P. Fitzgibbon, H. Kenny, M. Spillane, C. Landers, B. Landers, A.M. Landers, S. Spillane, B. Kirby, B. Joyce, A. Leahy, P. Keniry, M. Sweeney, Sub. I. Leahy for B. Kirby injured.

Referee: M. Higgins.

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The Glen Rovers team (top) that beat Killeagh in the Cork Co. Senior camogie final at Ballinlough last night.

(Echo)



Goalkeeper in scoring form for the Glen!

FIONA McCARTHY was the toast of Blackpool last night as Glen Rovers celebrated their 13th Cork Co. Senior Camogie Championship title. They defeated Killeagh by 4-5 to 2-4 in a splendid final at Ballinlough and now their target is the Munster and All-Ireland Club titles.

McCarthy, their dependable goalkeeper, changed the course of a hotly contested match when her puck out after 31 minutes ended in the net and edged her side ahead again, after Killeagh had just pulled in front by a point.

From there to the finish Killeagh fought a losing battle. They battled bravely but came up against a resolute defence in which

full back Mary Ring was the outstanding figure and must have improved her chances of making the Cork team.

The game was noteworthy for the two goals which took vital deflections en route. Therese O'Callaghan scored the first goal after 15 minutes when her rising shot deflected off a defender's hurley past a bemused Patricia Fitzgibbon in the Killeagh goal.

Killeagh's best spell arrived immediately after the interval when they scored 2-1 without reply. Ann Leahy's shot just 60 seconds into the second half knocked off a defender's leg and finished in the net. Betty Joyce added a second two minutes later but any hopes of victory were dashed by McCarthy's important goal.

Angela chases title treble

Forty-six points of a leeway is a huge task to make up. Such a gulf separated Gradam Tailte winner Angela Downey from her closest challenger in Kilkenny last season. Angela will be at St. Finian's College in Mullingar to defend her title on Saturday. Fit, eager and, above all, extremely competitive, Angela is chasing a hat-trick of Gradam Tailte titles.

She recorded five firsts and two seconds in seven events last season. She coasted home in the sprint, indoor and outdoor obstacle, basketball and camogie scoring events. The standard for aspiring challengers is very high.

Who in the field has what it takes to have a real go? Patricia Finneran (Roscommon) had a very respectable score two years ago and is back to try again. Joint runners-up last season, Kay Barry and Deirdre Costello are two hopefuls.

Well known inter-county players in action include the Kildare captain, Miriam Malone, the Cork redhead, Linda Mellerick, Derry's Ariene McWilliams and Catherine Murphy the camogie-cum-footballing star from Wexford.

Cathy Walsh from the All-Ireland club champions, Crumlin is listed as Dublin's representative but tendon trouble may cause her to withdraw. Margaret Curran (Donegal), Linda Forde (Westmeath), Celine Dunphy (Laois), Valerie Crean (Meath), Mary McKelvey (Tyrone), Mary McLoughlin (Mayo) and Anne Rigney (Offaly).

Galway, Down, Wexford and Cork have retained their provincial minor crowns. The pairings for the All-Ireland semi-finals matches Cork and Galway in a repeat of the 1985 final and sees Wexford journey north to Down.

TALENT APLENTY

Cork have defeated Galway at some stage of the campaign in the past three years. Both teams show considerable change of personnel for the coming clash. Galway start with five survivors and draw from their huge pool of talent to make up the twelve.

Imelda Hobbins, Mary Treacy, Patricia Connors, Triona Dolphin, Nora O'Rourke, Cora Curley and Bridget Fahy from the backbone of the Galway side. While young in age, these players have a great deal of camogie behind them and will be most anxious to get one over on their keen rivals.

Brid Walsh is in goal for her third season with the Cork team. Tracy Riordan, Ber Cashman and Deirdre Ryan figured on last season's side. A search for talent uncovered Claire O'Regan, Breda Kelly, Aine Buckley, Suzanne O'Brien and Fiona O'Driscoll. A Cork side drawn from eleven clubs will strive hard to maintain a great record in this competition.

A big strong Wexford team has come through a long hard campaign in Leinster. Offaly, Westmeath, Kildare and Kilkenny were dismissed as Wexford advanced. Their side, which must travel with a great deal of confidence includes Ann Marie O'Connor, Deirdre Hearne, Clare Cullen, Tina Farrell, Audrey O'Leary and Deirdre Atkinson.

DOWN'S TASK

Winners of the inaugural All-Ireland Minor championship in 1974, Down watched Monaghan, Cavan, Antrim and Derry take over in Ulster in the intervening years. They re-appeared last season but found Galway too hot to handle. In Monica McCartan, Maureen McAleenan, Donna Greeran and Betty Hamill they are well represented but will have to be at their best to match Wexford.

Non-stop action will be the theme in Dublin on Sunday. It is hoped to have every current player and many former players involved in two massive camogie marathons. Starting at eleven in the morning and continuing until eight that evening a series of matches and events will take place at Na Fianna, Mobhi Road and Kilmacud's grounds at Glendalough.

SATURDAY

Gradam Tailte at St. Finian's College, Mullingar at 10.45.

SUNDAY

All-Ireland Minor Semi-finals Galway v Cork, Down v Wexford.

Dublin Camogie Marathons — Na Fianna Grounds, Mobhi Road at 11.00. Kilmacud-Croke's Grounds, Glendalough at 11.00.

Cork Minors off to Castlegar

AFTER the disappointment of losing the Munster Junior final, Cork will be looking to their Minor team to continue their winning sequence in the All-Ireland Championship semi-final in Castlegar, Co. Galway, on Saturday.

Cork have an outstanding tradition in this grade of competition and will be seeking their fourth title in a row, while their opponents Galway so long the dominant force in colleges camogie have just one title to their credit.

Cork had very impressive wins over Tipperary and Clare in the Munster championship and will travel with confidence to the Galway venue. They would be unwise, however, to take the maroon challenge lightly. Trained by former UCG star Isobel Magee they brushed aside all opposition in Connaught having a very good win over Roscommon in the final. They have a mixture of talent from all over the county with players from Salthill, Castlegar, Gort and Ahaska being the backbone of the team. Several of their players are eligible from last year, including Imelda Hobbins, Brona Smith and Mary Crowley. Ann-Marie Fives, daughter of the famous Galway hurler Jim, is likely to be named in goal though she has a preference for the forward line.

What then of Cork? The present team are trained by former Cork Junior Mary Maher of Douglas and looked very impressive in earlier rounds. There has been tremendous competition for places and this was evident in the very good attendance at training. Several of last year's team are still eligible. They include Brid Walsh, Cloughdun, Tracey Riordan, Glen Rovers and Ber Cashman, Blackrock.

Several newcomers this season have shown tremendous potential. These include the captain, Clair O'Regan (Eire Og); Fiona O'Driscoll (Fr. O'Neills) and Breda Kelly (Killeagh). So if Cork play anything like they played at rain-soaked Douglas in the Munster final, they

should record another victory, their third over Galway is the penultimate stages of the competition in as many years.

The team bus leaves for Galway at 12.00 from the Opera House.

Local fixtures continue during the week with matches in the Junior A and B Grades.

GRADAM TAILTE

On Saturday, the Gradam Tailte (Camogie's Superstar competition) will be held at St. Finian's College, Mullingar. Cork's representatives will be Linda Mellerick of Brian Dillons. We wish her luck. The competition was won last year by Angela Downey of Kilkenny who is again defending her title.

Cork: Brid Walsh, Deirdre Ryan, Suzanne O'Brien, Aine Buckley, Tracey Riordan, Clair O'Regan (capt.), Catherine O'Sullivan, Fiona O'Driscoll, Niamh Cotter, Breda Kelly, Irene O'Keeffe, Ber Cashman. Subs.: Marie O'Brien, Eileen Buckley, Sheena Morley, Hilda Kineally, Catherine McSweeney, Fiona O'Driscoll.

Clare hammer Cork

CLARE 5-6,
CORK 1-6

APART from a few brief spells in the second half Clare completely overpowered a lack lustre Cork team in the Munster junior camogie final at Wolfe Tone Park in Shannon Airport yesterday.

Clare had some very skilled players, particularly Noeleen Quinn and Maura McNicholas, who played a true captain's part in regaining the crown for the Banner county after an absence of five years. Cork's attempts at scoring were pathetic missing several easy chances and even while well in arrears kept persistently seeking points even from frees.

Colette O'Mahony was Cork's outstanding player

Scorers — Clare: M. McNicholas 2-5, N. Comyn 1-1, C. Molloy and C. O'Loughlin 1-0 each. Cork: C. O'Mahony 0-5, P. Carey 1-1.

Clare — P. O'Brien, H. Cusack, P. Ryan, N. Quinn, S. Reidy, P. Rynne, S. O'Halloran, N. Comyn, C. O'Loughlin, M. McNicholas, C. Molloy, C. Wall.

Cork — F. McCarthy, N. Coughlan, K. O'Keeffe, E. Healy, D. Deane, K. Mellerick, E. O'Sullivan, C. O'Mahony, T. Coughlan, G. Kelleher, G. Mackey, P. Carey. Subs: J.P. Kent for G. Kelleher, M. O'Callaghan for N. Coughlan, M. Finn for E.O'Sullivan.

Referee: H. Sheedy (Limerick).

CORK LOSE MINOR CROWN

Galway 1-5
Cork 0-1.

Cork, chasing their fourth successive All-Ireland minor crown, went down to Galway in the semi-final at rain swept Castlegar on Saturday.

Galway, who lost to Cork in the last two All-Ireland finals, led 0-3 to 0-1 at the interval and always looked more dangerous in front of goal.

Cork have only themselves to blame, as they missed chance after chance especially in the closing 20 minutes when they were practically camped in the Galway goalmouth.

Mary Cawley, Imelda Hobbins and Anne Marie Fives impressed for the winners while Brid Walsh, Tracy Riordan, and substitute Sheenagh Morley, were the pick of a disappointing Cork side.

Wexford tie has makings of real thriller

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the field with noted players like Trish Dreehan, Bernie Higgins, Terry Butler, Siobhan Dunne and Christine Harding included. It should be a game well worth travelling to see.

Carlow travel to Philipstown to oppose Louth. Carlow have yet to claim a Leinster championship title. They draw heavily on the successful Myshall club for their players. Nuala Smithers, Sadie O'Brien, Breda Foley, Mary Doyle, Geraldine Byrne and Teresa Nolan will fight to the end.

Louth were All-Ireland champions in 1982. They spent a few seasons in the senior grade, but found the pace too hot. Now back at junior level, they find themselves calling on the same players who were successful four years ago. Viv Kelly, Noleen Maguire, Kitty

Sharkey, Teresa Bates, Eileen and Connie Crehan have the experience to make it difficult for Carlow.

The Munster Junior Championship final matches Clare against Cork. Cork did not enter a team in the National Junior League so their potential is unknown. They include quite a few All-Ireland minor medal holders in their line.

These include Colette O'Mahony, who won a National Senior League medal, Jean Paula Kent, Paula Carey, Liz O'Sullivan, Evelyn Healy and Fiona McCarthy. Cork emerged from the crisis side of the draw which included Waterford and Kerry.

Clare, who last won this competition in 1981, have reached the quarter-final of

the National Junior League for the past two seasons. They will place their faith in Pauline O'Brien, Catherine O'Loughlin, Noleen Quinn, Laura McNicholas, Patricia Ryane and Clare Bracken.

TYRONE IMPRESS

In Ulster the junior championship semi-finals are listed for decision. Tyrone, who were good value for their win over last season's champions Armagh, hope to make further progress at the expense of Monaghan. Ursula Daly, Sheila Burke, Teresa Kelly and Ann Jordan will spearhead the Tyrone challenge.

Monaghan, who failed to complete their National Junior League programme, have found a new lease of life. They ended Donegal's

hopes by a five-point margin. Maria Gartland, Noeleen Crosbie, Sandra McMahon, Rosemary Hughes, Frances Byrne and Mary Deery hope to carry Monaghan to the final.

Antrim will travel to Killea to tackle Derry in the second semi-final. Antrim were held to a draw by Down in the quarter-final, but improved to leave a five-point margin in the replay. Catherine McAllister, Aileen Nelson, Rosemary Butler, Margaret McKillop, Geraldine McCann and Bernie Quinn should figure prominently for Antrim.

Derry moved well early in the season but a heavy defeat by Dublin in the league semi-final set them back somewhat. If Arlene McWilliams, Sarah Ann Quinn, Kitty Morgan, Jean McQuillan and Marie Kilpatrick strike form, Derry will be back in business.

Glen Rovers and Killeigh will contest the Cork County Championship final. The match should attract a large crowd as both clubs can call on several inter-county stars. Glen Rovers have their big names in Val Fitzpatrick, Ger McCarthy, Marie Ryan, Sandie Fitzgibbon and Mary Ryan.

Former All-Ireland Club champions, Killeigh, field a good all-round side. Their big names are Catherine Landers-Harnedy, Marion Sweeney, Mary Spillane, Ann-Marie Landers, Shelley Spillane and Patricia Fitzgibbon. The issue is wide open and should provide a most exciting final.

FIXTURES SUNDAY

Leinster Junior Championship semi-finals: Louth v Carlow, Philipstown, 3.00; Wexford v Kildare, Rathfriland, 3.00; Ulster Junior Championship semi-finals: Derry v Antrim, Killea, 2.00; Tyrone v Monaghan, Edin, 3.00.

Camogie minors in All-Ireland final

WEXFORD 4-2 DOWN 0-1
WEXFORD made the long trip north to face Down, the Ulster champions, in the All-Ireland minor camogie semi-final and advanced to the final on a scoreline 4-2 to 0-1.

Wexford opened the scoring with a point by Ann Marie O'Connor after five minutes. Five minutes later, a goal by Clare Cullen increased the lead with a goal by Geraldine Codd adding to the tally. Midway through the half, a point by Maureen McGlennan opened the scoring for the home side. Clare Cullen with a point from a '30' together with two goals by Ann Marie O'Connor, concluded the scoring of the half.

The second half was a more closely contested affair with the home side more determined to break through the visitors' defence but they found Tina Farrell and Deirdre Hearne in superb form. Wexford held on to their advantage to move into the final.

WEXFORD: Tina Farrell, Pauline Casey, Deirdre Hearn (capt.), Eithne Sinnott, Deirdre Atkinson, Breda Lambie, Audrey O'Leary, Mag Kehoe, Clare Cullen (1-1), Geraldine Codd (1-0), Ann Marie O'Connor (2-1), Helen Sinnott, Subs: Mairead Mahon for Breda Lambie (injured), Ann Furlong for Ann Marie O'Connor, also Michelle McCormack, Mag Parker and Tina Furlong.

WEXFORD MEET KILKENNY

Wexford play Kilkenny in Rathnure on Saturday in the U-14 Leinster camogie championships semi-final with the game timed for 3 p.m.

Wexford will be hoping to advance to the final and with a more determined and committed campaign, a place in the final is a good possibility.

ALLEY AND RATHNURE IN FINAL

Buffers Alley, defending champions, and Rathnure, contest

the final of the senior camogie championship at Wexford Park on Sunday next at 2.30 p.m.

Buffers Alley have dominated this grade for the last decade at both county and national level winning five All-Ireland club titles in the process and setting a record of four in a row, the first ever in the history of the competition.

The Buffers Alley team is a very experienced outfit with Kathleen Tonks, Ann Butler, Elsie Cody, Caroline Farrington, Fiona Cousins, Gertrude O'Leary and Nora O'Leary playing well at club and county level and must start the game as favourites.

Rathnure, on the other hand, who recently won the Mary Cahill Memorial seven-a-side, will be a determined outfit and will be aiming to end the champions' reign. Rathnure include two current county senior players Ann Reddy and Jackie Codd who together with county juniors Tish Dreehan, Rita Reddy, Bernie Higgins, Sinead Cowman, Carmel Higgins and Bridget Howlin, will be out to end the great reign of the champions.

Referee for the big game is Ormagh Darcy (nee O'Mahony), St. Martins.

Oulart/Ballagh 4-0 Rathnure 4-0

Oulart / Ballagh, despite a two goal lead with five minutes remaining, were held to a draw by Rathnure, after an entertaining game in the replay of the U-14 camogie league final at Pairc Charman on Thursday last.

Oulart / Ballagh opened the scoring midway through the half with a goal by Bridget O'Toole. With six minutes remaining a goal

by Nicola Carney equalised for Rathnure, with a second goal by Bridget O'Toole restoring the lead for Oulart / Ballagh two minutes from half time.

Bridget O'Toole completed her hat-trick five minutes into the second half to increase the lead. Rathnure with a second goal by Nicola Carney, reduced the arrears to one goal midway through the half. With five minutes remaining Nicola Kearney completed her hat-trick with a goal to equalise for Rathnure. Marian Harris and Nicola Carney with a goal each, completed the scoring of the game.

A Co. Board meeting will be held in the Tavern, Enniscorthy, on Monday night next, July 28, at 8 p.m. All clubs are requested to have delegates in attendance.

RESULTS: All-Ireland Minor Championship Semi-Final, Wexford 4-2, Down 0-1.

U-14 League Final - Replay: Oulart / Ballagh 4-0, Rathnure 4-0.

U-16 Championships: St. Ibars 7-6, St. Johns 0-0; Faythe Harriers 5-10, St. Martin's 4-0; Bunclody 9-0, Kilrush 0-0; Cloughbawn 2-4, St. Senan's 1-0.

1985 Junior League Semi-Final: Faythe Harriers 7-8, Oulart / Ballagh 0-0.

FIXTURES: Junior Championships quarter-finals: Marshalstown v. Oulart / Ballagh in Rathnure, 7.30 p.m. Friday, 25th.

St. Senan's v. Faythe Harriers or Kilrush in Rathnure, Friday, August 1, at 7.30 p.m.

Rathnure v. Oylegate in Monageer, Friday, August 1, at 7.30 p.m.

NOTAI CAMOGAIOCHT

GRADAM TAILTE A HUGE SUCCESS

The National Superstar competition held at St. Finian's College, Mullingar on Saturday last was a big success. The organising committee were complimented by all areas of the association. The input of work over the past couple of months showed up on the day.

The winner was Kilkenny's Angela Downey, who took the title for the third successive year. She had a close call from Ros-

common's Patricia Finneran, who finished four marks behind. It was the most competitive event to date.

Other counts well to the fore were Dublin, Cork, Wicklow, Galway, Derry and Westmeath.

Our own Linda Forde gave a good performance and is to be congratulated. It is a pity there was not more support from the county for her. Other counties were gratefully supported.

After the day's event dinner was held in the Lake County Hotel attended by over one hundred. The presentation was made by An t-Uachtaran, Maire Ni Liomsigh, and all enjoyed themselves at the entertainment afterwards.

The County Committee wish to thank the following: the Gradam Tailte Committee and all the helpers, Ollie Gallagher who was in charge of all events — we are gratefully indebted to him for his outstanding assistance — and to Nancy Scally who left no stone unturned to ensure success.

Thanks also to Johnnie Mullen who was in charge of the public address system, the management and staff of the Lake County Hotel, Terry O'Dowd for supplying the goalposts and nets, Johnnie Flynn for his help in many ways. Last but not least, to Fr. Fay, President of St. Finian's College, who made it possible for us to hold this event by placing the College facilities at our disposal.

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Roscommon Girls Lift Connacht Title



HALT! Two Roscommon players get in a telling tackle during Sunday's game.

(Photo: O'Loughlin Photography).

By A Special Correspondent

ROSCOMMON — — — — 2-6
GALWAY — — — — 2-4

For the first time in eleven years, Margaret Byrne, the Roscommon captain, held the Connacht championship trophy aloft after defeating Galway in a hard-fought and close game. Not since 1975 have the Roscommon team had such victory, earning them an All-Ireland semi-final meeting with Clare.

From the throw-in the Roscommon girls showed that they meant business and went straight into attack. The game was only three minutes old when Teresa Finneran, with a reflex pull, sent the ball crashing to the net. This was followed quickly by a well-taken point from the right half forward K. Naughton. Unrelenting Roscommon continued to apply pressure around the Galway goal and in the 9th minute their outstanding midfielder Patricia Finneran with a powerful shot just inside the 15-metre line, scored Roscommon's second goal.

QUICK REPLY

Rattled by Roscommon's dream start Galway replied with a point through their centre forward. This was followed by a point from a '30. But, again Roscommon came back and through Patricia Finneran sent over a point from a free. A fiery Galway came back and in the space of a few minutes, had chalk-

ed up a goal and a point.

Undeterred, Roscommon rallied once again and through the Finnerans sisters, the Roscommon scoreline increased by two points. The elusive K. Naughton followed this up with a third point. The final score of the half came through the Galway midfielder and left the half time score reading Roscommon 2-5, Galway 1-4.

After half time the Galway team returned to the pitch unchanged but the Roscommon team had some changes with A. Bevan entering the game. There was much tooting and froing from both teams without any scores, but in the tenth minute the Galway forwards won themselves a free directly in front of goal. The free was driven low and hard to the net bringing Galway to within one point of Roscommon. Once again the Roscommon attack rose to the pressure and K. Naughton sent a point over to increase the Roscommon lead to two points.

SURGES

The Roscommon defence held off many Galway surges forward keeping them scoreless, until the final whistle when K. Quinn ended the game there was jubilation scenes as Roscommon had won their first Connacht title in eleven years.

On the day goalkeeper C. Cribbins and the defence were outstanding with M. Byrne playing a captains role at full back. The midfield area was dominated by P. Finneran who was every-

where to help her team mates. Up front it was K. Naughton who takes the honours, ably assisted by T. Finneran.

The All-Ireland semi-final is scheduled for sometime in the middle of August, possibly the 17th, and it is to be a home venue for Roscommon. Now all that stands between the Roscommon girls and a place in the final is a victory over Clare.

ROSCOMMON: C. Cribbins; A. Hynes, M. Byrne, M. Waldron, A. Walsh, M. Gannon, P. Finneran (1-2), T. Bracken, K. Naughton (0-3), T. Finneran (1-1), J. Rogers A. M. Kelly. Subs: A. Bevan and E. Lee.

GALWAY: K. Comer; R. Divilly, B. Linnane, C. Burke, P. Earls, G. Heavey, C. Ryan, C. Geraghty, C. Robinson, A. Baxter, M. O'Sullivan, H. Fleming.

● The County Board personnel, the Co. team and trainer, and all the camogie association in Roscommon were shocked and deeply saddened by the recent death of Michael O'Callaghan. This was expressed at a recent meeting of the above and Chairperson, Mrs. Eileen Fallon commented on the huge amount of work and support that he had given to camogie over the years whether it be in his capacity as an editor or as the GAA Chairperson.

He will be sadly missed and the Co. Board extends its sympathy to the O'Callaghan family on their recent bereavement.

Champions Cork can advance

The All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship was inaugurated in 1932. Fifty four years on, Down and Cork meet in the competition for the first time. In a preliminary round of the 1986 Open Draw, the Down team heads for Cork at the weekend.

The counties have met in other grades and are aware of each others style of play. Although they have enjoyed success at minor and junior levels, Down have had difficulty in establishing themselves in the senior grade.

The county draws its senior players from top clubs, Leitrin and An Riocht. These provide Teresa Allen, Veronica McGreevy, Noreen O'Prey, Maureen O'Higgins, Fionnuala McGrady and the McCartan sisters.

With vivid memories of minor and junior clashes between the counties, Cork will be expecting Down's usual tenacity and determination. Cork enter the game as National League champions and will be expected to advance.

Cork will line out without two of the league final side. Captain and goalkeeper Marion McCarthy is presently on holidays. Winger Clare Cronin has taken a year's leave of absence from work to visit Australia.

Style

Patricia Fitzgibbon of Killeagh will deputise in goal. Marie Ryan, who featured with successful Cork sides a few seasons back makes a welcome return at centre-back. Pressure of business prevented Marie from making herself available for selection in recent times. Her performances with her club show that she has lost none of her style and flair.

Apart from these changes, Cork will have the experienced Sandie Fitzgibbon, Eileen Dineen, Mary Geaney and Val Fitzpatrick in action. Relative newcomers Anne Leahy, Mary Spillane, Linda Mellerick and Colette O'Mahony get a further opportunity to establish themselves.

Half of the Cork team were in action in an exciting county championship final last week. Led by Mary Ring, Glen Rovers carried off their thirteenth Cork senior title. A long puck out by Glen Rovers goalkeeper, Fiona McCarthy swung the game around. Blinded by slanting sun, the Killeagh defence turned to see the ball lying in their net.

Unfair

A second Open Draw match was scheduled for Sunday. Clare, who were listed to meet Dublin, have withdrawn from the competition. Their decision to pull out at this eleventh hour must be condemned. It is most unfair to Dublin who have had the training schedules upset and to their players who passed up peak summer holiday time to make themselves available.

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Carlow girls seek first title

team, supplying nine of the squad, most of whom are only in their early twenties. These girls have been playing together for the last seven years and know each other's game well.

Mary Doyle has played some great games this season in the Carlow goal, behind a sound backline in which full-back Breda Foley has been outstanding and Agnes Smithers, Sheila Ryan and Charmaine Gibson have also been impressive.

Sadie O'Brien, Nuala Quirke and Mary Smyth have dominated the centre of the field in each of their matches, sweeping all before them and

creating some fine moves and good scores.

Up front, Margaret Ryan has been an inspiration to all her team mates, while Geraldine Byrne's ability to be in the right place at the right time saw her score three goals against Louth to seal the game for the South Leinster side.

A team official said that while they recognised Kildare's ability and realised that it would be a very tough and close game, they were quietly confident.

They will certainly have their work cut out in beating Kildare who have already defeated Dublin and Wexford

on the way to the final.

The star of the Kildare team is centre-field Miriam Malone, their top scorer and captain, who is playing her 21st season.

The fine performances of their backline have been a characteristic of all the Kildare games to date with goalie Rose Merriman, Geraldine Dwyer, Melony Tracey, Anne Dargan and Antoinette Merriman creating nightmares for forwards all season. Things have not been going so well up front, though, with frequent changes which have led to a lack of consistency. Only Nuala Kerrigan and Marian Johnson have held their

places all year.

On Sunday Kildare travelled to play a warm-up match against Dublin, an indication of their determination to win in Clane. But they will be without their trainer and selector, Pat Herbert, the Limerick hurler, who has gone to Chicago.

Marion Johnson, secretary of the Kildare Camogie Board, and member of the Kildare squad for Sunday, feels that the experience of their team would more than make up for the greater average age. She sees Nuala Smithers and the Carlow centrefield as the greatest problems but still feels that they will win narrowly.

Kildare's apparent optimism is justified, if their record is anything to go by. The Lilywhites have already beaten them this season in the league and they have not been beaten by Carlow since 1984.

Carlow's Geraldine Byrne has a broken nose, sustained against Louth, while Margaret Ryan dislocated an ankle in training last week. Both are expected to be fit for Sunday. The news from the Lilywhite camp is that Kathleen Elliot, who played the Wexford match with a broken bone in her hand, but was taken off, will face a fitness test this evening (Wednesday, July 24) but is expected to play.

National Junior League champions, Kildare, bid for their second trophy of the season. They entertain Carlow in the Leinster Junior final on Sunday. Kildare have travelled a hard road so far in this competition. They ousted Dublin, Laois and defending champions Wexford.

Presently riding on the crest of a wave, Kildare hope to make this a year to remember. If Miriam Malone, Anna Dargan, Rose Merriman, Gemma Cooney and Patricia Keatley maintain their current form, Kildare should take a step further.

It has been a good season for Carlow also. They were responsible for the exit of Kilkenny and Louth from the championship. If Nuala Smithers, Margaret Ryan and Sadie O'Brien hit form, they will make it difficult for Kildare.

Tyrone and Derry will contest the Ulster Junior Championship final on Sunday. Tyrone have been improving as the season advances. They recorded victories over All-Ireland finalists Armagh and Monaghan, but may find an in-form Derry side too hot to handle. Derry looked good in disposing of Antrim in the semi-final and are tipped to lift the title.

DOWN HAVE DETERMINATION

CORK Seniors set out in quest of All-Ireland honours on Sunday when they take on Down at St. Finbarrs.

Cork can call on experienced campaigners Marie Mackey-Ryan who has been recalled to the county team after four years, Angela Higgins who wins her place at half-forward and Eire Og's Mary Geaney. These girls will be hoping to help and encourage newcomers to the championship arena, Colette O'Mahony, Linda Mellerick and Patricia Fitzgibbon who takes over between the posts for Marion McCarthy who is holidaying abroad. Add to this the skills of Sandy Fitzgibbon and Mary Spillane and Down are sure to have a fight on their hands.

Cork will have to play a cautious game as the opposition are sure to be full of determination.

LOCAL FRONT

On the local front Brian Dillons and St. Finbarrs do battle for the 1985 U-18 league title. Both these clubs have excellent young players and an abundance of talent will be on show.

St. Finbarrs' Niamh Coughlan and Colette O'Mahony will be anxious to grab the title from Dillons, whose trainer John Mulcahy is sure to have them fit and eager for victory. Led by Linda Mellerick and Aileen Barry, they will make the Barrs fight all the way.

On the U14 scene 12

League games are fixed for Monday and Tuesday evening, while the junior 'B' clubs are all in action on Thursday evening.

Sunday, July 27: Senior Championship, Cork v Down, St. Finbarrs, 2.30 p.m.

Cork team: P. Fitzgibbon, E. Dineen, M. Spillane, A. Leahy, M. Mackey, Ryan, S. Fitzgibbon, V. Fitzpatrick, L. Dumphy, A. Higgins, C. O'Mahony, M. Geaney, L. Mellerick. Subs, C. Landers, B. Joyce, M. Ring, G. McCarthy, I. O'Leary. P. Keniry.

Monday, July 28: 7.30 p.m., U14 league, Glen Rovers v Douglas at Douglas, ref. Glen Rovers.

Tuesday, July 29: All at 7.30 p.m., all U14 League. Brian Dillons v Bishopstown A at Brian Dillons, ref. Bishopstown; Fr. O'Neills v St. Catherine's at St. Catherine's, ref. Fr. O'Neills; Killeagh v Castlemartyr, at Castlemartyr, ref. Killeagh; Churchtown v Araglen at Araglen, ref. Churchtown;

Ballinora v Ballinascorthy at Ballinora, ref. Ballinascorthy; Barryroe v Ballinacollig at Ballinacollig, ref. Barryroe; Inniscarra v Aghabullogue at Aghabullogue, ref. Inniscarra; Eire Og v Cloughduv at Cloughduv, ref. Eire Og; Bishopstown 'B' v Wathergrasshill, at Bishopstown, ref. Watergrasshill; Blackrock v Sarsfields at Blackrock, ref. Sarsfields; Kilsannig v Mounseabbey at Kilsannig, ref. Mounseabbey.

Wednesday, July 30: 7.30, at Ballinacollig, U13 league final, Brian Dillons v St. Finbarrs, ref. B. McDonnell.

Thursday, July 31: All 7.30, all Junior 'B' leagues. Blackrock v Passage at Passage, ref. Crosshaven; Bishopstown v Barryroe at Barryroe, ref. Ballinascorthy; Eire Og v Fr. Mathews at Fr. Mathews, ref. Douglas; St. Catherine's v Carrigtwohill at St. Catherine's, ref. Killeagh; Sarsfields v Churchtown at Sarsfields, ref. Brian Dillons; Bride Rovers v Erins Own at Bride Rovers, ref. Watergrasshill; St. Pats v Kilsannig at Kilsannig, ref. Mounseabbey; Grenagh v Ballinora, at Ballinora, ref. Eire Og.

Title for Kildare

KILDARE 1-4; CARLOW 0-4

KILDARE National Junior League champions, added the Leinster Junior championship title to their credit after a close call with Carlow in the final played at Clane yesterday.

Little separated the sides throughout, a goal by Marianne Johnson just before half-time gave the Lilywhites a 1-4 to 0-2 lead, in the second moiety Carlow gave a fine display and most of the time Kildare defence was under pressure. If the losers had notched off points instead of going for goals the result could have been different. They held the league champions scoreless in this final with Nuala Quirke add-

ing a further 0-2 to her tally.

The winners were well served by Rose Merriman, Anna Dargan, Antoinette Merriman, Marian Malone, Marianne Johnson and Patricia Keatley. Carlow had stars in Mary Doyle, Breda Foley, Nuala Quirke, Sadie O'Brien, Mary Smyth and Agnes Smithers.

Scorers — Kildare: M. Malone (0-4), M. Johnson (1-0). Carlow — N. Quirke (0-4).

CAMOGIE — All-Ireland Senior Championship, Preliminary Round — Cork 4-11; Down 1-1. Leinster Junior Championship Final — Kildare 1-4; Carlow 0-4. Junior Camogie Championship semi-final — Mooncoin 5-7; St. Brigid's Ballycallan 2-0. Leinster U-14 Camogie semi-final — Kilkenny 4-8; Wexford 1-1.



Phyllis Breslin, Leinster Chairperson, presents the Leinster Cup to Miriam Malone.

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Easy for Cork

By Declan Colley.

Cork 4-13 Down 1-1

DOWN made the long journey to Cork for the All Ireland Senior Camogie Championship encounter yesterday and were comprehensively outplayed by a far more accomplished home side.

Cork started strongly and while the Down defence initially held out against overwhelming waves of Cork attacks, they soon buckled under the pressure and the Cork scores came thick and fast.

Colette O'Mahoney.

Angela Higgins, Anne Leahy and Sandra Fitzgibbon all got their names on the scoresheet before Mary Geaney scored Cork's first goal in the 20th minute. She added to this on the stroke of half-time with an opportunist effort from about 15 metres to leave the score at 2-8 to nil at the break.

The one-way traffic continued in the second period. Two goals from Angela Higgins and a string of points from Colette O'Mahoney and Mary Geaney put the issue beyond all doubt.

The visitors salvaged a goal and a point towards the end, but these were no more than a small consolation for a battered Down side.

Scorers - Cork, Colette O'Mahoney (0-7), Mary Geaney (2-3), Angela Higgins (2-1) and Sandra Fitzgibbon and Anne Leahy (0-1) each.

Down, Teresa Allen (1-1).
Cork: P. Fitzgibbon, M. Mackey-Ryan, E. Dineen, M. Spillane, A. Leahy, V. Fitzpatrick, L. Murphy, S. Fitzgibbon, L. Mellerick, A. Higgins, C. O'Mahoney and M. Geaney.

Down: D. Greeran, N. O'Prey, N. McCartan, S. McCartan, R. Quinn, G. McCartan, T. Allen, B. Kelly, V. McGreevy, F. McGrady, M. O'Higgins and K. Rice. Subs: G. Killen and R. McGrady for Quinn and Kelly.



Putting The Boot In... Cork's Angela Higgins kicking the ball forward as her stick is restricted by a Down player during the All-Ireland Camogie championship game at Toghher yesterday. (Michael Olney)



Cork's Angela Higgins races through the Down defence during the All-Ireland Camogie Championship game at Toghher yesterday. (Michael Olney — Examiner)

Camogie girls in final again

Kilkenny 4-8;

Wexford 1-1

KILKENNY, who won the Leinster final of the under-14 camogie championship in 1985 are again through to the decider following their great win over Wexford at Rathnure on Saturday.

The Noreiders were slow to start and, although playing with the strong breeze, did not open the scoring until the 10th minute when Lorraine Barden goalied. By the interval Kilkenny had gone into a lead of 3-4 to 1-0.

Such was the strength of the breeze that one expected the Model County girls to put up a stiff challenge in the second half. However, Kilkenny

improved and again had the better of the exchanges.

The winners took control at midfield where Geraldine Ryan and Gillian Dillon were in unbeatable form, and Orla Ryall, who was moved from centre-forward to take on Wexford's best player, broke even with her and this saw Kilkenny continually on the attack. In addition, Esther Kennedy had a great second half and anything that did get past midfield was cleared by the Freshford girl.

Up front, Kilkenny had an outstanding forward in 12-year-old Brigid Mullally, who showed the style, craft and general ability to become a star

of the future. Lorraine Barden also improved when she moved to centre-forward.

Michelle Hawe, who came on at the interval, got a goal for the winners. Siobhán Dermody and Mary McGrath, who replaced her near the end, tried hard. Deirdre Lannon had a fine game at full-back and made some great clearances. Margaret Dalton and Mary Claire Hickey were sound in the corners and never gave their opponents an inch. Veronica Wall got very little to do in goal, while her sister, Brigid, tried hard against a very good opponent.

Kilkenny — Veronica Wall (Lisdowney); Deirdre Lannon (Thomastown); Mary Claire Hickey (St. Lactain's); Esther

Kennedy (do.); Margaret Dalton (St. Brigid's); Brigid Wall (Lisdowney); Geraldine Ryan (Castletomer); Gillian Dillon (St. Lactain's); Brigid Mullally (Tullogher); Orla Ryall (St. Brigid's); Siobhán Dermody (St. Lactain's); Lorraine Barden (Danesfort). Subs: Michelle Howe (St. Paul's); Mary McGrath (St. Brigid's).

Wexford — Jenny Fortune, Eileen Lacey, Deirdre O'Grady, Ailish Dunne, Jackie Jordan, Emma English, Siobhán Somers, Linda Doyle, Lennie Walker, Janice Jordan (capt.), Deirdre McGrath, Norma McCarthy. Subs: Caroline Conroy, Vicki O'Leary, Ann Morrissey.

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Kildare camogie team who won the Leinster Junior Championship at Clane on Sunday by beating Carlow.

Kildare are Leinster camogie champions

KILDARE 1-4
CARLOW 0-4

Kildare's camogie team kept the flags flying on Sunday when they added the Leinster Junior Championship to their League title.

They defeated Carlow by a goal in weather conditions that were not very favourable. The game was played in Clane and, as after their League victory, the local G.A.A. club gave the girls a rousing reception.

Kildare were first to score, a point from a thirty taken by Miriam Malone, after four minutes. She scored another within minutes before putting one over from play. Kildare dominated in the first fifteen minutes and with a little luck could have been further ahead. Marianne Johnson had a shot which looked a certain goal but the ball struck the post and came back into play. The Carlow backs cleared the

ball. Patricia Keatley collected it on the thirty and she too suffered the frustration of seeing her shot hit the upright to go wide.

Carlow had now settled down and came more into the game. Nuala Smithers was playing very well for Carlow at midfield and she scored two beautiful points. Miriam had another point from play before Marianne Johnson had a very well-taken shot which deceived the goalie and ended in the net. This left Kildare five points ahead at half-time.

The second half was completely different. Carlow played as a newly-inspired team and showed their appearance in the final was no fluke. They matched Kildare in their play and never left them any open spaces. The brilliance of their goalie, Mary Doyle, kept Kildare from getting many a score. Kildare did not panic under all the pressure and the few times Rose Merriman was called on to clear her line showed the sound-

ness of the backline. It is hard to believe Kildare failed to score in the second half, while Carlow had two points from Nuala Smithers.

Geraldine Dwyer and Melanie Treacy were outstanding in a very good Kildare defence. Miriam Malone and Patricia Keatley always played well, while Gemma Cooney had a difficult job controlling Nuala Smithers. Marianne Johnson and Nuala Kerrigan were always trying hard in the forwards. Kildare play Derry at a Derry venue in the All-Ireland semi-final on 17th August.

Scorers: Miriam Malone (0-4), Marianne Johnson (1-0).

Team: Rose Merriman, Geraldine Dwyer, Melanie Treacy, Anna Dargan, Antoinette Merriman, Patricia Keatley, Miriam Malone, Gemma Cooney, Kathleen Elliott, Marianne Johnson, Nuala Kerrigan, Liz Donohoe. Subs.: Bernadette Farrelly for Kathleen Elliott and Nora Egan for Liz Donohoe.

BACK: AISKING TREACY

PAT KEATLEY, MELANIE TREACY, NORA EGAN, ROSE MERRIMAN, ANNA DARGAN, ANTOINETTE MERRIMAN, PHYLLIS BAMBUAY, ELIZABETH CONWAY, TESIE MULLAXY

FRONT: MARIANNE JOHNSON

GEMMA COONEY, MIRIAM MALONE, LIZ DONOHOE, NUALA KERRIGAN, KATHLEEN ELLIOTT, GERALDINE DWYER & BERNADETTE FARRELLY

Barrs make it three

ST. FINBARRS 1-10
BRIAN DILLONS 1-5

IN an exciting and closely-contested camogie final at Ballincollig, St. Finbarrs overcame a strong challenge from Brian Dillons to take their third successive u-18 league title.

This was a well-deserved victory for the Barrs, as Dillons had already taken the championship and were expected to complete the double.

St. Finbarrs took control of the game early on, but experienced some anxious moments when Dillons came within two points of them. But victory was sealed by an excellent long-range point from Niamh Coughlan and a magnificent sideline cut by Colette O'Mahony which went straight between the posts.

Kiltulla earn morale booster

KILTULLA 5-4
ATHENRY 1-3

KILTULLA senior camogie team recorded a big win over Athenry in this Senior League tie at Kiltulla on Monday last. These two sides will meet again in the County Championship final on August 31.

This represented a morale-boosting victory for Kiltulla over their rivals. The home side were forced to line out without their best forward, 'flu victim Ann Ryan.

Athenry fielded without Una Jordan, Mary Higgins and Lorna Herson but even with a full-strength side they would hardly have taken the points.

Kiltulla have now advanced to the

Senior League final as well as the championship decider as a result of this victory. Kiltulla started the game in whirlwind fashion with goals from Teresa Leahy and Hilda Flannery to lead 3-2 to 1-2 at half-time.

Ann Morris was the Athenry goal scorer. The second half was almost one-way traffic with Kiltulla's Teresa Leahy, Ann Carty, Ena Cannon and Hilda Flannery all in great form.

Kiltulla had splendid performers in Joan Whoriskey, Ann Walsh, Paula Earls, Hilda Flannery and Teresa Leahy. Athenry were best served by Ann Coleman, Chris Silke, Madge Hobbs, Noreen Treacy and Brid Holland.

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All-Ireland Minor Camogie Final

Meet the Wexford panel



ANN MARIE O'CONNOR
BUFFERS ALLEY



HELEN SINNOTT
DUFFRY ROVERS



MAG KEHOE
MARSHALSTOWN



DEIRDRE HEARNE
(CAPT) ST. IBARS



EITHNE SINNOTT
BUFFERS ALLEY



TINA FURLONG
BUNCLODY



BREDA LAMBE
ST. IBARS



TINA FARRELL
OYLEGATE

Wexford Face Galway in Wexford Park

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counter advanced to the final on a scoreline of 4-2 to 0-1.

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Wexford, with F.C.J. Bunclody, winning Leinster Minor, Junior and Senior titles, with the Junior and Senior both reaching the All-Ireland Finals, a fantastic achievement by any standard. Galway with St. Raphael's, Loughrea won both senior and junior titles last year and retained the senior title this year defeating F.C.J., Bunclody in the final, in a replay.

The Wexford team includes five from the winning Leinster team last year, Deirdre Hearne,

who captains the side, Clare Cullen, Audrey O'Leary, Geraldine Codd, and Ann Marie O'Connor who together with Deirdre Atkinson, Tina Farrell and Mag Kehoe will be aiming to win the very first All-Ireland honour in the minor grade.

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MICHELL McCORMACK
OYLEGATE



MAG PARKER
ST. IBARS



CLARE CULLEN
ST. IBARS



GERALDINE CODD
RATHNURE



PAULINE CASEY
DUFFRY ROVERS



ANN FURLONG
FAYTHE HARRIERS



DEIRDRE ATKINSON
DUFFRY ROVERS



MAIREAD MAHON
BUNCLODY

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Special day for Wexford

SINCE its inauguration in 1974, the All-Ireland Minor Championship has proved to be a most attractive competition. On Sunday next, Wexford and Galway will tussle for the highly prized Corn Talteann.

For Wexford it will be a special occasion. In addition to hosting the final, the county is featuring in the final for the first time. Opponents Galway are old hands at the minor game. They participated in six finals finishing on the right side in 1977 and 1981.

Galway will be strong at midfield where Fionnuala Keane, Suzanne Burke, and Mary Cawley are effective. Up front Galway have skillful and experienced performers in Imelda Hobbins, Mary Treacy, Triona Dolphin and Patricia Connor.

Many trophies, All-Ireland Colleges, Feile na nGael, etc. have gone to Galway. The fruit of this great ground-work should be seen on Sunday when these players blend together. It should be third time lucky for the westerners.

Munster Council will avail of the Bank Holiday to run off their senior championship final. Tipperary will be at home to Cork in what should be a good workout for both. The title was last claimed by Tipperary in 1977 and on present form Cork should hold on to it for another season.

HAT-TRICK

Angela Downey completed her hat-trick of Graham Talte titles. Her winning margin on this occasion was not as comprehensive as last season. Angela on 41 points was eagerly pursued by Roscommon's Patricia Finneran who finished on 37 points. Deirdre Costello (Galway) improved on her personal tally with 29 points edging Cork's Linda Mellerick into fourth place.

The four finalists for the All-Ireland Junior Championship are now known. None of last season's contestants managed to make it back to the penultimate stage. The novel pairings will match Roscommon and Clare in the first game and Derry and Kildare in the second match.

FIXTURES

SUNDAY

All-Ireland Minor Final — At Wexford Park (3.00) — Wexford v Galway.

MONDAY

Munster Senior Championship Final — At Tipperary (7.30) — Tipperary v Cork.

UNDERSTANDING

Eithne Sinnott, sister of Wexford senior Stella and Pauline Casey from Duffry Rovers fill the wing back positions. Margaret Kehoe (Marshallstown), Audrey O'Leary (Faythe Harriers) and Breda Lambe (St. Ibars) play across the middle of the field.

Three of the four forwards, Clare Cullen, Geraldine Codd and Ann Marie O'Connor are playing together for the second year.

Their understanding and teamwork is one of the strong points of the side. Helen Sinnott of Duffry Rovers completes the team which will not concede easily to the visitors.

Nora O'Rourke will lead Galway from her goalkeeping spot. She will be fronted by a sound defence made up of Mariene Linnane, Bronagh Smith, Ger Fahy and Caroline Linnane.

Twelfth title in a row for the Alley

BUFFERS ALLEY 1-11

RATHNURE 1-3

BUFFERS ALLEY defeated Rathnure in the final of the county senior camogie championship, played at Wexford Park on Sunday last on a scoreline 1-11 to 1-3 to take the title for a record twelfth consecutive year.

Anne Reddy with a point in the first minute opened the scoring of the game for Rathnure. Buffers Alley, with wind advantage took the lead with a goal by Gertrude O'Leary with points by Elsie Cody and Nora O'Leary adding to the tally. Two points by Jean O'Leary together with one each by Gertrude O'Leary and Fiona Cousins left the champions well in command at the interval on a scoreline 1-7 to 0-1.

Rathnure with the assistance of a strong wind started lively with points by Jackie Codd and Ann Reddy in the opening minutes, reducing the arrears. Terry Butler with a point after five minutes opened the scoring of the half for Buffers Alley. Midway through the half points by Gertrude O'Leary, Elsie Cody and Jean O'Leary completed the scoring for Buffers Alley. Carmel Higgins had a goal in the final minute for Rathnure.

Best for Buffers Alley were: Kathleen Tonks, Ann Butler, Elsie

**SENIOR CAMOGIE
FINAL**

Cody, Fiona Cousins and Jean O'Leary.

Best for Rathnure: Jackie Codd, Breda Carr, Sinead Cowman, Anna Hickey and Ann Reddy.

Buffers Alley: Kathleen Tonks, Ann Butler, Stella Sinnott, Elsie Cody (0-2), Imelda O'Leary (capt.), Paula Sinnott, Caroline Farrington, Nora O'Leary (0-2), Jean O'Leary, (0-3), Catherine Sinnott. Subs.: Terry Butler (0-1) for Stella Sinnott for Nora O'Leary, also Ann Marie O'Connor and Ailish Kavanagh.

Rathnure: Sinead Cowman, Rita Reddy, Tish Dreehan, Breda Carr, Bernie Higgins (capt.), Jackie Codd (0-1), Ann Reddy (0-2), Anna Hickey, Bridget Howlin, Carmel Higgins (1-0), Mary Codd,

Geraldine Codd. Subs.: Linda Sheehan, Maria Barron, Ann Lawlor and Breda White. Referee — Ornagh Darcy (St. Martins).

County Chairman, John Furlong complimented both teams on their performance and the selectors for their dedication and commitment. He presented the cup to the victorious captain, Imelda O'Leary who together with the Rathnure captain Bernie Higgins congratulated their respective teams.

Results — senior championship final, Buffers Alley 1-11, Rathnure 1-3.

Under 14 Leinster championships semi-final, Wexford 1-1, Kilkenny 4-8.

County junior championships: St. Ibars 1-6, St. Martins 0-0; Marshallstown 5-3, Oulart / Ballagh 0-2.

County under 16 championships: Duffry Rovers 2-9, Oylegate 1-1.

Wexford minors bid for All-Ireland title

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THE LINEOUT

Tina Farrell

(Oylegate)

Eithne Sinnott
(Buffers Alley)

Deirdre Hearne (capt)
(St. Ibars)

Pauline Casey
(Duffry Rovers)

Deirdre Atkinson
(Duffry Rovers)

Mag Kehoe
(Marshallstown)

Audrey O'Leary
(Faythe Harriers)

Breda Lambe
(St. Ibars)

Clare Cullen
(St. Ibars)

Geraldine Codd
(Rathnure)

Ann Marie O'Connor
(Buffers Alley)

Helen Sinnott
(Duffry Rovers)

Subs.: Michelle McCormack (Oylegate), Mag Parker (St. Ibars), Mairead Mahon (Buncloody), Ann Furlong (Faythe Harriers), Tina Furlong (Buncloody).

Minors atone for defeats of last two years

GALWAY 2-8
WEXFORD 1-4

IN A THRILLING final the Galway minor team captured the All-Ireland camogie title in sparkling fashion with a seven-point victory over Leinster champions Wexford at Wexford Park on Sunday.

Galway have in recent years produced many fine camogie sides, but for sheer dedication, skill and teamwork this gallant bunch of players must surely rate as one of the best teams ever to represent the county.

Having been runners-up in the last two finals Galway finally made it to the winners rostrum in the sunshine and showers at Wexford Park on a glorious Sunday for camogie in the county. The scenes of jubilation at the end of Sunday's decider told its own story.

Although Galway had seven points to spare at the end of a hectic fifty minutes of classic camogie, Wexford were in the game with a chance until the last fifteen minutes when the superior fitness of the girls in maroon began to have a telling effect.

Wexford opened the scoring with points in the early minutes from Ann Marie Connor and Ger Codd. Imelda Hobbins replied with a similar score in the fifth minute, Patricia Connors levelled affairs with a point from a '30'.

Ann Marie O'Connor restored the home side's lead in the 10th minute. Then, Galway took over and superb centreforward Mary Treacy had a great goal to put Galway ahead for the first time. Audrey O'Leary had a point for Wexford in the 21st minute.

Prior to the interval Patricia Connors had a point to leave Galway 1-4 to 0-4 ahead at the break.

Both teams served up tremendous fare in the first five minutes of the second half and the home fans had cause for celebration when

Deirdre Atkinson levelled the game with a Wexford goal.

The match was now in the balance and a close finish seemed on the cards. It was then that this Galway side showed their character. Patricia Connors had a great point from play midway through the half. Three minutes later a brilliant move involving Triona Dolphin led to her Mullagh clubmate Imelda Hobbins scoring a classic goal.

Wexford were now numbed and finally fell apart. In the closing moments Triona Dolphin, Mary Treacy and Patricia Connors wrapped up the title with a string of points.

It would be impossible to find a weak link in this superb Galway side, each player played her part in this richly-deserved triumph. They were a credit to trainer Isabel McGee and selectors Kathleen Linnane, Frank Connors and Sean Geraghty.

Goalie Nora O'Rourke was an inspiring captain, full-back Marlene Linnane was rock solid as were Geraldine Fahy and Bronagh Smyth. The clearances of Caroline Linnane were a treat to watch. Midfielders Suzanne Burke and Finola Keane had their moments.

The forwards also did well. Triona Dolphin, Mary Treacy, Imelda Hobbins and Patricia Connors are clearly destined for a bright future. Regina Cunningham also showed nice touches when introduced for Finola Keane who played her heart out.

While Wexford had not the balance or the team work of Galway — they were worthy finalists and had some great performers in Deirdre Hearne, Deirdre Atkinson, Ger Codd, Ann Marie O'Connor, Eileen Synott and goalie Tina Farrell.

After the game the President of Cumann Camogaichta na

nGael, Mrs. Mary Lynch, presented the All-Ireland trophy to Galway captain Nora O'Rourke amid scenes of great joy and excitement.

GALWAY: N. O'Rourke, M. Linnane, B. Smyth, G. Fahy, C. Linnane, F. Keane, M. Cawley, S. Burke, M. Treacy (1-1), I. Hobbins (1-2), T. Dolphin (0-1), P. Connors (0-4). Subs.: R. Cunningham, A. M. Fives, M. Dooley, I. Kennedy, C. Curley, D. Canning, M. Corcoran, A. Spellman, M. Carty, S. Murray and G. Cahill.

WEXFORD: T. Farrell, D. Hearne, P. Casey, D. Atkinson (1-0), E. Synott, A. O'Leary (0-1), M. Keogh, G. Codd (0-1), G. Cullen, E. Synott, A. M. O'Connor (0-2). Referee: Ellis O'Shea (Cork).

BRAVE WEXFORD ARE OVERCOME

GALWAY 2-8
WEXFORD 1-4

A STRONG, well-balanced Galway side scored a deserving seven-point victory over Wexford in an exciting All-Ireland minor camogie final at Wexford Park yesterday.

Galway's success can be attributed to a solid defence and an opportunist attack which helped them overcome a spirited Wexford challenge.

Galway led 1-4 to 0-4 at

the interval, their goal coming from Mary Treacy. Within three minutes of the restart, Wexford were back on level terms with a great goal from Deirdre Atkinson, but once Galway's Theresa Dolphin scored their second goal midway through the second half, the result was never in doubt.

SCORERS: Galway — M. Treacy, T. Dolphin (1-1 each), M. Cawley (0-4), S. Burke (0-2). Wexford — D. Atkinson (1-2), G. Codd (0-2).

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THE Galway team which defeated Wexford on Sunday to win their third All-Ireland Minor Camogie Championship.

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Gritty Galway take the title

WEXFORD 1-4 GALWAY 2-8

WEXFORD's hopes of winning a national minor title for the first time ever were smashed by an experienced Galway side in the All-Ireland minor camogie championship final at Wexford Park on Sunday afternoon.

ALL-IRELAND MINOR CAMOGIE FINAL

The Wexford minors displayed amazing potential in a tough and exciting final but were left standing at 2-8 to 1-4 by the Galwegians who are no newcomers to the championship.

Wexford matched their opponents in playing power and determination but fell to pieces when it came to taking advantage of scoring opportunities.

Wexford's forwards consistently failed to grab wide-open chances and their downfall was the recipe for Galway's success.

The Galwegian forwards shone through and managed to stamp a strong impression on the scoreboard despite the best efforts of Wexford goalie, Tina Farrell.

Wexford opened the scoring with a point from Anne Marie O'Connor

and maintained their line of attack until a further point from Clare Cullen followed.

After a short period of adjustment the Galway players began to settle and the emphasis changed with Wexford falling on the defensive.

Galway's ace shooter, Patricia O'Connor, notched up a point for her side which was matched by a point from her Wexford namesake, Anne-Marie O'Connor. Two points for Galway followed from Imelda Hobbins to equalise the sides for the first time in the game.

Wexford then went ahead with a free-taken point from Audrey O'Leary to give a false impression of the home side's strength which was dispelled almost immediately by a Galway goal.

The crucial score came after a hard-fought battle at the Wexford goalmouth which had the home backs acquitting themselves well.

Suffering from the setback Wexford went on the attack, and while they produced some admirable displays of the game as it should be played, they failed to capitalise on golden opportunities.

A point from Patricia O'Connor for Galway seconds before the half time whistle settled the score at 1-4 to 0-4 in Galway's favour after the first twenty-five minutes.

In the opening minutes of the second half, Wexford responded brilliantly to a near goal from Galway with a definite goal of their own.

Star player, Deirdre Atkinson, was the scorer and now the two

sides were equal at 1-4 to 1-4 for the second time in the final.

Wexford were still in with a chance at that sweet-sounding All-Ireland title and they forged ahead with a renewed strength but, alas! they were no match for the mettle of Galway.

The West-siders called on all reserves and used their experience to overcome an inexperienced Wexford.

A point combined with a beautiful goal from Imelda Hobbins ten minutes from the close of the game put Wexford at an even more disappointing disadvantage. Their hopes were dashed further when a goal-scoring chance was needlessly missed.

Mary Treacy and Triona Dolphin responded with two points to set the scoreline at 2-7 to 1-4 with only minutes to go. A two-minute tussle at the Galway goalmouth had Wexford fighting for a goal which never materialised.

After another Galway point from Patricia O'Connor, Wexford again came close to a goal when Triona Dolphin moved in for a score. The ball went wide to settle Wexford's fate and hand the All-Ireland title to a deserving Galway side.

Galway: Nora O'Rourke (capt.), Marlene Linnane, Bronagh Smith, Geraldine Fahy, Carol Linnane, Fionnola Keane, Siobhan Burke, Mary Cawley, Mary Treacy (0-1), Imelda Hobbins (1-2), Triona Dolphin (1-1), Patricia O'Connor (0-4).

Wexford: Tina Farrell, Deirdre Hearne, Pauline Casey, Deirdre Atkinson (1-0), Eithne Sinnott, Mairead Kehoe, Audrey O'Leary (0-1), Brid Lambe, Geraldine Codd, Clare Cullen (0-1), Evelyn Sinnott, Anne-Marie O'Connor (0-2).

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Athy 2-2
Celbridge 1-3

There was a shock result to the Junior Championship on Sunday when Athy defeated Celbridge by two points. Celbridge were expected to win out as they were champions last year and they have been very strong in all their League matches to date. Athy have only been reformed this year after a lapse of a number of years and they have done very well. They are fortunate that a bye-law now exists in the county that a club must win the Junior Championship twice in a row before being graded Senior.

The teams were evenly matched. Celbridge were first to score, a point from Ann Meehan, but Athy replied with a goal, scored by Patsy Whelan, when she doubled on the long puck out from full-back A. Wall. Patsy Whelan and Ann Meehan exchanged points before Jane Gannon scored a goal for Celbridge, to put them ahead. Jackie Deering scored a further point for Athy to leave the teams level at half-time. There was no score in the second half until Lorraine Cummins scored a point for Celbridge after fifteen minutes. Celbridge looked all set to take the honours but Yvonne Moran deprived them when she scored a goal with very little time remaining. Best for Athy were: A. Wall, Patsy Whelan, Jackie Deering and Lily Lynam, while Marion Lynam, Elizabeth Birchall, Ann Meehan and Biddy Kilduff tried hard for Celbridge.

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Broadford 1-8
Prosperous 1-2

Broadford won their fifth Senior Championship in a row when they defeated Prosperous in Clane on Sunday. This was as good a match as any of the inter-county matches we have seen this year and as keenly fought. Prosperous got off to a dream start with a goal from Mary O'Neill, they had two further points during the half from Kathleen Elliott. Broadford had three points from Miriam Malone to leave Prosperous two points ahead at half time.

In the second half luck deserted Prosperous. They made a number of fouling errors and with Miriam Malone in brilliant free-taking form this spell disaster. Broadford had drawn three points ahead with ten minutes remaining. At this point Prosperous were awarded a free. Kathleen Elliott struck the ball low and hard only to see her shot strike the upright and go wide. Within minutes Nora Egan beat Rose Merriman for the first time in the game for Broadford's goal. Miriam Malone covered practically every area of the pitch and contributed 7 points to Broadford's score. She was ably assisted by her sisters, Anna and Irene, the Farrelly sisters and Patricia Keatley. Rose Merriman had an excellent game in goal for Prosperous. Geraldine Dwyer, Antoinette Merriman, Jackie Maher, Kathleen Elliott and Gemma Cooney never gave up trying to bring the cup back to Prosperous. Broadford will now represent Kildare in the Inter-County Club Championship on August 10th.

Scorers: Broadford - Miriam Malone (0-7), Nora Egan (1-0), Bernadette Farrelly (0-1). Prosperous - Mary O'Neill (1-0), Kathleen Elliott (0-2).

Broadford: Majella Gorman, Elizabeth Conway, Theresa Farrelly, Anna Dargan, Majella Mallon, Irene Miggins, Miriam Malone, Patricia Keatley, Teesy Kavanagh, Bernadette Farrelly, Elizabeth Doran, Nora Egan.

Prosperous: Rose Merriman, Geraldine Dwyer, Mary Johnson, Antoinette Merriman, Dolores Quinn, Gemma Cooney, Marianne Johnson, Celine Galvin, Kathleen Elliott, Jackie Maher, Mary O'Neill. Sub: Carmel Kindrigan for Geraldine Dwyer.



The Wexford minor camogie team defeated by Galway in the All-Ireland minor camogie final at Wexford Park last Sunday.

Dublin bring back Bernie

BERNIE Toner is placed in goal as Dublin set out to recapture the All-Ireland Championship title which they held in 1984. The team's regular centre back for the past decade, she will face the challenge of Tipperary at Silverpark on Sunday.

With Dublin's top class goalkeeper, Yvonne Redmond, in the States, Dublin had to find a replacement. They have experimented with a number of keepers over the past two years but obviously none have met the requirements. With her good concentration, she can adapt well to her new role.

Last season's captain, Edel Murphy, was married recently and will be an absentee. Otherwise, Dublin will be at full strength. That means Una Crowley, Marie Connell, Joan Gormley, Marion Conroy, Germaine Noonan and Anna Condon will be in action.

RETIRED?

Tipperary met Dublin in the 1984 All-Ireland final. However, half of that side will be missing for one reason or another on Sunday. Mona Quigley will be on duty with the Irish Ladies Racketball team. Deirdre Lane is reported to be retired from the game. Ger Ryan, Breda Kennedy, Margaret Madden and Siobhan McDonnell, are out of the country at the moment.

It is difficult to see Tipperary causing a surprise with these defections. They retain good players Jenny English, Rosie Ryan, Anne Gleeson, Maura Hackett and Maureen Connolly, but face an uphill struggle against the fast moving Dublin side.

Cork have their second outing in the competition with Antrim as visitors. Marion McCarthy, who missed the Down game, should be back in the Cork goal. Otherwise the team should be on similar lines as that which scored a comfortable win over Down.

PRESSURE

The Ulster champions will have Catherine McAllister, Margaret McKillop, Bridget McAteer, Joan Campbell and Mary McMullen in defence. Further afield the experienced Mary Lundy, Anne McGlew and Carol McAllister will put pressure on Cork. In view of their League run and the margin of their victory over Down, a home win is expected.

Brid Stokes, who has been the dominant figure in the Limerick forward line for many seasons, will miss the Kilkenny game. The Croagh-Kilfinny player is holidaying in America.

News from the Limerick camp indicates that the preparation for this game has not been as thorough as it should have been. Certain prominent players did not have a good attendance record in training. The selectors may well decide to promote the best of the juniors to supplement Angela O'Sullivan, Marguerite Guiry, Bernie O'Dea, Mary Lenthian and Helen Sheehy.

All-Ireland champions, Kilkenny will be a formidable challenge in Nowlan Park. Liz Neary, Anne Downey, Bridie Martin and Angela Downey are chasing their sixth medal and should guide their team-mates to victory.

GALWAY

Galway had taken the bold step of discarding the majority of the senior players for their clash with Wexford and replacing them with members of last season's successful junior team. Eight players — Eileen Howley, Brid Stratford, Angela Cooney, Julie Glynn, Deirdre Costello, Ann Ryan, Mairead Coyle and Ann Fahy have received the call up.

Of the regular seniors, only Mary Kelly, Teresa Raftery and Mary Keane remain in favour. Bridie Cunniffe is on holidays and Ann Gallagher is out owing to injury. A question mark must remain over this selection. Whether so many players can take the jump to the senior grade remains to be seen.

Wexford, on the other hand, rely on players who are all established in senior camogie. A doubt hangs over the injured Ann Butler and the full back spot may be filled by Elsie Cody.

Tina Fitzhenry, Anne Reddy, Catherine Murphy, Eileen Kehoe, Kathleen Tonks and Stella Sinnott will call on their experience to outwit the fast moving Galway side.

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FIXTURES

All-Ireland Senior Championship — quarter-finals
At Silver Park, Dublin (3.0) — Dublin v Tipperary.
At Monaghan (2.30) — Wexford v Galway.
At St. Flannan's, Cork (12.00) — Cork v Antrim.
At Nowlan Park (7.00) — Kilkenny v Limerick.



Buffers Alley winners of the County Senior Camogie title when they defeated Rathmure (below) on Sunday last, to take the title for the twelfth year in succession.



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50 YEARS AGO

CORK won the Munster Senior Camogie championship title as a result of their easy 6-6 to 1-1 win over Limerick at Ballygeary. The teams were — Cork — M. Sullivan, E. Delaney, M. Higgins, E. Staunton, M. Cronin, K. Cotter, M. Kirby, M. Conroy, J. McGrath, K. Buckley, B. Riordan, A. Barry. Limerick — N. Greaney, M. Daly, K. Leamey, H. Sullivan, N. Enright, F. Monahan, A. Hourigan, K. Flynn, C. Bourke, M. Massey, E. Flynn, K. Houlihan.

Cork take on Antrim

attraction this coming week on the camogie field will be the meeting of Cork and Antrim in the All-Ireland Senior Championship. On the cal front there are a number of Junior 'A' leagues down for decision.

The Cork seniors will arrive to complete the second leg of the All-Ireland Senior Championship when they take on Antrim at St. Finbar's on Sunday. Cork beaten in last year's semi-final by Dublin will be very anxious to make amends this year and will face this game with caution. They had a comfortable win over Down in the first round but Antrim will be expected to provide much tougher opposition.

Due to holidays the Cork team was not available at the time of writing but is certain to include regular goalkeeper Marian McCarthy now back from holidays, Aileen Dineen, Mary Spillane, Liz Dunphy, Val Fitzpatrick, Colette Mahony, Lynda Mellerick and Mary Geaney. Sandy Fitzgibbon who is on holidays is not available for selection and newcomer to the side Marie Mackey from Glen Rovers who showed good form in the first round against Down is certain to keep her place at centre back. All these girls have shown excellent form of late and with a home venue it is difficult to see the Northern girls holding them.

Antrim who have won the All-Ireland on six occasions, the last one coming their way in 1979 are always a very determined side and great credit must go to their County Board for keeping up this standard in such difficult times for them. They have marvellous players in full-back Mary McMullen, Siobhan McAtamney, Mary Lundy, Carol Blaney and Ann McAllister and these girls will be very determined that their long journey to Cork will be worthwhile.

There are a number of Junior 'A' League

matches listed for the coming week and here Killeagh will be expected to have the edge over near neighbours St. Catherine's. Brian Dillons, with such experienced performers as Lynda Mellerick, Liz O'Sullivan

and Mary Rose should prove too strong for Na Piarasigh who will be fielding their second squad even though they are in position to call on Jean Paula Kent and Paula Morgan who both missed the

Senior Championship through injury. Ballinacollig will find the going tough against Douglas who have excellent players in the Maher sisters Mary and Liz and Christine O'Regan. Bishopstown who have a wealth of young talent available to them should account for Aghabullogue while there should be keen rivalry between Inniscarra and Cloughduv when they meet in a local derby.

In the final game of the week last year Junior 'B' champions Castlemagner take on Youghal who have been regraded from Intermediate to Junior 'A' this year and this should be an interesting clash.

Clubs are reminded that the next Board meeting is on Monday, August 11.

Cork panel: M. McCarthy, E. Dinneen, A. Leahy, M. Spillane, M. Mackey, V. Fitzpatrick, L. Dunphy, A. Higgins, C. O'Mahony, M. Geaney, L. Mellerick, B. Joyce, M. Twomey, P. Ken-
rthy.

Tough task for Limerick

The quarter-finals of the All-Ireland Senior Championship will be decided on Sunday. Champions Kilkenny play Limerick at Nowlan Park. Antrim travel to face Cork, while Dublin entertain Tipperary. Pick of the ties should be the clash of Galway and Wexford at Monomolin.

Kilkenny had a great year in 1985. They watched their National League title slip away this season and failed to regain the Leinster crown. Whether they have slipped back sufficiently to place their All-Ireland title in danger remains to be seen.

It is most unlikely that they will fall to Limerick. Kilkenny have a very good record at Nowlan Park and carry too much skill and power to be troubled by the struggling Munster side.

Marie Fitzpatrick, Biddy O'Sullivan, Angela Downey, Bridie Martin, Jo Dunne and Liz Neary should engineer a place in the semi-finals for the home side. Limerick will line out with top forward, Brid Stokes, who is holidaying in the States. It is hard to envisage the best efforts of Marguerite Guiry, Helen Sheehy, Liz O'Sullivan, Bernie O'Dea and Angela O'Sullivan flooring the champions.

With Yvonne Redmond's summer sojourns in America, the Dublin selectors have experimented with replacement goalkeepers. Not happy with those tried to date, they have taken the surprise step of placing regular centre-back, Bernie Toner between the posts.

Edel Murphy, presently on her honeymoon, will also be missing from the Dublin side, but Dublin have talent aplenty. Good performances from Marion Conroy, Catherine Ledwidge, Mary Mernagh, Una Crowley, John Gormley and Anna Condon would carry them through.

Less than two years ago Tipperary and Dublin met in an All-Ireland final. While Dublin

Tipperary are without half of their 1984 side.

Mona Quigley will be in Holland with the Irish Racquetball team. Deirdre Lane will not be figuring in the Tipperary colours this season and Geraldine Ryan, Breda Kennedy, Siobhan McDonnell and Margaret Madden are presently out of the country.

These defections are more than Tipperary can cope with. The team is also suffering from lack of match practice. Rosie Ryan, Jenny English, Anne Gleeson, Maura Hackett and Kirsty McCluskey will do their best but it will be an uphill struggle.

Cork, who coasted to an easy victory over Down in the opening round, take on Antrim. Antrim recorded a two point win over Down in the Ulster final but will have to step up considerably on that performance if they are to halt Cork's ambitions.

The most interesting of the quarter final games should be the meeting of Galway and Wexford at Monomolin. Galway launch eight members of their All-Ireland Junior winning team into Senior Championship camogie. The entire back and forwards divisions are made up of promoted players.

On the other hand Wexford place their faith in the old hands. Buffer's Alley, who won their twelfth consecutive Wexford Senior Championship recently, supply Elsie Cody, Kathleen Tonks, Stella Sinnott, Fiona Cousins and Gertrude O'Leary. The performance of the Galway newcomers, which include Angela Cooney, Brid Stratford, Anne Fahy, Deirdre Costello and Ann Ryan, will decide the issue.

SUNDAY

All-Ireland Senior Championship quarter-finals.

At Silver Park, Dublin (3.00) Dublin v Tipperary.

At Monomolin, Co. Wexford (2.30) Wexford v Galway.

At St. Finbarrs, Cork (12.30) Cork v Antrim.

At Nowlan Park, Kilkenny (7.00)

O'Byrne the Dublin star

DUBLIN 0-13
TIPPERARY 1-4

Four smartly taken points from play early in the second half by the stylish Carmel O'Byrne proved to be the vital scores as Dublin overcame Tipperary in the second round of the All-Ireland Camogie Championship (open draw) at sunny Silverpark yesterday.

Dublin looked the better team for most of the match, but, despite five well taken points in the first half, they were only a single point up at the break (0-5 to 1-1), thanks to a last-minute goal by Tipperary's only scoring forward, Jenny English.

Scorers: Dublin — C. O'Byrne (0-6); J. Holden (0-2); E. Murphy (0-2); B. Kenny, U. Crowley and J. Gormley (0-1 each).

Tipperary — J. English (1-4).

ILKENNY 6-11
LIMERICK 1-4

Kilkenny qualified to meet Cork in the semi-final of the All-Ireland camogie championship when they scored a comprehensive victory over Limerick at Nowlan Park.

The winners were in complete control throughout and led at the interval by 5-5 to 0-2. Indeed, five minutes into the second half Kilkenny could afford to take off their star forward Angela Downey, who had registered 4-2 by then.

Best for the winners were: Liz Neary, Bridie McGarry, Biddy O'Sullivan, Anne Downey, Jo Dunne and Angela Downey. The losers' best players were Helen Clifford, Lizzie O'Sullivan, Pauline McCarthy and Helen Cagney.

Scorers: Kilkenny — Angela Downey (4-2), Brenda Holmes (1-4), Jo Dunne (1-3), Ann Downey and Rita Weymans (0-1 each). Limerick — Helen Moynihan (1-0), Pauline McCarthy (0-2), Elizabeth O'Sullivan and Martina Ryan (0-1 each).

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Cork's Anne Leahy, races through the Antrim defence during the All-Ireland camogie quarter-final at St. Finbarr's, Toghher, yesterday. (Examiner)

Antrim girls are to be congratulated

A GLOWING tribute was paid today to Antrim camogie players by the Chairman of the Cork County Board, Miriam Higgins, after Cork had beaten Antrim in the quarter-final of the All-Ireland Championship. Cork scored a 2-7 to 1-2 win over Antrim at Toghher and will now play champions Kilkenny in the All-Ireland semi-final.

Miriam Higgins voiced the attitude of Cork after a very competitive game with Antrim when she said: "Antrim should be complimented on their ability to produce such a good team against all the odds."

"Cork did not play particularly well but that was partly due to the fact that Antrim played with such determination and

commitment and they had such stylish players too.

"Their younger players now have the same technical skill of their older players; they are still producing very talented individuals but they suffer because of a lack of teamwork and team understanding.

"It is remarkable they can produce such a team, however, in view of all the problems they have up there. They cannot walk the streets really with a hurley because it is regarded as a lethal weapon and their matches are sometimes disrupted with people just walking onto the pitches. It is worse in some areas than in others, but they have many problems and it is terrific that they can still

come down here with such a team".

Cork are now scheduled to play the champions, Kilkenny, in two weeks time. The venue will be decided in Dublin on Wednesday by the toss of a coin and Cork are likely to request then that the game be brought forward to Saturday, August 23.

Kilkenny won the title last season when they beat Dublin in the final. Dublin are due to play Wexford in the second semi-final of the current Championship.

Cork's win over Antrim yesterday was highlighted by the scoring of Colette O'Mahony who scored 1-7 of Cork's total and her accuracy broke the hearts of their Antrim opponents.

Accurate Colette is Cork's ace

CORK 2-7; ANTRIM 1-2.

THE precision shooting of Colette O'Mahony was a crucial ingredient in Cork's successful challenge in this All-Ireland camogie quarter-final at St. Finbarr's ground in Toghher, Cork, yesterday.

O'Mahony contributed all but one of the two goals to Cork's impressive total, and although the home team were always the stronger looking outfit, she was the major difference between the sides.

Antrim battled gamely throughout, and in goal-keeper Catherine McAllister they had a star performer. On at least four occasions she denied the Cork girls with superb saves. Those, allied to a number of missed point opportunities, contrived to keep the Cork total down to manageable proportions from the Antrim point of view.

Yet their prospects of victory were always pretty grim. Cork shot into a 1-2 to nil lead within 12 minutes of the start, and even though they conceded a goal in the 14th minute when Patricia Hale blasted home through a group of

defenders, the set-back was not enough to knock Cork out of their stride.

O'Mahony, whose fine goal was set up by Mary Geaney, added three more points without reply before the break and had two more early in the second half to consolidate their lead.

CRUSHED

Carol Blaney-McAllister had two points for Antrim in the 19th and 25th minutes, but by the time she struck her second, all hopes of a successful come-back had been crushed when Irene O'Leary blasted home Cork's second goal from 1-2 yards out.

Scorers: Cork, C. O'Mahony 1-7, I. O'Leary 1-0. Antrim, P. Hale 1-0. C. Blaney-McAllister 0-2.

Cork: M. McCarthy, E. Dineen, M. Spillane, C. Landers, M. Mackey, I. O'Leary, V. Fitzpatrick, L. Dunphy, C. O'Mahony, A. Higgins, L. Mellerick, M. Geaney. Subs: A. Leahy for Dunphy, M. Ring for Higgins, M. Kinirey for Mellerick.

Antrim: C. McAllister, M. McKillop, M. McAteer, J. Campbell, M. McMullan, McGarry, M. Lundy, L. Gibson, P. Hale, McGlew, B. Quinn, C. Blaney-McAllister. Subs: A. Nelson for McGarry, R. Butler for McGlew, M. Walsh for Gibson. Referee: M. Devern (Clare).



The Cork team who defeated Antrim by 2-7 to 1-2 in the All-Ireland camogie quarter-final at St. Finbarr's, Toghher, yesterday. —(Picture: Eddie O'Hare)

KILDARE AND CLARE FANCIED FOR FINAL

TWO OF THE contestants in Sunday's All-Ireland junior camogie semi-finals — Roscommon who play Clare and Kildare who take on Derry — have yet to feature in a final, so Sunday's matches take on a special importance for them.

Of the two, Kildare would seem to have the better chance of making the breakthrough. The Lilywhites have been playing extremely well this season and have the National Junior League Cup and the Leinster championship trophy to prove it.

But the Ulster champions Derry, are good and on the familiar Bellaghy grounds will take some beating.

The Kildare defence has given little away this season. Rose Merriman has kept a safe goal. In front of her Geraldine Dwyer, Anna Dargan, Melanie Treacy and Antoinette Merriman tackle quickly and clear effectively.

The midfield lone of Gemma Cooney, Miriam Malone and Pat Keatley should win their share of possession and supply Kathleen Elliott, Marianne Johnston and Nuala Kerrigan with scoring opportunities.

Held to draw

Derry have had a few "hic-ups" as the season progressed. They were held to a draw by Meath and comprehensively beaten by Dublin in the League. However, they were able to put that behind them and emerge from Ulster.

Their top player, Sarah Ann Quinn, can dominate a game when in form. She will require careful attention from Kildare. But Derry do not depend on Sarah alone. No-

leen McKendry, Patsy Quinn, Marie Kilpatrick, Jean McQuillan, Arelene McWilliams and Brid Doherty can hold their own with the best.

Donna Speers, Roslyn McWilliams, Fiona Quigley, Catherine Morgan and M. O'Kane complete the Derry side which will be difficult to overcome. However, the prospect of a place in the All-Ireland final may spur Kildare on to an historic win.

Roscommon did not enter a side in the National Junior League, so the only indicator of form is the Connaught Final. Here Roscommon held out to win by two points from All-Ireland junior champions, Galway who had to field an entirely new side this season.

On the other hand, Clare

have been very active. As apart from their League commitments they played four championship matches in Munster. Limerick took them to a replay but they registered easy wins over Tipperary and Cork.

Carmel Wall and Helen Cusack, who fielded with the senior team in the League, have been re-introduced into the junior side. These girls will strengthen the side considerably.

Clare have fine players in Noeleen Quinn, Maura McNicholas, Patricia Ryan, Catherine O'Loughlin and Pauline O'Brien. Wearing black and amber, due to a clash of colours, the Clare side should advance to their third final.

Derry have to raise game

THE semi-finals of the All-Ireland Junior Championship are listed for Sunday. National League champions, Kildare travel to Bellaghy to challenge Derry. In the second game, Roscommon will be at home to Clare.

Kildare played six matches to win the National League and four more to emerge from Leinster. They have come through with a clean sheet due in the main to a very sound defence. Anna Dargan is a tower of strength at centreback and has fast tackling aides in Geraldine Dwyer, Melanie Tracey and Antoinette Merriman. Behind them Rose Merriman is an agile and safe goalkeeper.

Kildare's best known player, Miriam Malone, should once again play a commanding role in the proceedings. She is placed in the middle of the field where she should come into direct contact with Derry's Sarah Ann Quinn. This tussle will be worth watching. On the midfield flanks for Kildare will be the skilful Gemma Cooney and Pat Keatley.

Up front, Kathleen Elliott, Marianne Johnston, Nuala Kerrigan and Liz O'Donoghue have the aptitude to work the necessary scores. Kildare have never played in an All-Ireland final. A

golden opportunity falls to this group and they are unlikely to let it slip.

Derry's performances this year have not been as impressive as that of Kildare. Meath held them to a draw in the League and they suffered a comprehensive defeat in the semi-final at the hands of Dublin. To their credit, they picked themselves up and deservedly came out of Ulster.

Derry field some fine individual players. Sara Ann Quinn, Noeleen McKendry and Patsy Quinn were members of the Ulster junior side which missed Gael-Linn honours by a mere point. Marie Kilpatrick, Jean McQuillan, Arelene McWilliams, Brid Doherty, Donna Speers and Roslyn McWilliams are regulars on the side and have a good understanding of each other's play.

The side is completed by very useful performers in Fiona Quigley, Catherine Morgan and M. O'Kane. Derry have the advantage of home venue and good local support but will need to lift their game to qualify.

GREAT START

It is 11 years since Roscommon have featured at this stage of the competition. They got off to a great start against a new look Galway team in the Connaught final but were hard pressed to hold onto a two-point advantage at the finish.

Roscommon, like Kildare, have not tasted the atmosphere of All-Ireland Day. A win on Sunday would do wonders for the game in the county. But they will find it difficult to overcome a fine Clare side.

FIXTURES

All-Ireland Junior Championship semi-finals — At Roscommon (3.00) — Roscommon v Clare. At Bellaghy (3.00) — Derry v Kildare.

Bishopstown camogie girls bid for gold

THE Bishopstown under-14 camogie team will be representing both Cork and Munster in the national Community Games finals in Mosney this coming weekend.

The Bishopstown squad will not lack for experience with eight of the girls having won

silver medals in Mosney last year. Also, ten of the girls were on the Bishopstown panel which were runners-up in last year's Felle na nGael final in Ennis.

They were unlucky to lose out on that occasion by a single point after extra time, and having come so

close to success last year, the girls will obviously be going all out for gold this time out, but they will face tough opposition from the other three provincial champions.

The team is managed by local independent councillor, Pat Murray, who is assisted in the training by Neil White, John Geary, and Pat Ryan.

The full Bishopstown panel is: Eithne Duggan (capt.); Clare Murphy; Bláithín Keating; Orla Higgins; Edel Kearney; Cecilia Crowley; Aishling O'Leary; Judy Walsh; Gillian Conlon; Grace O'Connell; Bernadette Geary; Aine White; Grainne Sugrue; Niamh Carroll; Niamh O'Flynn; and Grace O'Driscoll.

Louise Twomey, also from Bishopstown will represent Cork at Mosney, this weekend in the under-14 100 metres.



The Bishopstown camogie team with their trainer, Cllr. Pat Murray.

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NOVEL BUILD-UP TO ALL-IRELAND FINALS

The build-up to the All-Ireland senior and junior camogie finals at Croke Park on September 14 will have an unusual dimension. This will come about as a result of a unique venture involving the Camogie Association and the Irish Wheelchair Association.

The venture, to be known as COISCHEIM, will be a Sponsored Walk led by Doncha O Dulaing, from Cork to Dublin in the week leading up to the camogie finals. This will be the first joint undertaking by the two Associations, and also the first time that a sports organisations will be actively involved with O Dulaing in fund-raising.

All funds raised will go to the Irish Wheelchair Association. Apart from that, the interest created by the Sponsored Walk is bound to prove invaluable in focusing attention on the camogie finals, and this will help greatly to swell the attendance at the games. Indeed, the walk will conclude at Croke Park on September 14, the afternoon of the Camogie Association's top programme of the year.

COISCHEIM will start at Cork on the morning of Sunday September 7, that is the day of the All-Ireland

senior hurling final. The walk will pass through Waterford, Tipperary, Kilkenny, Laois and Kildare, and will arrive in Dublin on Saturday September 13 in time, appropriate enough, for the All-Ireland camogie club seven-a-side tournament at Glenalbyn.



Nora O'Rourke, Galway's goalkeeper and captain, accepts Corn Tailteann, from the Camogie Association President, Mary Lynch.

Fund raising functions will be held en route at Carrigtwohill, Killeagh, Lismore, Newcastle, Callan, Kilkenny, Ballylinan, Athy and Kilcullen and Naas.

Camogie clubs and schools along with branches of the Irish

Wheelchair Association in all counties will participate in this unique occasion, organising their own local fund-raising events, and joining the walk in Dublin on the final day.

The concluding stage will be from the Mansion House to Croke Park, and the walkers will be accompanied by representatives of every county, and they will be led by the Artane Boys' Band.

This is an imaginative promotion, and one that is bound to benefit both organisations. The Funds of the Irish Wheelchair Association should receive a big boost, and interest will focus on the All-Ireland finals as rarely before.

That should be reflected in the biggest attendance at camogie's showpiece programme of the season in many years.

History will also be made on the playing fields on All-Ireland finals day. Kildare will contest a national championship final for the first time when they meet Clare in the junior decider.

Kildare won their initial National Junior League title in June, and so will be hoping to make it a unique double on the double. Clare were last champions in this grade in 1981.

The senior finalists were not known at the time we went to Press.

GALWAY SHOW WAY

Galway set the pattern in the All-Ireland finals by winning the first decider of the year. A very skillful and well-drilled minor team made amends for the county's defeats in the finals of 1984 and 1985 by beating Wexford 2-8 to 1-4 in the decider.

Nora O'Rourke was an inspiring captain for Galway in goal, and other stars were Caroline Linnane at half back, and Triona Dolphin in the Attack.

This is Galway's first title since 1981, and their second in all.



The Galway minor team that beat Wexford to win the All-Ireland camogie title for the third time in the county's history.

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KILDARE LILYWHITES TAKE LEINSTER CROWN

BY MARY MORAN

IT was refreshing to see the provincial junior championships throw up new faces. Perhaps the Leinster competition provided the most pleasing development with the novel pairing of Kildare and Carlow meeting in the final.

Backboned by nine players from the Myshall Club, the Carlow girls made little of the fact that it was their first championship final and ran their more fancied opponents to a single goal.

But Kildare, who are enjoying their best season ever, were not to be outdone. Coached by Limerick hurler, Pat Herbert, the Lilywhites added the Leinster crown to the National Junior League. Twenty years ago, Miriam Malone fielded at midfield for the Leinster senior team in the Gael-Linn. After sterling service over the years, it is great to see Miriam collect top prizes with her native county.

Roscommon bridged an eleven year gap to wrench the Connacht Junior title from Galway's grasp. Galway had, of course, to find a completely new side this season as the entire 1985 panel were upgraded following their All-Ireland victory. The strong running Patricia Finneran, K. Naughton, M. Byrne and Teresa Finneran were the architects of a sweet victory.

A young Clare side taught an inexperienced Cork twelve a few lessons in the game in a one-sided Munster decider. Whether this Clare side goes all the way or not, much will be heard of Maura McNicholas, Noleen Quinn, Catherine O'Loughlin and Pauline O'Brien.

Several counties fancied their chances in the Ulster campaign. However, not many envisaged a Derry v Tyrone final. The Derryside, powered by that fine centreback, Sarah Ann Quinn, lifted their third provincial title.

GRADAM TAILTE

Angela Downey confirmed that she is still the number one all-round athlete in camogie circles by recording a hat-trick of Gradam Tailte titles. On this occasion, she did not escape from the pack. Hotly pursued by the Roscommon contender, Patricia Finneran, Angela had to pull out the stop to win by four points.

Seventeen year old Deirdre Costello improved on her 1985 performance by eleven points to fill the third spot. Cork forward, Linda Mellerick was two points behind in fourth place.

The Feile na nGael in Clare was as enjoyable as ever. The only complaint I have with the weekend is that even with the best planning it is only possible to view a sample of the action.

Undoubtedly, the best game I witnessed was a Division One semi-final between Mullagh (Galway) and

Ballycallan (Kilkenny). These youngsters served up wonderful fare and had the crowd cheering wildly. Rounds of applause were won by a diminutive, all action goalkeeper, Sinead Millea in the Ballycallan goal. Incidentally, her Dad, Joe was top-of-the-right for Kilkenny in the 1969 All-Ireland final.

FEILE SKILLS

A tall athletic looking player from St. Maur's Club in Rush, Michelle Cameron won the Feile Skills Competition with something to spare. Some distance behind in second place was Fiona O'Driscoll from Ballymacoda in East Cork. Clare Lynch from Davitt's Club in Galway held her nerve in a tie-breaker to claim third position.

The Commission which was established by the President on the instructions of Congress has commenced its work. Views and recommendations are being sought from clubs, county boards, sub-committees and individuals within the Association. In addition the opinions of other sporting bodies and similar organisations are being invited. Should any reader wish to make a contribution, it would be most welcome.



Edel Murphy, U.C.D. and Dublin, racing away from Anne Reddy, Rathnure and Wexford, in the final of the Mary Cahill Memorial Sevens. The home club, Rathnure became the first holders of the new annual trophy.

DONNCHA LEADS SPONSORED WALK

RTE presenter Donncha O'Dualainn is confident that Cork hurlers will win the All-Ireland title. So much so, in fact, that he will be leading a sponsored walk promoted

by the Camogie Association, the proceeds of which will go to the Irish Wheelchair Association, on September 7, the day the final takes place.

This was announced by the President of the Camogie Association, Mrs. Mary Lynch, at a reception in Croke Park. She called on clubs not on the route of the walk to organise fund raising functions to swell the total.

Coisiche'im le Donncha, as the event is called, will start from Cork on September 7 and will pass through Waterford, Tipperary, Kilkenny, Laoise and Kildare, arriving in Dublin on Saturday, September 13 for the

All-Ireland club seven-a-sides in Glenalbyn.

Fund-raising functions will be held en route in Carrigtwohill, Killeagh, Lismore, Newcastle, Callan, Kilkenny, Ballylinan, Athy, Kilkullen and Naas.

The Lord Mayor of Dublin, Ald. Bertie Ahern, TD, will restart the walk from the Mansion House and led by the Artane Band, representatives from each county will parade to Croke Park, where all will attend the junior and senior camogie finals.

The route with times is: Sunday, September 7: Cork (8 a.m.), Carrigtwohill (12 noon), Middleton (3 p.m.), Castlemartyr (7 p.m.), Killeagh (8 p.m.). Monday, September 8: Kil-

leagh (8 p.m.), Youghal (11 a.m.), Tallow (5 p.m.), Lismore (8 p.m.).

Tuesday, September 9: Lismore (8 a.m.), Cappoquin (10 a.m.), Modelligo (12 noon), Millstreet-Ballynashilt-Ballymacarberry (3.30 p.m.), Newcastle (5 p.m.). Wednesday, September 10: Newcastle (8 a.m.), Clonmel (10 a.m.), Kilsheelan (12.30 a.m.), Nine Mile House (2.30 p.m.), Callan (5 p.m.), Kilkenny (8 p.m.).

Thursday, September 11: Kilkenny (10 a.m.), Castlecomer (12 noon).

Friday, September 12: Ballylinan (9 a.m.), Athy (11 a.m.), Kilkullen (7 p.m.).

Saturday, September 13: Kilkullen (9 a.m.), Naas (10 a.m.), Dublin (2 p.m.).

Among the speakers at the reception were, Dr. Mick Loftus, President GAA; Mr. Bill Meachair, executive officer of the Irish Wheelchair Association and of course, Donncha.

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Roscommon county camogie team which lost to Clare on Sunday last in the All-Ireland semi-final pictured after they won the Connacht title.
Photo by O'Loughlin Photography.

CAMOGIE ALL-IRELAND SEMI-FINAL AT ATHLEAGUE

For the first time in over a decade Roscommon Junior camogie team has reached an All-Ireland semi-final. Along with this Roscommon has a home venue. After a very successful defeat of Galway in the Connacht Final they face Clare, the Munster champions who now remain as their only obstacle to a place in the All-Ireland final.

Since their Galway match the panel has trained diligently under the guidance of team trainer Liam Bracken. A strenuous programme of training for the past few weeks is hoped to be enough to secure a victory over the Clare team who looked skilful and fast in their Munster Final win over Cork. Hopefully all the mistakes that were made in the Connacht Final are now corrected and that all the panel's efforts will come to fruition. The match is

scheduled for 1.30 p.m. in Athleague and it is hoped that a good crowd will attend to urge these girls to a victory.

The panel which carries the hopes of a place in the All-Ireland final on Sunday next is:

Carmel Cribbins, (St. Anne's, Castlerea), Martina Waldron, do.; Kathleen Naughton, do.; Teresa Finneran, do.; Patricia Finneran, do. (Vice-Captain); Geraldine Finneran, do.; Jacqueline Rogers, St. Dominic's; Margaret Byrne, do. (Captain); Ann Bevan, do.; Mary Gannon, do.; Ann Walsh, Oran; A. M. Kelly, do.; Catriona Kelly, do.; Gabrielle Hussey, do.; Elizabeth Lee, do.; Irene Regan, do.; Teresa Bracken, Kilbride; Agnes McDermott, do.; Karina McDonald, St. Brigid's; Ann Hynes, Roscommon Gaels.

The game, in a sunny, well-crowded Athleague, was exciting and competitive, particularly the first half, until the latter stages of the match. By coincidence both Roscommon and Clare's county colours are blue and gold so both teams fielded in their county senior champions colours, purple and white and (St. Dominic's) black and amber, respectively.

The game got off to a fast pace, with both teams attacking. But the game was 3½ minutes old when Clare chalked up the first score of the match from a free. Roscommon responded similarly with a free from P. Finneran one minute later. The game continued with a fiercely competitive edge and Clare were forced into a few wides by a tight defence. Clare's second score came from a '30' in the ninth minute.

This was followed up by their brilliant half-forward M. McNicholas. The lead did not deter the home team, who came

back with a well-taken point from T. Finneran, who sent it all of 50 metres over the bar and her sister Patricia followed this almost immediately with a second point to bring their team within two points of their opponents. C. Wall, Clare's full-forward, sent over a point which was equalled by P. Finneran with a '30'.

At this stage the game was score for score. And in the 22nd minute A. Bevan collected a ball in midfield and sent in a high ball which completely caught the defence unawares and which the goalie misjudged and the ball ended up in the net. But the character of the Munster champions responded after this terrible defensive error within a minute with a goal. The scoring of this half was completed by a second and equally brilliantly taken Teresa Finneran point. The score at the end of this opening half came to: Roscommon 1-5, Clare 2-3 and a thrilling second half was in store, with only one point the difference in scores at the interval.

Devastating Form

However, the thrilling promise of an equally exciting half failed to materialise when a combination of devastating form from Clare and a loss of confidence from Roscommon turned the final half into a scoring spree for the Munster champs, with Roscommon failing to notch up a single score. In particular, Maura McNicholas, Clare's

absolutely outstanding forward, scored 0-6 and made her tally for the game 1-6. Their total at the end of the match was 3-11, a high score which gave a fair recognition of the amount of talent and class that the team has.

To Roscommon's credit, they never gave up trying and battled gamely to the final whistle, even though it was obvious in the final quarter that they were fighting a losing cause. The Clare side are a very balanced one and are sure to go well in the national final where their opponents will be Kildare, who defeated Derry, also on Sunday last.

But even though the Roscommon girls suffered a heavy defeat at the end of it all they can still be proud of the way in which they played and the performance they turned out. They brought the honour of a Connacht title to Roscommon and that is something to hold their heads high over. On Sunday last the good crowd in Athleague witnessed a spirited performance from the home team and suddenly realised the skill and talent that is present in camogie in this county.

ROSCOMMON - C. Cribbins, M. Byrne, A. Hynes, A. Walsh, M. Waldron, A. Bevan, P. Finneran, M. Gannon, T. Bracken, K. Naughton, T. Finneran, J. Rogers. Subs.: A. M. Kelly, G. Hussey, E. Lee.

CLARE - P. O'Brien, H. Cusack, P. Ryan, N. Quinn, S. Reidy, P. Rynne, S. O'Halloran, N. Connors, C. O'Loughlin, M. McNicholas, C. Molloy, C. Wall.

The panel and trainer, and County Board, would like to extend to Ann Walsh, the team's centre-back, a sincere get well wish after she broke her arm in the match on Sunday last.



Last month the Co. Camogie team captured the Connacht Junior title when defeating Galway in the final.

One player made an outstanding contribution to that success. She dominated midfield, aided the defence and was here, there and everywhere scoring 1-2 in the process.

Last month, also, that same player was a close runner-up in the All-Ireland final of 'The

Camogie Super Stars. PATRICIA FINNERAN, St. Anne's worthy winner of the July Personality Award, becoming the first camogie player to hold this distinction. She is pictured here receiving her award from John O'Gara, Roscommon watched by Teresa Bracken, Co. Camogie P.R.O. and Michael Cassidy, G.A.A. Co. Board P.R.O.

Fig. G. O'Loughlin

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Kildare girls reach final

Kildare 3-6
Derry 0-9

KILDARE camogie girls reached the county's first ever All-Ireland final when they defeated Derry in Bellaghy on Sunday to secure a place in the junior decider against Clare in Croke Park on September.

Their success has created a problem for the GAA administrators in the county for that is the day set for the Co. SFC final in Newbridge. Complicating the issue is the fact that Leixlip, which has a

strong camogie club, is in the football showdown, and that club would be anxious to support the girls.

Kildare opened Sunday's final in sparkling form and were rewarded when a lobbing delivery from Miriam Malone was whipped to the Derry net by Liz Donoghue in the second minute.

The same player added a point and the Leinster champions were in the driving seat when Marion Johnson hammered the ball to the Ulster net again, this time

from 30 metres range.

Miriam added a further point to leave the visitors in a comfortable four points lead at the interval, Derry having scored four times in that half.

Although Derry had the wind in the second half and opened the scoring, the Kildare defence was marvellous with Rose Merriman in goal and defenders Geraldine Dwyer and Antoinette Merriman in steady form.

Miriam Malone, first at full-forward and later in her

more customary role at midfield and forwards Gemma Cooney and Marion Jonson played with sufficient consistency to withstand any threat.

Kildare: Rose Merriman, Geraldine Dwyer, Melany Treacy, Anna Dargan, Antoinette Merriman, Patricia Keightley, Miriam Malone (1-2), Gemma Cooney (0-1), Liz Donoghue (1-1), Marion Johnson (1-1), Kathleen Elliot (0-1), Phyllis Bambury.



The Lough Rovers camogie team, winners of the City League in 1933/'34/'35. Back row (left to right): D. Galvin, (Board's representative); M. Twomey, A. Archer, J. Higgins, S. Higgins (Chairman), D. Moynihan, M. Humphries, M. Fitzgerald (secretary). Middle row: A. Harrington, K. Higgins (capt.), J. Coughlan (vice-capt.), L. O'Donoghue. Front row: M. Coughlan, S. Moynihan.

Cork v Kilkenny tops weekend bill

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BIG attraction this coming weekend will be the meeting of Cork and Kilkenny in the all-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship semi-final on Sunday. Also on Sunday Ballincollig and Nemo Rangers open this year's Junior Championship campaign while the rest of the week will be very busy with Intermediate and under-14 league ties.

Cork will be under no illusions as to the task confronting them when they meet the holders Kilkenny in the semi-final of the Senior Championship at Nowlan Park, Kilkenny.

En route to this semi-final Cork overcame the challenge of Down and Antrim with, considering the opposition, unimpressive displays and the selectors will be hoping for a hundred per cent improvement if they are to achieve success on this occasion.

Marian McCarthy once again fills the number one position and she will be ably assisted by full backs Mary Spillane, Eileen Dineen and Cathy Landers who seems to be finding her old form again. Marie Mackey retains her position at centre back. Val Fitzpatrick moves to the right wing with Sandy Fitzgibbon moving to full centre and the versatile Lynda Mellerick taking on a new role at left wing centre. Irene O'Leary moves to half forward in place of Angela Higgins who is named among the substitutes. Margaret Farrell winner of an all-Ireland medal with St. Finbarrs lines out for the first time with Cork at right corner forward and if she plays to true form will be a tremendous asset to the Cork forward line. Mary Geaney

will be in her usual position at full forward with the ever improving Colette O'Mahony in the left corner.

Kilkenny who took last year's title in such excellent fashion with a fine win over a fancied Dublin side are always strong championship contenders and they will be facing this game with confidence. They have an excellent keeper in Maura Fitzpatrick and she will be protected by full backs Ann Holden, Liz Neary and Biddy O'Sullivan. Bridie McGarry will be at half back with Anna Whelan, Deirdre Malone and Clare Jones who transferred from Clare this year completing the centre field line. Ann Downey moves to half forward with twin sister Angela in the corner. Breda Holmes, who is playing exceptionally well at the moment, will be at full forward and Joe Dunne completes the trio of a very talented forward line.

Cork are certain to feel the keen edge of Kilkenny's challenge on this occasion and they will have to perform at the peak of their powers if victory is to be theirs to savour in what promises to be a cracking contest.

With the advantage of a home venue Kilkenny are sure to have a huge following so Cork supporters are urged to take to the roads on Sunday and make the journey to Nowlan Park.

The Junior A championship gets underway on Sunday with an interesting clash between Ballincollig and Nemo Rangers. Ballincollig have been knocking on the door of this competi-

tion for the last few years and they will be hoping that 1986 will be their year. They have top class players in Mary West, June Hennigan, Noreen O'Sullivan, and Myra Coughlan and these girls should prove too strong for Nemo who seemed to be going through a difficult patch at the moment and will be looking to Margaret O'Sullivan, Ann O'Shea and Seas McCarthy to carry them through.

Fr. O'Neills impressive winners of last seasons Junior championship make their debut in the higher grade on Tuesday when they face Glen Rovers in an Intermediate league match. Glen Rovers who will be led by Rose Mackey, Tracy O'Riordan and Mary O'Brien should have the edge over the East Cork girls who can call on Margaret Finn, Josephine Rumley and Fiona O'Driscoll.

The remaining fixtures for the week are under-14 league games and there should be many exciting contests in the list.

Also on Sunday Wexford and Dublin meet in the other semi-final of the Senior Championship at Wexford and here Dublin will be expected to have the edge.

Cork Panel: M. McCarthy, M. Spillane, E. Dineen, C. Landers, M. Mackey, V. Fitzpatrick, S. Fitzgibbon, L. Mellerick, I. O'Leary, M. Farrell, M. Geaney, C. O'Mahony, A. Higgins, B. Joyce, M. Ring, A. Leahy, P. Fitzgibbon, N. O'Driscoll, P. Keniry.

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Castlemartyr v Fr. O'Neills at castlemartyr

Kilkenny and Wexford final

CAMOGIE

WEXFORD senior camogie players have been out of the limelight since 1977. Almost a decade later, they stand a good chance of reaching their sixth final. On Sunday afternoon, they face Dublin in the semi-final of the All-Ireland Senior Championship.

It is not that Wexford have performed outstandingly that gives rise to optimism. But rather that the Dublin team has not been moving with its usual fluency. Dublin conceded 1-4 against Tipperary which is of acceptable proportions. However, the worrying area is the forward line which failed to find the Tipperary net.

The Dublin forward line has not combined as successfully as in previous seasons. In addition, the chances which are created are not being finalised. One heartening feature for the Dublin selectors has been the outstanding form of Carmel O'Byrne.

FORWARD PLOYS

Carmel was more or less on her own until the introduction of Edel Murphy O'Shea, who had returned from her honeymoon. No doubt, coach Judy Doyle will have concentrated on this aspect of the Dublin play and drawn on her own vast experience of forward ploys.

Yvonne Redmond is expected to fly in for this game and take her place in goal. However, no fault could be found with Bernie Toner who operated in that position in the Tipp game. Dublin's chances appear to hinge on their ability to get it right up front.

Wexford ran champions Kilkenny to a single point in 1985. They had a tough game with a young Galway side and had two points to spare. Bridie Doran, who won an All-Ireland senior medal with Wexford in 1975, is in charge of the Wexford team.

Only Kathleen Tonks and Elsie Cody on the side are senior medal holders. For

each years that passes by the other members must realise that their chance of a medal is receding. With the advantage of home venue, now is as good as any time to have a real go.

Wexford have players who can hurl effortlessly in Elsie Cody, Caroline Farrington, Kathleen Tonks, Tina Fitzhenry, Catherine Murphy, Anne Reddy and Jackie Codd. But it will take their best efforts to oust Dublin.

What a pity that the Wexford v Dublin clashes with the attractive fixture at Nowlan Park. At the Kilkenny venue, the home county tackles Cork in an eagerly awaited semi-final.

Much chopping and changing has taken place on the Cork side. The defence appears to be settled at last with Marion McCarthy, Eileen Dineen, Mary Spillane, Cathy Landers-Harnedy and Marie Ryan commanding places.

Sandie Fitzgibbon, Mary Geaney, Colette O'Mahony, Linda Mellerick and Val Fitzpatrick should be in the first 12 when the side is named. The accuracy and concentration of players needs considerable improvement if Cork are to upset the champions.

Kilkenny have a settled team. The newest recruit, Marie Fitzpatrick, who came into the side last season, is firmly established in goal. She has excellent cover from Liz Neary, Bridie McGarry, Anne Holden and Biddy O'Sullivan.

Further afield, Kilkenny have the services of Angela Downey, Breda Holmes, Jo Dunne and Anna Whelan each one a match winner in her own right. Kilkenny will start favourites to reach Croke Park but, as in previous encounters between these counties, Cork will not give in easily.

FIXTURES

SUNDAY

(All-Ireland Senior Championship semi-final)

At Nowlan Park — (1.00) — Kilkenny v Cork.
At Monomolin — Co. Wexford — (1.00) — Wexford v Dublin.



● Colette O'Mahony of St. Finbarrs

Local girl could be big threat to champs

CAMOGIE NEWS

A KILKENNY girl could be a major threat to her native county when the all-Ireland senior camogie champions put their title on the line against Cork in the championship semi-final at Nowlan park on Sunday (3 p.m.)

Star of last year's all-Ireland victory over Dublin, Margaret Farrell was late with her declaration for Kilkenny, so now she has decided to continue her inter-county career with Cork.

Margaret, who hails from Thomastown, travelled from Cork for games and training all last season, but now she has decided to join a Leaside club. On Sunday she will be having her first outing with her adopted county and she should be a major asset. In the all-Ireland final of 1985 she scored five points of Kilkenny's total of 0-13.

Also missing from last year's squad is Ann-Marie Brennan, and the two vacancies have been filled by Clare girl, Claire Jones and Geraldine Cuddihy (Lisdowney).

Kilkenny have not been as impressive as they were last season, but trainer-coach Tom Ryan, has stepped up preparations so things should improve.

Work cut out

The only line of form one could use when viewing Sunday's tie was when both counties played Dublin. Kilkenny did not fare too well against the Dubs, but the Munster girls beat them handily. So the Noreiders will have their work cut out for them.



Biddy O'Sullivan... a staunch defender.

The Cork stars include Marion McCarthy, speed merchant Sandy Fitzgibbon, who has been brought back from the U.S. for this match, centre-back Cathy Landers and full-forward Mary Geaney.

Twelve months ago the Leesiders were beaten at this same stage by Dublin, and this has made them doubly determined to succeed this time.

Claire Jones and Rita Weyms are the only two changes on the Kilkenny team since last year. The experience is there in abundance, and home advantage should be a help. But it won't be easy against determined opponents.

The other semi-final is between Dublin and Wexford. This will also be played on Sunday.

Kilkenny panel: Marie Fitzpatrick, Liz Neary (captain), Ann Holden-Kelly, Bridie McGarry, Biddy O'Sullivan, Claire Jones, Ann Downey, Alma Whelan, Breda Holmes, Angela Downey, Jo Dunne, Rita Weyms, Nora Whelan, Geraldine Cuddihy, Siobhan Ryan, Deirdre Malone.

CAMOGIE ROUNDUP

The only certainly about tomorrow's All-Ireland camogie semi-finals is that Leinster will be represented in Croke Park on September 14. Three Leinster counties feature in these penultimate games with Dublin travelling to Wexford and Kilkenny playing hosts to Cork. The Dublin, Wexford tie goes on at Monamolin while Nowlan Park stages the Leinster, Munster clash, both games scheduled for a 3 o'clock start.

The disappointing display by Dublin in their unimpressive victory over Tipperary in the quarter final has been reflected in the sweeping changes made by the selectors for the tussle with Wexford. Dropped from the side that started that game are Bernie Toner, Anna Condon, Jo Holden and Patricia Clinton. Back into the team comes Yvonne Redmond, Marie Connell, Edel Murphy and Cathy Walsh.

Goalkeeper Yvonne Redmond, who returned earlier in the week from America takes her place at the expense of clubmate Bernie Toner who performed quite adequately against Tipperary. While one agrees that changes had to be made a certain amount of sympathy has to be felt for Jo Holden and Patricia Clinton.

I thought that Jo was a little unfortunate to be replaced in the second half of that game and while Patricia did not play as well as she did in earlier games she had just returned after injury.

Nonetheless the selectors have obviously chosen the team they consider good enough to beat Wexford and their decision has to be respected. After her sojourn at midfield against Tipperary Breda Kenny reverts to her more customary position lines with the ever consistent Marian Conroy at full back the industries Germaine Noonan at right back and the tenacious Helena Broderick at left back. Captain Una Crowley continues on the right wing with Mary Mernagh dead centre and Cathy Walsh returning to the left wing after her long lay off through injury.

It is the forward line that Dublin have the most problems. Their failure to find the net against Tipperary was disturbing and it remains to be seen if they do better on this occasion.

Certainly the introduction of Edel Murphy at half time in the quarter final made a tremendous difference. It allowed Carmel O'Byrne to move to the left corner where the extra freedom and space allowed her to pick off four precious points during this period.

Most disappointing has been the inconsistency shown this season by the two U.C.D. forwards Marie Connell and Joan Gormley. While both players on their day could change the course of a game neither of them has played to their ability this year. With the prize of an appearance in Croke Park on All Ireland day hinging on the outcome of to-morrow's game one hopes that these two clubmates will rise to the occasion.

Wexford themselves have high hopes of reaching the final. Their displays throughout the National League was most encouraging and but for the fact that they had to field a weakened team against Cork in that competition are convinced that they would have been there or thereabouts at the closing stages.

They have highly skilled and talented players in Elsie Cody, Kathleen Tonks, Anne Reddy, Jackie Codd and Caroline Farrington.

All-Ireland champions Kilkenny only managed to squeeze through by a solitary point against them in last year's semi-final and with home advantage now they realise that it's make or break time tomorrow. Dublin have already got a confidence booster against Wexford in that they have already defeated them in this year's Leinster championship, and in the knowledge that they realise that nothing short of a 100% improvement on their last outing will suffice tomorrow. I think the metropolitans can gain victory.

Dublin and Cork set for final

DUBLIN, who have contested the last four All-Ireland senior camogie open-draw championship finals, are hoping to keep their proud semi-finals record intact today when they meet Wexford at Monomolin, Wexford (3.0).

The Metropolitans have a number of changes from the team that beat Tipperary by nine points in the quarter final. One sees the return of Yvonne Redmond, who has been in America for most of the summer.

Redmond, who helped Dublin to their last All-Ireland title in 1984, is such a gifted goal-keeper, with a lengthy clearance, that she could well emerge yet again as a dynamic match winner.

Edel Murphy, who only went into the last game as a second half substitute, having just returned from her honeymoon, will be on duty from the start this time. She is a player of much experience and class, accurate from frees, and at centre forward she could do much to improve an attack that did not exactly set the scene alight in the last round.

Wexford were only beaten by a point by Kilkenny, the eventual champions, in a semi-final last year. They have a strong, determined side, and did well to get their programme off to a good start with a two points win over a strong and youthful Galway side.

Ground advantage should also boost the bid of the Kathleen Tonks, Elsie Cody, Jackie Codd and Anne Reddy led Wexford. However, Dublin have been one of the

most consistent powers in the game — they were runners-up to Cork earlier this year for the National League title.

Redmond, full back Marion Conroy, Germaine Noonan in the half back line, Mary Mernagh at midfield and Murphy and Joan Gormley in the attack are among a solid framework of players who know what is needed for success at this level. The Dubs should have the craft to scheme another final outing in a keen game.

Kilkenny face a severe challenge to their All-Ireland title when they entertain National League champions Cork at Nowlan Park in the other semi-final (3.0).

Cork had good wins over Down and Antrim, but they will still find the All-Ireland champions, powered by Angela Downey, one of the best match-winners in the game, Joe Dunne, both in attack, Bridie McGarry and Anne Holden in defence much more formidable opposition.

Still, the Leesiders appear to be on the right track. They have much to recommend them in defence, where the dependability of Eileen Dinneen, Cathy Landers and company is of a standard to indicate Kilkenny will find scores hard to come by.

In attack, Colette O'Mahony, who scored 1-7 in the last round, and Mary Greaney have been key figures in a division that is fast and accurate.

It will be a close affair and Kilkenny must have a sound chance, but if Cork play up to their potential they should get into their first final since 1983.

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KILKENNY A TOUGH PROSPECT

The All-Ireland senior semi-finals occupy pride of place in camogie this weekend with Kilkenny hosting Cork in Nowlan Park on Sunday and Dublin facing a re-built Wexford side.

Cork and Kilkenny have played many fine matches in this competition, not least their marvellous draw and replay in 1982. Since then, the Dublin girls have always beaten one of the two teams

to keep them apart in the championship but now it's a Cork team that must face their greatest rivals with a number of new players since the glory days of the early 1980's.

Marion McCarthy, Eileen Dineen and Mary Graney are still there, of course, but new names like Collette O'Mahony and Linda Mellerick have come forward to join them. Cork won their preliminary

round games against Down and Antrim without playing too well and they'll certainly have to step up considerably to dethrone the reigning national champions.

In Liz Neary, Anne Holded, Bridie McGarry, Breda Holmes and Angela Downey, Kilkenny have the nucleus of a great team, while newcomer Clare Jones has added impetus to their midfield.

For their meeting with Wex-

ford, Dublin will recall Yvonne Redmond to guard their net. The Dublin defence always seems to be more confident when this great goalkeeper stands behind them.

And a good defence will be needed as Dublin's attack was poor indeed against Tipperary in the last round, depending on Carmel O'Byrne and Edel Murphy O'Shea for both inspiration and scores.

Just two of the last Wex-

ford team to contest an All-Ireland senior final. Eileen Cody and Kathleen Tunks in 1977, are still playing for the county. Last year, their new team ran Kilkenny to a point in the semi-final and the likes of Jackie Cood, Tina Finlayson and Catherine Murphy might now be good enough to put the scores to carry their team through the Dublin challenge.

Final place at stake

BIG camogie game of the coming weekend will be the meeting of Cork and Kilkenny in the All-Ireland Senior Championship semi-final. Also on Sunday the Cork Junior "A" championship gets underway with a first round tie between Ballincollig and Nemo Rangers.

Cork face a tough task on hand when they travel to Nowlan Park to take on holders Kilkenny. Cork, who defeated Down and Antrim en route, will treat this game with caution.

Their displays to date have not been impressive and the selectors will be hoping for a big improvement if they are to overcome Kilkenny, who are always difficult opponents.

Marian McCarthy from Eire Óg will once again guard the posts. Clubmate Eileen Dineen will be at full-back with Mary Spillane and Cathy Landers on the wings. Marie Mackey, newcomer to the side this year, retains her position at centre-back.

Val Fitzpatrick moves to right wing-centre with Sandy Fitzgibbon in the middle and Lynda Mellerick taking up a new position on the left wing. Irene O'Leary moves to half-forward in place of Angela Higgins and Margaret Farrell, winner of an All-Ireland medal with Kilkenny last year, takes on a new role now when she will line out at corner-forward for the Leesiders. Mary Geaney will be in her usual position at full-forward with Collette O'Mahony on the left wing.

Kilkenny, impressive winners of last year's

championship, will face this game with confidence and aided by a home venue are sure to cause problems for Cork. They have an excellent 'keeper in Maura Fitzpatrick and their defence of Ann Holden, Liz Neary, Biddy O'Sullivan and Bridie McGarry are not easily beaten. Clare Jones, who transferred from Clare this year, will be at centre-field with Deirdre Malone and Anna Whelan completing the line. Ann Downey moves to half-forward with Joe Dunne, Breda Holmes and Angela Downey completing the full-forward line.

This is a strong Kilkenny line-out and only a top-class Cork performance will suffice if they hope to be in Croke Park on All-Ireland final day, September 14.

FIXTURES

Saturday, under-14 leagues: Castlemartyr v. Fr. O'Neills at Castlemartyr, 7.15; Blackrock v. Kilshannig at Kilshannig, 7.15.

Sunday: All-Ireland SC semi-final: Cork v. Kilkenny at Nowlan park, 3 p.m. Junior 'A' championship: Ballincollig v. Nemo Rangers at Ballincollig, 3 p.m. Under-14 league: Ballinera v. Barryroe at Barryroe, 3 p.m.; Cloughduv v. Ballinascarty at Ballinascarty, 3 p.m.

Tuesday, August 26: Intermediate league: Glen Rovers v. Fr. O'Neills at Glen Rovers, 7.15.

Wednesday, August 27: Under-14 league: Douglas v. Bishopstown 'A' at Douglas, 7.15; Glen Rovers v. Na Piarsaigh at Na Piarsaigh, 7.15; Eire Óg v. Aghabullogue at Owens, 7.15; Ballincollig v. Inniscarra at Inniscarra, 7.15.

Thursday, August 28: Churchtown v. Castlemartyr at Churchtown, 7.15; St. Catherine's v. Killeagh at Killeagh, 7.15; Grenagh v. Mourneabbey at Mourneabbey, 7.15.



Sandy Fitzgibbon — mid-field for Cork.

Agonising defeat for Cork

KILKENNY 4-11
CORK 3-12

CORK were literally robbed of a place in the All-Ireland camogie final when old rivals Kilkenny snatched victory with remarkable 2-1 a minute into injury time at Nowlan Park.

In a tight game in which Cork almost always had the edge, Kilkenny led once and that was after minutes of the first half. Cork regained the lead quickly, however, and by 2-7 to 2-4 at half-time.

They improved in second half and while Kilkenny were always in contention, it looked as if Cork would be the ones to go to meet Dublin in the Ireland final.

As the teams went into injury time, Kilkenny were five points down and almost conceded victory. But then Angela Downey had a splendid goal. For the puck-out Joe Dunne had another goal and Downey pointed leave Cork bewildered.

Scorers — Kilkenny: Downey 1-9, J. Dunne 1-1, B. Holmes 1-1, C. Jones 1-1, C. O'Mahony 1-1, V. Fitzpatrick 1-1, O'Leary 1-2, M. Farrell 1-1. Kilkenny: M. Fitzpatrick 1-1, L. Neary, A. Holden, B. McGarry, B. O'Sullivan, C. Jones, A. Downey, Whelan, A. Downey, Wemyss, J. Dunne, Holmes.

Cork: M. McCarthy, Dineen, M. Ryan, Spillane, C. Landers, Fitzgibbon, V. Fitzpatrick, L. Mellerick, M. Farrell, O'Mahony, I. O'Leary, Geaney. Referee: B. O'Leary.

Last-minute blitz by Kilkenny saves the day

KILKENNY 4-11
CORK 3-12

KILKENNY, the reigning All-Ireland Champions, qualified for this year's Final when they scored a dramatic victory over Cork at Nowlan Park.

Cork were leading by five points entering lost time, during which Kilkenny secured two goals and one point to run out winners of a game that they seemed to have lost.

Only once during the game were Kilkenny in the lead and that was after 10 minutes when a Jo Dunne goal left them ahead 1-2 to 0-3.

CAMOGIE

At the interval, the Rebel County girls led by 2-7 to 2-4.

DRAMATIC FINISH

They were in control during the second half until that dramatic finish by the Leesiders gave an exciting victory.

The outstanding players for Kilkenny were: Claire Jones, Jo Dunne, Breda Holmes, Angela & Anne Downey and goalkeeper Marie Fitzpatrick who brought off some great saves.

Best of the Cork side were: Collette O'Mahoney, Sandy Fitzgibbon, Cathy Landers and Irene O'Leary.

SCORERS — Kilkenny — A. Downey (1-9), J. Dunne (2-0), B. Holmes (1-1), C. Jones (0-1); Cork — C. O'Mahoney (1-8), V. Fitzpatrick (1-1), I. O'Leary (1-3).

DUBLIN WIN

IN THE other semi-final, Dublin had a relatively facile victory over Wexford at Monamolin, Co. Wexford. The Dubs emerged victors by a 5-9 to 3-2 margin and will meet Kilkenny in the final.

Dublin's late goals finished Wexford

WEXFORD 3-2; DUBLIN 5-9

WEXFORD failed in their attempt for a place in the All-Ireland senior camogie final, when a late Dublin rally, with four goals in the last ten minutes, put the visitors through on a scoreline 3-2 to 5-9 at Monamolin on Sunday last.

Dublin led at the interval 0-6 to 0-2. Four points by Carmel O'Byrne, one each by Maire Connell and Brid Kenny with Gertrude O'Leary and Ann Reddy replying for Wexford.

Wexford with a goal by Jean O'Leary opened the scoring of the second half after two minutes and a goal by Eileen Kehoe put the home side in the lead after ten minutes. Edel Murphy with a point replied for Dublin and midway through the half Wexford increased the lead with a goal by Jackie Codd.

Dublin again took the lead with two goals by Marie Connell and added other scores, a goal by Annie Condon, points by Edel Murphy and Carmel O'Byrne with Marie Connell adding two more goals to put Dublin through to the final.

A special mention for team selectors Lily Furlong, Jim Shiels, Packy Kelly and team trainer Bridie Doran for their dedication, throughout the national league and championship campaign.

Best for Wexford were Ann Reddy, Gertrude O'Leary, Elsie Coady, Bernie Higgins, Kathleen Tonks and Jackie Codd.

Wexford - Kathleen Tonks, Ann Butler, Tina Fitzhenry, Bernie Higgins, Elsie Coady, Caroline Farrington, Stella Sinnott, Ann Reddy (0-1), Catherine Murphy, Gertrude O'Leary (0-1), Jean O'Leary (1-0), Josephine O'Connor. Subs.: Jackie Codd (1-0), for Tina Fitzhenry, Eileen Kehoe (1-0), for Jean O'Leary, also Fiona Cousins, Deirdre Guinan, Teresa Kehoe and Nora O'Leary.

Dublin - Yvonne Redmond, Marian Conroy, Germaine Noonan, Brid Kenny (0-1), Helena Broderick, Una Crowley, Mary Mernagh, Kathy Walsh, Joan Gormley, Edel Murphy (0-2), Carmel O'Byrne (0-3), Marie Connell (4-1). Subs.: Annie Condon (1-0) for Mary Mernagh, also Bernie Toner, Jo Holden and Trisha Clinton.

Referee: Gerry Mullen (Down).

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Wexford's Josie O'Connor wins this ball from Dublin defenders Germaine Noonan and Marian Conroy and goalkeeper Yvonne Redmond.



LINDA MELERICK
Cork's Colette O'Mahony races clear despite the close attention of Kilkenny's Anne Downey (left) in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie semi-final at Nowlan Park yesterday.



Cork 'keeper Marian McCarthy clears her line as Kilkenny's Angela Downey and Breda Wines (10) come in during the All-Ireland Senior Camogie semi-final at Nowlan Park yesterday.

Dubs into final

Dublin will meet Kilkenny in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie final at Croke Park on September 14. A repeat of the 1985 decider was the outcome of last Sunday's exciting semi-finals.

The Kilkenny v Cork match was the best seen for some time. It had everything — two skilful committed teams, great scores, near misses and a breathtaking finish. From camogie's point of view, what a pity that it did not end in a draw thus giving fans another chance to watch these great sides in action.

Cork got into the game from the throw in and had three points on the board before Kilkenny found their range. It was score for score to halftime, with Cork turning over still three points in front.

Collette O'Mahony and Angela Downey, both immaculate from placed balls, continued the dóna dóna struggle. A goal from Irene O'Leary seemed to wrap it up for Cork with time running out.

But, once again, Angela Downey was to be a match winner for Kilkenny. She got inside her marker and blasted the ball past Marian McCarthy from close range. With the game into injury time, Angela got possession. Not content to tap the ball over the bar in search of a draw, she let fly for a goal. Marion McCarthy dived to bring off a great save but saw the ball go off her stick to the unmarked Jo Dunne. She accepted the present and Kilkenny were through to the final.

Full credit to Kilkenny for plugging away when the game appeared to be slipping away from them. Claire Jones had her best game in the Kilkenny colours. She, along with Angela Downey, Breda Holmes, Jo Dunne and Marie Fitzpatrick looked very sharp.

Cork stepped up their performance considerably on the form shown in the Antrim game. While very disappointed to lose having lead for so much of the game, they must be heartened by the showing of their young players.

Mary Spillane did very well on Angela Downey until Angela moved to the opposite wing. Collette O'Mahony rounded Biddy O'Sullivan and Bridie McGarry in turn to pick off some lovely scores. As a free-taker, she is a worthy successor to Mary O'Leary. Irene O'Leary gave a lively performance with 1-2 to show for it.

Meanwhile at Monomolin, Dublin were proving that they have come to grips with their goal scoring problem. A 5-9 to 3-2 win over Wexford provides an opportunity to reverse last September's result. Dublin did not do themselves justice in last year's decider and will eagerly look forward to another go at Kilkenny.

Kildare and Clare will provide a very attractive pair in the All-Ireland Junior final. For Kildare, it will be a special occasion as they will be contesting an All-Ireland final for the first time. Their 3-6 to 0-9 win over Derry and other results achieved during the season must permit them to be confident.

Clare found Roscommon no pushover in the opening half of their semi-final. But when the Clare forwards got going after the change over, Roscommon had no answer. Maura McNicholas and Catherine O'Loughlin, both Colaiste Muire girls, showed lovely skill as they took their scores.

RTE presenter Donncha O'Dualainn will lead a sponsored walk promoted by the Camogie Association, the proceeds of which will go to the Irish Wheelchair Association. Tipperary, Kilkenny, Laois, Kildare and arrive in Dublin to coincide with the All-Ireland Sevens at Glendalough.

The Lord Mayor of Dublin, Bertie Ahern will restart the walk from the Mansion House. Led by the Artane Band, the Parade including representatives of all counties, will proceed to Croke Park for the All-Ireland junior and senior finals.

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The stage is now set for what promises to be a most intriguing and exciting All-Ireland final in Croke Park on September 14. By their victories over Cork and Wexford, respectively, last Sunday, Kilkenny and Dublin have qualified for a repeat of last year's decider in which the Noreiders captured the O'Duffy Cup.

Ever since their disappointing show last September Dublin have been thirsting for revenge and they are eagerly looking forward to this clash. Already this season they have a victory over Kilkenny when they defeated them in the Leinster championship recently.

Their victory over Wexford in Monomolin helped to erase the memory of their poor performance against Tipperary in the quarter-final and it proved that Dublin can notch up the scores when the need arises.

Indeed, the welcome return to form of full forward Marie Connell had been eagerly awaited and her four goal contribution in the second half certainly devastated the hopes of the Wexford girls who had been dangerously close to causing an upset. Carmel O'Byrne continued where she left off against Tipperary with a brilliant first half display while wingers Cathy Walsh and captain Una Crowley had some inspired moments.

The defence which had coped adequately with the Wexford forward line in the first half, fell apart in the latter stages and allowed in some easy scores, and only their steady influence of Germaine Noonan saved them at times. Edel Murphy was not her usual self while Joan Gormley and Mary Mernagh have had better days. Nonetheless, semi-finals are not easy games to win and the most pleasing aspect of

this great victory was that Dublin were able to considerably improve on their form against Tipperary. Kilkenny beware!

All-Ireland club champions, Crumlin, begin the defence of their Leinster title when they face Carlow champions Myshall at 2.30 p.m. tomorrow at Silver Park, Leopardstown (from Pearse Park). Crumlin surprised everyone last season when they captured their first ever county title and then went all the way to become club champions on their debut in this competition.

To prove that last year's victory over UCD in the county final was no fluke they repeated that feat this season and now they set out on the road which they hope will lead to the retention of their title. Tomorrow's semi-final against Myshall will be no push-over for them. It will be Crumlin's first competitive game together for almost two months but with Geraldine Brady, Anne Redmond, Barbara Carroll along with county players Anna Condon, Bernie Toner, Cathy Walsh and Mary Mernagh available, I expect them to carry too much experience for the junior champions.

Repeat should be a thriller

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The All-Ireland Senior Camogie Final at Croke Park on September 14 will be a repeat of 1985 as Dublin and Kilkenny won their semi-final games last Sunday, but in very different fashion.

There are those who believe that the game of camogie is in need of overhaul. Some would increase the number of players, others, extend the pitch and so on. But they would have a job convincing the attendance at Nowlan Park last Sunday that there is anything wrong with the present game.

Kilkenny and Cork, to their credit, served up a magnificent exhibition of camogie. The game had everything. It was skilful, competitive, exciting and had a heart-stopping finish. It would have made a marvelous final.

Cork stepped up considerably on their Antrim showing and led Kilkenny for most of the way. Five

points up with little over a minute of normal time remaining they seemed destined for Croke Park.

But Angela Downey, so often the saviour of Kilkenny, struck. She raced away from her marker to shake the net from close range. With victory in sight, she got possession and only Cork captain, Marion McCarthy stood between her and her objective. Marion stopped the fierce shot but it rebounded from her stick to the unmarked Jo Dunne and the game was over.

Full credit to Kilkenny for not giving up when all appeared lost. They played with great commitment. It is usual for teams to improve between the semi-final and the final. If Kilkenny can step up on this showing, they certainly will be worth travelling to see.

The clash of the two

semi-finals does not permit first hand viewing of both games. But the score of 5-9 suggests that Dublin have come a long way in straightening out the problems in the forward line.

Dublin were disappointed with their display in last year's final. They must be delighted with the opportunity of another crack at Kilkenny. Certainly the final has all the ingredients of a thriller.

The junior final will be no less intriguing. Kildare will contest their first ever All-Ireland final. Clare, who won in 1974 and 1981, will provide exciting opposition.

Kildare had a good win over Derry in the semi-final. The highlight was a great individual goal by captain, Miriam Malone who side-stepped three defenders before placing the ball beyond the goalkeeper's reach.

Roscommon contained Clare's challenge in the first

half of their semi-final. When Clare opened up in the second period, Roscommon had no answer. In particular, the skilful play of Maura McNicholas and Catherine O'Loughlin was a delight to watch.

Donncha O'Dualainn, the RTE presenter, will lead a sponsored walk to the All-Ireland Camogie finals. The walk will commence in Connolly on Sunday, September 7 and will pass through Waterford, Tipperary, Kilkenny, Laois, Kildare and arrive in Dublin to coincide with the All-Ireland Sevens at Glendalough.

The Lord Mayor of Dublin, Ald. Bertie Ahern TD, will restart the walk at the Mansion House on Sunday and, led by the Artane Band, representatives from each county will parade to Croke Park for the All-Ireland final. The entire proceeds from the walk and associated fund-raising will go to the Irish Wheelchair Association.

Glen girls bid for Munster crown

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CORK COUNTY champions Glen Rovers bid to add the Munster camogie crown to their honours when on Sunday they take on Sixmilebridge of Clare in the Munster championship semi-final. Clare have already defeated Newport of Tipperary while Glen Rovers have received a bye to the semi-final.

Sixmilebridge looked very strong in their last game winning on the score of 1-7 to 0-3 and they will be looking to Marion Lynch and Noeleen Quinn to lead them to victory. Inter-county players Leslie Flynn and Yvonne McInerney are sure to create problems for the Glen Rovers girls.

Glen Rovers last game was their county final game against Killeagh and the long gap between games will not have helped them. In that game Glen Rovers looked very strong and trainer Finbarr O'Neill will be sure to have his charges on their toes and eager for victory.

Glen Rovers last won the Munster Championship in 1968 and present day selectors Anna Crotty and Deirdre Sutton played in their last Munster victory. Sixmilebridge were defeated by Eire Og of Cork in last year's Munster final.

Siobhán Reidy is another player who has worn the inter-county colours and is sure to cause problems for Glen Rovers. Glen on their part will be led by captain Mary Ring whose recent displays have been top class, inter-county player Val Fitzpatrick, and youngster Diane Deane who has had a great year in her first year senior with her club.

The game will be eagerly awaited and the Blackpool girls will be keen to restore Cork's pride after the defeat of the senior inter-county team last Sunday while the Clare girls will be anxious to break Cork's dominance of the competition.

On the local front the junior A championships continue with newly regraded Youghal who can call on a number of experienced players taking on Na Piarraig led by

Jean Kent and Paula Morgan.

Douglas should have a tussle with Castle-magner who have Carmel Hinchion as their trump card, while Douglas can call on Liz Maher and Colette Evans.

Cloughduv versus Aghabullogue will bring neighbouring clubs together, while Killeagh and Brian Dillons have always enjoyed close rivalry with the Killeagh girls being victorious in their championship clash last season.

St. Catherine's led by Marie O'Regan are sure to make Inniscarra fight every inch for victory.

On Wednesday evening the Junior B League continues with eight games listed.

Finally all camogie players, mentors and supporters are earnestly asked to help and support Donncha Ó Duálaing's walk for the Irish Wheelchair Association in conjunction with Cumann Camogiachta na n-Gael. Donncha will be starting on Sunday, September 7, at 8.00 a.m. from City Hall and would love people to accompany him even as far as Lower Glanmire Road. Club's along the route are asked to come out in strength during the week, Sept. 7 to 14, to encourage him.

FIXTURES SUNDAY

Junior A Championship

Youghal v Na Piarraig at Youghal at 3 p.m., Ref. Fr. O'Neill.

Douglas v Castle-magner at Douglas at 3 p.m., Ref. Blackrock.

Cloughduv v Aghabullogue at Cloughduv at 3 p.m., Ref. Eire Og.

Killeagh v Brian Dillons at Killeagh at 3 p.m., Ref. Marie Kearney.

St. Catherine's v Inniscarra at St. Catherine's at 3 p.m., Ref. Watergrass-hill.

Munster Club Championship Semi-final at Glen Rovers: Glen Rovers (Cork) v Sixmilebridge (Clare).

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Junior B League

Eire Og v Bishopstown at Bishopstown at 7.15, Ref. St. Finbarr.

Blackrock v Barryroe

at Barryroe, Ref. Inniscarra.

Sarsfields v St. Catherine's at Sarsfields, Ref. Brian Dillons.

Churchtown v Bride Rovers at Churchtown, Ref. Fr. O'Neill.

Carrigtwohill v Erin's

Own at Carrigtwohill, Ref. Cloyne.

Coursey Rovers v Gre-nagh at Coursey Rovers, Ref. St. Finbarr.

Kilshannig v Mour-neabbey at Kilshannig, Ref. Castle-magner.

Ballinora v St. Fanahan's at St. Fanahan's, Ref. Aragen.

Glen girls score a runaway victory

BY NOEL SPILLANE

GLEN ROVERS 3-12,
SIXMILEBRIDGE 0-3

COUNTY champions, Glen Rovers scored a runaway 3-12 to 0-3 win over Sixmilebridge at the Glen Field yesterday to qualify for yet another Munster senior club championship final against either the Limerick or Waterford champions, who meet next Saturday in the other semi-final tie. The final is scheduled for September 28.

The Glen lined out with their county winning team with the exception of Ger McCarthy who was ruled out with a

hamstring strain. Ann Hourihan replaced her in attack. They led 2-5 to 0-2 at half time and the second half was just as one-sided as the champions piled on the scores.

Therese O'Callaghan in the half forward line was the game's outstanding personality while team captain Mary Ring, Ann Delaney and Regina Scoutts also played starring roles for the Glen.

Regina Scoutts who emigrates to Canada in two weeks time and will miss the final, hit two goals in the first half to set Glen Rovers up for this easy win. She added three quick points early in the second half and then Ann Hourihan grabbed her opportunity

when she goaled to give the Glen a 3-10 to 0-3 lead with just minutes to go.

The point scorers for the losers were Marion Lynch and Yvonne McInerney in the first half and Mairead Toomey after half-time.

Scorers: Glen Rovers: R. Scoutts 2-3; A. Hourihan 1-0; T. O'Callaghan 0-3; V. Fitzpatrick 0-2; S. Fitzgibbon 0-2; J. Hamill 0-1 and M. Currid 0-1. Sixmilebridge: M. Lynch, Y. McInerney and M. Toomey 0-1 each.

Glen Rovers: F. McCarthy, M. Ring (capt); D. Deane, A. Delaney, M. Mackey, S. Fitzgibbon, V. Fitzpatrick, M. Currid, T. O'Callaghan, B. Scoutts, A. Hourihan, J. Hamill, Sub. C. O'Flynn for Hamill (second half).

Sixmilebridge: L. O'Flynn, R. Mulready, G. Moran, S. Reidy (capt); L. Quinn, M. Toomey, N. Quinn, O. O'Reilly, C. Cooney, M. Lynch, P. O'Grady, Y. McInerney. Referee: Mr. M. O'Flynn (Waterford).

Glen Rovers too strong

GLEN ROVERS 3-12; SIXMILEBRIDGE 0-3

COUNTY champions Glen Rovers scored a facile 3-12 to 0-3 win over Sixmilebridge in Cork yesterday to qualify for yet another Munster senior club championship final. They will play the winners of the Limerick-Waterford semi-final tie in the decider on September 28.

Glen Rovers led 2-5 to 0-2 at halftime, after Regina Scoutts, who emigrates to Canada in two weeks time, hit two first half goals.

The Glen fielded their county championship winning team with the exception of Ger McCarthy, who was ruled out with a hamstring strain. Her replacement in attack, Ann Hourihan, grabbed her opportunity with a goal.

SCORERS—Glen Rovers: R. Scoutts (2-3); T. O'Callaghan (0-3); A. Hourihan (1-0); V. Fitzpatrick, S. Fitzgibbon (0-2); J. Hamill, M. Currid (0-1 each). Sixmilebridge—M. Lynch, Y. McInerney, M. Toomey (0-1 each).

Kilmacud sevens entry impressive

ONE of the most attractive events on the camogie calendar, the Kilmacud Sevens, has enticed an impressive entry. The tournament will be staged at Glenahlyn and Silver Park on September 13, the eve of the All Ireland finals.

Upwards of twenty clubs have entered with champions, buffer's Alley travelling from Wexford to defend their title while All Ireland club champions Crumlin will have a team in action.

However, with Dublin players Yvonne Redmond, Cathy Walsh, Anna Condon, Mary Mernagh and Bernice Toner resting for the fray with Kilkenny, they will not be at their best.

St. Pauls, Kilkenny have been regular visitors over the years and have carried home the laurels on more than one occasion. Six of the St. Paul's first twelve will be on duty for Kilkenny this leaving the club too depleted to send a team.

Former champions and last year's runners up, Killeagh will be in action. They can call on Cathy Landers, Mary Spillane, Patricia Fitzgibbon, Marion Sweeney, Patsy Keniry and Ann Marie Landers and should give a good account of themselves.

Ulster will be represented by Down champions Leitrim, Ardoyne and An Ríocht. Athenry and Glenamaddy are expected to travel from the West while Munster clubs present will include St. Marys, Newport, Croagh - Kilfinny, Erin's Own and Drum - Inch.

The ever improving home side, Kilmacud and Oliver Plunketts will be among the Dublin teams. Meeshol, Avoca, Birr and St. Anne's Dunleer will also make the

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trip. Given reasonable weather conditions, it will provide great entertainment.

SPONSORED WALK

The sponsored walk by Donnacha O Dulain in aid of the Irish Wheelchair Association will arrive at Kilmacud at the closing stages of the competition. The walkers will re-assemble at the Mansion House on Sunday to parade to Croke Park for the All Ireland Finals.

Thanks to Angela Downey, St. Pauls ousted Buffer's Alley from the Leinster Club championship. Scoring the entire total of 2-2 Angela secured Pauls place in the final on September 21.

The second semi final was a tame affair. The All Ireland champions, Crumlin were in a different class than their junior graded opponents. Myshall, Myshall

fought gamely but could not prevent Crumlin from easing into the decider.

Glen Rovers, who won the first Munster Club Championship in 1964 reached another final at the expense of Sixmilebridge. With Regina Scouts, Therese O'Callaghan and Sandie Fitzgibbon in scoring form, they ran up a sizeable score against a team which had difficulty in converting their chances.

The referees for the All Ireland Finals have been announced. Betty Joyce, who plays for the Killesnoe Club in Cork, will be in charge of the senior final. Betty captained the Cork Junior team which won the 1980 All - Ireland and also holds minor and club All - Ireland medals.

Dublin referee, Rose Ryan will officiate at the Clare v Kildare junior final. Rose is a very experienced referee and has been on the inter-county circuit for several seasons.

COMMUNITY GAMES

NATIONAL FINALS - At Moiney.

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Under 14 Semi-final - Rath (Offaly) 2-1, Annalee (Cavan) 0-0; Bishopscrowne (Cork) 1-3, Knockcroghery (Roscommon) 0-0.

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U-14 Final - Rath (Offaly), 1-0; Bishopscrowne (Cork), 0-2. Breezer, Knockcroghery (Roscommon).

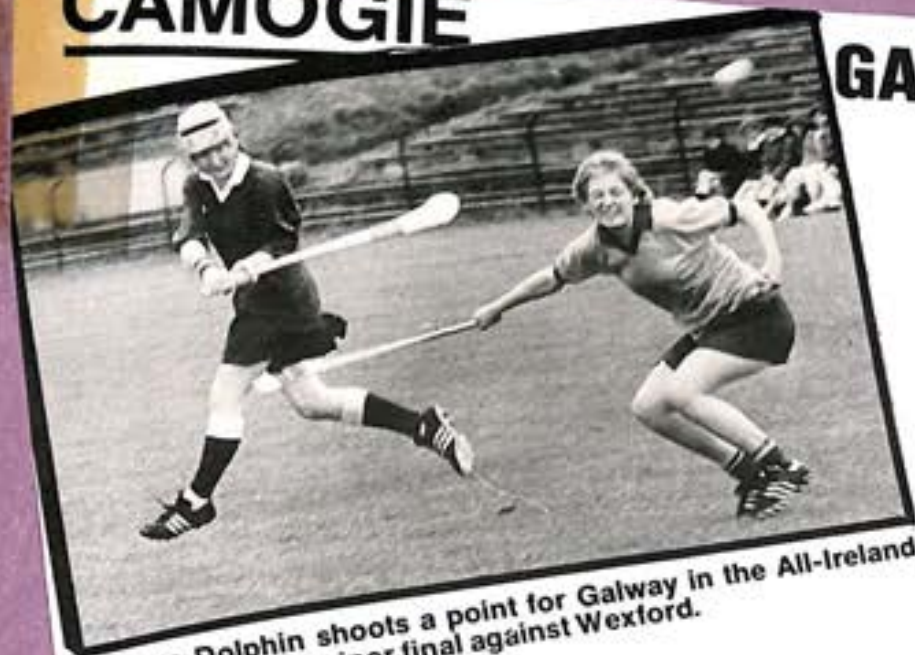


WE WON THE CUP... Miriam Malone, the Kildare camogie team captain holds up the Leinster junior trophy after they had defeated Carlow in the final, watched by Co. Board President and former Leinster Chairperson, Mrs. Cis Corcoran.

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GALWAY MINORS TAKE THEIR THIRD ALL- IRELAND TITLE

•Triona Dolphin shoots a point for Galway in the All-Ireland minor final against Wexford.

GALWAY pay special attention to underage camogie. The fruits of intensive work in this area were realised last month when the county minor team recorded their third All-Ireland victory.

Youngsters are introduced to camogie at a tender age and groomed in the skills of the game. Competitions start for the under-ten age group and by the time these players progress through Community Games, Feile na nGael, primary and post-primary championships, their standard is very good.

Excellently prepared by Isobel McGee, this Galway team had no obvious weak link. Isobel, who graduated from University College, Galway early in the summer must rank as one of the youngest coaches to train an All-Ireland winning team. Her mother, Dr. Eithne McGee, a former Ashbourne star with U.C.D., is the guiding light of the vibrant Salt-hill Camogie Club.

The final itself produced camogie of a high standard. Indeed the All-Ireland Minor Championship is the one competition which continues to

improve. It came in for praise from visitors from the Isle of Man who were surprised that girls so young could be so skilful.

By
MARY MORAN

It often happens that a team which found it so difficult to make a breakthrough discovers that success comes easily once the barrier has been broken. This has been the case with the Crumlin Club in the Dublin Senior Championship. With more than a half dozen senior inter-county players at their disposal, they took a long time to establish themselves.

Second time around, they retained the Dublin title with ease. Backed by the Redmondsisters, Mary Mernagh, Anna Condon, Mary Keane, Cathy Walsh and Bernie Toner, the Crumlin side is looking forward to retaining their All-Ireland title.

SUPER RECORD

A club with a super record is Buffer's Alley of Wexford. Five times All-Ireland Club champions, they stretched their unbroken run in the Wexford championship to twelve years. The Alley players have a

tremendous pride in their club and give their all when wearing the famous green and gold.

Another club which continues to dominate the scene on the home front is St. Pauls, Kilkenny. Without a serious challenger for many years, St. Pauls remain kingpins by the Nore and are likely to do so while Angela Downey, Liz Neary, Bridie McGarry, Anne Downey and Breda Holmes carry on.

Glen Rovers, who won the first Munster Club Championship in 1964, collected their thirteenth Cork title in July. Exciting play from Ger McCarthy, Marie Ryan, Sandie Fitzgibbon, Val Fitzpatrick and captain Mary Ring brought the cup to Blackpool.

Competition is very keen in the Cork championship. Nothing more than a puck of the ball separates the top four clubs. The 1987 championship is within the reach of Killeagh, St. Finbarrs, Eire Og and, of course, Glen Rovers.

The balance of power in Antrim camogie has swung away from Belfast for some years now. The once famous clubs Deirdre, St. Malachy's and St. Teresa's are either struggling or gone out of existence.

Portglenone, Creggan and Loughgiel made the Glens of Antrim the stronghold of the game in the county. This season Cushendall captured the honours. Broadford (Kildare), Kilanney (Monaghan), Laragh (Cavan) and Ballymacnab (Armagh) also carry memories of the 1986 season.

First camogie crown for 'Whites

BLACKS & WHITES 2-4
ST. BRIGID'S (Ballycallan) 0-7

BLACKS AND WHITES won the minor camogie championship for the first time when they beat St. Brigid's (Ballycallan) in a hard-fought game at St. John's Park on Saturday.

The winners led from start to finish. In the closing five minutes they had to soak up some heavy pressure, as the losers tried hard for the equalising goal. A great shot by Chriona O'Sullivan went inches wide, while goalie Catriona Savage brought off a great save from Mary McGrath.

The blacks and Whites led by 1-3 to 0-2 at the interval. The vital goal came in the 9th minute from Elaine McDonald.

There was a dramatic start to the second half with the losers adding a point within 30 seconds.

From the puck-out the Blacks and Whites came back for an all-important goal to put them 2-3 to 0-3 ahead. It was a great goal scored by Stella Nolan, whose drive from 30 yards went rocketing to the net.

Although the losers had plenty of the play, their attack could not find a way past the winners' defence and they had to rely on Breda Cahill for their scores.



Sound game

Catriona Savage made one great and vital save in the closing stages. Eva McDonald played a sound game at full-back, while Teresa Aylward, Ann Carroll and Miriam Ryan defended heroically in the second half. Lizzie Whelan gave a wonderful display at midfield and a lot more will be heard of her in the coming years. She got great assistance from Mary Lyng and Claire Kelly.

Stella Nolan was the most dangerous in attack, and her goal from 30 yards was a great effort. Elaine McDonald also took her goal in style. Myra Creen and Majella Hickey also did well.

Sinéad Millea could not be faulted for the goals that beat her. She made a couple of fine saves. Breda Dalton was best in defence. Catherine Ryan, Abigail Sheppard and Frances Hennessy also played their parts in defence.

Breda Cahill was one of the best performers on view, and was her side's only scorer. She got good assistance from Angela Cleere, who had a great duel with Lizzie Whelan, and Geraldine Brennan. The attack of Chriona O'Sullivan, Rita Ronan, Nicola and Mary Teehan tried hard, but with little reward for their efforts.

The scorers

Blacks and Whites: L. Whelan (0-3), S. Nolan, E. McDonald (1-0 each), C. Kelly (0-1).

St. Brigid's: B. Cahill (0-7).

The teams

Blacks and Whites: C. Savage, E. McDonald, T. Aylward, A. Carroll, M. Ryan, M. Lyng, L. Whelan, C. Kelly, M. Creen, S. Nolan, E. McDonald, M. Hickey.

St. Brigid's: S. Millea, B. Dalton, C. Ryall, F. Hennessy, A. Sheppard, B. Cahill, A. Cleere, G. Brennan, M. Teehan, C. O'Sullivan, R. Ronan, N. Teehan. Subs.: M. McGrath, O. Ryall.

Referee: J. Phelan (Lisdowney).



Cashel County Senior Champions who defeated Newport (St. Mary's) in Drombane in the county camogie final.

It was the first time Cashel ever won the Sean Treacy Cup presented by Dan Breen in 1943 to the camogie girls of Tipperary.

Back row, left to right: C. O'Dwyer, C. Bargary, M. Ryan, J. O'Dwyer, B. Ryan, N. Ryan, O'Connell, C. McCloskey (captain), N. O'Dwyer, D. Kevin.

Front row, left to right: M. Mulvey, T. Bonner, N. Bonner, J. Lonergan, J. Butler, J. Tobin, C. Troy, A. M. Fanning.