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Fánaithe an Ghleanna-Corcaigh

Glen Rovers - Cork

Dathanna: **Dubh, Glas is Bui**

(1)
FIONA NIC CÁRTHAIGH
Fiona McCarthy

(2)
DIANE NÍ DHÉIN
Diane Deane

(3)
MÁIRE NÍ RINN
Mary Ring

(4)
ÁINE UÍ DHONNABHAIN
Ann O'Donovan

(5)
DEIRDRE NIC CÁRTHAIGH
Deidre McCarthy

(6)
SANDRA NIC GIOBÚIN
Sandie FitzGibbon

(7)
LINDA NÍ MHAOILGHEIRIC
Linda Mellerick

(8)
MÁIRE NIC MUIRÍ
Mary Currid

(9)
THERÉSE NÍ CHEALLACHÁIN
Therése O'Callaghan (Captaen)

(10)
DENISE NÍ CHRÓINÍN
Denise Cronin

(11)
SIÚN NÍ AMAILL
June Hamill

(12)
GEARÓIDÍN NIC CARTHAIGH
Ger McCarthy

IONADAITHE: (13) Mairéad Ní Laoire (Mairead O'Leary); (14) Clár Nic Cáthaigh; Clare McCarthy; (15) Mandy Chiniéic (Mandy Kenefic); (16) Fiona Ní Thuama (Fiona Twomey).

NAOMH PÓL - CILL CHAINNIGH

ST. PAUL'S - KILKENNY

Dathanna: **Dubh, Bán is Bui**

(1)
MÁIRE NÍ LEATHLOBHAIR
Maria Lawlor

(2)
CEARÚILÍN NIC THOMÁIS
Caroline Holmes (Captaen)

(3)
CLÁR NIC SHEOIN
Clare Jones

(4)
BRÍD MHC FHEARAIGH
Bridie McGarry

(5)
EIBHLIN NIC THOMÁIS
Helen Holmes

(6)
CIARA NIC THOMÁIS
Ciara Holmes

(7)
ÁINE NÍ DHÚNAIGH
Ann Downey

(8)
GEARÓIDÍN NÍ RIAIN
Geraldine Ryan

(9)
BRÍD UÍ RIAIN
Breda Ryan

(10)
BRÍD NIC THOMÁIS
Breda Holmes

(11)
AINGEAL NÍ DHÚNAIGH
Angela Downey

(12)
NOELLE NÍ DHRISCEOIL
Noelle O'Driscoll

IONADAITHE: (13) Miriam Ní Aoláin, Miriam Holland; (14) Caitríona Ní Náraigh, Catherine Neary; (15) Sorca Ruiséil, Sarah Russell; (16) Áine Nic an Ghaill, Annette Stapleton.

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Fánaithe an Ghleanna, Corcaigh

TÁ an Chamógaíocht á imirt ag cailíní Fánaithe an Ghleanna leis na blianta beaga anuas. Cé go raibh an Club thuas seal agus thíos seal, tá sé ar a bhonnaibh anois agus ag dul ó neart go chéile.

Glen Rovers won its first County title in 1934 but seemed to lapse for some years until, in 1947, Chrissie Donovan reorganised the Club. In that year the County B Championship title came to Glen Rovers, followed by the Senior County Championship in 1950, 1951 and 1957. The present Cathaoirleach of the Club, Nora (O'Brien) Newman, was on the successful team of 1950.

d'Eirigh thar barr le Fánaithe an Ghleanna sa deichmhear dár gcionn. A record 7-in-a-row Senior County titles were won by the Club from 1962 - 1968. Many famous names are on the team lists of those years — Deirdre Sutton (Cisteoir an Chlub anois), Anna Crotty (Uachtarán an Chlub faoi láthair), Maura Coleman, Nora O'Mahony, Peggie Dorgan.

The 1970's saw a decline in fortunes at Senior level, but the vision of such as Nora Newman, Mary Nott, Nancy Hourihane and Maura Coleman, and their commitment to the younger players, brought success at under-18 and Intermediate level.

The Intermediate County title was won in 1973, the under-18 City league in 1975, and the Senior Club Tournament in 1979. A combination of the experience of Deirdre Sutton and Maura Coleman and the emergence of players of the Calibre of Ann Connolly, Marie Mackey and Ger Donovan led to a resurgence at Senior level.

Ann Donovan captained the Seniors to County success in 1983, a year which saw a unique treble of Senior, Junior and Under-18 titles being captured by the Club. County league titles and an under-18 title followed in 1984 and 1985.

Cuireadh barr ar obain an chlub i 1986. Mary Ring, daughter of the famous Christy, captained Glen Rovers to its 13th County title, the Munster Club title, and, amidst scenes of great jubilation, to its first All-Ireland title at the expense of the marvellous Naomh Pól, Cill Chainnigh team.

Although retaining the County and Munster Senior titles in 1987, success has eluded the Seniors until 1990. However, Intermediate, Under-18, Under-16, and Corn na Cásca, Oileán Mhanainn, trophies made their way to Glen Rovers.

With the guidance of Finbarr O'Neill (trainer and selector), Marie Markey and Mary Newman, selectors, 1990 has been another great year for Fánaithe an Ghleanna. Their titles number Senior County League and Championship, Munster Club Championship and the Kilmacud Crokes All-Ireland Club 7-a-side.

Numerous members of Fánaithe an Ghleanna have represented the County teams with distinction at all levels and have helped to bring many titles to Corcaigh, and to Munster. Many members have given distinguished service to an Coiste Contae as officers, particularly Nora Newman, Cathaoirleach an Chlub for the last 27 years and the present Uachtarán of An Coiste Contae.

Gura fada buan é An Club.

Craobhchomórtas Idir-Chlub na hÉireann

BUNAÍODH an Comórtas seo i 1964 le seasca bliain de shaol Chumann Camógaíochta na nGael a chomóradh. B'é Cumann Celtic, Áth Cliath, a rug an chéad Chraobh leis.

Celtic, with Una O'Connor, the outstanding forward of her era, Allie Hussey and Eithne Leech in sparkling form, had a comfortable win over Deirdre (Aontroim) in the final at Croke Park. However, the game did not match the two epic struggles between Celtic and Glen Rovers at the semi-final stage.

There was great support for the new competition and it was decided to make it an annual event. The new trophy was claimed by Ann Carroll on behalf of St. Patrick's, Glengoolie (Tiobraid Árann) and retained by them in 1966.

The great Loch Garman star, Margaret O'Leary, played a key role in bringing the title back to Áth Cliath. Playing alongside Kay Lyons, Ailish Toner and Phyllis Breslin in the colours of Eoghan Ruadh, she collected her first medal in 1967.

Today's finalists, St. Paul's, Cill Chainnigh, stepped on the victor's rostrum in 1968. Ann Carroll became the first player to win Club Championship medals with two clubs. Carmel O'Shea, Liz Neary, Jo Golden and the Cassin twins figured prominently for St. Paul's.

Austin Stacks became the third Áth Cliath club to win the title in 1972. Sheila Murray, Brid Keenan, in Orla Ni Shiocháin and Mary Ryan were the mainstay of the team. Liz Neary won her fourth medal when Austin Stacks retained the title in the following season.

The cup rested in the West in 1974 when Oranmore (An Ghaillimh) triumphed. Nono McHugh, Josie Kelly and Pat Feeney are well remembered. Next in line were Croagh-Kilfinny (Luimneach) with Brid Stokes, Margie Neville, Helen Mulcair and Marion Doyle to the fore.

A much changed St. Paul's side was back in 1977. Captained by Mary Fennelly, the team included Ann Downey, Bridie Martin, Angela

Downey and Ursula Grace.

Midge Poinard, Noreen Treacy, Madge Hobbins and Breda Coady were the stars of the winning Athenry team in 1978. The cup was back in Luimneach the following season when Vera Mackey, Geraldine O'Brien, Pauline McCarthy and Bernie O'Brien won for Ballyagran.

The great Buffer's Alley (Loch Garman) team emerged to take five All-Ireland Club titles in six years (between 1979 and 1984). Kathleen Tonks, Margaret Lacey, Maggie Hearne, Ann Butler, Elsie Walsh, Bridie Doran and Stella Sinnott shone regularly in the green and yellow.

Killeagh (Corcaigh) broke Buffer's Alley winning sequence in 1980. The first Corcaigh team to win the title had great players in Pat Moloney, Marie Costine, Cathy Landers, Betty Joyce and Marion Sweeney.

Four Redmond sisters, Yvonne, Anne, Aileen and Barbara fielded with the Crumlin, Áth Cliath team which succeeded in 1985. Cathy Walsh, Mary Mernagh, Bernie Toner and Anna Condon were others to shine for Crumlin.

Glen Rovers (Corcaigh) had their hour of glory in 1986. Led by Mary Ring, the Glen had outstanding performers in Sandie Fitzgibbon, Val Fitzpatrick, Ger McCarthy, Marie Ryan and Therese O'Callaghan.

The last three years belonged to St. Paul's. Claire Jones, Breda Holmes and Noelle O'Driscoll combine with Bridie McGarry and the Downey twins to make St. Paul's a truly great club side.

Agus aghaidh á thabhairt ar an gCluiche Ceannais 1990, againn, tagann gnéithe áirithe chun chuimhne. Fánaithe an Ghleanna are contesting their third final, with Naomh Pól as their opponents in all three. Táid ar chomhscoir go fóill. Bhí an bua ag muintir Chorcaí i 1986, agus ag muintir Chill Chainnigh i 1987.

Naomh Pól are contesting their twelfth final and are seeking their eighth title.

Go raibh an-chluiche eatarthu inniu.

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NAOMH PÓL

CHOMH fada siar le tús an chéid tá an Chamógaíocht á imirt i gcathair Chill Chainnigh. Records show that Camógaíocht matches were played in Cill Chainnigh city as early as 1908. County teams, comprising mostly the city girls, featured as early as 1910.

There was, therefore, a long tradition of Camógaíocht in the city before Naomh Pól Club was established in 1963. Most of the players at that time came from Presentation Convent, Cill Chainnigh city, although they hailed from various parts of the county. The association and strong links with the school would have contributed to Naomh Pól being regarded as the city based club.

Among the people involved in founding the club was John Fennelly, father of Mary Fennelly who later starred with Naomh Pól, captained Cill Chainnigh, and became Uachtarán an Chumainn in 1982. Others who contributed enormously in those early years were Jimmy Morrissey, Dick Cassin, father of the twins Maura and Breda who also represented the county, Agnes and Bill Carroll, parents of Ann of Scoil Bhríde, Callan, fame, who also wore the county colours with distinction. Ann is, at present, one of the Association's two National coaches. Teasie Brennan and Mary Conway were other Naomh Pól players of that era to don the black and amber.

From its foundation, Naomh Pól went from strength to strength and won the first of its eight All-Ireland Club Championships in 1968. As well as the players already mentioned, that history-making team had the great stylists Carmel O'Shea, Liz Neary and Helena O'Neill, all of whom represented Cill Chainnigh. The goalkeeper was Jo Golden, also a county player, who later became Arduinai of the Association and is its current Cisteoir.

Further All-Ireland titles came to the club in 1969, 1970, 1974, 1976, 1987, 1988 and 1989.

Is ó neart go chéile atá Naomh Pól imithe ó shin i leith. The club has numerous County Championship titles to its credit, and many of its players, including the aforementioned, have been honoured by being selected to play for Cúige Laighean in the Inter-Provincial Series.

Members of the present team have carved a special niche for themselves in the annals of Camógaíocht. Bridie McGarry and the Downey twins, Angela and Ann, have played with the team during its last five successes. Naomh Pól supplied the captains of all ten Cill Chainnigh teams which have won the All-Ireland Senior Championship. Together with Bridie, Angela and Ann, Breda Holmes (Captaen), Claire Jones and Noelle O'Driscoll helped Cill Chainnigh to its sixth in-a-row All Ireland title and its fourth-in-a-row National League and Championship double.

Roghnaíodh cúigear do ghradam faoi leith. Five Naomh Pól members have been recipients of the B+I Senior Player of the Year Award: Bridie McGarry (1976), Angela Downey (1977, 1986, 1989), Liz Neary (1981), Ann Downey (1986, 1989), Breda Holmes (1987). Angela Downey received the Texaco Award in 1986 and is the record-holder of three-in-a-row Gradam Tailte titles. Tá snaidhm faoi leith idir an fhoireann i mbliana agus an chéad fhoireann ariamh a bhí ag Naomh Pól. Mary McCorry (nee Conway), who has been with the club since the beginning, is a selector and Rúnaí an Chlub. With trainer, Georgie Leahy, Mary hopes for further success for Naomh Pól. Gura fada buan iad.

FÁNAITHE AN GHLEANNNA



Ar Chúi (ó chlé): Fionnbharr Ó Neill (Roghnoir), Máire Uí Nuamáin, Tracy Ní Riordáin, Pádraigin Ní Mhurchú, Linda Ní Mhaolghairic, Clár Ní Cárthaigh, Eibhlín Ní Mhaoláin, Gearóidín Ní Cárthaigh, Sandie Ní Giobhúin, Máire Ní Rinn, Máire Mhaca. Chun Thosaigh (ó chlé): Mandy Chinifeic, Deirdre Ní Cárthaigh, Denise Ní Chróinín, Mairead Ní Laoire, Diane Ní Dhéin, Therése Ní Cheallacháin (Captaen), Áine Ní Dhúlainne Uí Dhonnabháin, Máire Ní Mhuirí, Fiona Ní Thuama, Fiona Ní Cárthaigh.

NAOMH PÓL



Ar Chúi (ó chlé): Tina Breathnach, Áine Ní Dhúnaigh, Cearúilín Ní Thomáis (Captaen), Noelle Ní Dhrisceoil, Seoirse Ó Laocha, (Oiliunai), Catriona Ní Náraigh, Brid Uí Riain, Máire Uí Chorra (Roghnoir), Clár Ní Sheoin, Ciara Ní Thomáis. Chun Thosaigh (ó chlé): Áine Ní an Ghaill, Síle Fry, Eibhlín Ní Thomáis, Brid Mhic Fhearaigh, Máire Ní Leathlobhair, Aingel Ní Dhúnaigh, Gearóidín Ní Riain, Miriam Ní Aoláin.

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Glen show no mercy

GLEN ROVERS 4-13 ST. PAULS 2-7

GLEN Rovers took over the mantle of champions in a cold and dreary Nowlan Park yesterday when they mopped the floor with St. Paul's of Kilkenny in a one-sided All-Ireland Club Senior Camogie final.

The Cork clubs intelligent and forceful play saw them dominate throughout and the defending champions never got a look in.

With Ger McCarthy dazzling in the Glen attack and scoring 2-11 Cork were just too hot to handle. The winners led by 2-9 to 2-2 at half-time and even at that they were generous to their opponents as they gifted a soft goal to Breda Holmes.

During the opening ten minutes of the second half Rovers wrapped up the match and the title. Goals from McCarthy and Linda Mellerick extended

their lead to 4-11 to 2-3 and really there was no way back for St. Paul's after that.

Rovers had a dazzler in McCarthy who could virtually make scores out of nothing. She tortured the St. Pauls defence and she had an able deputy in Linda Mellerick.

Further back Sandy Fitzgibbon was brilliant at centre-back for the new champions and Diane Deane also put in a five star performance.

The only St. Pauls players who were able to live with Rovers on the day were Ann Downey and Bridie McGarry and the Kilkenny champions could have had no complaints with the outcome.

Scorers: Glen Rovers—G. McCarthy 2-11, L. Mellerick 2-2. St. Paul's—A. Downey 1-3, B. Holmes 1-0, A. Downey, B. McGarry 0-2 each.

Referee: A. Derham (Dublin)

Kilbriann 1-3 St. Finbarr's 1-2

A HEROIC second half performance carried Kilbriann to victory over St. Finbarr's in the Co. Junior "B" camogie championship final replay at Ballygarvan yesterday.

Both teams, who could have been excused for being numbed by the chill factor, instead served up a vigorous and thrilling dual with the Barrs leading 0-2 to 0-1 at half time.

Kilbriann, having spurned numerous opportunities had the grim task of facing the bitter wind in the second half.

However with Mary Brennan majestic at centre-back, Helen O'Donovan, Mary Sexton and Cathy Riordan contesting everything feverishly, and Miriam Deasy grabbing a precious 1-1, Kilbriann

took up the running.

With ten minutes to go St. Finbarr's reduced the arrears to a single point when Marie O'Sullivan's low driven free, although well stopped by Mary Twohig, was rushed to the net by Vivian Grainger. The Barrs made several more threatening raids but Twohig, Brennan and their comrades refused to yield.

Scorers: Kilbriann — M. Deasy 1-1, C. O'Regan and M. Brennan 0-1 each. St. Finbarr's — M. O'Sullivan 0-2, V. Grainger 1-0.

KILBRITANN: M. Twohig, A. Sheehy, C. McCarthy, H. O'Donovan, M. Brennan, M. Sexton, C. Dinren, A. M. Desmond, C. Fitzgerald, C. O'Regan, E. O'Neill, M. Deasy. Sub. N. Quinlan for A. Desmond.

ST. FINBARRS: B. Collins, D. Duffy, D. O'Sullivan, C. Barry, D. Ryan, Maria O'Sullivan, J. O'Connell, S. O'Donovan, Marie O'Sullivan, V. Grainger, M. O'Regan, R. O'Donovan. Sub. A. Santry for R. O'Donovan.

Referee — E. Hackett.

ALL-IRELAND CAMOGIE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

The end of a glorious era

GLEN ROVERS 4-13
ST. PAULS 2-7

A GLORIOUS era in Kilkenny camogie came to an end at Nowlan Park on Sunday when St. Paul's were beaten in the All-Ireland club championship final by a younger, fitter and quicker Glen Rovers.

The Kilkenny girls were attaining to win their fourth title in-a-row but were outburled by a Cork side roared on by 500 supporters who travelled up from Leeside.

On an extremely cold day, St. Paul's failed to ignite and it was interesting that all but three of Glen Rovers points came from frees, a fact not lost on the St. Paul's players who felt referee Ann Derham a little too harsh at times. In fact the Glen only had two scorers, Ger McCarthy getting 2-11 and Linda Mellerick accounting for the other 2-2.

The winners played with the aid of a stiff breeze in the first half and led by seven points at half-time. In that half St. Paul's played well in containing a speedy Glen Rovers forward line. Goals from Breda Holmes and Angela Downey kept the home side in touch and there was a feeling among supporters and team officials that they could reduce the deficit in the second half.

Ann Downey began to dominate around the centre-field having played the first half at centre back. However, St. Paul's just weren't able to create room for themselves up front. The death knell came in the 13th minute when Ger McCarthy waltzed through

Singing in the Glens
GLEN ROVERS..... 4-13; ST. PAULS..... 2-7
MIGHTY Glen Rovers put in such a performance at Nowlan Park yesterday to overpower defending champions, St. Paul's (Kilkenny) in a one-sided All-Ireland Club Senior Camogie Final.

Cork's finest really eclipsed the opposition and never gave them a look-in. With daring attacker, Ger McCarthy in dazzling form, the visitors took less than half an hour to put the issue beyond doubt.

At half-time, the Leesiders led by 2-9 to 2-2, and even at that Paul's were lucky to be so close as they were gifted a goal to Breda Holmes. That was the only lax moment for Rovers, who otherwise turned in an impeccable performance.

Any lingering doubt about the outcome was removed eight minutes into the new half when the dazzling McCarthy and Linda Mellerick crashed home goals to improve the winners lead to 4-11 to 2-3.

Scorers — Glen Rovers — G. McCarthy (2-11), L. Mellerick (2-2). St. Pauls — Angela Downey (1-3), B. Holmes (1-0), Ann Downey, B. McGarry (0-2 each).

Ref — A. Derham (Dublin).

There was further disappointment the following minute when the visitors best forward Linda Mellerick found the net.

Little leeway

St. Paul's continued to press but were allowed little leeway by a Glen Rovers defence which tucked tenaciously.

Angela and Ann Downey knocked over three points between them to put a more respectable gloss on the score-line.

St. Paul's used two subs, Sarah Russell and Catherine Neary who both tried valiantly but could do little to stem the tide.

Time and again in the second half, St. Paul's were

caught on the break by their opponents who played great through balls to their full-forward line which excelled. They had a star performer in Sandie Fitzgibbon who lined out at centreback.

While the losers played gamely to the end they found the pace of the Cork girls a little too much for them. Glen Rovers played with the sort of enthusiasm that would dampen the spirits of any team.

The winners had star performers in Sandie Fitzgibbon, Diane Deane, Linda Mellerick and top scorer Ger McCarthy.

St. Paul's were best served by Bridie McGarry when she moved forward, Claire Jones, Ann Downey, Geraldine Ryan and Angela Downey.

Glen Rovers — F. McCarthy, A. Deane, S. Fitzgibbon, C. McCarthy, D. Deane, T. O'Callaghan, E. Currid, L. Mellerick (2-2), G. McCarthy (2-11), D. Croan, G. McCarthy.

St. Paul's — M. Lawlor, B. McGarry (0-2), C. Holmes, A. Downey (0-2), H. Holmes, M. Holland, C. Jones, G. Ryan, B. Ryan, B. Holmes (1-0), Angela Downey (1-3), N. O'Driscoll, S. Russell and C. Neary. Referee — Aine Derham (Dublin).

GLORIOUS GLEN

All-Ireland club camogie champions

By EOIN EDWARDS

'WE closed the old clubhouse in style last night and we'll open up the new one in even better style next Sunday', said Mary Newman/McCarthy early this morning as she talked to *Echo Sport* about the Glen Camogie team's marvellous win yesterday in the All-Ireland Club Final.

This was much more than another All-Ireland title for the girls from the Blackpool club, it was sweet revenge on a team that up to yesterday were the best in the land. St Paul's of Kilkenny, with many top class players, including the Downey twins, who have many, many All-Ireland medals won with their county team, simply had no answer to the skill and determination of the Glen girls.

The fact that this went virtually unnoticed by many in Cork doesn't surprise, it seems the 'minority' sports in Cork don't really get the praise they deserve, ask anyone in Neptune basketball club, one of the greatest basketball teams this decade. But the Glen club members, people like



Ger McCarthy: outstanding



Therese O'Callaghan: great saves



Linda Mellerick: brilliant

Patsy Hart, Kieran Fitzgibbon and many former Glen camogie players, knew how important yesterday's clash with the Kilkenny champions was, they outnumbered the Kilkenny support at Nowlan Park, Kilkenny yesterday by 10-1.

And when the out-going President of the Camogie Association, Maire Ní Ceallacháin from the Inniscarra Club presented the All-Ireland Club Championship Cup to Glen captain Therese O'Callaghan yesterday a mighty cheer went up from the many who braved the cold and wind to travel to the heart of Kilkenny to see 12 players play their hearts out.

Players like Ger McCarthy, who scored 2-11, Linda Mellerick, 2-2, goalkeeper Fiona McCarthy who made some outstanding saves, Tracy O'Callaghan who took some beautiful scores, Ann O'Donovan who had to receive 4 stitches after the game and that tigerish player, small in stature but big in heart, Sandy Fitzgibbon, who was like a rock at centre back. She's only back from a very demanding tour of the U.S. with the Irish basketball team, but showed no signs of tiredness yesterday on the pitch.

The whole team combined to form an unstoppable force and the great Ann Downey, who is also Chairperson of the Kilkenny County Board, was loud in her praise at the dinner held afterwards for the two teams. They were she said 'worthy champions'.

It's the only All-Ireland camogie title in Cork this year (even though the same team won the All-Ireland seven-a-side for the first time in September) and when it joins the McCarthy and possibly Sam Maguire Cups up at the official opening of the new Glen club premises, adjoining the playing pitches, on Sunday next everyone involved with the camogie club, from the players to trainer and selector Finbarr O'Neill, Chairperson Nora Downey, her daughter selector Mary Downey/McCarthy, will be as proud as punch.

It was sad day for one of the players on Sunday as Diane Deane's aunt died. Bernadette Cronin (nee Deane), a former player with the club died unexpectedly on Sunday. Mrs Cronin was a sub on the first Glen team to win a county back in 1950. She will be missed at a special reunion function to be held shortly to mark the 40 anniversary of that great win. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a h-anam.

THE SPIRIT OF THE GLEN

A colourful history of camogie in Blackpool

FOR years the Glen Rovers camogie team believed they had won their first county senior hurling title in 1934.

It would have been a happy coincidence: the women of Blackpool matching their menfolks' first senior success which, remarkably, was to continue for another seven successive years.

But when the history of Cork camogie finally came to be written the Glen discovered they had only won the divisional title in their second year in senior ranks and they had been beaten in the county final by St Aloysius.

The story is a commentary on how unchronicled camogie has been compared to GAA games but also, in the case of the Glen, how closely knit was the ladies' sport with hurling and football in the northside stronghold.

Nora Newman, 28 years chairman of the Glen, and president of the Cork Camogie Board, has childhood memories of the '34 side of Kitty and Eily Byrne, who married hurlers, Sonny Buckley and Cooper Moylan as well as players like Chris Buckley and Eileen Donovan.

Camogie languished in the war years and the Glen were reformed in '44, winning the senior "B" championship three years later.

By 1950 they had a powerful side including Shiela Cahill, wife of hurler-footballer, Glen and Cork trainer, Doney Donovan; the two sets of Lucey sisters, Bridie and Bessie, wife of team trainer Danny Owens, as well as Peggy and Mary Lucey, nieces of Josna Lee. There were the O'Briens, Norah, Nancy and the great Siobhan.

Sadly one of the team of the 'Fifties, Bernadette Cronin (nee Deane) passed away recently.

So in 1950 the Glen girls, under the chairmanship of Chrissie (O'Donovan) Wilson, made their break through with a win over Blackrock. It was to be the first of 16 titles, two fewer than St Als' record of 18.

It included an unmatched run of seven championship successes

1962 to '67. Nora Newman remembers the great disappointment of the Glen's semi-final defeat in 1969 when they were poised to equal the famous eight-in-a-row surge of the hurlers.

But, in her long association with the club, Nora reckons that the 1986 All-Ireland victory against St Pauls was the Glen's finest hour.

The match was played in the new Glen Field and watched by a crowd of about 1,500. The Glen had a big lead and

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seemed all set for the title.

But they reckoned without Angela Downey, who scored three goals and a point and had the Kilkenny side level with four minutes remaining.

The Glen chairman will always remember the winning point scored from fully 50 yards out by international basketball player, Sandy Fitzgibbon. She got the ball in the Glen backline and covered a lot of ground before hitting the winner.

In 1986, the Glen's captain was Mary Ring.

daughter of Christy. There are nine of that side in the current All-Ireland championship 12, which is led by Theresa O'Callaghan.

Forgotten were memories of a semi-final All-Ireland defeat in '67 when former hurling trainer, Dave Buckley's daughters, Carrie and Margaret, as well as Anna Crotty, Deirdre Sutton, Nora O'Mahony and Theresa Murphy of Rathpeacon were stars.

Nora recalls that Theresa's father, who trained the team in the dark winter evenings, would ride around the field on a bike with the squad following the beam of the lamp.

In 1987 the Glen lost the title to St Pauls in Ballyraggat. The game was played on a field ploughed up by a junior football match and yielded only a score of 1-0 for the Kilkenny club and 0-5 for the Glen. But this year the Glen were back to take on St Pauls at home and make it two out of three.

It is a measure of how the father association tends to treat camogie when the top clubs have to put up with such difficult conditions as in the '87 tie.

But in Blackpool there is harmony with the hurlers and particularly the footballers. St Nicholas always willing to lend facilities and a few bob to their poorer club sisters.

But what senior club hurler and footballer would be willing to pay for his own board even for the most important away games. Camogie players often had to meet these expenses from their own purses.

For instance the Glen camogie officials were faced with raising £1,400 for a match in Derry which they did largely with the assistance of footballers.



Glen Rovers, All-Ireland Club Camogie champions

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Glen honoured

GLEN ROVERS' spectacular feat in bringing the All-Ireland club senior camogie championship title to Cork this year was lauded by the Cork Examiner Group of Newspapers yesterday.

The heroines of Blackpool were feted at a reception hosted by the Cork Examiner at which Group Director Mr. Michael O'Mahony was unstinting in his praise of their memorable achievement.

"In what has been a tremendous year for Cork on the playing fields, Glen Rovers did not let the ladies down and we in the Cork Examiner are extremely proud of their success.

"At times," said Mr. O'Mahony "camogie tends to take second place in GAA affairs and may be County Boards could be a little more forthcoming in their contribution to the promotion of the game. However, great credit was due to the ladies themselves for keeping their sport to the forefront."

Mr. O'Mahony added that that their marvellous triumph was made all the more special as they

had to travel to Kilkenny to take on their final opponents, St. Paul's in their own back yard".

The President of the Camogie Association, Mary O'Callaghan, revealed that it was a very proud moment for her when she presented the All-Ireland trophy to the captain of the victorious Glen team, Therese O'Callaghan.

"My term as President runs out in March and during my three year period in office it was the only occasion I had the honour of presenting an All-Ireland senior camogie cup to a Cork captain. I hope the next three years will be more fruitful for Cork and I have no doubt they will judging by the calibre of some of the young players coming along."

The President of the Cork Camogie Board, Sheila Golden said that while they were disappointed that the O'Duffy Cup had not joined the McCarthy and Sam Maguire Cups in Cork this year, nevertheless the Glen's All-Ireland triumph had given them all "great consolation and occasion for joy".

Cork's luck may be due for a turn!

ARE Cork on the way back? This question was on the lips of Cork camogie fans as they came away from Nowlan Park on Sunday having watched Glen Rovers trounce St. Paul's (Kilkenny) by 12 points in the final of the All-Ireland Club Championship.

There have been other signs of an upsurge in the fortunes of the Leesiders. At Gaelic Park, New York, Cork showed great spirit in winning the second leg of the Helen O'Donnell Cup series.

In their interprovincial colours, several players from both sides met in the Gael-Linn Cup at Farranlea Road. The Munster side came out on top and went on to defeat Ulster in the final.

Kilkenny know that they escaped by the skin of their teeth at Ballinlough last August when the counties met in the semi-final of the Championship. Perhaps, the tide is about to turn once again.

It must be recognised that this Kilkenny team has given a great deal to the game. They have repeatedly won all the major trophies in the past five years and will not surrender their senior crown easily.

Cork supporters were pleased to see two Cork colleges win through to the final of the Munster Colleges' Senior Championship. St. Mary's, Middleton overcame Scoil Mhuire, Cashel in a very exciting game. St. Patrick's, Cork ousted St. Mary's, Nenagh in another close encounter.

News from the West suggests that St. Raphael's, Loughrea, All-Ireland Colleges' Senior Champions for the past six years, will emerge from Connacht again this season. However, St. Cuan's, Castleblakeney seem a good bet at this stage to take the provincial junior title.



Mr Michael O'Mahony, director Cork Examiner Group making a presentation of a team photograph to Glen Rovers camogie captain, Therese O'Callaghan at a reception in the Cork Examiner office.

COLOURS WIN FOR UCD GIRLS

UCD..... 5-6

Trinity Col. Dublin.. 1-2

A GOAL after only 30 seconds of play from full forward Rosalie Kealy set UCD up for a convincing 16 point victory over an out-classed Trinity team in the first ever camogie colours match at Belfield yesterday.

UCD's Bernie McGahon added a second goal scoring from 45 yards and at the break the home side led by 3-1 to no score.

Any hopes Trinity may have had of closing the ten point gap were dashed early in the second half when Kealy scored her second goal. Further scores from Joanne Murphy, Eithne Duggan and Angela Ryan put the game beyond Trinity.

Trinity's Pauline O'Brien scored a goal and two points late in the match but it was too late and UCD ran out worthy winners.

UCD — S O'Dwyer, J Jordan, B McGahon (1-0), A Harrington, T English, C Hynes, J Murphy (capt) (0-2), V Trehy, E Duggan (2-1), R Tracey (0-1), A Ryan (0-1), R Kealy (2-0). Subs: S Burke for R Tracey, B Stafford for J Jordan.

TRINITY — J Walsh, A Ni Mhuir (0-0), P O'Brien (1-2), J Howard, E Ni Eain, G Carr, S Sullivan, S Ryan, M O'Grady, P O'Brien, E Tobin, N O'Regan.

Referee — Carmel Ray.

Camogie Notes

Match of the day this weekend should be the clash between Marino and Na Fianna in the Phoenix Park tomorrow. Both clubs are having good spells at the moment and the result of this intriguing tie could go a long way towards deciding the destination of this year's league title.

Marino, the champion-marino, and league winners of last season are still the team to beat and Na Fianna will have to play out of their skins if they are to take full points from tomorrow's encounter.

Officers elected for the current season are: County Board: Chairman, R. White. Vice-chairman, K. Thomas. Secretary, M. Ni Chuir. Treasurer, A. Derham. Registrar, S. Black. PRO, C. Cooper. Delegate to Leinster Council: P. Breslin.

Junior Board: Chairman, M. Brady. Vice-chairman, A. O'Reilly. Secretary, C. Green. Registrar, B. Brady.

Minor Board: Chairman, A. McNamara. Vice-chairman, B. Power. Secretary, N. Ward. Registrar, O. Feeney.

• The selectors for the 1990-1991

inter-county season are: Junior: A. Derham, M. Matthews, B. Maloney. Minor: M. Brady, M. Ni Mhorain, J. Carroll. Under-14: E. Kelly, D. Began, C. Green.

Carmel Cooper was elected as the manager of the Senior panel with overall responsibility for the preparation, training and selecting of the team. She can nominate two people to help her in this.

FIXTURES

PHOENIC PARK: Senior 'A' — Celtic v Good Counsel (11.0). Marino v Na Fianna (12.15). Senior 'B' — St. Annes v Naomh Brid (1.30). Cuala v Round Towers (1.30). Junior 'A' — Good Counsel v Kilmacud Crokes (12.15). Junior B1 — St. Jude v Commercial (1.30). Junior B2 — Naomh Brid v Raheny (a) (12.15). Na Fianna v Beann Eadair (1.30).

KILTIPPER: Senior 'B' — Thomas Davis v St. Marks (12.45). Junior 'B1' — Thomas Davis v Ballyboden St. Endas (11.30).

FINGLAS: Senior 'B' — Erin's Isle v UCD (11.30). Junior 'A' — Erin's Isle v Craobh Chiarain (12.45).

ELLENFIELD: Inter League: Whitehall Colmcille v Crumlin (11.30).

FIL COLLINS PARK: Junior 'A' — Trinity Gaels v Clontarf (11.30).

CLONTARF: Senior 'A' — Cumann Uí Chonaill v Clanna Gael (1.30).

CAMERON GREEN: Junior 'A' — St. Monicas v Naomh Maur.

SPORTING LADIES



Cork camogie players won their first All-Ireland title in 1934 and have had 14 wins. Their longest period without a title was from 1941 to 1970 and they have not been champs since 1983.

● Cork — All-Ireland Winning Teams, 1939-'41: (Back row), M. Tuohy, M. Morris, Kathleen Coughlan, Eily Lyons and H. Dempsey; (Second row), Maureen Cashman, May Sheehan, Nan O'Dowd, Joan Cotter, Sheila O'Leary, Maura Cronin, Maura Brennan and Brid Cronin; (Seated), Maureen Hegarty, Peggy Hogg, Renee Fitzgerald, Lil Kirby, Kitty Buckley, Mary Fitzgerald and Patty Hegarty; (Front row), Kathleen Barry, Eileen Casey, Mona Hobbs and Mary Vailley.



● Cork — All-Ireland Senior Champions 1971: (Back), Rosie Hennessey, Maura Coleman, Marie Costine, Anne McAuliffe, Anne Comerford, Hannah Dineen, Mary Whelton and Liz Garvan; (Front), Mary Jo Ryan, Deirdre Sutton, Nuala Gully, Mel Cummins, Betty Sugrue (capt.), Marian McCarthy, Pat Moloney and Sheila Dunne.

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Late scores shattered a Cork dream . . .

A wave of sympathy for the Cork players prevailed as they tramped off the field at Ballinlough last August. They had given everything in a tremendous bid to dethrone the All-Ireland champions, Kilkenny.

In a heart stopping final quarter, Cork surged forward in rampant style. Goals from Liz O'Neill and Linda Mellerick put Cork in front with three minutes to go. But, once again, the champions were



*Glen Rovers Camogie Club from Blackpool, Cork, won the Green Isle All-Ireland Camogie Sevens title at Glanaballyn, Dublin, in September last, defeating Marino, Dublin, in the final. Niall Geoghegan, sponsor, presents the trophy to Theresa O'Callaghan, chairman, and Euan Donnelly, chairman.

to shatter their dreams with late scores.

The breaks, which are so necessary in a contest of this nature, did not go Cork's way. However, when the excitement had died down two problem areas were in focus. Cork had only three points to show from the first thirty minutes of play, with the lion's share of the possession, and secondly, the vulnerability of the Cork goal was all too obvious.

Coach Joe McGrath created a very good atmosphere in the Cork camp. The players worked hard at improving their skills and were so close to reaching their goal. Claire McCarthy, Paula Goggins and Breda Kenny did well in their first season with the senior team. Liz O'Neill and Therese O'Callaghan grew in stature as the season progressed. Yes, there is hope for the future.

Winning Munster titles in minor, under-eighteen and junior grades was par for the course where Cork were concerned. But how times have changed. Cork were defeated by Tipperary in the three categories.

The Cork juniors experienced a season of highs and lows. In outings against Down and Waterford, they could do no wrong. But when the opposition became stiffer, they were found wanting.

The minors scored 5-5 against a Tipperary side who were progressing to take the All-Ireland title.

However, the more skilful Tipperary players managed to stay ahead. Stephanie Dunlea had an outstanding game and looks a great prospect for the future.

The names of eight club sides went into the hat for the senior championship draw. Many considered that Sarsfields would come under severe pressure to retain their title. Glen Rovers were installed as favourites to make amends for the past two years.

With Sandie Fitzgibbon in sparkling form at centre-back for the Glen, Bishopstown found the going particularly difficult in their first senior championship outing. A hat-trick from Denise Cronin and two more goals from Linda Mellerick saw the Glen comfortably through to the semi-final.

The local derby between Fr. O'Neills and Killeagh provided great entertainment at Middleton. Short many of the stars who brought glory to the club, Killeagh were forced to concede. A gallant Na Piaras side made the holders, Sarsfields, fight to the final whistle. A star performance from Paula Carey gave St. Finbarrs the fourth semi-final spot.

Lack of scoring power forced Sarsfields to surrender their title. Liz Dunphy starred at centre-back for Sarsfields but with the side unable to raise a flag from play the writing was on the wall.

Without reaching any great heights, Glen Rovers advanced to another final. Colette O'Mahony was the central figure in the second semi-final and steered St. Finbarrs to their first decider.

The absence of Clare Cronin was a huge handicap to St. Finbarrs in the final. With the more skilful camogie players, Glen Rovers forged a comprehensive win. The Blackpool club proceeded to defeat Granagh-Ballingarry and Sixmilebridge to take the Munster title and took the Kilmacud Sevens for good measure.



*Lyn Dunlea (Cork) gathers the ball as she races away from Clare Jones (Kilkenny) in the All-Ireland senior championship semi-final at Ballinlough.

At the time of writing great excitement is at fever pitch for what must be the highlight of the season. A party of twenty-seven from Cork join with Kilkenny in response to an invitation from the Young Ireland's Club, New York to visit the States and play exhibition matches in Gaelic Park.

A development which should have long term benefits for Cork camogie came to fruition during the year. Kay Dunne and her co-workers turned a wilderness at Farranlea Road into a fine camogie pitch. A venue for the exclusive use by camogie was badly needed in Cork.



*The Cork team which played Kilkenny in the National League: (Back): Claire McCarthy, Brid Walsh, Mary Ring, Liz O'Neill, Ger McCarthy, Paula Goggins, Anne Brady and Val Twomey, (Front): Mag Finn, Sandie Fitzgibbon, Irene O'Leary, Liz Dunphy, Therese O'Callaghan and Colette O'Mahony.

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The Camogie Scene

This year has once again proved to be a bit of a disaster where Dublin is concerned. With the exception of the under-14 team that captured the Leinster title in brilliant style, the rest of the county's efforts were to put it mildly straight out of the bottom league. Seniors, juniors and minors all failed miserably to make an impact on the inter-county scene and having seen the efforts of Wexford and Cork at senior level, Kildare and Tipperary at junior level and Tipperary and Kilkenny at minor level, Dublin are unfortunately way behind in standards at the moment. The senior side, who had been delighted that the open draw did not pit them against arch-rivals Kilkenny at least until the final were well beaten at the semi-final stage by the eventual O'Duffy cup runners up Wexford.

This was a huge disappointment for everyone concerned. So much had been expected from the seniors this year. A new set of selectors had undertaken to revamp a side that the previous season had failed to produce the goods when called upon, and in recalling Mary Mernagh and Barbara Redmond they set about trying to restore Dublin to the glory of former years. Alas as has been the case since the sixties Dublin's measly haul of one All-Ireland senior title was to remain intact. The junior side were perhaps the most unfortunate in the county as regards missing out. They had got themselves back into serious contention in the championship after their disappointing league campaign and could have defeated All-Ireland junior winners Kildare in the Leinster final. However, lady luck deserted them on the day and a number of bad misses for scoring chances eluded them through bad finishing. The county's minors were well out of their debt against a side, who were in turn surprised by a very organised and efficient Tipperary team. So — what now?

It is hard to know what is the answer to Dublin's solution. While Kilkenny continue to out think and out manoeuvre all in front of them Dublin seem to be going backwards. The thirst for victory seems to be forgotten and the will to win seems to have deserted them. Because they have failed over a number of seasons they seem to accept defeat as inevitable. People talk nowadays of the lack of motivation amongst players. Surely to get the call to play for the one's county team no matter at what level is motivation in itself! If a person has to be motivated to play a sport then she is better off to forget about it! Indeed if a player needs to be motivated at all to play there is something radically wrong!

Perhaps a better guide would be lack of total commitment. Nowadays players are less inclined to do without the pleasures in life. Holidays, other sports, even no excuse at all seems to be enough. Surely to succeed at anything in this life one must put in a 100% effort and determination. Nothing is achieved without sacrifice. When teams win they are inclined to take all the plaudits but when defeat catches up with them they seem to blame those who have selected them! All too easily they look for a scapegoat. They fail to look at themselves and ask the obvious question that maybe they could have done better. Maybe they could have put more commitment and effort into their own contribution. It is not easy for selectors to continuously accept defeat particularly if they know they have given it their best shot. The selectors are only as good as the players.

No set of selectors, no matter how well intentioned or devoted to the county's cause they are can turn a bad player into a good player, a bad team into a good team, but they can and should be able to bring out the best in those

they have chosen if given the opportunity. Selectors too, must play their part. In undertaking responsibility for the county they must demand respect and discipline from their charges. They must set themselves targets and nothing must stand in the way to bring those objectives to a successful conclusion.

Their attitude and approach to the task in hand will be watched carefully by players who will only follow in the right direction if they are led correctly. Selectors can inspire a player to great heights! Playing for the county should be the ambition of every player in Dublin. Perhaps there is a dearth of quality players within the county at present but situations can change overnight. A fresh approach could be adopted, a change in attitudes is needed in our bid to climb back to the summit. Nobody will argue that it will be an easy task. Our lack of belief in our own camogie ability is holding us back at the moment at inter-county level.

With so many players playing in the county it is unbelievable that success has evaded us for so long. We need to win a few games to restore and regain morale. Every team can be beaten. All it needs is a 100% performance from every player and a little luck. Let us compensate our weaknesses with our strengths. Let us not try to equal Kilkenny, Cork, Kildare and Tipperary in their achievements. Let us try to emulate them!

Generations of players before us worked hard to achieve success on the playing fields. Nothing but the best should and must be accepted by us. It is up to us now to lay the foundations for our future. It is up to all of us to show the pride and culture of our native game! We must never undervalue anyone's opinion in our race for success. We must recognise we have a problem and then try to rectify it. Our determination to succeed must come from within. Nobody is bigger than the county. Sacrifices must be made. Sacrifices have to be made. The desire to win must come before everything. Maybe just maybe we can turn the tables this year!

On the club scene, pride of place undoubtedly goes to the north city based Marino club, for whom the season '89/'90 will always be etched in their memories. After years of frustration when titles were so close but yet so far they finally came good and captured senior league and championship honours. Nobody in the county will begrudge the Marino club all the accolades they deservedly received during this memorable time. Marion's preparation and determination were evident throughout the season as they slowly began to realise their potential and for long serving mentors and players such as Brid Power, Denise O'Leary, Carmel O'Byrne, Germaine Noonan, Patricia Clinton, Mary O'Regan, Patsy Murphy and Adrienne McGovern 1990 will never be forgotten.

Their excursion into the club championship met with little success as they fell in the Leinster final to the very experienced and All-Ireland club champions the renowned St. Pauls side from Kilkenny. But this was no disgrace. They can still look back with pride on a great season. The pressure is now on them to continue their good work. Other clubs in the county will look upon them now as the team to beat during the coming months. Time will tell if the responsibility of champions lies heavily on their shoulders! Good Counsel and An Caisleain the two Drimnagh based clubs achieved notable victories this season and earned themselves the right to compete in the top league in the months ahead, while St. Annes from Bohernabreena also had cause for celebration with their success at Intermediate and Junior level.

By Rita White

Former players must get more involved

THE Cork County Camogie Convention was held before a large attendance at Pairc Ui Chaoimh yesterday.

The attendance included national president Maire Uí Ceallaigh, who in her address thanked Cork for the support given to her during her presidency. She paid tribute to all involved in the promotion of the game, and she appealed to former players to get more involved with their clubs. She also con-

The meeting failed to elect a treasurer to succeed Kay Dunne, who retired from the position. The outgoing treasurer, Lily O'Sullivan, Ballincollig, was also under review.

La Golden, vice-chairman, Maire Kearney, were returned unopposed. Nora Newman was also unanimously re-elected as Uachtarán.

There was a contest for the position of P.R.O. when the outgoing treasurer, Kay Dunne (Ballincollig) was defeated by Mary Newman (Glen Rovers).

Convention approved a motion from St. Fannahan's that in future u-14 and u-16 competitions will be graded a one B and a two B respectively.

U-18 selectors: Mary Moran, Kay Dunne, Rose Mackey and Eleanor Hackett.

Minor selectors: Rose Malone, Mary Moran, Betty Joyce and Mary Maher. As Cork will host next year's Congress, a committee consisting of Mary Moran, Mary Newman, McCarthy, Sheila Golden, Rose Desmond and Kay Dunne was set up to plan for the event.

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the Irish party by the host club Young Irelands and by all concerned with Camogie in U.S. was something that those who were lucky enough to be in a position to travel to U.S. will always cherish.

She congratulated Glen Rovers on winning the All-Ireland Club Championship which had given Cork a great boost

26 clubs figure at Convention

LAST SUNDAY proved to be one of the best ever attended camogie conventions with no fewer than 26 clubs represented. In her address to convention the chairperson, Sheila Golden from Inniscarra, who was also re-elected, said that one of the major disappointments of the past year was the failure of the county teams to bring an All-Ireland title to Cork. The New Year is about to commence, she said, "and as chairperson of the incoming Board I pledge all the support possible and necessary to bring home major inter-county honours in 1991".

She also appealed to those seeking election to selection committees not to leave their names go forward even at this late stage if they feel they are not going to give 100% to their task.

To conclude her address she said the historic tour to New York by Cork and Kilkenny was one of the highlights of the past year. "The reception and hospitality extended to the Irish party by the host club, Young Irelands, and by all concerned with camogie in the U.S. was

something that those who were lucky enough to be in a position to travel to the U.S. will always cherish. Camogie in Ireland should keep these exiles in mind continuously and send them any help possible".

Officers elected for the coming year are as follows: Chairperson, Sheila Golden, Inniscarra; Vice-Chairperson, Marie Kearney, Sarsfields; Secretary, Rose Desmond, Bishopstow; Registrar, Lily O'Sullivan, Ballincollig; PRO, Mary Newman McCarthy, Glen Rovers.

Selectors: Senior — Rose Malone, Marie Kearney and representative from Glen Rovers.

Junior — Lily O'Sullivan, Mary O'Callaghan, Catherine O'Neill plus a representative from the junior county champions, Castlemagner, and the intermediate champions, Aghabullogue.

Under-18 — Mary Moran, Kay Dunne, Eleanor Hackett, Rose Mackey, plus a representative from the under-18 champions which are not yet known.

are two nominations — Mairead Donovan from Ballincollig and Rose Desmond from Bishopstow.

The outgoing treasurer, Kaye Dunne, is not seeking re-election but instead she is going for the position of PRO, as is the present PRO Mary Newman McCarthy from Glen Rovers.

There are no nominations for the position of treasurer which, indeed, is a very serious situation and clubs are earnestly requested to have a re-think about this before Sunday.

The present vice-chair lady is Marie Kearney from Sarsfields and she

will also be returned unopposed as will the registrar, Lily O'Sullivan from Ballincollig.

The selectors for an inter-county teams will also be decided at Sunday's Convention.

There are a number of interesting Motions listed for discussion, among them being one from Bishopstow asking that Bye Law No. 54, which states that delegates and representatives on all committees and witnesses at objections be women, be deleted. Bishopstow also asking that under-14 League be added into an A section.

Killeagh are asking that all championship matches be played at a neutral venue and that teams involved in championship be asked to pay towards the referee's expenses.

St. Fannahans are asking that players who fail to make the premier team in their club be automatically relegated to allow them to play in only one grade lower.

Inniscarra are proposing that a set of medals be awarded to the runners-up in the under-14 and under-16 Leagues and also in the under-16 Championship.

Inniscarra are also asking that a special committee be set up to review the County Bye Laws.

As Convention is the most important meeting of the year, clubs are earnestly requested to insure that two delegates be present.

FIXTURES

Tomorrow

Under-16 League — Bishopstow v Ballygarvan at Bishopstow at 12 noon (referee Ballygarvan); Cloughduv v Aghabullogue at 12 noon (Cloughduv).

MIRIAM INSPIRES KILDARE TO ALL-IRELAND GLORY

BY NEIL McCAVANA

Miriam Malone, one of the outstanding figures in camogie, proved an inspiring captain and midfielder when leading Kildare to their All-Ireland junior championship final win over Tipperary. She had a cracking game in a keen final at Croke Park, and also finished top scorer on the day with an impressive 1-7 - exactly half her team's tally.

Kildare went into that game as defending champions, and their 2-14 to 3-7 win earned the county a third All-Ireland crown in the grade since 1987.

A couple of months earlier in the year Kildare regained the National Junior League title with a good win over Kilkenny, and Malone was also to the fore in that game. She contributed two valuable points as well.

Melaine Treacy is nothing if not enthusiastic and dedicated. A regular with the Kildare side for some seasons, she now

commutes from London to turn out with the county.

Melaine, who had a grand game at centre back in the win over Tipperary, plays with Islington-Irish in the British capital. She has also won medals in the National League and the Gael-Linn interprovincial championship.

Kildare appeared in their first National Junior League final played in 1980, but lost to Armagh, and had to wait until 1986 for their initial title. A good number of 1990 All-Ireland championship medallists helped to forge out that historic win including Miriam Malone, Melaine Treacy, Marianne Johnson, Rose Merriman and Phylis Barnbury.

Kildare must field a "new look" side for the 1990-91 National Junior League as most of last season's title winning squad are no longer eligible. In the circumstances they look like facing an uphill task in their bid to retain the crown.

COILL DUBH BACK ON TOP

Coill Dubh are building up the county title winning habit in Kildare senior hurling. Three years ago a well-drilled side beat Eire Og by 0-16 to 1-8 to take the Blue Riband for the first time.

Eire Og were again on the receiving end of another defeat from Coill Dubh in the latest summit. Probably the decisive score in the final at Newbridge came nine minutes into the second half when P.J. Curtin, who hit four points in the 1987 final grabbed a goal to give Coill Dubh a one point lead. They went on from there to forge out a well-merited six points win: 3-10 to 2-7.

The Kildare champions were unfortunate in drawing Glenmore, the club of goal expert Christy Heffernan, from Kilkenny, in their opening Leinster senior championship clash of 1990 at Naas. Understandably enough, they had to bow out to the gifted Nore side team, but still put up a spirited showing.



Kildare's Bernie Farrelly ... catching the ball on the run from Tipperary's Cora Kennedy in the All-Ireland Junior Camogie final at Croke Park.



Cork-Dublin first round highlight

THE 1991 'Open Draw' for the All-Ireland senior Camogie championship has created the usual measure of posers.

Will Cork and Kilkenny win through to meet in another final? How will Kildare fare in senior competition?

Can Wexford build on their 1990 showing to become champions?

Undoubtedly, the clash of Cork and Dublin is the pick of the first round matches. Cork have been knocking on the door of ultimate honours, while

Camogie

Dublin fell back somewhat in recent seasons.

With the champions in the opposite half of the draw, this meeting takes added significance.

The general feeling in Cork is that the material is there to go all the way. Some fans envisage one if not two changes in the 1990 team necessary for a winning combination. The recent win

by Glen Rovers in the club championship has given them a timely boost.

Dublin showed improvement this year but there is more scope for development in the side. Carmel Cooper has been given charge of their fortunes with the right to nominate her own selectors. No doubt, she will have a very fit and tuned side for the visit to Leaside.

The draw is: (A) Cork v Dublin; (B) Kilkenny v Antrim; (C) Wexford v Clare; (D) Galway v Kildare. Semi-finals — A v D; B v C.

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WEXFORD GIRLS GO CLOSE TO ALL-IRELAND HONOURS

Wexford brought a fresh wind of change to the camogie scene in the past year when they qualified for their first All-Ireland senior final in thirteen years. Although they went down to the modern title specialists, Kilkenny, at Croke Park, the Model County girls still gave an exciting display and provided the champions with a much sterner test than the scoreline of 1-14 to 0-7 would suggest.

One of the stars of the Wexford effort was Elsie Cody, who was the only All-Ireland senior medallist in the side. She was at midfield in the last title winning team of 1975. Wexford won their third All-Ireland crown that year.

Catherine Murphy at centre half back and Siobhan Dunne in attack as well as left half back Stella Sinnott were other stars for Wexford. Indeed, Dunne was only foiled of a goal early in the second half by a tremendous point-blank save by Marie Fitzpatrick in the Kilkenny goal. It could be said that the save marked a vital point in the game as the champions gained renewed heart and went away for their sixth title in succession.

very much in the winning mood with twelve golden points, eight from frees.

He continued in high scoring fashion in the 1990-91 Royal Liver National League, and had a particularly memorable day as well in this regard in November when his

1-7 had a big influence in earning Wexford a second round win over Cork at Pairc Ui Chaoimh.

Holohan was also on the target in club games. He contributed four valuable points against Cloughbawn in the county senior final to play a big part in Rathnure's 2-8 to 1-8 win. The success earned the club their first Wexford senior title in three years.

The Slaneysiders hopes of a good run in the Leinster club series came to a quick end when they went down by a point to Camross, of Laois, in their first appearance.

Duffry Rovers made in five Wexford senior football titles on the trot by beating Glyn-Barnstown in convincing style by 0-13 to 0-8 at Wexford Park.

It was a record-equalling win for Duffry Rovers as they are the first club to collect five successive titles in football since Starlights in 1933-1937 inclusive.



ANGIE HEARNE (WEXFORD) ... IN HIGH FLYING STYLE AS BIDDY O'SULLIVAN (KILKENNY) COMES IN TO CHALLENGE.

ON AND ON FOR THE DOWNEYS

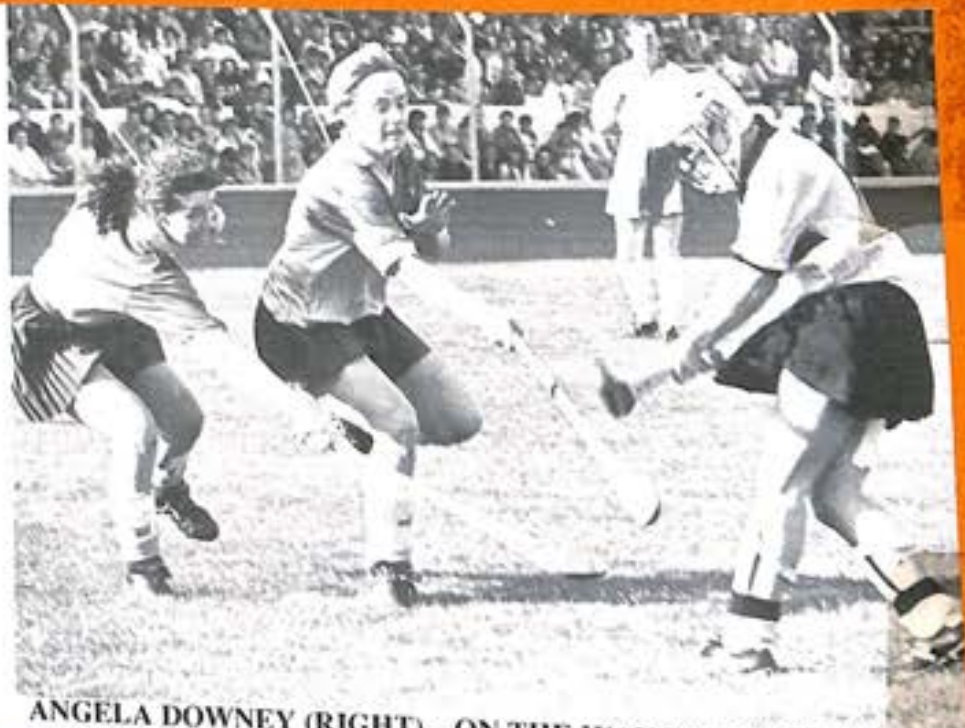
It is just impossible to keep the Downey sisters, Angela and Ann, out of the unusual happenings review each year. Both were to the fore as Kilkenny pushed their unbeaten sequence in the All-Ireland senior camogie championship to six titles in succession last September.

As a result, the Downey twins are now out on their own in third place in the all-time rankings of All-Ireland senior medal winners in the sport. They each collected medal number ten last September.

The standard was set by Kathleen Mills, one of the all-time greats of the sport, at 15 with Dublin between 1942 and 1961. In second place with thirteen trophies, again won in the Dublin colours, is Una O'Connor, another of the game's outstanding campaigners of all time. She built up her collection from 1953 to 1966 inclusive.

BURNS LOSES NO TIME

Quickest goal of the year in football? It is not easy to be strictly accurate in answering this question in view of the large



ANGELA DOWNEY (RIGHT) ... ON THE WAY TO HER TENTH ALL-IRELAND SENIOR MEDAL.

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Ger celebrated County win in style

GLEN ROVERS' camogie player Ger McCarthy will certainly remember 1990. Having played a major part in the team's July 4 win in the Senior County Championship Final win over St. Finbarrs, to give them a title they last held back in 1987, Ger took a time-out from the celebrations to get married.

She tied the knot with Laurence Whitnell at Ballyphehane parish church just ten days after the climatic final, on July 14 after a dramatic season with

the Glen during which she helped the side achieve further honours after the county title had been wrapped up.

Their Munster Cham-

pionship campaign began with wins over Grenagh, Ballingarry and Sixmilebridge and on November 10 last Ger was one of the Glen team to travel to Derry

where a successful outing against Swatragh qualified them for the All-Ireland club final against holders, St. Pauls, Kilkenny.

With the Leinster side

aiming for their fourth title in a row, the task for the Glen on this occasion was going to be anything but easy and Ger McCarthy was but one player in a team effort which saw the northside team score their first outright victory in the competition since 1986.

Her tally of a goal and twelve points was regarded as a marvellous achievement and helped contribute to a growing collection of medals, which now includes All-Ireland senior and junior medals with Cork.

Having started her camogie with the Sacred Heart College, Turners Cross, Ger now lives on the southside of the city but travels several times a week during the season to Blackpool to join Glen colleagues training.

A regular with the famous northside club since 1982 and vice-Captain last year, Ger is regarded as being a highly skilled player who, given half a chance, can produce scores.

She has represented Cork and Munster over a number of years but, somewhat surprisingly, was not selected for the Cork panel in 1990. However, she hopes for 1991, to make a return to the county colours.

Her 1990 honours included a medal in the All-Ireland seven-a-side competition when the Glen won the event for the first time and this boosted her club honours to include senior league, championship, All-Ireland Club, All-Ireland Sevens, Knorr Sevens and Pan Celtic trophies.

Added to this she has inter-county under-age and senior honours with Cork and Munster, which all adds up to a mighty list for this unassuming, but very popular, member of her club.

In Blackpool, her commitment and dedication to camogie and to her club is regarded as an inspiration to the many young players coming on the scene and it is hoped locally that 1991 will be as good for Ger and the Glen as 1990 has just been.



Geraldine McCarthy pictured with her parents Rose and Gerry McCarthy and her husband Laurence Whitnell.



Geraldine McCarthy pictured with team mates from Glen Rovers Camogie Club at the presentation; included are Pat O'Hare, Editor, Northgate, and Denis Healy, manager, First National Building Society, Hollyhill.

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Versatile Sandy honoured

ONE of Cork's outstanding sportswomen, Sandy Fitzgibbon, was yesterday honoured with the Jury's Sports Star of the Month award for November.

Sandy excelled in two very different sports during the month. She starred with Glen Rovers in their All-Ireland camogie championship success against St. Paul's of Kilkenny and also toured America with the Irish basketball team.

Sandy figured among the top scorers in each of Ireland's matches on tour and is one of the key players in Blarney's bid for a league and cup double this year.

Also present at the luncheon were: Maire Ni Chellachain, President of the Camogie Association of Ireland; Michael Lane, Chairman, Glen Rovers; Stephen Coen, chairman, Blarney Ladies basketball club; Maire Ni Laighin, the Irish women's basketball team skipper, and members of the Fitzgibbon family.

★ Picture shows Sandy, accompanied by four of her sisters - Denise, Delores, Cecelia and Patricia - at yesterday's func-



DUAL STAR . . . Cork Jurys Sportstar of the Month Sandra Fitzgibbon, a member of the Irish Women's basketball team and the Glen Rovers side that won the All-Ireland camogie club title, receives her award from Jurys Cork Gen. Manager Dick Bourke.



Ann O'Connor (right), on behalf of Bishopstown Camogie Club making a presentation to Liz O'Neill to mark her selection on the successful Munster camogie team in 1990.

Kildare happy

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KILDARE, who have entered the All-Ireland camogie championships for the first time have avoided the big guns in the first round.

The 1991 Open draw has paired the Lilywhites with Galway, a county which they have met frequently in junior competition.

Kildare must feel reasonably confident about the chances of reaching the semi-final as Galway have promised more than they delivered in recent

seasons. In the meantime, Kildare will sample the National League and will learn from the experience.

Dual champions, Kilkenny should not be troubled by a visit from Antrim. The Ulster county has experienced a very lean spell.

1991 Open Draw — 'A' Cork v Dublin; 'B' Kilkenny v Antrim; 'C' Wexford v Clare; 'D' Galway v Kildare. Semi-finals — A v B; C v D.

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Ulster College finals: Senior, St. Patrick's Maghera 2-4, Loreto Letterkenny 0-0. Junior, St. Patrick's Maghera 3-3, Killeel 0-0.

A GREAT YEAR FOR CAMOGIE

IT WAS a good year for camogie. The tour of New York by the Cork and Kilkenny senior teams, the breakthrough by the Tipperary minors, the continued success of Kilkenny and St. Raphael's and some excellent performances by individual players were the highlights.

U.C.G. student Anne Lenihan inspired her colleagues last February and brought the Ashbourne Cup to Galway for the first time since 1979.

The Downey twins maintained their exceptionally high standards with Kilkenny. Team-mate Marie Fitzpatrick had an excellent season. Called upon more than usual this

season, the Kilkenny goalkeeper proved her value time and again.

Kildare more than justified their rating as the top junior side in the country. Miriam Malone and Bernie Farrelly brought a second title in as many years to Kildare and the right to perform at senior level in 1991.

CHAMPIONS — All-Ireland Senior — Kilkenny; All-Ireland Junior — Kildare; All-Ireland Minor — Tipperary; All-Ireland Club — Glen Rovers; Gael-Linn Senior — Munster; Gael-Linn Junior — Ulster; All-Ireland Senior Colleges — St. Raphael's, Loughrea; All-Ireland Junior Colleges — St. Brigid's, Callan; Colleges Sevens — Scoil Mhuire, Cashel; Ashbourne Cup — U.C.G.; Purcell Cup — Waterford RTC; National Senior League — Kilkenny; National Junior League — Kildare.

PURCELL CUP HIGHLIGHT

Action resumes on the camogie fields this weekend with the quarter finals of the Purcell Cup. Now in its fifteenth year, this championship for non-university colleges has produced some great contests.

Two colleges with a great record in the competition, Mary Immaculate and Thomond, are due to clash. Both colleges have won the trophy on a number of occasions. Not alone should these sides provide a great contest, but the winners will be fancied to win out in the competition.

The holders of the Purcell

Cup, Waterford RTC, face a very tough assignment in St. Mary's, Belfast. Waterford have lost some of their winning team, but as hosts of the final stages of the championship, they are very keen to advance.

None of the four remaining sides are former holders of the cup. Athlone RTC entertain Dublin City and Marino will be expected to reach the semi-finals, at the expense of St. Patrick's Drumcondra.

Ulster College Council altered their fixtures plan

this season to complete their senior and junior championships before the Christmas break. St. Patrick's, Maghera, the dual holders retained both titles. Indeed, the County Derry school has won four senior and junior titles since 1987.

The Munster Colleges programme is up-to-date. On February 2, Cork colleges, St. Patrick's and St. Mary's, Middleton, will contest the senior final. A week later, Scariff Community College will defend their junior championship title against St.

A time to reflect

AS we look back to 1990 our biggest disappointment must surely be the failure of our inter-county teams to bring a National Title to the Lee. Even at Munster level our county teams experienced very little success with the Cork Senior team being the only side to win Munster honours.

At the start of the season our minor team were the first to exit when they were defeated by Tipperary at Ballinlough in a first round game. Prior to the game the Tipperary girls were strongly favoured but Cork certainly gave a gallant performance and might just have made it in the end. Tipperary went on to win the All-Ireland afterwards and this must surely auger well for Cork as they will have most of these girls available again this season.

In atrocious weather conditions the Cork junior team were forced to give way once again to Tipperary in the Munster junior semi-final. This was undoubtedly a very disappointing result for Cork as a win at this level is now of vital importance and hopeful the coming season will prove more fruitful with a long overdue junior title coming to Cork.

The Cork senior team did regain their Munster title but once again failed to old rivals Kilkenny in the All-Ireland semi-final and this must surely be one of the most disappointing defeats ever for the Cork senior side and a game, in the opinion of all present, should have been won. It is obvious now that this Kilkenny side is not as strong as in recent years and with the 1991 season fast approaching all support possible must be pledged behind these girls to ensure that a senior title will come to the Lee in the coming season.

However, at club level Glen Rovers did make up in no small way when they won the All-Ireland Club Championship with a fine victory over St. Pauls from Kilkenny. Glen won the Cork championship with victories over Bishopstown, Sarsfields and St. Finbarrs.

The Intermediate Championship was won by Aghabullogue when they defeated a fancied Killeagh side in the final. Aghabullogue have been up senior before and will certainly be no strangers to this grade when they compete in 1991.

The junior 'A' championship was won by Castlemagner and in the coming season they will compete at Intermediate level for the first time ever in the history of their club.

Kilbrittain won their first ever camogie title when they narrowly defeated St. Finbarrs in a final which was forced to go to a replay.

The under-16 championship is not yet completed but is reaching its concluding stages with just Newcestown, Glen Rovers, Kilbrittain, Barryroe and Cloughduv left in the race.

Race is on for the President's post

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THE Presidential election will be the main item of interest when Congress convenes in Cork in early April. Mary O'Callaghan, having served three years, will step down on home soil.

While the closing date for nominations, February 15, is several weeks away, two definite runners have declared their hands.

Bridin Uí Mhaolagáin, who was pipped by Mary O'Callaghan in 1988, has decided to have another go. A native of Dunloy in North Antrim, Bridin has a long association with UCD. A former president of the CCIA, she is well-known in racquetball and handball circles.

Her opponent, Belle O'Loughlin, has wide experience of camogie

administration. A native of Newry, she has chaired the Down County Board, Ulster Council and the Newry & Mourne Sports Advisory Council. The former Down full-forward has refereed the All-Ireland senior finals in 1982 and 1988.

The name of Offaly Cathaoirleach Miriam O'Callaghan has also been mentioned. However, Miriam has decided not to stand on this occasion.

After many years based in Killarney, the popular Pan-Celtic Camogie Festival is moving to Galway. The Easter-time event attracts a large entry of clubs for its senior and U-16 competitions.

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West Cork derby

Tomorrow the second of the Under-16 Championship semi-finals will be decided when two West Cork teams, Kilbrittain and Newcestown, will battle it out at Farranlea Road at 3 p.m. At the same venue at 12 noon St. Finbarrs and Bishopstown will be in action in the Under-16 League while at Sixmilebridge GAA Club in Co. Clare the Munster convention will be held commencing at 3 p.m.

Tomorrow's Under-16 Championship semi-final will see two neighbouring clubs, Kilbrittain and Newcestown, battling it out for a place in the final against Cloughduv, which is scheduled to go ahead the following Sunday. Despite their short number of years in existence both clubs have made great strides. Newcestown won the Junior 'B' Championship last season while this year Kilbrittain took the honours so there is no doubting that tomorrow's clash promises to be a closely contested affair with both clubs very anxious to go another step nearer to taking their first ever under-age title.

On recent perfor-

mances Kilbrittain will probably go into the game as slight favourites to advance. They are a strong all-round side and looked in top form in defeating Ballinhassig, Bishopstown and Aghabullogue in earlier rounds. They have marvellous performers in Miriam Deasy, the Ryans Margaret and Lorna, Karen Foley and Niamh O'Mahony and if these girls play to their usual form it is difficult to see them being halted.

On the other side of the coin Newcestown, too, have looked impressive in their lead-up to the semi-final. They defeated Douglas in the first round and then went on to defeat a fancied Killeagh side in the second round and Glen Rovers in the quarter-final. They are a very determined side but it will take a top-class performance from players like the Crowley sisters, Lynda and Imelda, Marian Desmond, Cliona Looney, Yvonne O'Callaghan and Antoinette O'Connell if they hope to put a stop to the Kilbrittain girls.

Tomorrow's Munster Convention will be held at Sixmilebridge GAA

Club and for the first time in a number of years a new chairman and secretary will be taking over. Fran McInerney from Clare takes over as chairman in place of Brid Stokes who has now completed her three-year term, while Eithne Neville, who has served as secretary for the past 25 years, has decided to call it a day and her position goes to Rose Malone from Cork.

Eithne will certainly be missed as secretary by all her camogie colleagues. She was a very loyal and dedicated worker for the Association during her 25-year term. May we take this opportunity in Cork to thank her for her services and wish her every happiness in the years ahead.

FIXTURES

Tomorrow

Under-16 Championship semi-final: Kilbrittain v Newcestown at Farranlea Road at 3 p.m. (referee Colette O'Mahony).

Under-16 League: Bishopstown v St. Finbarrs at Farranlea Road at 12 noon (Bishopstown).

Malone new Secretary

ROSE Malone from Cork is the new Secretary of the Munster Camogie Association. At the Associations Annual Convention in Sixmilebridge yesterday she was elected to succeed Eithne Neville from Adare in Limerick.

Convention paid many tributes to the outgoing Secretary who did not seek re-election having filled the post as Secretary for the past 27 years.

Fran McInerney from Sixmilebridge in Clare was elected as Chairman and others elected were Vice-Chairman Bernie O'Dea, Limerick, Register Breed Naughton, Limerick, PRO Kitty McNicholas, Clare, Delegate to Central Council Rose Malone, Delegate to Fixtures Committee Kitty McNicholas.

ST. MARY'S TAKEN TO REACH THE PURCELL CUP DECIDER

WATERFORD RTC hosts the finals of the Purcell Cup camogie championships this weekend. Making it a busy weekend in camogie circles, the quarter-finals of the Ashbourne Cup and provincial conventions in Munster and Leinster are also scheduled.

For the first time in their history, Waterford won the Purcell Cup last year and looked forward to defending the trophy on their home ground. However, it is not to be. They found St. Mary's, Belfast, too hot to handle in the preliminary round.

St. Mary's, powered by Anne Quinn, Frances Doherty and Martina Mulholland are expected to advance to the final at the expense of St. Patrick's Drumcondra. The preliminary game between Thomond College and Mary Immaculate fell victim to the weather.

Thomond look good to come

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through this game and also account for Dublin City University. With Wexford seniors Paula Rankin, Marion Parsons and Melanie Dunne in their line-up, they will run all comers very close for ultimate honours.

U.C.C. have an extremely difficult task in Belfast when they face Queens in the Ashbourne Cup. Former U.C.D. star Joan Tobin is now in the colours of Queens, who will be very formidable on

home ground.

U.C.D. who hold a proud record in the Ashbourne, should prove too good for neighbours, Trinity College. Likewise holders U.C.G. should advance to the final at the expense of Maynooth. The all-Ulster clash between Jordanstown and Coleraine will be very close.

Eithne Neville, the long-standing secretary of Munster Council, is stepping down at Sunday's convention in Sixmilebridge. The former All-Ireland senior medalist has given excellent service to Munster. She will be replaced by the efficient Rose Malone of Cork.

Maghera double on the cards

St Pat's aim at taking all the awards

A NOVEL Christmas special takes centre-stage at Moortown today for camogie enthusiasts.

And, for the student players of St Patrick's, Maghera, it offers the chance to sign off the year by sweeping the boards with a second Ulster Championship double in ten months.

Maghera, beaten All-Ireland Junior Colleges finalists for the second year running in March, and unsuccessful in their bid for a place in the senior decider, defend their Ulster titles in identical showpiece occasions to last season.

In the junior final they meet Kilkeel's St Columban's College at 12.00, while Loreto of Letterkeny are again their final opposition in the senior decider at 1.00.

After the problems in promoting last season's finals, the Ulster Colleges Council decided to draft a fresh plan for this season's event. The reasons for change were varied, weather, venue availability, scope for replays if necessary, some of the items high on the agenda.

Two excellent games are in prospect today at Moortown, and for St Patrick's student Margaret McAtamney, the games present the opportunity to win two Ulster medals.

Margaret captains Maghera's juniors at mid-field against Kilkeel, while plays in goals for the senior final, where she has gained a reputation for safe-keeping.

At 14, Margaret kept goal for Ulster in the Inter-Provincial Senior Championship this season, is goalkeeper for current Ulster Senior Champions Swatragh, and is on both the Derry junior and senior squads.

Maghera will be appearing in their seventh successive senior final this afternoon, and chase their sixth win, their only loss being to St Patrick's Keady in 1989. As yet, they have still to make it through to the All-Ireland final.

Powering their challenge against Loreto are two former junior team captains, Susan McErlean and Patricia Cooke, who led

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By Eamonn O'Hara

Maghera to All-Ireland final appearances.

Coached by Ann Kelly Maghera sport the talents of two newcomers, lower sixth students Michelle Kealey and Christina Rafferty, and will be looking to improve on their three-point semi-final scoring tally against St Mary's Magherafelt.

Loreto, coached by former All-Ireland senior medalist with Kilkenny Ann Carroll, are chasing their first senior win for some years.

In the junior final Maghera and St Columban's should serve up a thrilling encounter to match their final meeting earlier this year, with St Pat's looking to top scorer Clare Scullin to edge the verdict again.

The Ulster winners will go on to play the Connacht champions, the seniors playing away, the junior champions earning home venue. The quarter finals of the Senior B and Senior C tournaments will be played in the New Year.

With good weather, better organisation, and carbon-copy clashes of last season's finals, today's contests at Moortown should prove both exciting to watch and excellent adverts for colleges camogie in Ulster, with Maghera strongly fancied for the double again.



Sandy Fitzgibbon, captain of the Blarney team, holds the ICS Cup aloft following her team's victory over Wildcats.

STUDENTS PLAY IN GALWAY

UNDERGRADUATES will converge on Galway this weekend for the highpoint of their camogie season. The 76th Ashbourne Cup series promises to be keenly contested.

The main attraction on Saturday afternoon will be the semi-final matching Ashbourne Cup specialists, UCD, and spirited challengers from Belfast, Queens University. The decisive margin by which Queens ousted UCC in the preliminary round adds spice to the fixture.

Queens are chasing their first Ashbourne title. They have prepared diligently for the series and feel they cannot be denied the breakthrough much longer. UCD have lost the experienced Ann Marie

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Brennan and Joan Tobin, but were fortunate to pick up county minors in Eithne Duggan and Ann Marie Fitzgerald.

Hosts and holders, UCC, will be fancied to reach the final at the expense of University of Ulster.

UCC find themselves challenging for an Duthracht or Losers Plate.

However, they should be strong enough to fight off the claims of Maynooth and Trinity.

Scariff Community College, who collected their first Munster Colleges Championship title last season, defend their title

against St. Mary's, Nenagh, on Saturday. Scariff will have to pay close attention to danger girl, Ciara Burns.

St. Mary's, Midleton, were full value for their 2-7 to 2-2 win in the final of the Munster Colleges Senior Championship against St. Patrick's, Cork, last Saturday. Fiona O'Driscoll, who was voted Player of the Match, Denise Hayes, Theresa Ahern and Sinead Cahalane were responsible for the Midleton success.

FIXTURES

SATURDAY: Munster Colleges Junior Final at Whitegate, Co. Clare (2.00) — Scariff Community v. St. Mary's, Nenagh. Ashbourne Cup semi-final at Galway (2.30) — UCD v. Queens; UCC v. University of Ulster.
SUNDAY: At Galway (2.00) — Ashbourne Cup Final.

Munster Schools' Senior Camogie Final

Saturday February 2nd at Ballinlough, Cork 2.30p.m.
St. Mary's High School, Midleton V St. Patrick's, Cork



Name: **Belinda Kearney**

Club: Midleton.
Address: 29 Tim Daly's Tee., Midleton.
National School Attended: St. Bridget's.
Major Achievements in Camogie: Cork Colleges' Final 1991, George Harrington Cup 1989-1990, O'Driscoll's Perpetual Trophy, Gaelic Week 1989.
Major Achievements in Other Sports: Athletics.
Favourite Sport's Personality: Paul McGrath.
Favourite Pastimes: Swimming, cycling.
Favourite T.V. Programme: Simpsons.
Favourite Male Artist: Jon Bon-Jovi.
Favourite Musical Group: Bon-Jovi.
Favourite Female Artist: Ya Kid Ka (Technotronic).
Person you would most like to meet: Paul McGrath.
Sporting Ambitions for Future: Win the All-Ireland.
Ambitions for Future: Pass Leaving Certificate, stay healthy and become a Zoologist.



Name: **Sinead Cahalane**

Club: Killeagh.
Address: Main Street, Castlemartyr.
National School Attended: St. Fergal's N.S., Killeagh.
Major Achievements in Camogie: Cork Minor in '89 and '90, 2 Munster medals and 3 County Medals School Player of the Year '89, Cork Colleges' Win 1991.
Major Achievements in Other Sports: Won a Munster trophy for Volleyball 88/89.
Favourite Sport's Personality: Teddy McCarthy.
Favourite Pastimes: Listening to music.
Favourite T.V. Programme: Secrets.
Favourite Male Artist: Phil Collins.
Favourite Musical Group: AC/DC.
Favourite Female Artist: Tina Turner.
Person you would most like to meet: Stefan Edberg.
Sporting Ambitions for Future: To win the Munster and get to the All-Ireland final.
Ambitions for future: Become involved in sport.



Name: **Marie Flavin**

Address: Garryvoe, Ladysbridge.
National School Attended: Kilcredan.
Major Achievements in Camogie: Cork Colleges 1991.
Major Achievements in Other Sports: U12 and U14 East Cork Singles, U14 and U16 Doubles East Cork.
Favourite Sport's Personality: Andy Townsend.
Favourite Pastimes: Listening to Music.
Favourite Male Artistes: Adamski.
Favourite Musical Groups: AC/DC, The Stunning, Something Happens.
Favourite Female Artist: Madonna.
Person you would most like to meet: Andy Townsend.
Sporting Ambitions for Future: To win Munster and All-Ireland.
Ambitions for Future: To pass Leaving Cert.



Name: **Agnes Hennessey**

Club: Fr. O'Neill's.
Address: Ballybutler, Ladysbridge.
National School Attended: Kilcredan.
Major Achievements in Camogie: U12 captain won Felle na nGael, won primary school leagues.
Major achievements in Other Sports: Running Basketball, Volleyball.
Favourite Sport's Personality: Packie Bonner.
Favourite Pastimes: Swimming, Volleyball, Cycling.
Favourite T.V. Programme: The Cosby Show.
Favourite Male Artist: Elton John.
Favourite Musical Group: Jon Bon Jovi.
Favourite Female Artist: Whitney Houston.
Person you would most like to meet: Paul McGrath.
Sporting Ambitions for Future: To win a school Munster Final.
Ambitions for Future: Childcare.



Name: **Angela Murnhy**

Club: Midleton.
Address: Curragrigne, Castlemartyr.
National School Attended: St. Joseph's N.S., Castlemartyr.
Major Achievements in Camogie: Won primary school league '85, George Harrington Perpetual Cup '89, '90, O'Driscoll Perpetual Trophy '90.
Major Achievements in Other Sports: Munster medal in orienteering, County Medal and Munster B medals in Cross Country.

Favourite Sport's Personality: Kevin Moran.
Favourite Pastimes: Horse Riding (Hunting), Athletics, camogie, cycling, soccer and orienteering.
Favourite T.V. Programme: Sports Stadium.
Favourite Male Artist: Eric Clapton.
Favourite Musical Group: The Tempted.
Sporting Ambitions for Future: To win Munster final and to win an All-Ireland medal in athletics.
Ambitions for Future: To study veterinary science.



Name: **Theresa Aherne**

Club: Midleton.
Address: 10 Castleredmond, Midleton.
National School attended: St. Bridget's Primary.
Major achievements in camogie: Won George Harrington Perpetual Cup 1989 and 1990 O'Driscoll Perpetual Trophy '90.
Major Achievements in Other Sports: Blue belt in Tae-Kwon-Do and trophies.

Favourite Sport's Personality: Ger Cunningham.
Favourite Pastimes: Camogie, reading, walking.
Favourite T.V. Programme: Side Kicks.
Favourite Male Artist: Chris De Burgh.
Favourite Musical Group: Queen.
Favourite Female Artist: Sinead O'Connor.
Person you would most like to meet: Niall Patterson.
Sporting Ambitions for Future: To win the Munster Final.



Name: **Frances Flavin**

Club: Fr. O'Neill's.
Address: Garryvoe, Ladysbridge.
National School Attended: Kilcredan N.S.
Major Achievements in Other Sports: Cork County Badminton U-12 champion.
Favourite Sport's Personality: Paul McGrath.
Favourite Pastimes: Playing badminton, listening to music.

St. Mary's Look All Set

by Fr. Liam Kelleher

Very often you've got to lose one to win one and the experience gained and the pain suffered in losing, can often motivate a team to strive for greater heights. Despite their high hopes in the final last year against Cashel, the girls from St. Mary's High School were despondent as they trotted off the field, their dream in tatters but quickly they picked up the pieces again and with all but three of last year's starting line-up (Imelda Leahy, Marie Barrett and Frances Hennessy) available they try again for a second time to garner the coveted senior silver symbol of Munster Colleges Camogie. This time they enter the fray, older, wiser, fitter and equally committed. Many important games can be won from the sideline and this year St. Mary's have another trump card in the person of P.E. teacher Anne Leahy, now back in charge again after her two years as a lay missionary in Peru. Helped by Geraldine Kirby, Anne has left no stone unturned in the preparation of this team which goes into Saturday's final with their confidence sky high from their brilliant goalkeeper Teresa Ahern to the youngest member of the team dynamic 14 year old Evelyn Leahy, Anne's youngest sister.



The St. Mary's High School, Middleton camogie team pictured with school principal Sr. Nuala, Paudie Murphy, Bank of Ireland (team sponsor) and team coaches Anne Leahy and Geraldine Kirby

Senior Champions

Already the squad have won the Co. Senior Championship decisively defeating former kingpins St. Mary's, Charleville in the final, after beating their opponents of Saturday next, St. Patrick's equally convincingly. Their stiffest task after defeating Charleville in the 1st round of the Munster was their encounter with the holders for the past two years and their conquerors of last year Scoll Mhuire Cashel. After a great game St. Mary's came out on top with two points to spare.

Tough Opponents

My years of experience while involved with St. Mary's Charleville taught me never to underestimate St. Patrick's when it comes to a final, especially with Johnny Ring at the helm. What they may lack in experience will be compensated for by enthusiasm. With their past record they cannot be underestimated especially when it comes to a final. Previous form can be discounted and it all boils down to what happens on the day. There is little doubt that Middleton have the talent, they have the commitment, they have the motivation but more than anything else they have the will to win and as captain Ann O'Connor put it to me, they desperately want to win, to make up for last

year. Undoubtedly everybody in East Cork wishes them well and hopefully apart from the High School following, many more people from East Cork will travel to cheer for the girls in navy and red.

Line Outs for Saturday St. Mary's High School, Middleton

1. Teresa Ahern
2. Carol McSweeney
3. Sinéad Cahalane
4. Helen Walsh
5. Denise Hayes
6. Anne O'Connor
7. Barbara Hennessy
8. Marie Flavin
9. Evelyn Leahy
10. Fiona O'Driscoll
11. Agnes Hennessy
12. Belinda Kearney

SUBS

13. Mary O'Connor
14. Darina Kearney
15. Angela Murphy
16. Niamh Shanahan
17. Idel Hennessy
18. Threse Hennessy
19. Aisling Hennessy
20. Frances Flavin
21. Marion Moore

St. Patrick's, Cork

1. Audrey Twomey, Sars
2. Ailish McCarthy, Glen
3. Ursula Donovan, Dillons
4. Lorraine Fox, Glen
5. Louise Murley, Dillons
6. Louise Fleming, Dillons
7. Claire McCarthy, Glen
8. Aileen Dilworth, Dillons
9. Valerie O'Mahoney, Dillons
10. Niamh O'Regan, Dillons

11. Jill Hannon, Dillons
12. Donna Fahy, Dillons
- SUBS
13. Susan Delaney
14. Katherine O'Leary
15. Deirdre Murphy
16. Claire Drummond
17. Marguerite O'Regan
18. Christine O'Mahoney

Player Profiles



Name: Niamh Shanahan
Club: Fr. O'Neill's.
Address: Ballymacoda, Co. Cork.
National School Attended: Kileredan.
Major Achievements in Camogie: Junior Plate '87 and Cork Colleges '91.
Person/s who had most influence on your career: Carrie Shanahan
Major Achievements in Other Sports: Medals in soccer and swimming.
Favourite Sport's Personality: Ray Houghton.
Favourite Pastimes: Socialising and males.
Favourite T.V. pro-

gramme: Head to Toe
Favourite Male Artist: Eric Clapton.
Favourite Musical Group: Depeche Mode.
Favourite Female Artist: Sinéad O'Connor.
Person You Would Most like to meet: Alexander Graham Bell.
Sporting Ambitions for future: To win the Munster final.
Ambitions for future: To make loads of money.



Name: Marion Moore.
Club: Sarsfields.
Address: Windsor Hill, Glounthaune.
National School: Sacred Heart N.S.
Major Achievements in Camogie: Senior County medal.
Major Achievements in Other Sports: Trophies for hockey and tennis.
Favourite Sport's Personality: Paul McGrath.
Favourite Pastimes: Soccer, tennis, listening to music.
Favourite TV Programme: Neighbours.
Favourite Male Artist: Michael Bolton.
Favourite Musical Group: Skid Row.
Favourite Female Artist: Maria Carey.
Person you would most like to meet: Paul McGrath.
Sporting Ambitions for Future: To win the Munster Camogie Final.
Ambitions for future: To be a bangharda or P.E. Teacher.

All-Cork camogie decider

PICK of the games on the Cork camogie front this weekend is the Munster Colleges Senior final between Cork teams St. Patrick's and St. Mary's, Middleton at Ballinlough (2.30 p.m.) In the only other game listed, Kilbrittain and Newcestown clash in the U-16 Championship semi-final at Farranlea Road tomorrow (3 p.m.)

When it comes to colleges games there is never any shortage of excitement and today's final clash between St. Patrick's and St. Mary's promises to be no exception. The fact that it is an all Cork final makes it even more interesting.

Because Middleton reached last season's final and have already taken the Cork title, many may see them as favourites.

However, the determination which St. Pats showed in the semi-final defeat of a Nenagh team which contained four members of the Tipperary Minor All-Ireland champions and Orla Hogan, who plays regularly for Tipperary's first team, is worth noting. If they play with the same determination and spirit this time out Middleton will certainly find it extremely difficult to get scores against them.

In the lead up to the final St. Mary's defeated Charleville and the champions, Scoll Mhuire, Cashel, while St. Patrick's overcame Macroom and Nenagh. St. Patrick's include a number of players from the Brian Dillons Club, notably Louise Flemming, Louise Hurley and Val O'Mahony, while St. Mary's, Middleton, will be hoping for top class performances from Evelyn Leahy, Sinéad Cahalane, Teresa Ahern, Denise Hayes and Barbara Hennessy, sister of Cork hurler, Kevin.

The U-16 Championship semi-final is an all West Cork pairing. On form, Kilbrittain will probably start slight favourites. Newcestown have fine players in the Crowley sisters, Lynda and Imelda, Marian Desmond, Yvonne O'Callaghan and Cliona Looney. If these girls play to form they could make things difficult for a Kilbrittain side who can call on such marvellous performers as Miriam Deasy, Margaret and Lorna Ryan, Karen Foley and Niamh O'Mahony.

St. Patrick's: A. Twomey, A. McCarthy, U. Donovan, L. Fox, L. Hurley, L. Flemming, C. McCarthy, A. Dilworth, V. O'Mahony, N. O'Regan, J. Hannon, D. Fahy.

St. Mary's: T. Ahern, C. McSweeney, S. Cahalane, H. Walsh, D. Hayes, A. O'Connor, B. Hennessy, M. Flavin, E. Leahy, F. O'Driscoll, A. Hennessy, B. Kearney.

St. Mary's High School, Midleton



Name: Edel Hennessy.
Club: Midleton.

Address: 12 Tom Clarke's
Tce., Midleton.

National School Attended:
St. Bridget's Primary
School, Midleton.

**Major Achievements in
Camogie:** George Harrington
Cup, O'Driscoll Perpetual
Trophy '90, Gaelic Week
'89, Cork College Final '90.

**Person/s who had most
influence on your career:**
Josie Knowles.

**Major Achievements in
Other Sports:** Athletics.

**Favourite Sport's Person-
ality:** Packie Bonner and
Paul McGrath.

Favourite Pastimes:
Cycling, swimming, read-
ing, listening to music, soc-
cer.

**Favourite T.V. Pro-
gramme:** Twin Peaks.

Favourite Male Artist:
M.C. Hammer.

Favourite Male Artist:
Bon Jovi.

Favourite Female Artist:
Tracy Chapman.

**Person you would most
like to meet:** Jon Bon Jovi
and Billy Warlock.

**Sporting Ambitions for
Future:** To win the Mun-
ster and All Ireland Camo-
gie Final.

Ambitions for Future: To
become a Zoologist and to
pass my Leaving Cert.



Name: Mary O'Connor.
Club: Killeagh.

Address: Knocknaskaugh,
Killeagh.

National School Attended:
St. Fergal's National
School, Killeagh.

**Major achievements in
camogie:** 2 runner-up All-
Ireland medals, Feile na
Gael, Camogie Medals.

**Person/s who had most
influence on your career:**
Tommy Seward and my
mother.

**Major Achievements in
Other Sports:** One county
medal in hurling and an
East Cork hurling and foot-
ball championship medal.

**Favourite Sport's Person-
ality:** Packie Bonner.

Favourite pastimes:

**Reading and listening to
music.**

**Favourite T.V. Pro-
gramme:** "Only Fools &
Horses".

Favourite Male Artist:
Cat Stevens.

Favourite Musical Group:
Joan Jett and the Black-
hearts.

Favourite Female Artist:
Sheena Easton.

**Person you would most
like to meet:** Sean Kelly.

**Sporting Ambitions for
Future:** Win Munster
Medal.

Ambitions for future: To
become a sport's journalist.



Name: Theresa Hennessy
Club: Midleton.

Address: 12 Tom Clarke's
Tce., Midleton.

National School Attended:
St. Bridget's Primary
School, Midleton.

**Major Achievements in
Camogie:** Cork Colleges'
Final 1991, George Har-
rington 1989-90, O'Driscoll-
l's Perpetual Trophy,
Midleton, Gaelic Week '89.

**Person/s who had most
influence on your career:**
Josie Knowles.

**Favourite Sport's Person-
ality:** Packie Bonner.

Favourite Pastimes: Lis-
tening to music, reading,
watching films.

**Favourite T.V. Pro-
gramme:** Twin Peaks.

Favourite Male Artist:
Bryan Adams.

Favourite Musical Group:
Bon Jovi.

Favourite Female Artist:
Alannah Myles.

**Person you would most
like to meet:** Jon Bon Jovi.

**Sporting ambitions for
future:** To win the Munster.

Ambitions for Future:
Pass my Leaving Certifi-
cate.



Name: Darina Kearney.
Club: Midleton.

Address: 29 Tim Daly's
Tce., Midleton.

National School Attended:
St. Bridget's Primary
School.

**Major Achievements in
Camogie:** George Harrington
Cup 1989/90, O'Driscoll-

**l's Cup Perpetual Trophy
1990, Gaelic Week 1989,
Cork Colleges' Final 1991.**

**Major Achievements in
Other Sports:** Athletics.

**Favourite Sport's Person-
ality:** Niall Quinn.

Favourite Pastimes: Art,
cycling, reading, swimming.

Favourite TV Programme:
Twin Peaks, The Simpsons.

Favourite Male Artist:
Jon Bon Jovi.

Favourite Musical Group:
Technotronic.

Favourite Female Artist:
Madonna.

**Person you would most
like to meet:** Kiefer Suther-
land.

**Sporting Ambitions for
Future:** To win the Mun-
ster cup.

Ambitions: To go to Art
College.



Name: Carol McSweeney
Address: 10 Tim Daly's

Tce., Midleton
Club: Midleton.

National School Attended:
St. Bridget's Primary
School, Midleton.

**Major Achievements in
Camogie:** George Harrington
Cup '89 and '90
O'Driscoll Perpetual Trophy
'90, Gaelic Week '89 and
Cork Colleges' Final 1990.

**Person who had most
influence on your career:**
Josie Knowles.

**Major Achievements in
Other Sports:** Athletics.

**Favourite Sport's Person-
ality:** Kevin Sheedy, Ray
Houghton.

Favourite Pastimes:
Cycling, Swimming, Soccer.

Favourite TV programme:
Twin Peaks.

Favourite Male Artist:
Michael Bolton.

Favourite Musical Group:
Bon Jovi.

Favourite Female Artist:
Cher.

**Person you would most
like to meet:** Jon Bon Jovi.

**Sporting Ambitions for
Future:** To win the Mun-
ster and All-Ireland Camo-
gie Final.

Ambitions for Future: To
get on well in my exams.



Name: Evelyn Leahy.
Club: Killeagh.

Address: Killeagh, Kil-
leagh.

National School attended:
Inch N.S.

**Major achievements in
camogie:** Two U14 counties
1988 and 1990 got into two
All-Ireland Feile na nGael
finals.

**Major Achievements in
Other Sports:** Running,
basketball and showjump-
ing events.

**Favourite Sport's Person-
ality:** Chris Morris.

Favourite Pastimes: Vol-
ley-ball and horse riding.

**Favourite T.V. pro-
gramme:** Only Fools and
Horses.

Favourite Male Artist:
Craig McLachlan.

Favourite Musical Group:
The Cure.

Favourite Female Artist:
Madonna.

**Person you would most
like to meet:** Saddam Hus-
sein.

**Sporting Ambitions for
Future:** To win a school
Munster Final.

Ambitions for Future: To
travel the world and to
enjoy life.



Name: Ashling Hennessy
Club: Midleton.

Address: 15 Tim Daly's
Terrace, Midleton

National School Attended:
St. Bridget's Primary
School, Midleton.

**Major Achievements in
Camogie:** George Harrington
Cup 1989/90, O'Driscoll-
l's Cup, Perpetual Trophy
1990, Gaelic Week '89, Cork
Colleges' Final 1991.

**Person/s who had most
influence on your career:**
Josie Knowles.

**Major Achievements in
Other Sports:** Running.

**Favourite Sport's Person-
ality:** Niall Quinn and
Andy Townsend.

Favourite Pastimes:
Cycling, swimming and
reading.

**Favourite T.V. Pro-
gramme:** Twin Peaks.

Favourite Male Artist:
M.C. Hammer.

Favourite Musical Group:
Bon Jovi.

Favourite Female Artist:
Madonna.

**Person you would most
like to meet:** River
Phoenix.

St. Mary's High School Camogie Team's Profile

PLAYER PROFILES

Favourite T.V. Programme: Home and Away.
Favourite Male Artist: Michael Bolton.
Favourite Musical Group: Transvision Vamp.
Favourite Female Artist: Betty Boo.
Person you would most like to meet: Paul McGrath.
Sporting Ambitions for Future: To win Munster Schools' Camogie Final.
Ambitions for Future: To go on a world cruise, to be an accountant.



Names: Helen Walsh.
Club: Killeagh.
Address: 5 Kelly's Tce., Killeagh.
National School Attended: Killeagh N.S.
Major Achievements in Camogie: U12, 14, 16 county medals - 1st year Munster medal, U14, Féili All-Ireland runners up. Senior plate medal, 3 medals - winner of O'Driscoll Trophy.

Major Achievements in Other Sports: None other than those above.
Favourite Sport's Personality: Teddy McCarthy.
Favourite Pastimes: Reading, listening to music.
Favourite T.V. programme: Only Fools & Horses.

Favourite Male Artist: Johnny Logan.
Favourite Musical Group: Journey.
Favourite Female Artist: Sinead O'Connor.

Person you would most like to meet: Tom Cruise
Sporting Ambitions for Future: To win the All-Ireland.

Ambitions for Future: To have a successful career as a vet or microbiologist.



Name: Fiona O'Driscoll
Club: Fr O'Neill's.
Address: Knockadoon, Ballymacoda.
National School Attended: Kilcredan.

Major Achievements in Camogie: 4 Munster medals, 3 minor and 1 junior. Two County medals - 1 junior and 1 intermediate. Gael Linn medal with Munster. Runner-Up in Skills' Competition of National Feile na nGael 1986. Captain of Cork Minors in 1988.

Persons who had most influence on your career: Anne Leahy, Aidan Swayne and Dan Griffin.

Major Achievements in Other Sports: M.V.P. Award in County Basketball Final 1990, St. Mary's Sportsman of the Year in 1989 and in 1990 qualified as a Life-guard.

Favourite Sport's Personality: Sandy Fitzgibbon.

Favourite Pastimes: Swimming, walking, collecting match programmes.

Favourite T.V. Programme: Midnight Caller.

Favourite Male Artist: Phil Collins.

Favourite Musical Group: Status Quo.

Favourite Female Artist: Whitney Houston.

Sporting Ambitions for Future: To win senior county with club and to play senior with Cork.



Name: Ann O'Connor.
Club: Killeagh.
Address: Knocknaskaugh, Killeagh.

National School Attended: St. Fergal's National School, Killeagh.

Major Achievements in Camogie: Played for Cork Minors for 2 years also played Under 18 Cork, Captained Feile na nGael runners up, Pan Celtic finalists.

Persons who had most influence on your career: My mother and my club.

Favourite Sport's Personality: Paul McGrath.

Favourite Pastimes: Reading, listening to music and watching musicals.

Favourite T.V. Programme: Only Fools and Horses.

Favourite Male Artist: Van Morrison.

Favourite Musical Group: Deacon Blue.

Favourite Female Artist: Tracy Chapman.

Person you would most like to meet: Writer 'Stephen King'.

Sporting Ambitions for Future: To win a Munster Final and All Ireland.
Ambitions for Future: To nurse the handicapped.



Name: Denise Hayes.
Club: Fr O'Neill's.
Address: Dromada Beg, Ladysbridge.

National School Attended: Kilcredan N.S.

Major achievements in camogie: Captain of first year Munster College's team-winners, member of Cork Minor Camogie panel 1988. Cork Colleges' winners 1991.

Major Achievements in Other Sports: Trophies and medals in both badminton and soccer, running.

Favourite Sport's Personality: Teddy McCarthy.

Favourite Pastimes: Listening to music, jogging and swimming.

Favourite T.V. Programme: Coronation Street.

Favourite Male Artist: Phil Collins.

Favourite Musical Group:



Name: Barbara Hennessy.

Club: Midleton.
Address: 13 Roche's Tce., Midleton.

National School Attended: St. Bridget's Primary School.

Major Achievements in Camogie: 1st year Munster Colleges' winners, Gaelic week '89 winners, O'Driscoll Perpetual Trophy, Cork Colleges' winner '91, George Harrington Cup '89.

Person who had most influence on your career: My brother Kevin Hennessy.

Major Achievements in Other Sports: Trophies held for soccer, basketball.

Midleton's Camogie Coaches



Pictured above are Geraldine Kirby and Anne Leahy, coaches to the St. Mary's High School, Midleton camogie panel who contest the Munster Schools' Senior Camogie final when they take on St. Patrick's, Cork at Ballinlough this Saturday. Finalists in this competition last year, the school team has already won the Cork Schools' title this season, and will be hoping to complete the double on Saturday.

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MUNSTER COLLEGES SENIOR CHAMPIONS

1968	St. Aloysius, Cork
1969	St. Aloysius, Cork
1970	St. Aloysius, Cork
1971	St. Aloysius, Cork
1972	St. Aloysius, Cork
1973	Mount Mercy, Cork
1974	Rosary Hill, Castleconnell, Co. Limerick
1975	Rosary Hill, Castleconnell, Co. Limerick
1976	St. Aloysius, Cork
1977	Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, Co. Tipperary
1978	St. Patrick's, Shannon, Co. Clare
1979	Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, Co. Tipperary
1980	North Presentation, Cork
1981	St. Patrick's, Cork
1982	St. Patrick's, Shannon, Co. Clare
1983	St. Patrick's, Cork
1984	North Presentation, Cork
1985	St. Patrick's, Cork
1986	St. Patrick's, Cork
1987	St. Mary's, Charleville, Co. Cork
1988	St. Mary's, Charleville, Co. Cork
1989	Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, Co. Tipperary
1990	Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, Co. Tipperary

ALL-IRELAND COLLEGES SENIOR CHAMPIONS

Munster winners:

1976	St. Aloysius, Cork
1977	Scoil Mhuire, Cashel
1979	Scoil Mhuire, Cashel
1980	North Presentation, Cork
1981	St. Patrick's, Cork
1982	St. Patrick's, Shannon, Co. Clare

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MUNSTER COLLEGES SENIOR FINAL

2nd February, 1991

Ballinlough, Cork

@ 2.30 p.m.

ST. PATRICK'S, CORK

V

ST. MARY'S, MIDLETON

REFEREE: Miriam murphy
Eire Og

LUACH: 10p



S T . P A T R I C K ' S , C O R K

- 1 Audrey Twomey (Sarsfields)
- 2 Eilish McCarthy (Glen Rovers)
- 3 Ursula Donovan (Brian Dillons)
4. Lorraine Fox (Glen Rovers)
5. Louise Hurley (Brian Dillons)
- 6 Louise Fleming (Brian Dillons)
- 7 Claire McCarthy (Glen Rovers)
- 8 Alison Dilworth (Brian Dillons)
- 9 Valerie O'Mahony (Brian Dillons)
- 10 Niamh O'Regan (Brian Dillons)
- 11 Gill Hannon (Brian Dillons)
- 12 Donna Fahy (Brian Dillons)
- 13 Susan Delanty (Brian Dillons)
- 14 Catherine O'Leary (Brian Dillons)
- 15 Deirdre Murphy (Brian Dillons)
- 16 Claire Drummond (Brian Dillons)
- 17 Marguerite O'Riordan (Brian Dillons)
- 18 Christine O'Mahony (Brian Dillons)

COLOURS: Brown and Yellow

COACH: John Ring

S T . M A R Y ' S H I G H S C H O O L , M I D L E T O N

- 1 Theresa Aherne (Midleton)
- 2 Carol McSweeney (Midleton)
- 3 Sinead Cahalane (Killeagh)
- 4 Helen Walsh (Killeagh)
- 5 Denise Hayes (Fr. O'Neill's)
- 6 Anne O'Connor (Killeagh) (Captain)
- 7 Barbara Hennessy (Midleton)
- 8 Marie Flavin (Fr. O'Neill's)
- 9 Evelyn Leahy, (Killeagh)
- 10 Fiona O'Driscoll (Fr. O'Neill's)
- 11 Agnes Hennessy (Fr. O'Neill's)
- 12 Belinda Kearney (Midleton)
- 13 Mary O'Connor (Killeagh)
- 14 Darina Kearney (Midleton)
- 15 Marion Moore (Sarsfields)
- 16 Niamh Shanahan (Fr. O'Neill's)
- 17 Angela Murphy (Midleton)
- 18 Edel Hennessy (Midleton)
- 19 Therese Hennessy (Midleton)
- 20 Aisling Hennessy (Midleton)
- 21 Frances Flavin (Fr. O'Neill)

COACH: Anne Leahy

COLOURS: Navy and Red

*** The winners of today's match will play the Leinster Champions in the semi-final of the All-Ireland Colleges Senior Championship on 9th March.

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Intriguing camogie tussles

THERE are two vital ties down for decision on the camogie front this coming weekend, pick of which should be the Munster Senior Colleges final tomorrow which will see two Cork schools, St. Marys (Midleton) and St. Patrick's, in opposition at Ballinlough at 2.30 p.m., while on Sunday Kilbrittain and Newcestown clash in the Under-16 Championship semi-final at Farranlea Road at 3 p.m. Tomorrow at Ballinlough we should have an absolutely cracking game in store

when the Munster Senior Colleges final will be decided. This game will see two Cork schools in opposition which should result in even more rivalry. The last time this happened was back in 1985.

En route to this year's final St. Marys defeated the holders, Scoil Mhuire (Cashel), and Charleville

while St. Patrick's overcame Macroom and Nenagh to secure their place in the final. St. Marys were defeated in last year's final so no doubt they will be very anxious to reverse that result this time out while St. Patrick's have not been seen in a final for a few years but are certainly no strangers to Colleges camogie.

Because Midleton

reached last year's final and have already taken this year's Cork Colleges title, they will start as favourites but the determination which St. Pats showed in beating a Nenagh team which contained four members of the Tipperary team which won the Minor All-Ireland and also Orla Hogan who plays regularly for Tipperary's first team is

worth noting. If they play with the same determination and spirit tomorrow they could make things very difficult for the Midleton girls.

St. Patrick's call on several Brian Dillons players including Louise Fleming, Louise Hurley and Valerie O'Mahony and these will be joined by players like Claire McCarthy and Lorraine Fox

Twomey (Cashel), and Valerie and Lorraine Twomey who are members of the Sars senior team. Midleton's team is made up of players from the local club as well as nearby clubs Killeagh and Fr. O'Neill. They will be hoping to play players like Sinead Cahalane, Evelyn Leahy, Denise Hayes, Fiona O'Driscoll, Teresa Ahern and Barbara Hennessey, sister of Cork senior hurler Kevin. They will come up trumps for them.

St. Mary's go one better

Report: TOM HIGGINS

St. Mary's High School (Midleton) 2-7;
St. Patrick's (Cork) 2-2

BEATEN in the final of the Munster School's Senior Camogie championship 12 months ago by Cashel, St. Mary's (Midleton) made no mistake at Ballinlough, Cork, on Saturday, going one better.

In a hard fought decider they defeated St. Patrick's (Cork) to secure their first ever success in this competition.

St. Mary's appeared very nervous in the opening half, after getting off to a good start with a goal and a point from Fiona O'Driscoll in the first seven minutes. But poor marking and a tendency to pick the ball cost them dearly when they left the City side in for two easy goals midway through the half. This left them a point behind at the interval 1-4 to 2-2. Midleton came out for the second half in determined mood and had two goals disallowed, their only reward was two points from O'Driscoll. However, in the 41st minute they got

the goal they had been threatening when O'Driscoll blasted home a 20 metres free.

With the tension now eased they began to play their best camogie and were in complete control in the final 10 minutes.

For the winners Denise Hayes and Ann O'Connor were really outstanding in defence and got great support from Sinead Cahalane. Fiona O'Driscoll was always dangerous when in possession but she was well marked by Louise Fleming, who St. Patrick's best player.

Scorers - St. Mary's: F. O'Driscoll 2-6 (1-2 frees, 0-1 "30"), A. Hennessey 0-1.

St. Patrick's: D. Fahy 2-0, L. Fleming 0-2 (0-1 "30").

St. Mary's (Midleton): T. Ahern; C. McSweeney; S. Cahalane, H. Walsh, D. Hayes; A. O'Connor, B. Hennessey, M. Flavin; E. Leahy, F. O'Driscoll, A. Hennessey; B. Kearney, Sub. M. O'Connor for B. Kearney.

St. Patrick's: A. Twomey; A. McCarthy; U. Donovan, L. Fox, L. Hurley; L. Fleming, C. McCarthy, A. Dilworth; V. O'Mahony, N. O'Began, J. Hannon; D. Fahy.

Referee: Miriam Murphy.

CAMOGIE TITLE

St. Mary's High School, Midleton 2-7, St. Patrick's, Cork, 2-2 — St. Mary's High School, Midleton, coasted to a deserved victory in the Munster Colleges Camogie Championship at Ballinlough, Cork. By virtue of their win, they brought the prestigious title to East Cork for the very first time. It was a tremendous battle with the young stars of East Cork edging out the City side who had no fewer than eight of their side from Brian Dillons, three from Glen Rovers and one from Sarsfields.

Their victory give Midle-

ton a place in the semi-final stages of the All Ireland Championship but they must travel to meet the Leinster champions.

Scorers for Midleton, Fiona O'Driscoll 2-6, Agnes Hennessey 0-1, and for St. Patrick's, Donna Fahy 2-0, Louise Fleming 0-1, Valerie O'Mahoney 0-1.

Midleton: Therese Ahern, Carol McSweeney, Sinead Cahalane, Helen Walsh, Denise Hayes, Anne O'Connor captain, Barbara Hennessey, Marie Flavin, Evelyn Leahy, Fiona O'Driscoll, Agnes Hennessey, Balinda Kearney, Sub. Mary Q'Connor.

They celebrated their great victory in style in the Park Hotel, Midleton, after capturing their first ever Munster Senior Camogie Championship at Ballinlough. It all came about due to the generosity of a very active Parents Council who organised the Gala Night. Both Mary Moran, Secretary, Cork Colleges Camogie Board, Mrs. Sheila Morgan, President, National Camogie Board, attended.

As well as the players, the senior orienteering (Cork) championship came to Midleton while Yvonne Flynn gained an International cap for tennis. Mr. Keohane paid tribute to the coaches of the Camogie team, Anne Leahy, Gerri Kirby, and Kay Murphy, who also looked after the Orienteering team. Ms. Mary Moran, who had the tough task of selecting the "player of the match," selected Fiona O'Driscoll the match winner with 2-6 out of 2-7.

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Supporters of St. Patrick's School, Cork, cheering on their side during the Munster Colleges camogie final at Ballinlough, Cork.
(Picture: Maurice O'Mahony)

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St. Mary's, Midleton (top), who defeated St. Patrick's, Cork, in the Munster Colleges' camogie final at Ballinlough, Cork.



Margaret Gleeson presents the 'Player of the Match' award to Fiona O'Driscoll of the winning St. Mary's High School camogie team Midleton. Included is Mary Moran, Secretary of the Munster Colleges Camogie Council; Sister Nuala, Principal St. Mary's High School; Sean Keohane, Chairman of the Parents Council; at the Victory Dinner in Midleton Park Hotel.



Geraldine Kirby and Anne Leahy team coaches accepting presentations from Helen Walsh, Anne O'Connor and Barbara Hennessy.

Glory Day for St. Mary's

St. Mary's H.S. Midleton 2-7
St. Patrick's Cork 2-2

Salute the girls of St. Mary's High School, Midleton who added a new dimension to their school's sporting tradition when in a very exciting contest they overcame the brave challenge of St. Pat's, Cork to bring the first Munster senior camogie title to their school on Saturday last.

The fact that they had to fight very hard to overcome the dogged determination of St. Pat's made the victory all the more meritorious, adequately compensating for the heartbreak of the year before. The experience of that final loss to Cashel stood them in good stead as they thundered back into the fray having appeared to be in trouble coming up to the break.

Dream Start

St. Mary's got off to a dream start when star player Fiona O'Driscoll had them 4 points up after six minutes. She opened the scoring with a point and then struck a brilliant goal which should have settled the team and given them the confidence to press home their advantage but this did not happen. It stung St. Pat's into retaliation and they dominated the remainder of the half which saw some tremendous passages of camogie. They really put it up to St. Mary's when they scored 2 goals when they scored 2 goals both scrambled affairs from Louise Fleming. One of them rather fortuitous with goalkeeper Teresa Ahern sprawled on the ground. The short whistle sounded with St. Pat's ahead by 2-2 to 1-4, all St. Mary's scores coming from Fiona

O'Driscoll.

More determined

St. Mary's took the field in determined fashion for the second half. They began to carry the game to St. Pat's rather than letting St. Pat's come at them, but they found scores very difficult to come by, with the St. Pat's defence marking very tightly, with Evelyn Leahy in particular held in a vice like grip. Driven forward from the back by Sinead Cahalane and Denise Hayes ably assisted by the centre field trio of Anne O'Connor, Barbara Hennessy and Marie Flavin, St. Mary's mounted waves of attacks. Points by Fiona O'Driscoll and Agnes Hennessy restored their lead but that was scant reward for their determined efforts. Great saves and some questionable decisions robbed St. Mary's of at least two certain goals. Unperturbed by their apparent misfortune St. Mary's kept their composure. Mary O'Connor replaced Belinda Kearney and did some hard grafting.

Turning Point

The turning point in the game came with eleven minutes to go when in one of the now infrequent St. Pat's raids Teresa Ahern brought off a terrific save. The ball

was worked downfield, St. Mary's were awarded a twenty metre free and Fiona O'Driscoll calmly stepped up and blasted it to the net. That score was vital. There was now no way back for St. Pat's. Midleton dominated the remainder of the game and were unlucky not to add to their total with some near misses. As the final whistle sounded St. Mary's joy was complete and their ecstatic supporters rushed on to the field to acclaim their heroines. Captain Ann O'Connor accepted the silver symbol of success from Mary Moran. History had been made. St. Mary's were Munster senior champions for the first time. They now meet the Leinster champions in the All Ireland semi final on the 9th of March.

Panel: Teresa Ahern, Carol McSweeney, Sinead Cahalane, Helen Walsh, Denise Hayes, Anne O'Connor, Barbara Hennessy, Marie Flavin, Evelyn Leahy, Fiona O'Driscoll, Agnes Hennessy, Belinda Kearney. Subs: Mary O'Connor, Darina Kearney, Angela Murphy, Niamh Shanahan, Edel Hennessy, Therese Hennessy, Aisling Hennessy, Frances Flavin, Marion Moore.



The victorious St. Mary's High School panel with coaches



(Left) Barbara Hennessy striking towards goal and (right) at Ballinlough



Mary Moran Cork Co. Camogie board presenting the Colleges' Camogie Cup to Anne O'Connor surrounded by members.



Scenes of jubilation after the final whistle



Marguerite Glesson Final Touch, Midleton presenting the player of the match award to Fiona O'Driscoll. Also included are Mary Moran, Cork Co. Camogie Board, Sr. Nuala Principal and Sean Keohane, Chairman Parents' Committee

Munster Colleges' Camogie Celebration

Over 200 pupils, parents and friends of St. Mary's High School celebrated into the early hours of Sunday morning at the school's dinner held at the Midleton Park Hotel. In the words of school Principal Sr. Nuala, win, lose or draw they would have celebrated anyway, but the fact of winning the Munster senior camogie title made the celebration all the more memorable. In a stirring address Sr. Nuala spelled out the importance of sports involvement for pupils and on that score St. Mary's have a huge involvement not alone in camogie, basketball and orienteering but in athletics and volleyball, two sports where the school has had a tremendous record in the past. Few of the present pupils may realise that their school has won all the trophies available in volleyball and athletics at All-Ireland level in the 70's and not only in Ireland but they took on the very best in Europe and came out on top, but I'll leave those stories for another occasion and return to Saturday.

Sr. Nuala spoke about the passing to her eternal reward of Sr. Margaret Mary who has certainly guided the team from above. She thanked Ann Leahy and Geraldine Kirby especially for the time put in after school. Having no field of their own Sr. Nuala thanked the C.B.S. and Community College for the use of their facilities and promised that nets would be provided shortly. She also thanked all who sent good wishes, the supporters, the Parents' Council for organising the function and Sr. Mairead and the community for their wonderful support.

Ann Leahy thanked Seán Keohane and the Parents' Council. She said the parents were outstanding and the staff very co-operative. She thanked Mary Moran Secretary of the Cork Colleges' Camogie and Sheila Morgan, President All-Ireland Colleges' Camogie, both of whom were present at the function, and spoke highly of the contribution that St. Mary's are making to the colleges' camogie to the scene. Ann paid tribute to scene. Ann paid tribute to her assistant Geraldine Kirby and her fellow P.E. teacher Kay Murphy. She concluded by thanking the Presentation Sisters and Sr. Nuala and the girls who were simply terrific and gave their full commitment.

New Chaplain of the convent and school, Fr. Eugene Baker, was delighted to be present to acknowledge St. Mary's contribution to sport over the year.

Seán Keohane, Chairman of the Parents' Council, reacting to Sr. Nuala saying it was difficult to be a Kerrywoman in Cork, Kerry won the All-Ireland senior hurling title in 1891 - in 1991 St. Mary's could win the All-Ireland title with a Kerrywoman at the helm.

Mary Moran had a difficult time in the presentation ceremony.

All the players were presented with suitably inscribed crystal, as was the orienteering teams and Yvonne Flynn, All-Ireland tennis champion. Following all the presentations a great night's dancing was enjoyed by all to the music of The Images.

Report and Pics by Fr. Liam Kelleher



Denise Hayes making a presentation to St. Mary's High school caretaker Donie Collins for his dedication and commitment to the school and its programme of activities.



Ann O'Connor (captain) presenting a memento to Sr. Nuala (Principal) after last Saturday's Munster Schools' Camogie Championship Final.



Successful coaches Ann Leahy and Geraldine Kirby of St. Mary's camogie senior team, Midleton, winners of the Munster Colleges Senior Camogie Championship were presented with presentation clocks at St. Mary's High School, Midleton, victory dinner.

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Duttracht Shield Semi-finals: UCC 2-3 (C Cunningham 1-0, G Murphy 1-0, V Twomey 0-2, P Murphy 0-1); St. Patrick's College, Maynooth 0-5 (M Gannon 0-4, D O'Carroll 0-1); Coleraine 3-4 (M McAlleenan 3-2, A Nelson 0-2); TCD 1-3 (P O'Brien 1-3).

Today's finals are at Turloughmore (Co. Galway) at 1.00 and 2.30 respectively.

Ashbourne Cup, at Dangan: UCC 2-0 (A. Linehan 2-0, E. Cooley 0-2, M McMahon 0-1); NUJ Jordanstown 3-4 (G Carr 2-2, M McCusker 1-0, B Donlan, C Higgins 0-1); GUB 4-5 (M McCartan 2-0, B McCann, D O'Doherty 1-0, J Tobin 0-5); UCD 1-3 (E Duggan 1-0, J Murphy, A Harrington, A Ryan 0-1).

Historic day for Queen's

Q.U.B. 3-6
U.C.G. 1-3
QUEEN'S University made Ashbourne Cup history in Turloughmore, Co. Galway when they won the inter-varsity championship for the first time.

The northern girls laid the foundation for their outstanding success with a sterling first half display, after which they led 3-4 to 0-2.

The Galway college did improve during the second half and to a large degree controlled the exchanges. However, they could never master the Queens defence in which

Camogie

Roisin O'Neill, Deirdre Canning and Monica McCartan stood out.

In a lively Queen's attack Joan Tobin, Mary Black and captain Deirdre O'Doherty were always dangerous, while Brigid Kilgallon, Fidelma Hanlon, Ann Linnhan and Moira McMahon caught the eye for the losers.

SCORERS — Queens — B. McCann, O. Higgins, D. O'Doherty (1-0 each), J. Tobin (0-4), M. Black (0-2), Galway — A. Linnhan (1-2), M. McMahon (0-1).

N.U.U. 5-10 U.C.C. 5-8
N.U.U., Coleraine made it a day of double celebration for Ulster when they beat U.C.C. by 5-10 to 5-8 after two periods of extra-time in the final of Duttracht Shield for teams beaten in the earlier rounds of the Ashbourne Cup.

SCORERS — N.U.U. — M. McAlleenan (3-8), A. Nelson (1-2), B. Duffy (1-0), U.C.C. — P. Murphy (3-3), E. O'Connor (1-3), V. Twomey (1-0), M. O'Connor (0-2).

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Sport's Star of the Week

Fiona O'Driscoll,

St. Mary's High School, Midleton and Fr. O'Neill's Camogie Club



Saturday last, February 2nd, will be regarded in years to come as a history making day for St. Mary's High School, Midleton. It will be remembered as the day when the school annexed its first senior schools' camogie title at Munster level.

When the dust finally settles, and people begin to reflect on the victory, the importance of the outstanding contribution made to the team's victory by eighteen year old Fiona O'Driscoll will be seen in its true light. Fiona has been a tremendous influence on her team-mates over the past few seasons, and scored four points for the senior camogie side when they were defeated by Scoil Mhuire, Cashel in the 1990 decider.

On Saturday last, Fiona was a leading light from the outset, contributing 2-6 to her side's total score, proving once again the outstanding camogie talent which she possesses.

Over the past few seasons, Fiona has amassed a fine total of medals including two county medals, four Munster medals (three at under 16 level, one at junior) in addition to Gael-Linn awards. A native of Knockadoon, Ballymacoda, Fiona is a repeat Leaving Certificate student at St. Mary's High School. Her decision to re-sit for this important examination at the school will be seen in a new light after last Saturday's performance.

Fiona's ultimate sporting ambition is to win an All-Ireland camogie medal, and her dedication to the sport is such that this ambition is likely to be realised in the future.



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TIPPERARY has always produced good hurlers and camogie players and it is fitting that the 1990 winner of the award for camogie should be Jovita Delaney from Boherlahan, Co. Tipperary.

Aged 16, Jovita can look back on a marvellous year, one in which she enjoyed unusual success at club and Inter-County level. And she played a major role in that success, showing her skill and ability to score in the most competitive of matches.

Jovita won three Munster medals, at under-16, 18 and junior level and also played a major role for Tipperary in their Minor Championship. Tipperary marched triumphantly through Munster and eventually faced Kilkenny in the All-Ireland final.

She scored seven points in that All-Ireland triumph over Kilkenny where she scored seven points. A club member with Cashel she won county championship medals at under-16 and senior level and to crown a great year for her she was chosen as camogie award winner in the Tipperary United Sports Panel awards for 1990.



★ Jovita Delaney (Camogie)

Neighbours clash in U-16 final

BIG GAME on the camogie front this coming weekend will be the Under-16 Championship Final on Sunday which will see Cloughduv and Newcestown in opposition at Cloughduv pitch at 3 o'clock. At Farranlea Road also at 3, St. Finbarrs and Kilbrittain clash in a vital Junior League game.

On Sunday next at Cloughduv we should have an entertaining game in store when near neighbours Cloughduv and Newcestown clash to decide the destination of the Under-16 Championship title for 1990.

Because of the lack of pitches available in the present weather conditions Newcestown opted to travel to the opposition's grounds for this clash.

The Cloughduv team is unique in that it has three sets of sisters in their line-out and these include the Dunlea sisters Stephanie and Hilda, Siobhan and Marie Corkery and Martina and Mary O'Neill.

Newcestown have only been competing at under-age level for the past two years and it is certainly a great achievement for them to have reached this final.

In the lead up to this game they overcame Douglas, Killeagh and Glen Rovers. They are a relatively young side but are certainly not lacking in heart.

They showed this in particular last Sunday when they defeated a fancied Kilbrittain side in the semi-final. They have fine performers in the Crowley sisters Lyn-

da and Imelda, Marian Desmond, Yvonne O'Callaghan, Antoinette O'Connell and Cliona Looney and if these girls play with the same determination and spirit this time out they could be just in there with a real chance at the end.

At Farranlea Road also on Sunday evening St. Finbarrs and Kilbrittain clash in a vital Junior League game. Both these sides met in the Championship final when it took a replay to decide the eventual winners, so next Sunday's clash is expected to be another close encounter.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

UNDER-16 C'SHIP FINAL

Cloughduv v Newcestown at Cloughduv at 3 p.m. (Referee: Irene O'Keeffe).

JUNIOR "B" LEAGUE

St. Finbarrs v Kilbrittain at Farranlea Road at 3 p.m. (Referee: Bishopstown).

MUNSTER CCD FINALS

At Coachford Community Hall commencing at 1.30.

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Newcestown reach final

Newcestown 3-2; Kilbrittain 0-3

NEWCESTOWN advanced to the final of the Cork county under-16 camogie championship final when they scored a comfortable victory over Kilbrittain at Farranlea Road yesterday afternoon, writes *Brendan Larkin*.

Despite the miserable conditions, both sides served up a highly entertaining game with the Newcestown girls fully deserving their victory and a place in the final

against Cloughduv next Sunday.

Yvonne O'Callaghan, Deirdre Holland, Margaret Desmond and the Crowley sisters Emelda and Linda were best for the winners while Eilish O'Connell, Grainne O'Mahony and Deirdre Dineen played well for the losers.

Scorers — Newcestown: L. Crowley, E. Crowley and E. Twohig 1-0 each; C. Long 0-2. Kilbrittain: K. Foley, D. Dineen, N. O'Mahony 0-1 each. Ref. C. O'Mahony (St. Finbarrs).



The Newcestown team which beat Kilbrittain in the Cork Co. U-16 camogie championship semi-final at Farranlea Road on Sunday.

Cumann Camogaiochta na *nGael*
COISDE COLAISTE MUMHAN
JUNIOR COLLEGES' FINAL



Scariff Community College



St. Mary's, Nenagh

ON

Saturday, 16th Feb.

AT

Whitegate, Co. Clare

at

1 30 pm

REFEREE: B. O Dea, Limerick

ADMISSION: Adults £1 Students 50p

Prog. 10p.



ST. MARY'S, NENAGH

1. Christine Kennedy
2. Elizabeth Kennedy
3. Marie Slattery
4. Suzanne Kelly
5. ~~Anne-Marie-Ryan~~ Sheila Kyne
6. Ciara Burns
7. Elaine Quinlan
8. ~~Maureen-Kyne~~ Alison Lawlor
9. Marie Ryan
10. Sarah Madden
11. Noelle Kennedy
12. Aine Hogan (Capt)
13. Suzanne Keneally
14. Sarah Bergin
15. Hilda Mounsey
16. Deirdre Kirby
17. Madeline Hayes

COLOURS: BLUE & RED

MANAGER: Geraldine Bourke

COACH: Ger Dullea

**Nenagh
hold
out**

St. Marys, Nenagh 1-6;
Scariff CC 2-0

ST. MARYS, Nenagh had to withstand severe pressure from Scariff Community College in the final quarter of the Munster Colleges Junior Camogie Championship at Whitegate on Saturday. But, St. Marys held firm to oust the holders and win the title for the first time.

SCARRIFF COMMUNITY COLLEGE

1. Fiona Sampson
2. Yvonne Hogan
3. Olive O Driscoll
4. Marianne Baker
5. Josie Naughton
6. Mary Tuohy
7. Annette Lynch
8. Orla Slattery
9. Edel Tuohy
10. Sinead Wiley
11. Joanne McCaffrey
12. Carol Costelloe (Capt)
13. Elaine O Sullivan
14. Collette Walsh
15. Geraldine Ward
16. Angela Hogan
17. Sinead McNamara
18. Eimear Lowry
19. Anne Marie Hill

COLOURS: WHITE & BLUE

COACH: Jack Treacy

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Incredible Loughrea long-playing record

IN February 1984, St. Raphael's, Loughrea, won a Connacht Colleges senior and junior championship double. In a phenomenal run, the school has not lost a match in either competition since.

The original players, who set the school on the winning trail, have long since left school. But the famous nursery continues to produce top rate performers. With the expertise of coach Cyril Farrell, the Connacht and All-Ireland Cups remain on the Loughrea sideboard.

St. Raphaels are still in the hunt for 1991 honours. In the semi-final of the Connacht Colleges senior championship, they face Vocational, Loughrea, including some of their best own past pupils. In the junior championship, St. Raphaels will meet Mercy, Roscommon.

St. Cuan's, Castleblakeney, the last side to overcome St. Raphaels in the senior championship, are in the running for both championships. Holy Rosary, Mouthbellew, provide the opposition in both games.

All-Ireland Junior champions, St. Brigid's, Callan, have advanced to the semi-finals of both Leinster Colleges senior and junior championships. F.C.J. Buncloody stand between them and a place in the final of both grades. Vocational, Thomastown have already qualified for the senior final while Loreto, Kilkenny, are through to the junior semi-final.

COLLEGES CAMOGIE:

First half display lays foundation for historic Nenagh win

ST. MARY'S, NENAGH 1-6,
SCARIFF COMMUNITY COLLEGE 2-0.

That old saying about a good start being half the battle proved to have more than a ring of truth about it for the girls of St. Mary's Secondary School, Nenagh on Saturday when they took on the holders, Scariff in the Munster colleges junior camogie final in Whitegate.

Tearing into their opponents from the throw in, Nenagh amassed a total of five points during the first half, without any response from the Clare side. Marie Ryan opened the scoring and Ciara Burns provided the remaining four points, two of them from frees.

Any idea Nenagh had that the title was coming their way for the first time without too much resistance, was quickly dispelled as Scariff applied the pressure on the resumption of play. The St. Mary's defence was taxed to the limit and it took some inspired saves from Christine Kennedy to prevent an avalanche of scores, so determined now were the champions.

Eventually Sinead Wiley and Joanne McCaffrey got through for Scariff goals and the lead Nenagh held for so long was overtaken. But it was after this set back that St. Mary's showed their true worth. A point from Aine Hogan brought them level and the winning goal came shortly be-

fore the end, when a fine shot from Aine Hogan came back off the crossbar only for Noelle Kennedy to be perfectly positioned to belt it home.

So, the title had changed hands and for the Nenagh school it represented the greatest day in its camogie life. The hallmark of the teams make-up was undoubtedly teamwork and balance and the sturdy resistance of the defence when so much pressure was placed upon it in the second half served to spur on the attack for those match winning scores.

Certainly the brilliance of Ciara Burns was another major contributory factor to the success of the team. Her delightful striking and accurate shooting was a quality that Scariff could not match. Aine Hogan, from whom so much as expected also, was very tightly marked and certainly the Scariff back-room team had done their homework in relation to containing her. At the same time, she showed many flashes of her undoubted brilliance and there were fine performances too from Alison Lawlor and Noelle Kennedy with goalkeeper Christine Kennedy in brilliant form.

St. Mary's have little time to rest on their laurels as they face out against the Leinster champions, Buncloody or Callan in the All-Ireland semi-final on Saturday week, March 2nd. For this all-important tie, they are fortunate to have home venue to favour them and the game will be played at Kilkoman.

Under manager, Geraldine Bourke and coach, Ger Dullea, the team will resume training immediately as they bid to add to their already great season and seek a place in the All-Ireland final.

St. Mary's: Christine Kennedy, Elizabeth Kennedy, Marie Slattery, Suzanne Kelly, Shiela Kyne, Ciara Burns, Elaine Quinlan, Alison Lawlor, Marie Ryan, Sarah Madden, Noelle Kennedy, Aine Hogan (capt.).

Scariff: Fiona Sampson, Yvonne Hogan, Olive O'Driscoll, Marianne Baker, Josie Naughton, Mary Tuohy, Annette Lynch, Orla Slattery, Edel Tuohy, Sinead Wiley, Joanne McCarthy, Carol Costelloe (capt).

Referee: B. O'Dea, Limerick.



St. Mary's Secondary School, Nenagh. Saturday's winners for the first time of the Munster Colleges Junior Camogie title. Pictured with them are Manager, Geraldine Bourke and Coach, Ger Dullea.

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Sheila O'Donoghue, President CCIA, presenting the Purcell Shield to Madeline Brown, captain Waterford Regional College camogie team, after their victory over Mary Immaculate College, Limerick in the All-Ireland Colleges' final at Mount Sion GAA Centre. The finals were hosted by Waterford Regional College.

Start of the U-18 championship

TOMORROW will see the U-18 championship get off to a late start with a number of first round games down for decision. Also on Sunday at Farranlea Road the 1989 U-16 league final will be decided between Cloughduv and Barryroe at 3 p.m.

at Coachford and this should be the pick of the games for the weekend. Both these sides met in the U-16 championship recently and served up a very competitive game. On that occasion Kilbrittain were victorious so no doubt this time out Aghabullogue will be very anxious to reverse that result.

There are some interesting clashes down for decision tomorrow in the U-18 championship. Opening the programme tomorrow morning will be Glen Rovers and Ballincollig when they meet at Farranlea Road at 12.30 p.m. and here Glen Rovers who have fine performers in Emma Harte, Lorraine Fix, Clarie McCarthy and Orla Murphy should have too much in hand for Ballincollig.

In the only other game listed for the weekend Cloughduv and Barryroe meet in the 1989 U-16 league final. This final has been delayed due to the involvement of Cloughduv in a number of games but tomorrow it is scheduled to go ahead at Farranlea Road at 3 p.m.

At the Tank Field at 3 p.m. the home club Brian Dillons will be in action against St. Finbarrs and here Dillons who will be in a position to call on a number of players from St. Patrick's School, who narrowly lost out to St. Mary's Midleton in the Munster Colleges Senior final, should probably have the edge, but I am sure Barrs girls Vivienne Grainger, Janice O'Connell and Breda Collins could have other ideas about this.

It is Barryroe's first time contending a final so no doubt they will be very anxious to do well but on recent form it is difficult to see them halting Cloughduv.

FIXTURES

TOMORROW

U-18 CHAMPIONSHIP

Courcey Rovers v Inniscarra, Courcey Rovers, 2.30 p.m. (ref. Barryroe); Killeagh v Na Piarsaigh, Killeagh 3 p.m. (ref. Fr. O'Neill); St. Fannahans v Sarsfields, Fannahans, 3 p.m. (ref. Fermoy); Watergrasshill v E. Og, Watergrasshill, noon (ref. Grenagh); Glen Rovers v Ballincollig, Glen Rovers, 12 p.m. (ref. Bishopstown); Brian Dillon v St. Finbarrs, Brian Dillons, 3 p.m. (ref. Douglas); Blackrock v Newcastle, Blackrock, 3 p.m. (ref. Ballinacorney); Aghabullogue v Kilbrittain, Aghabullogue, noon (ref. Cloughduv).

Inniscarra make the long journey to Ballinacorney to play Courcey Rovers and here it is difficult to see Courceys, who have only been participating in underage camogie in the past couple of years, putting a stop to the mid-Cork side.

In the remaining games Eire Og will be expected to overcome Watergrasshill, Newcastle should have the edge on Blackrock while Na Piarsaigh will probably have to give way to a more experienced Killeagh side.

In the final game Kilbrittain and Aghabullogue will be in opposition

U-16 LEAGUE (final)

Cloughduv v Barryroe, Farranlea Road, 3 p.m. (ref. Eleanor Hack).



Thomond College of Education, Limerick, camogie team, who defeated St. Mary's College, Belfast in the All-Ireland Colleges camogie final for the Purcell Cup.

UCC lose in extra time

MUNSTER hearis were broken in the final of the Ashbourne Cup Plate Competition when UCC lost in a thrilling encounter to their Northern rivals UUC at Turloughmore, Co. Galway.

In a tie that went to two periods of extra time UUC emerging victorious on a 5-10 to 5-8 scoreline. Val Twomey scored 3-4 of UCC's total.

For the first time in the 76 year history of the competition QUB took the Cup when they very decisively beat the host college by 3-6 to 1-3.

UUC — S. McLoughlin, O. McAleavy, B. Craig, S. Mallons, I. Morris, E. McMonagle, B. Duffy, B. McAleenan, A. Nelson, M. McAleenan, N. Mageenan.

UCC — G. Burchill, C. Cunningham, E. O'Connor, N. McCarthy, M. O'Connor, P. Murphy, T. Walsh, C. Murphy, V. Twomey, P. Hogan, M. Roche.

Interesting ties to be decided

THERE are a number of interesting games down for decision on the camogie front this coming weekend. Tomorrow at 3 o'clock at Cloughduv, the 1990 Under-16 Championship Final will be decided between Cloughduv and Newcestown while at 12 noon at Farranlea Road, St. Finbarrs and Blackrock will be in opposition in the final of the 1990 Junior "B" League. Also tomorrow, Kilbrittain and Aghabullogue replay their Under-18 Championship game at Timoleague while in the same competition Eire Og and Watergrasshill clash at the latter's venue.

Tomorrow, Cloughduv will be hoping to take their second title in a week when they face Newcestown in the final of the 1990 Under 16 Championship. Last Sunday they defeated Barryroe in the Under 16 League Final. On recent form Cloughduv will no doubt go into the game as favourites to take the title for the second year in a row. They are a strong all-round side and looked very impressive in all their games leading up to this final. Their line-out is unusual in that it contains three sets of twins, Stephanie and Hilda Dunlea, Martina and Mary O'Neill and Siobhan and Marie Corkery. All these girls are very accomplished performers and on form it is difficult to see them

being halted, but if there is any side that can put a stop to them it must surely be the Newcestown girls.

Newcestown have been the surprise package of the Championship having recorded victories over fancied teams like Killeagh, Glen Rovers and Kilbrittain. They are a relatively young side but are certainly not lacking in heart and their sheer determination has certainly played a big part in them reaching this final. They have fine performers in the Crowley sisters Lynda and Imelda, Marian Desmond, Yvonne O'Callaghan and Antoinette O'Connell and if these girls play with the same determination and spirit this time out it certainly would be no surprise if victory went their way.

Tomorrow morning at Farranlea Road the Barrs and Blackrock will be in opposition in the final of the 1990 Junior "B" League final. Both teams came through their respective sections undefeated so no doubt we should have a keenly contested game in store. Barrs looked sharp in their game against Kilbrittain two weeks ago and tomorrow will be expected to have the edge. They will be hoping that players like Marie O'Sullivan, Mary O'Regan, Maria O'Sullivan, Breda Collins and Toinette Santry

will come up trumps for them but they certainly will not get things easy from a Blackrock side that can call on players like Grace and Paula O'Regan, Geraldine Cashman and Kathleen Costigan.

In the remaining games of the weekend Kilbrittain and Aghabullogue replay their Under 18 Championship first round game at Timoleague. Last Sunday there was nothing between the sides with victory in doubt up to the final whistle and tomorrow's replay promises to be no exception with another cracking game in store.

In the final game of the day Eire Og will be expected to have the edge over Watergrasshill when they clash also in the Under 18 Championship at Watergrasshill.

FIXTURES

Sunday, February 24

Under 16 Championship Final: Cloughduv v. Newcestown at Cloughduv at 3 p.m. (ref. Irene O'Keefe).

Junior "B" League Final: St. Finbarrs v. Blackrock at Farranlea Road at 12 noon (ref. Na Piarasigh).

Under 18 Championship (replay): Kilbrittain v. Aghabullogue at Timoleague 12 noon (ref. Bandon); Eire Og v. Watergrasshill at Watergrasshill at 3 p.m. (ref. Fermoy).

Raphael's strained quality of Mercy

THE quality of Mercy was not strained at all on Tuesday last when the girls of Mercy Convent Roscommon shocked favourites St. Raphael's Loughrea in the Connacht Junior camogie semi-final replay.

Mercy, who have not beaten the Loughrea team since 1983, can let the 4-3 to 0-3 scoreline speak for itself.

Now they face St. Cuan's Castleblakeney in the Connacht final on Monday next. Venue is to be fixed but it will probably be in Ballinasloe.

The Roscommon school are hoping that the win over St. Raphael's is a good omen, as they last won the All Ireland title in '83 when they overcame the Loughrea girls.

However, St. Cuan's are quietly confident that this will be their year. Sharon Glynn, Tracy Laheen, Carmel Hannon and Martina Griffin have plenty of camogie behind them and should give a very good account of themselves.

In Leinster, F.C.J. Bunclody relieved St. Brigid's, Callan of their provincial and All-Ireland titles. Bunclody progress to meet Loreto, Kilkenny in the junior championship final.

Bunclody and Callan are also paired together in the senior semi-final. At present, Sinead Millea, star of last season's All-Ireland Colleges junior final, is out of action. Her absence would be a huge loss to Callan.

Vocational, Thomastown qualified for the Leinster Colleges senior final some weeks ago. Since then, their fortunes have taken a dip. Vanessa Butler and Deirdre Lanigan are carrying injuries which will keep them out of the game in the immediate future.

FIXTURES

Tomorrow — At Ballinasloe — Connacht Colleges Junior final, St. Cuan's, Castleblakeney v St. Raphael's/Roscommon.

Junior County Team

By: EAMON de BRÚN, P.R.O.

CAMOGIE has taken an upward surge within the County over the past few years, and can be contributed to a number of factors, basically to a more organised County Board; of which Secretary Marian Graham has made an enormous contribution, not casting any aspersions on any of the other officers or past officers. She has immersed herself totally in the cause of camogie and the results of the various teams are proof positive of the organisation spoken about.

While the under-16 team created history by becoming the first team from the county in any grade to win an All-Ireland title (championship) and the U-18's having a fine win in the Munster Final. The success of the adult team is always considered a shade more important, I suppose for the fact that if your adult team is successful, it does great work at underage.

Because of the distinct lack of interest on the part of the senior players for a few years, it was decided to regrade to Junior, to give an opportunity to the players to sample success. In their first year in Junior ranks, players were again able to match the opposition in most aspects of the game, and this instilled a certain confidence again in the players. They did not taste any success though and hopes were not very high. Still it was inevitable that the well organised Co. Board, would be rewarded for its efforts, and the underage success was again bound to create a stir which it duly did. Once more it became an honour to wear a County jersey, and the team of selectors Bernie O'Dowd and Billy Phillips and coach John Kennedy, appointed early this year went about their work in a very determined fashion. In the beginning they were disappointed with the response, but as the season progressed, players realised the obvious chance of bringing success to the County. They trained on a regular basis and a panel was picked for the National League.

The first game which was played on the 26-11-89 in Kilkenny, against the home team, this was a difficult assignment and though the team played very well with its sprinkling of experienced and youthful players, Kilkenny emerged winners by the narrowest of margins. This loss was to prove very costly, since but one team was going forward it cost us a place in the League play-off. The second game in the League on 11-3-90 was against Derry in the Ragg. This was a tough sporting game in which the visitors surprised most people with the quality of their play, and it took all the experience and craft of the home side to emerge winners.

A decision was taken by the Co. Board and the selectors, to enter a team in the Munster Senior Championship, this was

to give the team an extra game and a little experience. The draw pitted us against Cork, and the game was played in Watergrasshill, with Cork as expected running out easy winners.

On the 6-5-90 another round of the National League was played when Galway provided the opposition. After a tough game we emerged victorious by a narrow margin, and things seemed to be coming together for the team. This was further borne out a fortnight later when the team travelled up to Cavan for another round of the league and came away winners by a big margin.

On the following Sunday, June 30th, the team commenced the campaign it had been gearing itself for when they played host to the old enemy Cork in Semple Stadium. This was a game where the team needed to call on all its spirit, commitment, and experience to emerge winners by a narrow margin, all the team played their part.

This win set up a Munster final date with Limerick, in Cappawhite and the team having played and trained hard for this occasion were determined not to be deprived of their goal and in a tough game where the players gave of their all, another Munster title was brought back by our captain Ann Gleeson. There were scenes of great excitement and jubilation after the game.

This win set up an All-Ireland semi-final date with Armagh. The game was played before a fine attendance in Semple Stadium on the 26-8-90. The girls from the North surprised everybody, with an excellent brand of camogie. It required our team to play above themselves to win this, and this they did. There were some excellent performances from our players and Ann Keeshan stood between Armagh and a victory.



Triona Bonnar (Tipp.) in action at the All Ireland.

Team: A. Keeshan, J. Delaney, C. Madden, G. Ryan Meagher, C. Kennedy, K. Moloney, K. McCluskey, O. Hogan, D. Hughes, A. Gleeson, M. Stokes, M. Browne, T. Bonnar, A. Delaney, M. Stapleton, R. O'Meara, M. Kennedy, H. O'Leary, E. Guerin.

One couldn't but admire the team on this good performance, where they restored the good name of Tipperary Camogie.

Preparation for the All-Ireland final commenced the following Wednesday night and all players attended and resolved to make every effort to go all the way. It became known that the All-Ireland Champions Kildare would provide the opposition and that it would require a very big effort to dethrone them. Training was stepped up and two good challenge games were organised against the Cork senior team and the Wexford senior team, which had reached the All-Ireland Final, also against Kilkenny.

The first game against Cork in Cork showed signs that things were coming together, and that the work put in was paying off. The team gave as good as it got and only in the last few minutes did Cork get the scores to win. Those present were very pleased.

The following week, the team travelled to Gortnahoe, where it played host to Wexford. Again it showed great spirit and commitment, and made Wexford fight all the way for a win. For both games the team lined out without J. Delaney and G. Ryan Meagher, both of whom were injured.

Team v. Wexford: A. Keeshan, C. Kennedy, T. Bonnar, M. Stapleton, C. Madden, K. Moloney, M. Stokes, O. Hogan, B. Hughes, A. Gleeson, M. Browne, H. O'Leary.

After this game, preparation began to wind down and only a couple of training sessions were left. John Kennedy (coach) began to unwind the team and it worked out well.

The team had formed a great bond during the year, and this was very evident in the final preparations.

The team travelled to Dublin for the final on the Saturday evening and stayed in a hotel a short distance from Croke Park.

On Sunday morning they had a puck about in Na Fianna's ground in Mobhi Road. After a quick cup of tea, it was on to the game.

There was a tremendous following for the team, and it also included 5 buses from Derry, giving support to Tipp, in return for the hospitality shown to them earlier in the year when they stayed in Tipperary. Thanks to Elizabeth and Charlie Crampsie. Liz is Derry County Secretary.

The final started at a hectic pace and despite attacking strongly we were unable to get through for scores, and Kildare made good use of the chances they got.

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due to weaknesses in our back line and forged well ahead. It looked as if we were going to be beaten easily, but then our younger players, took the game by the scruff of the neck, notably C. Madden, O. Hogan, D. Hughes, and it spurred the others to raise their game, and they fought back to within a few points of Kildare. Ann Keeshan also was instilling confidence in the team by virtue of some excellent scores. The team went in at half time some 5 points down and down further early in the second half, but then some inspired switches paid dividends and the team took the game to Kildare and had some very good scores, but unfortunately the final whistle came too soon.

When you consider the very young team which we had out, this was a tremendous performance and one which I have no hesitation in saying will bring back the All-Ireland title within two years. The panel for the final was A. Keeshan, J. Delaney, C. Kennedy, G. Ryan Meagher, C. Madden, K. Moloney, K. McCluskey Ryan, O. Hogan, M. Stokes, T. Bonnar, D. Hughes, A. Gleeson, H. O'Leary, R. O'Meara, A. M. Fitzgerald, M. Browne, A. Delaney, E. Guerin, M. Stapleton, M. Kennedy.

Thanks to everybody who helped in any



Ann Gleeson, Tipp. captain; Miriam O'Callaghan, referee; Kildare captain.

way during the year. To players, selectors, those who supplied transport, to sponsors for the All-Ireland and other occasions.

Reaching the All-Ireland was a great achievement and hopefully next year we might go one better. Lets hope so.

Toomevara Camogie 1990 A Great Year

1990 must go down in the history books as a memorable year for camogie in Tipperary, with the success of the U-16, U-18 and Junior teams as well as Féile Na nGael being held in Tipperary, our club seemed involved in every way with representatives on each team, as well as junior captain Anne Gleeson, and junior trainer John Kennedy from Toomevara. The winning of the Féile Na nGael Div. 4 was also a great achievement for our club and county.

Things began on the club scene with the Community Games U-13½ Competition and Toomevara took the title for the third year in a row with a great victory over Thurles. This team was eventually defeated in the Munster semi-final in Dungarvan later in the year.

The U-14 team began their championship action early and the Final was played before Féile Na nGael. In a great final we defeated Gortnahoe narrowly. This was one of the best games of the year with the standard of camogie from both teams very high. Down five points at half time the Toomevara girls fought back to win.

Féile Na nGael was next and

we did not really know what to expect. The games were taken one by one with caution but also with victory and we eventually reached the final. Our opponents were our hosts, Butlersstown from Waterford and the fact that we had drawn with them in the first round made the final a thrilling prospect. However victory was achieved again and a historic win was recorded.

The U-12 championship was still undecided however, and the final pairings were Thurles v. Toomevara. The first game ended in a most exciting scoreless draw, and the replay was also very exciting. Final score was Toomevara 0-1, Thurles 0-0. The U-12's had achieved another piece of history, a unique 4-in-a-row.

Moving to the U-16 championship we entered a very young team and eventually went down in the quarter final stages.

We had high expectations from our senior team in 1990 but again Cashel stood in the way. We were defeated in the county final for the second year in a row. On the other hand however this is only our second year senior and to reach two

consecutive County Finals is no bad achievement.

The club would like to congratulate all the Tipperary

teams, their mentors and the officers of the Board for their work and achievements in 1990.



TOOMEVARA — U-14 FEILE NA nGAEL WINNERS AND COUNTY FINAL WINNERS 1990

Back (l-r): Mary O'Callaghan, National Camogie President; Brid Delaney, Bridget Phelan, Hilda Mounsey, Miriam Maxwell, Laura Boland, Madeline Hayes, Triona McCormack, Tara Young. Front (l-r): Sarah Bergin, Aileen Delaney, Suzanne Kelly, Aine O'Leary (capt.), Marie Ryan, Helen McGrath, Annette Ryan, Maria Kennedy, Anna Hogan.



TOOMEVARA — U-12 CAMOGIE COUNTY CHAMPIONS 1990

Back (l-r): M. Doran, D. Ryan, S. Maxwell, C. Mounsey, T. McCormack (capt.), S. Boland, S. O'Brien, L. Burke, J. Ryan, S. Kennedy, J. Boland. Front (l-r): H. Hogan, E. Guilfoyle, J. Mounsey, S. Guilfoyle, C. Maxwell, S. Mounsey, J. Phelan, S. Connolly, L. Young, G. Duff. Very front: B. Ryan.



Chairperson doing her bit during the skills! Geraldine Ryan Meagher, Skills Official, Féile na nGael.

field for the skills final and for divisional finals, to Dúrlas Óg for the use of their pitch, to all G.A.A. clubs for their co-operation, to the skills judges, to my committee Geraldine Ryan, Biddy Phillips, Ann O'Rourke, Sally Duggan, Ann Moloney, to the Féile executive committee and everybody concerned too numerous to mention, a sincere thank you.

OUR SPONSOR — THANK YOU

No county, club or individual can reach that goal of getting to the top without sponsors, and camogie is no exception. Camogie is the poor sister to G.A.A. and is run on a shoestring budget. It barely breaks even year after year. When we found ourselves in a happy position of having one successful All-Ireland behind us and another one within our grasp, finance was our nightmare. So we set about the task of looking for sponsorship. Thanks to all those who helped, we were not found wanting on All-Ireland week-end.

On behalf of Tipperary teams and officials, I wish to extend a sincere 'thank you' to all who contributed to our appeal for sponsorship. The cost involved in reaching this stage of the championship is immense and we are always grateful for any assistance. A special thank you to our major sponsors, Bord na Móna, who gave a very generous contribution towards the cost of a set of track-suits; to C.I.E., who sponsored us with a carriage to Dublin and back; to Thurles Milk and Johnsons of Thurles who provided us with refreshments for all our training sessions for the



Trina Maher (Gortnahoe Glengraigue). All-Ireland Camogie Skills winner.



PARADE



BEST DRESSED CLUB AT PARADE — THURLES CAMOGIE CLUB

Biddy Phillips getting trophy from President Hillary

month prior to the Junior Final; to Frank Mulcahy, Anner Hotel, Thurles, and John and Breda Kennedy, Centenary Room, the Ragg, for financial support throughout the year; to Tipperary Spring Water who provided us with 2 sets of Kit Bags — one for our minors and one for our Juniors; to the County G.A.A. Board and the divisional boards and clubs of the county; to Tipperary Supporters' Club; Tipperary Dublin Association, and Schissers of Clonmel, and everybody who contributed a sincere thank you.

Social Scene

On writing this article, our 2nd Annual Dinner Dance is arranged for November 23 at John & Breda Kennedy's, The Ragg. If last year's is anything to go by, and with the success the county has achieved this year, it should be a very good night out.

Presentation of medals will be made to all our County Champions, our three Munster Champions and our Minor All-Ireland team. The highlight of the night will be the "Camogie Person of the Year". The winner of this will be top secret, only the President of the Camogie Association, Mary O'Callaghan, will it be known to until the announcement.

Before I conclude my report, I would like to thank all club secretaries and officials for their assistance to me during 1990. To the referees, linespeople and umpires,

gate collectors, those who prepared the pitches for games, to Jimmie Purcell, Semple Stadium and everybody who helped, a sincere 'thank you'. Thanks to the G.A.A. Board for the use of Semple Stadium and for their advice and financial assistance during the year. To all G.A.A. clubs for the use of their pitches and facilities for their local camogie clubs and for championship games.

1990 saw 24 clubs affiliate to the Co. Board. A special thank you to all those players, for without you are National game would be non-existent in Tipperary. To the parents of all players I hope you are proud of them for striving to flourish our national sport both at home and abroad; thanks to you, the parents, who brought the underage players to County trials and games for without your help that elusive title Tipperary have sought for so long would still be elusive.

Thanks to my fellow officers: Geraldine Ryan Meagher and Biddy Phillips who have done Trojan work for camogie in the county over the past number of years. I would like to thank Eamonn Browne and Liam Hogan for their assistance to me with this article, and to Liam O'Donoghue for giving me the opportunity of writing it.

Is mise,

Marion Ní Greacháin,
Rúnaí, Coiste Chontae
Tiobraid Árann

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Minor Camogie - that elusive title is captured at last

THE winning of the Minor All-Ireland title will be regarded as a milestone in Camogie in Tipperary. This victory will have a beneficial influence on our younger girls playing the game of camogie and those starting to play the game. What has been achieved can be equalled again and again. To achieve the ultimate, a sustained arduous training programme had to be followed. Commitment to the task was very obvious from the first training session. We had up to forty girls at our first trial, this is an indication of the interest and depth of talent in the County at underage levels.

It was obvious from our first game against Cork, in Cork, that these girls meant business. To beat a very good Cork team in their own back garden by a margin of five points, and having scored a total of six goals and seven points, we knew that this team would take beating. Our next match was against Limerick and in this match Tipperary had a comprehensive victory on a score of 7-8 to 2 goals. The Munster final was our next match and Clare were our opponents.

We expected a stiff challenge from the Banner County; however, this did not materialise and Tipperary ran out easy winners on the score of Tipperary 8-8, Clare 2-0. We were pitted against Derry, the Ulster champions in the All-Ireland semi-final. To Tipperary, Derry were an unknown quantity; however, the Ulster champions last year had run Kilkenny — the eventual winners — very close. Tipperary really turned on the style in this match, notching up a score of 5-18 to Derry's one point. From the start of this game, one felt that if Tipperary got into their stride, Derry would have problems. Our forwards were cutting through the Derry backs rather easily, when the first score came after three minutes. The Tipperary team went on to record a one-sided victory.

We had now qualified for the second final in two years, and against the same opponents, Kilkenny. We knew we had learned from last year and Kilkenny would not be allowed to pull away in the second half as had happened in the previous year. Tipperary had trained very hard with the emphasis on stamina. Every training session was taken seriously with 100% turn-out. We could see from the players' response to direction during training that the girls were intent on reversing the result of last year. All was now in readiness for our All-Ireland clash with Kilkenny on July 29, in Nowlan Park, Kilkenny.

This game turned out to be a cracker, with camogie being played of the highest order. Tipperary had the wind advantage in the first half; however, they did not make the best use of it in the early stages, but as the game progressed they began to chalk up the scores and led at the interval by 10 points — 1-9 to 0-2.

COUNTY CHAMPIONS & RUNNERS-UP

Competition	Winner	Runners-up
U-12	Toomevara	Thurles
U-14	Toomevara	Gortnahoe/Glengoolie
U-16	Cashel	Burgess
U-18	Not completed: Moycarkey v Cashel, Nov. 25.	Thurles
Junior	Moycarkey-Borris	St. Bernadette's, Roscrea.
Intermediate	Borrisokane	Toomevara
Senior League	Cashel	Clonmel St. Mary's
John Hogan Cup	Moycarkey-Borris	Toomevara
Ann Fraser Cup	Cashel	

The expected challenge in the second half from Kilkenny — aided by the strong wind — did materialise and their first goal came in the fourth minute. However, the most crucial score from Tipperary came soon afterwards with a goal from Aine Hogan. This goal had the effect of stunting Kilkenny's challenge, but they still fought on and reduced Tipperary's lead to three points with only five minutes to go.

Tipperary's defence stood firm over these last few minutes, although there were some anxious moments. The sound of the final whistle was sweet music to both players, officials and supporters.

This historic victory was achieved by the Tipperary players who had given their all in a game that must rank as one of the best Minor finals seen for a long time. The final score: Tipperary 2-11, Kilkenny 3-6.

Everyone was a heroine on the day, from the goalkeeper to the full-forward, from substitutes that were used and those that weren't, because during the year — even if they didn't play on All-Ireland day — they had played their part.

At long last Tipperary had won their first ever All-Ireland in camogie and in doing so the seeds have now been sown for a bright future in the game.

Credit must go to the people who prepared this great team: Liam Hogan, Trainer/Selector, and co-selectors Martin Kennedy and John Devitt; to the Co. Board Officers, Geraldine Ryan, Marion Graham and Bridget Phillips, and to the parents of the players who brought them to training sessions and matches.

The preparation of this team was a mammoth task and had to be of the highest calibre to dethrone the champions in their own stadium. When Sinéad Nealon (capt.) lifted the cup the cheers from the Tipperary supporters could be heard back in Tipperary.

Team: Christina Kennedy (Burgess), Maria Hogan (Burgess), Sinéad Nealon capt. (Burgess), Marita Tobin (Cashel), Roisin Nash (Cashel), Neasa O'Dwyer (Cashel), Lorraine Graham (Moycarkey-Borris), Caroline Dooley (Gortnahoe/Glengoolie), Helen Kiely (Drom-Inch), Jovita Delaney (Cashel), Ciara Burns (Burgess), Aine Hogan (Burgess).

Subs: Jacky Keating (Cashel), Claire Egan (Gortnahoe/Glengoolie), Sylvia Ryan (Cashel), Tracy Bargerly (Cashel), Grace Webster (Gortnahoe/Glengoolie), Nuala Nealon (Burgess), Fiona Murphy (Toomevara), Helena Campion (Gortnahoe/Glengoolie).

UNDER-18 COUNTY

Another first for Tipperary

Our u/18s achieved what our Minors had previously achieved during the year by bringing another 'first' to the county, then won the first u-18 Munster title, beating Limerick in the final. This competition does not go beyond Provincial level.

Earlier in this competition they had accounted for Clare and Cork. Both Clare (defending champions) and Cork were very fancied teams.

Our first match was against Cork, and Tipperary really turned it on by beating them by a staggering 18 points. This was a sweet victory as Cork had knocked us out of the championship last year. Our next match was against Clare, again our girls were in top form and easily beat off their challenge. Now we had reached the final and our opponents were Limerick, who had the advantage of a home venue at Ballyagran. Although Tipperary had to line out without two of its selected side, their replacements proved that they were more than capable of filling the positions left vacant.

At the break, Tipperary were ahead by 2 points. They were making hard work of it due mainly to the bad weather conditions which did not lend to open play. In the second half, Tipperary took the game to Limerick and added 2-5 without reply. This was a well deserved victory and completed an outstanding year in camogie for the county. The victory helped lift the girls, many of whom had played and lost in the All-Ireland junior final to Kildare, and polished performances were given by these girls: Deirdre Hughes, Kaiffee Moloney, Jovita Delaney, Helen O'Leary, Claire Madden, Orla Hogan, along with subs. on the junior team: Ailish Delaney and Michelle Kennedy.

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All-Ireland Junior
Camogie Finalists 1990



BACK ROW (l. - r.): Maeve Stokes, Kirsty McCluskey, Ann Keeshan, Jovita Delaney, Geraldine Ryan Meagher. FRONT ROW: Triona Bonnar, Kaiffie Moloney, Deirdre Hughes, Ann Gleeson, Claire Madden, Orla Hogan, Cora Kennedy.

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U-18 Final Team: Ailish Delaney (Templemore), Caroline Dooley (Gortnahoe/Glenagoole), Marita Tobin (Cashel), Deirdre Cooney (Burgess), Sinéad Nealon (Burgess), Deirdre Hughes (Toomevara), Orla Hogan (Burgess), Kaiffee Muloney capt. (Cashel), Ciara Burns (Burgess), Jovita Delaney (Cashel), Áine Hogan (Burgess), Helen O'Leary (Cashel), Claire Madden (Portroe), Michelle Kennedy (Clonmel).

Other players who formed the panel at games throughout the competition were Regina O'Meara (Toomevara), Sinéad Ryan (Cashel), Paula Loughnane (Holy-cross/Ballycahill), Maria Hogan (Burgess).

Again, the same management looked after this team as took charge of the successful Minor team, with the addition of Bridget Phillips and Bernie O'Dowd on the selection committee.

P.R.O. Liam Hogan

Lease of our own Camogie pitch

Because of numerous legalities, the final contract of our lease on the Ragg pitch was not completed until October 26. However, because it was one of the busiest seasons for camogie in the county, the pitch was constantly in use.

The pitch is ideally suited for camogie, being very central for all clubs and especially for county training. We at least now know where we are going and training and games can be arranged well in advance. Our sincere thanks to Noel Morris, Tommie Barrett, "Spike" Nolan and all G.A.A. clubs who backed us in this venture. Now we can set about the task of developing it and have a pitch and changing facilities with a club room we can be proud of when hosting major camogie events.

FÉILE NA nGAEL

This competition was completely new to all camogie clubs with the exception of Burgess, who had previously represented Tipperary on two occasions, but credit is due to all clubs who took part. Perhaps some clubs were not financially prepared for the enormous costs involved in competing; now is the time to get over this hurdle in order to be prepared for the competition next year.

Overall, Tipperary clubs done very well. Some were only piped by a point to reach semi-final stage. Congratulations to Toomevara who were winners of Group 4. Honours and congratulations must also go to Triona Maher of the Gortnahoe/Glenagoole club, who was outright winner of the All-Ireland Skills. Triona (13 years) gave a tremendous performance against 14 other counties. Her parents and her club must be very proud of her. Well done, Triona.

Congratulations also to the Thurles club, who were awarded best dressed camogie team, and to Burgess club for Best Banner.

Coiste Camógaiochta Thiobraid Árann

1990 — the most successful year so far for camogie in Tipperary — commenced on February 4th with our Annual General Meeting in the Munster Hotel. There was a large attendance at the meeting with over 95% of clubs represented; this might be attributed to the fact it was the first A.G.M. to be held on a Sunday afternoon. With the long afternoon and evening ahead, it gave clubs plenty of time to air their grievances and to point out changes they felt would be of benefit to the Association and the County.

OFFICERS ELECTED

Chairperson: Geraldine Ryan Meagher
Vice-Chairperson: Eamonn Browne
Secretary: Marion Graham
Treasurer: Bridget Phillips
Joint P.R.O.: Liam Hogan - Eamonn Browne

Fixtures Committee:

Mary O'Connell, Julia O'Dwyer, Sally Duggan, Marion Graham, Siobhán McDonnell, and Geraldine Ryan Meagher.

U-16 Trainer: Liam Hogan. **Selectors:** John Devitt, Martin Kennedy, Liam Hogan

U-18 Trainer: Liam Hogan. **Selectors:** John Devitt, Martin Kennedy, Bridget Phillips, Bernie O'Dowd, Liam Hogan.

Junior Trainer: John Kennedy. **Selectors:** Bridget Phillips, Bernie O'Dowd, Liam Hogan.



All who competed in the skills competition of Féile na nGael

Congratulations to all clubs who took part, whether they won or lost; they did camogie proud in the county and, hopefully, everybody concerned enjoyed the week-end.



Marion Graham presented with cheque from John English, Tipperary Supporters' Club, re sponsorship for Junior All Ireland Final.

The 21st annual Féile na nGael will be held in Tipperary again in June, 1991, culminating in the National Finals on Sunday, June 23. The overall format will be similar to 1990. Grading of clubs may be somewhat revised and some additional activities will be organised to celebrate the 21st anniversary.

Féile '90 was a big success for camogie in Tipperary and helped to bring out the best in under-age clubs who otherwise were only lukewarm. Hopefully all participating clubs gained something from it, and will help to be even more successful in '91. Success is not everything. A great deal of enjoyment was also got from it, but, especially, friends were made. For all young players from all corners of the country, winning is not everything in our native sport. Participating and making friends is more important.

Thanks to all who helped — to our numerous referees, umpires, linespeople, Br. Ó Dúgáin for the use of the Railway

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Cashel take fifth Senior title in a row

By: ANNE MOLONEY

ONE of the most consistent championship contenders for the last decade has been Cashel, and it looks as if they intend the same dominance for the early part of the nineties at least. The Senior ladies won the "Ann Frazer" Cup and made history in the county when they captured the Senior County title for the fifth-year-in-a-row. Our Under-14's reached the County Semi-Final and our Under-16 clinched the title they lost to Burgess last year.

Our U-16's came through their section without a blemish but in the semi-final they had to fight all the way against a mighty determined Gortnahoe side. Although winning this game, they were far from impressive. The County Final was fixed for October 14th, venue Drumbane against the best in the North — Burgess.

Cashel got off to a good start with a well taken point after just minutes. It took Burgess a bit of time to settle down, still they seemed to have the majority of the play, but still could not break down a solid Cashel defence. Patrons were treated to an epic encounter in a nail biting finish. Cashel held on to win by five points, and regain the title they last won in 1988.

The Team: Paula Bulfin, Marita Tobin, Neasa O'Dwyer, Michelle Burke, Criona O'Donnell, Tricia O'Neill, Patricia Fitzgerald, Eileen Lonergan, Caroline Graham, Jackie Keating, Roisin Nash, Deirdre Moloney, Ailish O'Donnell, Tracy Bargary, Josephine Quinlan, Michelle Bulfin, Jovita Delaney (Capt.), Sarah Murphy, Silvia Ryan, Edel Keane.

If you view league and championship as twin pinnacles of hurling stardom then in 1990 Cashel Seniors scaled both obstacles. Our last Ann Frazer win was back in 1983 but this one ended sweetly. Our pathway to the senior title this year was far from impressive. Even though our visa had been secured without conviction the lesson would perhaps, stand to us by banishing presumption.

Our opponents Toomevara-Temple-derry had been knocking at the door for a few seasons chasing their first senior title. The final was played at Templemore on August 19th before a large crowd. The game was played at a cracking pace with play moving rapidly from end to end. Cashel had a narrow two point lead at half-time. The second half was brilliant, hard though Toomevara tried they never looked like overhauling the champions and Cashel were four points to the good when the final whistle was blown.

In the flush of victory however one cannot forget the great sportsmanship of Toomevara. The game itself was hard



CASHEL UNDER-16 COUNTY CHAMPIONS 1990

Back (left to right): B. Kelly (trainer), M. Tobin, N. O'Dwyer, M. Burke, C. O'Donnell, P. O'Neill, P. Fitzgerald, P. Bulfin, E. Lonergan, C. Graham, J. Keating, R. Nash, D. Moloney. Front (left to right): E. O'Donnell, T. Bargary, J. Quinlan, M. Bulfin, S. McGrath, M. Bulfin, J. Delaney (captain), S. Murphy, S. Ryan, E. Keane, D. Noonan.



CASHEL — SENIOR COUNTY CHAMPIONS 1990

Back Row (left to right) M. Tobin, R. Nash, K. Ryan, N. Tobin, A. M. Fitzgerald, I. Butler, M. O'Flanagan, J. O'Dwyer, N. Ryan, C. O'Connell. Front: N. O'Dwyer, A. Ryan, H. O'Leary, N. Bonner, S. Ryan, P. Bonner. O'Dwyer (captain), J. O'Delaney, K. Moloney, T. Bonner.

fought and didn't have a bad foul or ugly exchange. Both trainer and mentors offered their sincere congratulations to Cashel as both teams retired to the Templemore Arms for a beautiful meal.

Long may such spirit continue in the game.

The Team: Julia O'Dwyer, Niamh Bonner, Noreen Tobin, Anne Marie Fitzgerald, Margaret Reardon, Kirsty McCluskey, Kaiffe Moloney, Irene Butler, Triona Bonner, Sinéad Ryan, Jovita Delaney, Phil O'Dwyer (capt.), Noreen Ryan, Roisin Nash, Helen O'Leary, Angela Ryan, Marita Tobin, Neasa O'Dwyer.



CASHEL UNDER-14 FÉILE NA nGAEL

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MOYCARKEY BORRIS CAMOGIE

1990 was a most successful year for the Moycarkey Club.

Pride of place very definitely goes to the Junior team who had the distinction of winning both the League and Championship titles. The team managed to get through both campaigns without losing a match.

Having drawn with Cahir and defeating both Templemore and Thurles we reached the League final which was held in Gortnahoe G.A.A. field. In this game we played against Clonmel who were the winners of their side of the group. The John Hogan Cup was just reward for the efforts of our team throughout the game.

As the Championship progressed, we recorded victories over Lorrha, Templemore and Thurles. In the county semi-final, Moycarkey were lucky to snatch a draw against a spirited and determined Cahir team. Cahir dominated the game and with only eight minutes remaining in normal time, Moycarkey were fortunate to be able to bridge a six point deficit with two goals in quick succession. Moycarkey raised the standard of play considerably in the replay on the following Sunday and began to look a little more like prospective County champions. The final score was Moycarkey 1-4, Cahir 0-2. Moycarkey scorers were L. Graham 0-1, A. Ralph 1-1, Mary T. Burler 0-1, E. Butler 0-1.

And so we reached the County final for the second year in succession. Moycarkey's great team spirit was very much in evidence in this game, when they defeated a gallant Thurles team who had proved themselves to be formidable opponents in the past. The game was played in Drombane GAA field on 14 October. Moycarkey on winning the toss decided to play with the wind in the first half and got off to a great start when a 'thirty' taken by Siobhan Vaughan dropped into the corner of the Thurles net. A superb point by Louise Graham followed shortly after. The Moycarkey defence continued to successfully repel the Thurles surges upfield for goal. Midway through the first half, Claire Hanley sent the sliotar in from the right wing over the heads of the Thurles defenders and Esther Butler scored an opportune goal.

At the interval Moycarkey had 2-1 on the scoresheet, but faced a strong wind in the second half. The Moycarkey defence ably assisted by the midfielders succeeded in preventing Thurles from getting within good scoring range of the Moycarkey goalmouth. With Ann Ralph making a few really fine saves, the Moycarkey team seemed to gather momentum as the game progressed into the dying stages, and Mary Teresa Butler popped two more points over the bar.

Team Panel: A. Ralph, I. Coman, K. Bourke, S. Duggan, L. Graham, J. Burler, MT Butler, S. Vaughan, C. Hanley, E. Butler, C. McKenna, Louise

Graham, V. Molumby, A. Slattery, E. Fogarty, C. Barrett, T. Coman, S. Ralph, M. McKenna.

The victories of 1990 were the culmination of years of commitment, dedication and hard work by the players, trainer Eddie Ryan, selectors Anne Slattery, Joe Barrett, and Dan Butler and behind the scenes Mary Barrett and Liam Britton.

Next year the Junior team will move up to Intermediate ranks and have every reason to be optimistic about causing a few 'upsets' when they meet some of the more experienced and settled teams already playing in this grade.

The club also had teams in competition at U-12 and U-14 level. The U-12 team did extremely well to reach the County semi-final. Many of the players in this team are being coached in the skills of camogie in the local primary schools. The fruits of this training will hopefully be harvested within the next few years.

The U-14 team won the first four matches in their quest for county honours. They also took part in the Feile na

nGael competitions at the end of June. The team gave a good account of themselves against some formidable opposition. For the duration of the Feile na nGael in Thurles, the Club were hosts to the Antrim Camogie team.

At U-16 County level, Lorraine Graham was a member of the Tipperary team which defeated Kilkenny in the All-Ireland final.

Moycarkey + Borris League and County Championship titleholders 1990

Back Row: C. McKenna, C. Hanley, Lorraine Graham, E. Fogarty, V. Molumby, A. Slattery (selector), M. Barrett, T. Coman, K. Bourke, E. Butler, I. Coman, C. Barrett, Liam Britton (Chairperson), S. Ralph.

Front Row: S. Vaughan, J. Butler, Louise Graham, M.T. Butler, S. Duggan, A. Ralph.

Missing from photo: Joe Barrett & Dan Butler (selectors), Eddie Ryan (trainer), Mary McKenna, B. Morris.



BORRISOKANE — County Intermediate Camogie Champions

Thurles Camogie Club makes progress

I didn't know schoolgirls played camogie in Thurles", said the interested shopper as she dropped her coins into the box, outside the supermarket and fixed her flag on her sweater. That thought provoking comment, made a couple of years ago, called for some response. And while the club's under-age players haven't taken the county by storm since then, nonetheless it is generally felt that 1990 was the best year by far since the formation of the juvenile section of the club.

We fielded three teams in the championship — Under-12, Under-14 and Under-16 — for the first time ever. The Under-12 team had a significant run. With victories over Portroe, Holycross and a draw with Burgess, they qualified for the county semi-final where they overcame St. Mary's, Clonmel. In early July they drew with Toomevara in the county final in Semple Stadium. This was a fine achievement as Toome had already pipped them in an earlier round. On then to the replay at the Ragg and here, despite having much of the play, they eventually lost by just a single point. Great credit is due to this young team for a valiant effort and also to trainer Biddy Phillips and assistant Bernie O'Dowd.

Under-14 competitions took on a new dimension, this year, with Féile na nGael returning to Tipperary in the County Championship.

Our girls had an exciting campaign. This began with a narrow victory over Drom/Inch, followed by a somewhat easier triumph over Templemore and a fairly clear-cut win over Upperchurch. This took us to the county semi-final. The Under-14 Community Games competition was in full swing at this time also and victories over Drom/Inch and Holycross had earned us a final appearance against Toomevara. However, after a full-blooded contest we had to be happy with the silver medals, losing 3-2 to 1-0.

Three days later we faced the same opposition in the county semi-final with, unfortunately a similar result, with a slightly different scoreline. While we were somewhat disappointed we fully realised that this was the first year that these girls had played in serious competition.

Now to Féile na nGael, and on an evening when Ireland played Holland in Sicily we entertained our visitors from Portaferry, Co. Down. The following evening the entertainment took a nose-dive when they beat us by 2-1 to 0-1. On Saturday, June 23rd, we accounted for Upperchurch (6-0 to 0-0) and on that afternoon, in Kickham Park we lowered the colours of Oran from Roscommon 1-3 to 0-4, in a memorable game. Better still we had squeezed through, on score

difference, to the Div. III semi-final in Drombane, that same evening. Offaly were our opponents. Having to field without the injured Alison Wade, who hobbled on to the game unbowed, we succumbed by 2-3 to 0-0. The following day in the colour and spectacle of the Féile Parade we were made an award for the best attired camogie team on view. Credit for a successful year must rest with the girls themselves who were never less than committed. Also to trainers, Flan Quigley, Phyllis and Michael Kennedy who kept them eager throughout the year. One further distinction was to come our way in July when one of our great players, Noreen Gooney, won the Co. Community Games Under-14, Long Puck competition and went on to achieve 9th place in Mosney in September.

In Under-16 competition most of our players were in the 13 and 14 age bracket. It was our first time competing. Victory came our way against Ballingarry and

Fethard while losing to St. Mary's of Clonmel, Templemore and Gortahoe. Bernie O'Dowd put these players through their paces and can look forward to more success in the future.

The Under-16 panel was: A. Treacy, A. Wade, E. Delahunty, E. Gooney, N. Gooney, D. Quigley, E. O'Kelly, O. Kennedy, N. Kennedy, P. Tierney, A. Mockler, M. O'Mahony, N. Quinn, S. Mason, B. Kennedy (captain), M. Max, L. Carew, M. O'Mahony, N. Maher, L. Ryan, Y. Ryan, P. Ryan, S. Carew and G. O'Neill.

To conclude then, quite a successful year for the juveniles. Next year we would like to have even more girls playing. If so they would be more than welcome. And finally what about a B competition in Tipperary? Not every emerging club can aspire to county championships like the traditional strongholds. Come on County Board, think about it.



THURLES — UNDER-12 COUNTY CAMOGIE FINALISTS 1990

Back Row (left to right): B. Phillips (trainer), C. Molloy, F. O'Donovan, C. Phillips (captain), A. Ryan, V. Ryan, N. Maher, E. Mernagh, C. Wade, D. Curtis, B. O'Dowd. Front Row: C. Curtis, M. Twomey, M. Kennedy, V. Kennedy, J. Dooley, L. Curley, A. Hussey, C. Hussey, E. Bowe, M. Butler. Missing from photo: A. Reamsbottom and C. Quigley.



THURLES FÉILE NA nGAEL CAMOGIE PANEL — 1990

Back Row (left to right): A. Treacy, N. Gooney, E. Delahunty (captain), A. Wade, Y. Kearney, E. O'Kelly, A. Collins, E. Gooney. Front Row: A. M. Chute, R. Fogarty, D. Quigley, G. O'Neill, C. Phillips, S. Dunn, F. O'Donovan, C. Molloy.

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Burgess Camogie 1990

By Liam Hogan



Action from Frazer Cup: Orla Hogan (Burgess) gets in her shot despite the efforts of Borrisokane's Ann Brennan.

1990 was a very active year for our little club. Training commenced as early as the 3rd of March for our under-age players i.e. Under-12 and Under-14. Of course Féile na nGael was the big event in the calendar of camogie and hurling clubs during 1990. Participation in this great festival meant that training had to commence earlier in the year to enable players to reach a certain level of fitness and skill. We were pitched into Division I for some reason or other. However, we accepted the challenge and to be very honest with our young players, they acquitted themselves with pride. Our first encounter was against that famous camogie club from Cork, Killeagh — we put up our usual stubborn resistance against a very good team, and were only beaten by a margin of 4 points. Killeagh went on to reach the final in Division One and were unlucky to lose in extra time. We had a victory over Portroe in Féile. We had some consolation when our banner was adjudged to be the best camogie banner in the country.

In May we travelled to Killarney to compete in the Pan Celtic Minor and Senior competitions. We had a fabulous weekend, winning both the Minor and Senior competitions. In winning the Minor we accounted for St. Monica's (Dublin), Bishopstown (Cork), and Killeagh (Cork). We beat Good Counsel (Dublin) in the senior final. We hope to go back to Killarney, next year to defend our titles.

In the Under-14 championship we had good wins over Roscrea, Portroe, Kilruane, however, we lost to a strong

of our better players Ciara Burns had picked up an injury in an Inter-County match prior to the final and this was a decisive factor in the outcome of the match. We lost one game in the championship and were then eliminated from the championship — rather harsh I would say!

In the U-12 championship our first outing was against Thurles and we achieved a draw in this game, and were unlucky not to have won. Our next match was against Portroe, and we took the spoils after a great match. Our next game was against Holycross, and our girls did not do themselves justice, and went down to Holycross. This was a very young team and our hopes are high for a good run in this grade in 1991.

In the Under-16 championship we had high hopes of retaining this championship, as the team contained six members of the successful county Minor team. We accounted for the following in this competition: Nenagh, Toomevara, Kildangan and Holycross. There was a long wait before the semi-final was played due to play-offs. This may have been a factor as we picked up injuries prior to the final. The final was played in Drombane on the 14th Oct. at 11.30 a.m. This was a game of the highest standard and gave evidence of the healthy state of camogie in the county at this age level. It was a close match all the way, and it was anyone's game up to the final whistle. We had our

opportunities to win but all credit to the Cashel girls who stuck to their task all through the game. If we had six members of the successful minor county team, Cashel had seven and their remaining players were stronger which gave them the advantage — 1991 is another year and maybe we can regain the title.

In senior grade we reached the Ann Frazer final only to be beaten by Cashel. The senior championship proper was an experience for our young players. Although we did not qualify for the final stages, we were happy with our displays, particularly against Toomevara and Cashel. We entered a seven-a-side competition in Butlerstown. Again this was our first venture in this type of competition. We performed very well and we hope to enter further competitions of this kind.

The high point to enter further competitions of this kind.

The high point of the Camogie Year was the performance of the county's Minor, Under-18 and Junior teams. Six members of the club played on the county minor team — Sinead and Nuala Nealon, Aine and Maria Hogan, Ciara Burns and Christine Kennedy. We were represented by six members on the Under-18 county teams — Sinead Nealon, Orla Hogan, Aine Hogan, Ciara Burns, Deirdre Cooney and Maria Hogan. On the county junior team we were represented by Orla Hogan. In all, 12 Munster medals came to the parish and six All-Ireland medals.

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Munster Schools' Camogie

By MARTIN QUIRKE

THE Munster Colleges Council organises the following Championships each year: Schools Senior Competitions, Junior Competitions (i.e. under 15), U-16 seven-a-side and a first year competition. The senior competitions are divided into Senior Intermediate A and Intermediate B; each geared to varying different standards in the many schools competing. The junior competition is for all schools, with a junior plate for the teams defeated early in the championship. All secondary schools are eligible to participate and at the moment about thirty five schools affiliate each year. (New affiliations are most welcome).

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

In the school year 1989/90 three Tipperary schools affiliated, Mercy Convent, Nenagh, Scoil Mhuire, Cashel and Loreto, Clonmel. Scoil Mhuire, Cashel entered the '89/90 season as Munster Champions at Senior and Junior levels. The Senior Team had its first outing in October against St. Patrick's Comprehensive School, Shannon. In near hurricane conditions Cashel emerged winners by one point. The game was dour and more a test of endurance than skill. In the Munster Semi-Final, Cashel met fellow Tipperary school, Mercy Convent, Nenagh. Held in November, the hurricane conditions of October gave way to foggy and misty conditions. Nenagh, with county U-16 players of the calibre of Orla Hogan, Marie Hogan and Ciara Byrnes in their team provided lively skillful opposition for the Munster Champions. Cashel might have lost their crown only for

the first half brilliant goalkeeping by Carol Dunne. With Sinead Ryan doing a great job of marking the skillful Orla Hogan, Cashel came more into the game in the second half and ran out winners by five points. Mercy, Nenagh acquitted themselves well and if progress continues it will not be long before they become the second Tipperary school to take the Munster Senior Title. Maybe, 1991 will see Cashel and Nenagh meet in the Munster Senior Title and so take over from Cork dominance of the '70's and '80's.

After a deserved Christmas break the Cashel girls began training early in January and a number of sessions were completed before the school holidays ended. St. Mary's, Middleton provided the opposition in the Munster final early in February. The Cashel girls, under the captaincy of Angela Ryan of Boherlahan, set out for Middleton in confident mood. Strangely, on the day of the game, the conditions were sunny and mild for the time of the year, strange because the weeks before and after were two of the worst weeks of the winter.

The ideal weather conditions brought out the best in the players and the early exchanges were keenly contested. The Middleton girls missed some good scoring opportunities and Cashel capitalised on this by scoring two goals in the first half leaving the half-time score: Cashel 2-4, Middleton 0-4. Middleton, in typical Cork tradition tried all they knew early in the second half, but Marita Tobin, Roisin Nash, Yvonne O'Dwyer, Sinead McGrath and Siobhan O'Sullivan defended brilliant-

ly. Then Jovita Delaney, Neasa O'Dwyer, Helen O'Leary and Aine Rothwell found their scoring form again and Scoil Mhuire won their second senior Munster title in a row.

The Ulster Champions, St. Patrick's of Maghera provided All-Ireland Semi-Final opposition. Early in March, the Cashel girls set off on a long journey to the sounds of cheering and good wishes on the streets of Cashel. The week-end in Maghera was most enjoyable and the girls won a close encounter without really reaching their full potential. This weekend up North will long remain in the minds of the girls who took part and for this two distinct groups of people must be thanked. Firstly, the Parent Council of Scoil Mhuire, who organised a raffle to provide the much needed funds and secondly, the teachers and pupils of Maghera who, I think, can give a lesson any day on what real hospitality is. We will remain forever grateful.

Scoil Mhuire had now reached the All-Ireland final for the first time in ten years and their opponents would be St. Raphaels of Loughrea, Loughrea, trained by the famed Cyril Farrell, were going for their sixth All-Ireland title in a row, an enviable record.

Early April was the date, O'Toole Park, Dublin the venue and the climatic conditions were ideal. Loughrea, playing some brilliant camogie were too strong for Scoil Mhuire and ran out winners by fourteen points. The Cashel girls failed to settle and though they tried very hard they could not match the Loughrea girls and



SCOIL MHUIRE CASHEL, MUNSTER CHAMPIONS & ALL-IRELAND FINALISTS 1989-1990

Back Row (left to right): Jovita Delaney, Roisin Nash, Sinead McGrath, Yvonne O'Dwyer, Marie Barron, Miriam Hayden, Caroline Graham, Sylvia Ryan. **Front Row (left to right):** Neasa O'Dwyer, Marita Tobin, Sinead Ryan, Angela Ryan, Siobhan O'Sullivan, Helen O'Leary, Aine Rothwell, Carol Dunne and Tracey Bargaray.

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had to do with taking second best in Ireland — this is nothing to be ashamed of. In a year that took the girls north, south, east and west through the country there will be many memories that will stay with each girl of the panel. In spite of the fact that the Senior All-Ireland medal eluded them the girls can be proud of their efforts. They did themselves, their families, and their school proud.

SEVEN-A-SIDE CHAMPIONSHIP

The Seven-a-side Munster competition is run on a blitz format i.e. all on one Saturday. Scoil Mhuire of Cashel were slow to get going but still reached the Munster final where they easily defeated Scariff Community School to win this competition for the first time. The following weekend saw the provincial finalists meet in Dublin to determine who would be the All-Ireland Seven-A-Side Champions. Cashel won through to the final only to discover that their opponents were yet again St. Raphaels of Loughrea. So keenly was this game awaited that many of the other schools delayed their departure to view the final. Their delay was justified as the final produced an exacting and skillful game with the teams level on a number of occasions. Jovita Delaney was a real thorn in the side of Loughrea and with Marita Tobin and Roisin Nash playing very well also. Carol Dunne again proved

what a great goalkeeper she is, especially when the need is greatest. Neasa O'Dwyer, Tracy Bargary and Aine Rothwell also played very well. On the final whistle the Cashel girls were one point in front and the scenes of delight had to be seen to be believed. Loughrea had been captured and captain Sinead McGrath lifted the All-Ireland cup aloft.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

In the Junior competition, Hospital of Limerick and Charleville of Cork were defeated in the early rounds. Scariff Community School provided the opposition in the Munster Semi-Final. This game, played in Scariff, proved to be a very exciting affair. Captain, Marita Tobin and fullback Roisin Nash played particularly well. Scariff, who were very hungry for success started well and these early scores proved vital as they emerged winners on the score, Scariff 2-2, Cashel 1-3.

FIRST YEAR CHAMPIONSHIP

The first year competition is the only schools camogie competition that Scoil Mhuire of Cashel has not won. In the year gone by the First Years trained and prepared as well as could be expected and whereas they won some games this title still eludes the school.

THE FUTURE

In the school year 1990-91, Scoil Mhuire, Cashel will be aiming for three in a row

Munster Senior Titles. Mercy, Nenagh will be hoping to go one better than last year and reach a Munster senior final. Roscrea Vocational School, All-Ireland Vocational Champions of 1989/90, have affiliated with Munster Colleges for 1990-91 as has Templemore Secondary School. These are just some of the reasons why Munster Colleges camogie should be even more interesting to all camogie people in Tipperary.

The Tipperary G.A.A. Co. Board are to be congratulated for including camogie in their coaching scheme in the schools. This should prove very beneficial to improving the level of skill and this way, to make the game more attractive.

The time is now ripe to start a Tipperary Secondary School camogie County Championship. This would provide an outlet for those schools involved in the coaching scheme but, as yet, not involved in formal championship. Competition with coaching, would promote better standards and so draw bigger crowds.

Camogie is a game of skill. Girls compete earnestly but in a very sporting manner. If the game is promoted properly then there is no limit to the enjoyment that will be got out of competing and taking part — winning will come. The future lies in the promotion of the game in our schools as well as in the clubs.



TIPPERARY — MUNSTER U-18 CHAMPIONS 1990

Back Row (l-r): Ailish Delaney, Tiana Stead, Regina O'Meara, Marita Tobin, Claire Madden, Maria Hogan, Caroline Dooley, Mary Butler, Paula Loughnane, Helen Kiely. Front Row (l-r): Michelle Kennedy, Kailfee Moloney (capt.), Jovita Delaney, Helen O'Leary, Deirdre Hughes, Sinead Ryan, Orla Hogan, Aine Hogan, Sinead Nealon, Ciara Burns, Deirdre Cooney.

THURLES JUNIOR CAMOGIE ACTIVITIES

THERE were many satisfying aspects to the year. Many good memories. People make the memories. This year our girls reached their first Junior County Final. By playing Lorrha, Templemore and Moycarkey we then had reached the county semi-final. Our hopes were high going into this game against Carrick-on-Suir. The girls' spirit, dedication and commitment to training stood them in good stead. On we went to the county final. The game was played in Drombane, the opposition was provided by

strong talented team and, more experienced, were worthy winners. Thanks to our supporters who turned up in large numbers for this game. The panel for the year was:

C. Stakelum, L. Lanigan, H. Maher, J. Molumby, V. Geoghegan, C. Barry, S. Fogarty, M. Cooke, S. O'Mahony, M. Stakelum, L. Murphy, L. Maher, C. McCormack, O. Quigley, B. Kennedy.

We also took part in the John Hogan Cup competition, playing Cahir, Templemore and Moycarkey. Losing one

bring the cup to Thurles.

Fethard invited us to take part in the tournament which we won out as received beautiful trophies. We then played in the Michael Boyle Cup which Michael presented to our chairperson Bernie O'Dowd. We defeated Templemore in a game as good as one likely to see. So this ended our year with excitement and joy. Thanks to everyone who helped us during the year — particular our trainers Mauri McCormack, Eamonn Stakelum and

Schools' teams have mixed fortunes

KILKENNY teams enjoyed mixed fortunes in the Leinster camogie finals played at Callan on Saturday.

While Loreto Convent, Kilkenny, went down fighting to a last-minute goal by F.C.J., Bunclody, in an exciting junior final, Thomastown vocational school overcame a strong and spirited challenge from St. Brigid's College, Callan, in the senior decider.

Thomastown V.S. 5-6
Callan 1-1

Thomastown regained the Leinster senior colleges' camogie championship after a lapse of 12 years, having won three titles in a row - 1977, 1978 and 1979.

The final scoreline does not reflect the closeness and keenness of the exchanges.

Thomastown looked to

have the game won after 15 minutes when they led by 2-3 to 0-0. A quick goal and a point by Callan sent their supporters wild with excitement and threw the match wide open.

Goals by Siobhán Delaney and Anita White in the second half settled Thomastown. They went on to score 1-3 during the last 10 minutes and held out against a great and sustained fight-back by the Callan girls.

Thomastown: Siobhán Whelan, Susan Laherty, Caroline Malone, Susan Malone, Una Murphy (0-1), Jillian Dillon (0-1), Mary Comerford, Patricia O'Keeffe, Dolores Lanigan (0-1), Anita White (3-1), Brenda Murphy (1-0), Siobhán Delaney (1-2).

St. Brigid's: Aine Comerford, Mary Brennan, Maria Maher, Tracy Millea, Janet Sweeney, Olive O'Sullivan, Ethel Ann Moloney, Marie Ann Cleere, Marg-

aret Quirke, Sinead Millea (0-1), Margaret Comerford, Brenda Maher (1-0). Subs: Catherine Kehoe, Nikki Rice, Margaret Hanley.

Thomastown meet St. Mary's Convent, Middleton, in the all-Ireland semi-final in Grennan, Thomastown, on Saturday, March 9.

Loreto, Bunclody 1-4
F.C.J., Bunclody 3-0

The Loreto junior camogie team was defeated by F.C.J., Bunclody in an entertaining game.

A slow start by the locals ultimately cost them the match. Bunclody scored two soft goals without reply in the first quarter.

Thereafter, the Loreto fought back with points from Imelda Kennedy and a goal from Caitriona Carey to go

into the lead with about five minutes remaining.

Bunclody scored their third and final goal late, to which the Loreto were left with too little time to replay.

Best for Loreto was captain and inspirational centre-back Imelda Kennedy. Niamh Phelan played solidly. Martina Tallis tried hard at midfield. Ann Delaney and Caitriona Carey made several penetrating runs.

Loreto scorers: Imelda Kennedy (0-4), Caitriona Carey (1-0).

Loreto Convent: Kathleen Ryan (freshford); Nicola Tynan (Dicksboro); Niamh Phelan (Clara); Imelda Kennedy (Freshford); Anne Wall (Freshford); Martina Tallis (Lisdowney); Caitriona Delaney (Freshford); Moira Maxwell (Freshford); Caitriona Carey (Clara); Margaret Kavanagh (Freshford); Ann Delaney (Dicksboro); Pauline Hogan (Dicksboro).

Johnstown do well

Johnstown V.S. 5-5
Ballyhale V.S. 2-1

JOHNSTOWN vocational school senior camogie team was victorious against Ballyhale V.S. in a tough Leinster championship in Freshford.

The scoreline does not do credit to the losers, who gave as good as they got. With the aid of the wind in the first half, an unimpressive Johnstown took 20 minutes to open the scoring. They did so with a goal from Triona Maher.

Then the team was reshuffled, and this proved positive. Johnstown led at half-time by 2-4 to 0-0.

The second half was better than the first. Ballyhale fought back. Triona Maher moved back to goal and played a fine game. Only for her saves Ballyhale would have scored more than the 2-1.

Bridget Wall, Fiona Delaney, and Geraldine Brennan played well in defence. Sinead Costello was outstanding at midfield and kept the John-

stown forwards moving.

The Ballyhale come-back was killed off when Bridget Barnaville scored a goal from a free. Deirdre Delaney played well in her new role at full-forward.

Johnstown V.S.: P. Dalton, O. Donnelly, B. Wall, B. Barnaville (1-4), F. Delaney, S. Costello, A. Delaney (1-1), C. Dooley, G. Brennan, T. Maher (1-0), F. Grey, D. Delaney (2-0). Subs: C. Mackey, T. Bartley, K. Grace.

Lisdowney expand

LISDOWNEY camogie club will stretch their wings and will take a primary schools' team under their wing this year.

So it was revealed at the club annual meeting. With the help of Mrs. O'Carroll and Margaret Doherty, the club will link up with Ballyragget Convent school to field a new team.

Officers: Jim Fogarty (patron); Fr. McEvoy (president); Vera Hogan (vice-president); Vera Hogan (chairperson); Tommy Doran (vice-chairman); John Phelan (secretary); Ann Cody (assistant secretary); Marie Tobin (P.R.O.); Ann Marie Hughes (treasurer).

John Phelan, Tommy Doran (delegates to Co. Board); Noel Barnaville (senior trainer); John Phelan (under-age trainer); Noel Barnaville, J. Phelan, Billy Fogarty (senior selectors); J. Phelan, B. Fogarty (under-age selectors); J. Phelan, Lizzy Fogarty, Marina Downey (referees).

Committee: Bernie Blanchfield, Patricia Moylan, Lizzy Fogarty, Eithne Downey, Billy Fogarty, Jim Fogarty.

County panels to meet

THE Kilkenny senior and junior camogie teams will open this year's League cam-

paigns with home games against Cork. No venue has been decided.

Both panels and team officials have been asked to attend a special meeting in Langton's, John street, on Friday (8 p.m.).

Senior panel: Marie Fitzpatrick, Biddy O'Sullivan, Deirdre Malone, Bridie McGarry, Francis Rothwell, Gillian Dillon, Anna Whelan, Marina Downey, Breda Holmes, Angela Downey, Ann Downey, Bridget Mullally, Bridget Barnaville, Noreen Tierney, Noelle O'Driscoll, Breda Cahill.

Junior panel: Veronica Walsh, Bridget Sharkey, Ann Marie Hughes, Bridget Wall, Bridget Barnaville (Lisdowney); Elaine Butler, Esther Kennedy (Freshford); Mary McGrath, Treacy Millea, Sinead Millea, Kay Dunphy (St. Brigid's); Deirdre Lannon, Aishling Cullen, Anita White (Thomastown); Ann Harrington (Shamrocks); Geraldine Ryan, Catherine Neary, Sarah Russell, Marie Larkin, Miriam Holland (St. Paul's); Una Murphy (Tullagher); Joan Aylward (Glenmore); Stella Nolan, Mary Lyng (Blacks and Whites).

Thumbs down for skipper Murphy?

TRADITION will not be an important factor in this season's All-Ireland Colleges' Junior Championship. There is no previous winner among the four contenders remaining in the race for the title.

F.C.J. Bunclody have a great record in Leinster but the ultimate prize has eluded them so far. They received a boost to their confidence when they eliminated the reigning All-Ireland champions, St. Brigid's, Callan, but were hard pushed by Loreto, Kilkenny, in the provincials decider.

Unfortunately, their captain, Gillian Murphy, collected a thumb injury in the Leinster final. If she is unable to line out against St. Mary's, Nenagh, on Saturday, her colleagues, Orla Sale, Olivia O'Neill, Leah Atkinson and Neasa Doyle, will have to lift their game to compensate.

St. Mary's, Nenagh, emerged from Munster for the first time and contain three players from the victorious Tipperary minor team. Ciara Burns, Christine Kennedy and Aine Hogan are key figures in the Nenagh side and receive excellent support from Alison Lawlor and Suzanne Kelly.

FIXTURES - Saturday (2.0) - All-Ireland Colleges' Junior Championship (semi-finals) - At Swatragh, Co. Derry - St. Patrick's, Maghera, v St. Cuans, Castleblakeney, At Kilcolman, Co. Tipperary - St. Mary's, Nenagh, v F.C.J., Bunclody.

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New plan to help Camogie

SHEILA WALLACE outlines a dual purpose plan to help the less successful senior teams in addition to preparing winning junior sides for the senior ranks. In her report to the Annual Camogie Congress in Co. Wick next month.

In fifty nine years of competition, only five counties have won the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship. The most recent addition was Kilkenny in 1979.

The need for an All-Ireland Intermediate Championship to bridge the gap between the junior and senior grades has been recognised for some time.

Sheila's plan is to select counties for the 1992 championship on their performance in 1991 competitions.

At present, there are eight senior counties. Sligo would place the top probably Kilkenny, Wick, Wexford and Dublin, in addition to the Galway, Clare, Antrim and Kerry would form Section Two.

A team from Section One would be drawn against a team from Section Two in the first round of the All-Ireland Senior Championship. The winning teams will progress to the semi-final of the senior competition.

The losing sides will enter the Intermediate Championship together with the 1991 junior champions and a fresh draw would be made.

While only five teams compete for the inaugural Intermediate Championship, the competition would grow with the addition of the junior champions. The idea has been adopted by the Central Council and will be put to a motion form on paper at the congress.

Queen's Break The Camogie Barrier

Writes Jack Mahon

It's always great to be present at a first triumph. This one was a modest first compared to Down's first ever All Ireland Triumph in 1960 or indeed Queen's first ever Sigerson Cup success in Ballybay in 1958. But to the winning Queens University Camogie team this first was the most important sporting success ever. They sang and they danced.

They cried and they laughed. It happened on the weekend that all other G.A.A. activity was postponed in Turloughmore's recently opened G.A.A. field and complex. The date was Sunday February 10th and I was privileged to be there when Queen's defeated U.C.G. in the Ashbourne Cup final by 3-6 to 1-3.

First Time Pulling

U.C.G. the champions on home ground were expected to win but right from the word go Queen's got on top. Their first time pulling and ground camogie playing

the wings were the perfect tactics. Their crossing of the ball across the U.C.G. goalmouth led to their three first half goals which saw them lead at half-time by 3-4 to 0-2. These three goals were the difference between the teams. U.C.G. powered by Cathy Hannigan and Ann Lenihan, known as Lennie, had the best of the second half, but the backline of Queens, led by Breege McCorry, Roisin O'Neill, Lorraine Devlin and Deirdre Cunnning kept a close check on them and that was that.

JOAN TOBIN

My Queen's star in the final was Tipperary girl Joan Tobin, a great player now doing a Master's Degree in Engineering at Queens. Joan dominated midfield with a brilliant sporting display of great stickwork. But they were all Stars Brona McCorry, Monica McCartan, Orla Higgins, Mary Black (not the singer!) Deirdre O'Doherty, Brona McCann and Lorraine Finn

TERESA McNALLY

Teresa McNally, sister of Queen's coach Bernie, stood beside me on the endline as the game ended. I tried to calm her down and she couldn't wait for the final whistle. It was a truly historic win and U.C.G. who fought hard to hold on to their crown, were very sporting at the end as the first ever Ashbourne Cup champions from the North were cheered off at the end.

U.C.D. BEATEN

Wee Roisin O'Neill cried her fill at the end and then the dancing began. The winning coach Bernie McNally was ecstatic. "Yesterday we beat U.C.D. for the 1st time ever. Prior to that we had beaten U.C.C. For years I had been coaching them in ground play and it worked to-day. I'm over the moon, we trained every day for the past two weeks and it has all paid off.

TURLOUGHMORE

It as a cold sunny day as I watched the Queen's team coach leave Turloughmore for Galway and the Banquet when they would be presented with the Cup. They will remember Turloughmore when all concerned were delighted with the welcome and the facilities provided. It was all such a dignified and sporting occasion and to make it a real big weekend for the North, Coleraine defeated U.C.C. in the Shield Final by 5-10 to 5-8 after twoyes two periods of extra time. Congrats to all concerned.



QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY CAMOGIE TEAM ... ASHBOURNE CUP WINNERS 1991 (Photo courtesy IRISH NEWS)

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Thomastown to reach Colleges final

Vocational School Thomastown, who won a hat-trick of Leinster Colleges senior titles in the late 70s, face newcomers, St. Mary's, Midleton, in the semi-final of the All-Ireland Colleges senior championship on Saturday.

In the second semi-final, long-standing champions, St. Raphael's, Loughrea, will be challenged by St. Patrick's Maghera.

Thomastown scored an impressive 17 points win over Callan in the Leinster final when all their forwards got their names on the score-sheet.

Midleton will be making their first appearance at this

level. In the Munster championship they produced a high standard of camogie to defeat Charleville, Cashel and St. Patrick's and look forward to Saturday's test with high hopes of doing well.

St. Raphael's Loughrea showed in the Connacht final that they have lost none of the flair and expertise which brought them six All-Ireland titles. Nine of the team which won the 1990 title are available for selection.

St. Patrick's Maghera, runners-up in the All-Ireland

Colleges junior final for the past two years, field a very useful side.

The national leagues resume on Sunday. With their season in full swing, Dublin may be in better shape than Wexford. Kildare should get off to a good start at the expense of Galway in their first outing in the senior grade.

SATURDAY: All-Ireland Colleges senior semi-finals: At Loughrea — St. Raphael's Loughrea v St. Patrick's Maghera (1.30); At Thomastown — Vocational Thomastown v St. Mary's Midleton (2.0).

'Town hang on and make final

THOMASTOWN V.S. 1-5
ST. MARY'S (Midleton) 2-0

THOMASTOWN Vocational School won a thrilling all-Ireland colleges senior camogie semi-final when they defeated St. Mary's high school (Midleton) at Grennan on Saturday. They meet St. Raphael's (Loughrea), on April 20 in their first college's final.

by Brenda Murphy and Siobhan Delaney left Thomastown leading by 7 points.

Halfway through the half the game turned around. B.G. Kearney and Agnes Hennessy scored goals for Midleton. Both resulted from frees dropped into the square. This left the home side leading by just one point.

The remaining 10 minutes were heart-stopping. Una Murphy, who held Fiona O'Driscoll scoreless, starred in this period. A point from a free by Jillian Dillon left Thomastown hanging and they were delighted to hear the final whistle.

Scorers:

Thomastown: Anita White (1-0); Jillian Dillon (0-3); Una Murphy (0-2). Midleton: Belinda Kearney, Agnes Hennessy (1-0 each).

Teams:

St. Mary's: Theresa Ahern, Carol McSweeney, Helen Walsh, Sinead Cahalane, Denise Hayes, Ann O'Connor, Barbara Hennessy, Marie Flavin, Evelyn Leahy, Fiona O'Driscoll, Agnes Hennessy, Belinda Kearney.

Thomastown V.S.: Siobhan Whelan, Susan Laherty, Caroline Malone, Una Murphy (Capt.), Susan Malone, Jillian Dillon, Mary Comerford, Patricia O'Keeffe, Anita White, Dolores Lanigan, Brenda Murphy, Siobhan Delaney. Subs: Theresa White, Georgina Foley, Jennifer Walsh, Deirdre Lannon, Vanessa Butler.

Referee: Elsie Cody.

Thomastown began badly. Centreback Una Murphy looked to be having problems with Midleton's star forward, Fiona O'Driscoll. She had scored 2-6 in the Munster Final. Thomastown goalie Siobhan Whelan made a brave save from Agnes Hennessy, who was left with only the 'keeper to beat.

As the first half went on, Thomastown began to take control. They got completely on top at midfield, thanks to great play by Jillian Dillon, Mary Comerford and Patricia O'Keeffe. The winners missed chances of goals, but still led at half-time by 0-3 to 0-0.

Highlight of the half was a lovely point scored by Jillian Dillon directly from a sideline ball from 35 yards, against the wind.

Thomastown began the second half well. Their fullback line of Susan Malone, Susan Laherty and Caroline Malone marked their opponents closely. A point from Una Murphy and a goal from Anita White, following great work

courageous battle against the hot favourites for the championship.

Thomastown Community College powered by Kilkenny senior player, Julian Dillon, was brilliant in the opening half but the introduction of Angela Murphy for Midleton saw the youngster keep a tight rein on this major problem in midfield.

The game started on a fast note with both sides playing ground hurling. Midleton were unlucky not to get an early goal when full forward, Belinda Kearney, won a great ball up the left wing, cut inside towards goal and just on the verge of the square she palmed the ball towards the goalmouth only to see Siobhan Whelan block down and clear.

Following this incident the full forward line was starved of possession due to the trojan work of Jillian Dillon, and a strong defence.

With an ample supply of the ball, the Thomastown attack peppered the Midleton goals but sheer brilliance by Theresa Ahern in the Midleton goal fronted by the dynamic Denise Hayes and Carol McSweeney, who had the tough job of stopping the dangerous Anita White, kept the game scoreless.

The first score did not come until the 16th minute when Jillian Dillon pointed a free, to be followed by another from a 30 taken by

Una Murphy, the Thomastown centre back. Dillon got the first score from play after bursting through from midfield, just two minutes before the break.

Midleton missed a golden opportunity of getting back in the game when Sinead Cahalane's sideline puck dropped into the square, but there was no Midleton player there to take advantage of the situation.

Numerous switches and the introduction of Angela Murphy seemed to give Midleton more power, but just when taking control they were stunned when Anita White goaled. Instead of upsetting the Cork girls they came storming back and Aggie Hennessy scored two goals in five minutes to level the scores.

It looked as if Midleton would pull off a surprise victory, but conceding some silly fouls in defence, Thomastown Community College pointed and Midleton were left wondering what could have happened had they taken their chances.

St. Mary's: Theresa Ahern, Sinead Cahalane, Carol McSweeney, Maria Flavin, Helen Walsh, Denise Hayes, Ann O'Connor, Fiona O'Driscoll, Belinda Kearney, Evelyn Leahy, Aggie Hennessy. Sub: Angela Murphy for Barbara Hennessy; Marion Moore for Kearney.

ALL IRELAND COLLEGES CAMOGIE

Thomastown Community College 1-5; St. Mary's Midleton 2-0. St. Mary's, Midleton, bowed out of the All Ireland Senior Camogie semi-final at Thomastown on Saturday last but they made many friends by their

St. Mary's bidding for final spot

PICK of the games on the camogie front this weekend is the All-Ireland featuring St. Mary's, Midleton and Vocational School, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny, in Thomastown. On the local front, the U-18 Championship continues with three further games — Kilbrittain v Bishopstown; Valley Rovers v Watergrasshill and Brian Dillons v

Barryroe.

The colleges semi-final promises to be a thrilling game and Thomastown, who have not been in a final since the '70's, but have the services of Kilkenny senior player Gillian Dillon along with such fine players as Anita White, Siobhan Delaney and Deirdre Lannon, will certainly fancy

their chances.

St. Mary's, Midleton, are contesting their first ever All-Ireland Senior semi-final. They won the Munster Colleges final with a hard fought victory over St. Patrick's, Cork and look to be a strong all-round side. With very experienced players in Fiona O'Driscoll, Denise Hayes, Evelyn Leahy and Sinead

Cahalane, they are in with a real chance of reaching the final.

FIXTURES

Today: All-Ireland Colleges Senior semi-final: St. Mary's, Midleton v Vocational School, Thomastown, in Thomastown, 2 p.m.

Tomorrow: U-18 Championship: Kilbrittain v Bishopstown, Kilbrittain; Valley Rovers v Watergrasshill, Watergrasshill; Brian Dillons v Barryroe, Barryroe, all at 3 p.m.

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Cork rebel against tradition?

CORK have lived in the shadow of Kilkenny for the past six years.

At times, they have threatened to step out from the grip of the dual champions. Despite being put under considerable pressure on occasions, Kilkenny have always found reserves of talent to come out on top.

What will the 1991 season bring? Can Kilkenny continue to ward off a re-emerging Cork side?

On Sunday, the teams meet in the opening round of the National Senior League. While the championship remains the chief aim of both counties, Cork would cherish a moral boosting victory.

CAMOGIE

Kilkenny recently announced their panel for the new season. The entire squad which lifted the county's 10th All-Ireland senior title in September was named. Ex-minors Bridget Mullally and Gillian Dillon have blended well into the team with the help of the experienced members.

Anne Leahy, Ger McCarthy and Karen Mellerick return to the Cork panel which will play under the captaincy of Therese O'Callaghan this season.

Clare open their season with a home game against Antrim. Patricia O'Grady, star of Munster's Gael-Linn victory, Siobhan Reidy, Noeleen Quinn and Mairead Toomey are likely to fashion a win for the home county.

Four games are listed in the National Junior League. Kilkenny and Cork will parade their second squads as a certain raider to the big game. Armagh should prove too strong for Louth. Promoted Roscommon could find Derry difficult while the new Kildare side will have their hands full with Wicklow.

FIXTURES

Sunday — National Senior League: Kilkenny v Cork, Clare v Antrim. National Junior League: Kilkenny v Cork, Louth v Armagh, Roscommon v Derry, Wicklow v Kildare.

Cork and Kilkenny clash at Piltown

There are no club games on the Cork Camogie front this weekend as the County Senior and Junior teams are involved in National League games. Both teams play Kilkenny at Piltown on Sunday at 1.30 and 3 p.m. respectively.

The Senior selectors have made a couple of changes. Sub 'keeper Brid Walsh from St. Finbarr's takes over in goal from regular Marian McCarthy; another newcomer is Denise Cronin from Glen Rovers, who comes on for the first time at corner-forward. Denise is also named on the Junior side.

The remainder of the line-out will see Claire McCarthy at full-back

with Liz Dunphy and Paula Giggins filling the wing-back positions. Breda Kenny plays at centre-back with Sandy Fitzgibbon, Colette O'Mahony and Therese O'Callaghan completing the midfield line. Liz O'Neill is named at centre-forward with the full-forward positions going to Lynda Mellerick, Irene O'Leary and Denise Cronin.

The Junior team shows four changes in personnel from the side which lined out before Christmas. Vera Motherway from Killeagh comes in at full-back, Marianne O'Sullivan from Ballinure is named at corner-back, Gillian Ryan, Brian Dillons is at midfield while

Catherine Sheehan from Castlemagner will be at centre-forward.

Regular 'keeper Maria O'Brien from Inniscarra gets the nod again, while Eileen Buckley is named in the right corner with Evelyn Healy at centre-back. Mary Currid and Jean Paula Kent join Gillian Ryan at midfield with Irene O'Keeffe, Liz O'Sullivan and Denise Cronin completing the full-forward line.

Players on both panels are asked to note that the bus will leave St. Patrick's Church on Sunday morning at 9 a.m.

Sunday — National Senior League: Cork v Kilkenny at Piltown, Co. Kilkenny at 1.30; National Junior League: Cork v Kilkenny at Piltown, Co. Kilkenny at 3 p.m.

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Kilkenny start title defence

KILKENNY, who have been the dominant power in senior camogie for some years, will be anxious to show that they are not ready to move over and make way for new champions when they start their defence of the National Senior League title against keen rivals Cork at Piltown today.

The Noreiders are in line for a fifth successive title this year. They can call on all of the players who helped to keep the League and All-Ireland crowns in Kilkenny last year, and with such an experienced and skillful panel they must have much hope for another glory season.

However, it will not be lost on the champion competitors that they were put to the pin of their collars to earn a two point win over Cork in last year's All-Ireland championship semi-final at Ballinlough. The Munster county has a strong squad of accomplished players available this season, and

will not be in the least overawed by their opponents reputation or class.

With no form this season to act as a guide, this game must have a more open appearance than usual. Nevertheless, there appears solid grounds for anticipating a closely contested encounter with so many gifted players parading their skills.

Kilkenny have accomplished so much for so long that they should prove capable of sounding a warning that they will again prove the team they all have to beat this season.

Wexford, who gave the Noreiders many worrying moments in last year's National League and All-Ireland finals, are hoping for better fortunes in 1991. There should take a step along the road to ensuring that when they entertain Dublin at Bellefield, Enniscorthy, in another first round National Senior League tie.

Cork girls shine

Cork 3-12,
Kilkenny 1-4

All-Ireland camogie champions Kilkenny, short six of their winning side, were given a complete runaround by a spirited Cork team in this first round National Senior League tie at Piltown, Co. Kilkenny yesterday.

Cork went into an early lead and Kilkenny's 12th minute goal was their only

score of the first-half. Cork attacked relentlessly in the first-half and with the defence in brilliant form few balls got through to threaten the Cork goal. Cork lead by 2-6 to 1-0 at half-time.

Kilkenny tried hard after the interval, but made little impression.

Scorers for Cork: L. Mellerick 2-1, C. O'Mahony 0-6, I. O'Leary 1-3, L. O'Neill 0-1.

Kilkenny: B. Mullaley 1-3, A. Downey 0-1.
CORK: B. Walsh, L. Mel-

lerick, A. Brady, L. Dunphy, T. O'Callaghan, L. O'Neill, E. O'Leary, D. Cronin, P. Giggins, C. McCarthy, B. Kenny, C. O'Mahony.

KILKENNY: S. Millea, B. O'Sullivan, D. Molone, B. Barnaville, M. Rothwell, G. Dillon, M. Downey, N. Tierney, U. Murphy, G. Ryan, A. Downey, B. Mullaley. Referee M. O'Callaghan, Offaly.

●In the junior game Kilkenny who were not expected to do well, but had a surprising 2-10 to 2-4 win over a fancied Cork.

Tipperary In A Canter

In splendid weather at Lismore on Sunday last, the huge task facing all connected with Waterford Junior Camogie was clearly demonstrated.

Tipperary took Waterford apart and all present were of one mind — that being the amount of work that must be done to put camogie at Inter-County level in Waterford back on the rails.

There were many positive aspects to Sunday's outing, the players and the new mentors met and perhaps a better understanding all round will be forthcoming. Organisation and general understanding of what is required at this level, is something everyone will, and must work towards as a matter of urgency.

Sunday's line out was: Mary Murphy, Josie Barry, Ger Kennedy, S. O'Sullivan, N. McMahon, Br. Keane, S. Coghlan, E. Mahoney, Orla Flynn, C. Hutchinson, Br. Barry, Catherine White. Subs: Orla Brady, Avril McSweeney.

a very important event not only for the girls and teams taking part, but also it is reliably thought that the county selectors will be scouting in force, so what a nice bonus for all the girls.

You could have a repeat of last year's County Final with Butlerstown and Lismore meeting, and sitting quietly on the fence you have St. Saviours, who just might upset the party. It's nicely timed also to put Lismore and Butlerstown in the right mood for Pan Celtic in Galway a week later. Much to look forward to then and a lot of good camogie on Saturday, 23rd.

NEW CLUBS

A few weeks ago I was happy to welcome Portlaw back into the fold. Well, now it's just great to say a cead mile failte to Ballydaff. What lovely juvenile teams they fielded in the past and under the guidance of Peggy Dances, they did themselves, their parish and their county proud whenever they represented the Decies. If Portlaw and Ballydaff can do it — many more can follow!

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MARY MORAN REFLECTS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CAMOGIE ASSOCIATION OVER THE PAST THIRTY YEARS



●Una O'Connor leading out the Dublin team in the fashion of the Sixties.

BEFORE the 1991 season reaches the interesting stages, it is an appropriate time to reflect on the development of the Camogie Association during the years of my involvement.

In the period from 1960 to 1990, the following statistics tell their own story. The number of affiliated clubs grew from 216 to 468. Three national competitions, the All-Ireland Championship, the Gael-Linn Cup and the Ashbourne Cup, existed at national level in 1960. Now there are twenty two competitions.

The main area of growth has undoubtedly been in colleges camogie. Only Ulster had organised competition for second level colleges in 1960. Leinster introduced their colleges championships in 1961. The Munster Colleges championship got underway in 1968 and Connacht followed suit in 1969.

The way was then clear for the setting up of All-Ireland Colleges Championships. In excess of 170 colleges take part annually in these championships. In addition, many other competitions are organised for the less talented players.

This expansion brought hundreds of girls into the game. The regular competition soon reflected an upswing in standards. These players were now available to clubs. County Boards established underage competitions for the first time to cater for the

younger age group now playing the game.

Within a few years, these girls had progressed to third level. This area is now ripe for development. In 1960, the sole third level competition was the Ashbourne Cup which was decided between the three National Universities and Queens University.

Girls, who had enjoyed camogie at second level, sought to continue their playing careers on entering third level colleges. Now seventeen colleges, including Universities, Teacher Training Colleges and Regional Technical Colleges compete in numerous competitions.

The game itself has undergone change. A supporter from the sixties era walking into today's game would immediately notice the absence of the "Points' Bar" and the vast change in playing gear. The top crossbar was a bone of contention in many parts of the country and few mourned its passing. The gym frock and long black stockings gave way to playing gear more appropriate to athletic activity.

The modern player maintains a higher level of fitness than her predecessor and is not unknown to spend many hours in a gym. The pace of the game has quickened as a result. The majority of modern players combine camogie with one or more other sports. This trend has lessened the time available for the perfection of ball skills.

Many claim that camogie is becoming more and more like hurling. However, in a wider context, the gap in standards between male and female sport is closing. Camogie is no exception as our top players work harder in their preparation. However, I doubt if today's players draw the same level of enjoyment from the game as my contemporaries did. Camogie, like life, has become too serious.

Camogie administration has seen new innovation. At national level, the huge increase in membership and competitions called for a central office and a full-time Development Officer. Many sub-committees lessen the workload of Central Council. Additional posts have been introduced at County Board level to share the work.

Up to 1960 only Dublin, Cork and Antrim had won All-Ireland honours. Since then, Wexford and Kilkenny made the breakthrough in the senior grade. The All-Ireland Junior, Minor and Club Championships and the National Leagues has widened the net to embrace fifteen counties.

Will camogie continue to develop? Girls will play the game as long as they enjoy it. However, there are factors which inhibit progress. These include the difficulty experienced by players in mastering the game, the exorbitant cost of sticks, shortage of administrators and good referees and lack of funds. When these problems can be addressed the game will flourish.

KILLEAGH ARE CHAMPIONS



■ The Killeagh team who defeated Cloghdub in the Cork County U-18 camogie championship at Killeagh.



Bishopstown on home soil

THE coming weekend will be another busy one on the camogie front with a number of interesting clashes listed. Pick of these should be the clash of Bishopstown and Fr. O'Neills in the Under-18 Championship which is scheduled for Bishopstown on Sunday.

In the remaining games of the weekend Na Piar-saigh, Glen Rovers, St. Finbarrs, Bishopstown, Sarsfields and Fr. O'Neills will all be in action in the Senior League; while on Friday Brian Dillons and Cloughduv meet to decide who goes forward to meet Midleton in the Under-16 League final which will be played on Monday.

In the Senior League there are some interesting clashes listed. On Sunday, Na Piar-saigh are at home

to Glen Rovers and this should be a closely contested affair.

On form no doubt the Glen girls should come out on top, but there is always great rivalry between these two sides and no doubt Na Piar-saigh and no doubt would dearly like to make it a double.

The winners of this semi-final will go on to meet Midleton on Monday in the final which is scheduled for Farranlea Road. Despite their short time in existence Midleton have made great strides and it is no doubt a great achievement to see them contesting their first ever final.

Clubs are reminded that a County Board meeting will be held on Tuesday night next instead of Monday night at Pairc Uí Chaoimh at 8.30 with G.P.C. at 7.15.

FIXTURES

Friday, March 29: Under-16 League semi-final: Cloughduv v Brian Dillons at Brian Dillons at 2.30, Ref. Glen Rovers.

Sunday, March 31: Senior League '90: Na Piar-saigh v Glen Rovers at Farranlea Road at 12 noon, Ref. Colette O'Mahony; Under-18 Championship: Bishopstown v Fr. O'Neills at Bishopstown at 3 p.m. Ref. Blackrock.

Monday, April 1: Under-16 League final: Cloughduv or Brian Dillons v Midleton at Farranlea Road at 3.30, Ref. Eleanor Kenneally; Senior League: St. Finbarrs v Bishopstown at Bishopstown at 3 p.m., Ref. Blackrock; Fr. O'Neills v Sarsfields at Sarsfields at 3 p.m., Ref. Killeagh.

Dublin girls to advance

Although this season's National Senior Camogie League is only really getting into top gear, the chase has been given a new injection by a big Cork win over Kilkenny, champions since 1987, in the opening round. It would probably be unwise to read too much into that result as the Noreiders were short six for last season's All-Ireland title winning team, but even so, the Cork breakthrough may yet cast a long shadow.

Meantime, Dublin, who have not won the title since 1983, have Clare as visitors to St. Brigid's Park, Blanchardstown, in the only senior tie down for decision today. The Dubs lost to Wexford, runners-up for the last season's League and All-Ireland titles, by seven points in their only engagement so far, but made a more spirited showing than the deficit would suggest.

There was encouragement for Dublin from that display, and they may underscore that point by getting on the winning trail.

Curtain-raiser at Blanchardstown brings Dublin and Kildare into opposition in the National Junior League. Kildare, holders of the title, field a new side this season, but have another capable side, and may well have the measure of Dublin, who did well, though, to beat Wexford by five points in the last round in Enniscorthy.

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Pan Celtic Tournament (at Galway)

U-17B — Butlerstown (Waterford) 4-3; Cloughwell (Galway) 1-0; U-17A — Davitts (Galway) 4-5; Burgess (Tipperary), 1-1; Senior B — St. Monica's (Dublin), 1-7; St. Dominics (Roscommon) 1-1; Senior A — Mullagh (Galway), 6-5; Na Piar-saigh (Cork) 1-3.



Barryroe camogie team, winners over Glen Rovers in the Cork under-18 championship semi-final at Farranlea Road. They now meet Bishopstown in the county final. (Pic. Gareth O'Sullivan)

The camogie spotlight switches to Congress

MAIN focus on the camogie front is the Annual Congress which will be held in Cork on Saturday and Sunday.

On the playing fields, Killeagh and Glen Rovers meet in the quarter-final of the under-18 championship at the Glen Field on Sunday. On the same day Sars and Fr. O'Neills clash in the Senior League, while on Monday

night Glen Rovers and Killeagh meet, also in the Senior League.

Over the weekend as well the Annual Pan Celtic Festival of Camogie will be held in Galway.

Uachtaran Cumann Camogaíochta na nGael, Maire Ní Cheallacháin from Cork, has completed her three-year term in office and will perform her last official function when she

closes Congress in her home county.

There are two contestants for the position of president: Bell O'Loughlin from Down and Brid Ní Mhaolagáin from Dublin.

The remaining two officers, Joe Golden, treasurer, and Mary Moran, PRO, are both returned unopposed.

There are a number of interesting motions listed, among them one from Central Council recommending the introduction of an All-Ireland intermediate championship. Kilkenny are asking that an All-Ireland championship be introduced at under-14 level, while Dublin have submitted what should be a very controversial motion asking that a

player may register with a club of her choice regardless of her county of residence.

Congress will be held at the Metropole Hotel, commencing each day at 10 a.m. and concluding on Sunday night with a dinner and dance.

Pick of the playing action is the clash of Glen Rovers and Killeagh in

the under-18 championship. Killeagh looked good in their recent victory over Cloughduv and will probably be slight favourites.

Sunday — Under-18 Championship: Glen Rovers v. Killeagh, at Glen Rovers, 3.45. Senior League: Sarsfields v. Fr. O'Neills, at Sarsfields, 2.30 p.m.

Monday — Senior League: Glen Rovers v. Killeagh, at Glen Rovers, 6.30 p.m. (referee Sarsfields).

Bridin and Belle in ding dong battle

ANNUAL CONGRESS will elect a new president and adjudicate on a number of interesting proposals in Cork this weekend.

Warrenpoint official, Belle O'Loughlin, is well versed in camogie administration as leader of Down and Ulster, coupled with many years on Ard Chomhairle.

However, it is by no means certain that Belle will come out on top. She is challenged by Bridin Uí Mhaolagáin who polled well in 1988.

Dublin have tabled a motion seeking to enable a player to register for the club of her choice irrespective of her county of residence. The implications of this proposal could be far-reaching and it will undoubtedly evoke lively debate.

Ard Chomhairle sponsor a motion to introduce an intermediate championship with the dual purpose of aiding the weaker senior counties and bridging the gap between the junior and senior grades. The principle involved should be well received.

Brídín takes over the reins

THE new National Camogie President is Brídín Uí Mhaolagáin, who was elected to the position at the annual congress in Cork at the week-end, the first time it was held in Cork since 1979.

The new President, who was beaten by Cork's Mary O'Callaghan three years ago, edged out Phil O'Loughlin of Down by 30 votes to 28. A native of Antrim, Brídín has lived in Dublin for a long time and is best known for her work with UCD and Third Level camogie in general. She is a former international handballer.

TRIBUTES

Glowing tributes were paid by many delegates to the outgoing President, whose efforts in trying to promote the game, particularly up North, were acknowledged by many speakers.

All the other officers: PRO Mary Moran (Cork), Treasurer Jo Golden (Kilkenny) and Secretary Sile Wallace were returned unopposed.

The most significant motion to be carried related to the introduction of a new All-Ireland Intermediate Championship, to be played on an Open Draw basis starting next year.

Proposed by the Central Council, its aim is to bridge the gap between senior and junior, and should prove a big hit with the so called weaker senior counties, as well as acting as a great incentive to those ambitious junior counties.

Clare submitted a motion calling for the introduction of an Intermediate Inter-County League to start next year, but delegates decided to try out the championship first and wait before making any decision about a new league.

A potentially damaging motion from Dublin, urging players to register for the club of their choice, irrespective of their county of residence, was heavily defeated, as was Kilkenny's motion calling for an All-Ireland Under-14 Championship. Congress believed there would be too much pressure on young girls of that age.

London were successful with their motion to be allowed compete in the All-Ireland Club Championship and their Division One Championship winners will be their representatives.

Next year's Congress, which is expected to be held in Cavan, will allow rule changes, which are only allowed every two years.



Pictured at the Camogie Congress in Cork were from left: Jo Golden, Treasurer; Brídín Uí Mhaolagáin, President; and Sheila

Cork chasing another victory

MAIN focus this weekend on the camogie front will be on the inter-county scene with both the Cork senior and junior teams involved in National League games on Sunday. The senior team play Galway while the juniors take on Limerick with both games scheduled for Ballincollig at 1.45 and 3 o'clock respectively.

Also on Sunday the second of the U-18 Championship semi-finals will be decided between Glen Rovers and Barryroe at Farranlea Road at 12.30 while the remainder of the week will see the commencement of the U-14 League as well as a number of senior league games.

The Cork senior team recorded a fine victory over All-Ireland champions Kilkenny three weeks ago in the National League and on Sunday they will be hoping to continue their winning trend when they take on Galway.

There are a number of injuries in the Cork camp presently and for Sunday's game they will be forced to line out without regular full-back Clare McCarthy and Denise Cronin, who are both injured and Sandy Fitzgibbon who is unavailable.

The line-up will see Brid Walsh retaining her place in goal. Liz Dunphy is at full-back with Paula Goggins and Mags Finn filling the corner-back positions. Brenda Kenny is named at centre-back with the midfield positions going to Therese O'Callaghan, Ann Brady and Colette O'Mahony. Ger McCarthy takes over at centre-forward with Killeagh player Ann Leahy making a return to the side at full-forward. Betty Joyce and Liz O'Neill fill the corner-forward positions.

The Cork Junior team have no real chance of qualifying for the final stages of the League and as a

result will use Sunday's game to test a number of players for the forthcoming championship. Regular keeper Marie O'Brien will be between the posts. Vera Motherway is named at full-back with Evelyn Healy and Eileen Buckley filling the wing back positions. Karen Mellerick is named at centre-back with the midfield positions going to Jean Paula Kent, Gillian Ryan and Leslie Walsh. Liz O'Sullivan will be at centre-forward with Irene O'Keeffe, Stephanie Dunlea and Hilda Kennealy completing the full-forward line.

At club level pick of the games should be the clash of Glen Rovers and Barryroe in the U-18 Championship semi-final and here we could have a cracking contest in store. Both teams came through their quarter final clashes rather surprisingly. Barryroe defeated a strong Brian Dillons side while the Glen overcame a fancied Killeagh side by the narrowest of margins.

However, both teams looked to be in fine shape and should provide us with a very entertaining game. On form Glen could have the slight edge. They have fine performers in Mandy Kennefick, Mairead O'Leary, Patricia Murphy and Lisa O'Mahony and if these girls play to form they could just edge it but I am sure Barryroe girls Eleanor McCarthy, Sharon and June Keohane and Deirdre Walsh could have other ideas about this.

Fixtures: Tomorrow — U-14 League: Watergrasshill v Youghal at 6.45; Killeagh v Fr. O'Neills at Killeagh at 6.45; Sarsfields v St. Fannahans at Sarsfields at 6.45; Na Piarsaigh v Grenagh at Na Piarsaigh at 6.45; Na Piarsaigh v Grenagh at Na Piarsaigh at 6.45; Delany's v Brian Dillons at Delany's at 6.45; Glen Rovers v Douglas at Glen Rovers at 6.45; Ballinora v Eire Og at Ballinora at 6.45; St. Finbarrs 'A' v Ballinhassig at St. Finbarrs at 6.45; Blackrock v Bishopstown at Blackrock at 6.45; Courcy Rovers v Newcestown at Courcy Rovers at 6.45; Bandon v Valley Rovers at

Bandon at 6.45; Killebrittain v Barryroe at Killebrittain at 6.45.

Sunday N.S.L.: Cork v Galway at Ballincollig at 3 p.m.; N.J.L.: Cork v Limerick at Ballincollig at 1.45; U-18 Championship: Glen Rovers v Barryroe at Farranlea Rd. at 12.30.

Tuesday, April 23: Senior League 50: Bishopstown v Na Piarsaigh at Bishopstown at 7 p.m.; Fr. O'Neills v Killeagh at Fr. O'Neills at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 24: U-14 League: Douglas v Grenagh at Douglas at 7 p.m.; Brian Dillons v Na Piarsaigh at Brian Dillons at 7 p.m.; Delany's v Glen Rovers at Delany's at 7 p.m.; Ballinhassig v St. Finbarrs 'B' at Ballinhassig at 7 p.m.



Jean Paula Kent — midfield for the Cork junior camogie team.

LATE GOAL SENDS CORK CRASHING

Galway 2-5

Cork 1-5

FOLLOWING their splendid victory over all-Ireland champions Kilkenny recently, Cork came down to earth with a bang yesterday when they went under to Galway in the senior camogie league game played at Ballincollig, writes Brendan Larkin.

Aided by a very strong wind in the opening half, the home side opened the scoring with two points from Colette O'Mahony, but were rocked by a Galway goal in the 10th minute from Orla Costelloe.

Both sides then exchanged points, but in the 22nd minute Cork got a tonic of a score when Ger McCarthy goaled. Galway responded quickly with a Deirdre Costelloe point and at half time the home side had a slender 1-4 to 1-2 advantage.

The Galway girls settled early in the second half and a Deirdre Costelloe point cut the deficit to the minimum. A

Ger McCarthy point two minutes after the restart was to prove Cork's only score in the second half, as the Galway girls made maximum use of the strong wind.

Cork were defending stoutly for most of the half, but with five minutes to go, Galway had drawn level. Then, in a welter of excitement, their best player,

Deirdre Costelloe, scored a splendid goal to give the westerners the league points.

Cork — B. Walsh, L. Dunphy, P. Goggin, M. Finn, B. Kenny, C. O'Mahony, A. Brady, T. O'Callaghan, G. McCarthy, A. Leahy, M. Ring, Liz O'Neill, Subs. C. Mellerick for A. Leahy; L. Zinkant for M. Ring.

Limerick best

Limerick 2-6

Cork 2-4

IN THE junior game that preceded the senior tie, Cork lost by two points to a lively Limerick side in a splendid game. The home side led 2-3 to a goal at the end of the first half, after playing with the strong wind.

But the Shannonsiders were well on top in the second half and an Irene O'Keeffe goal and three points from P. McCarthy put them into a commanding position midway through the half and they eventually ran out deserving winners.

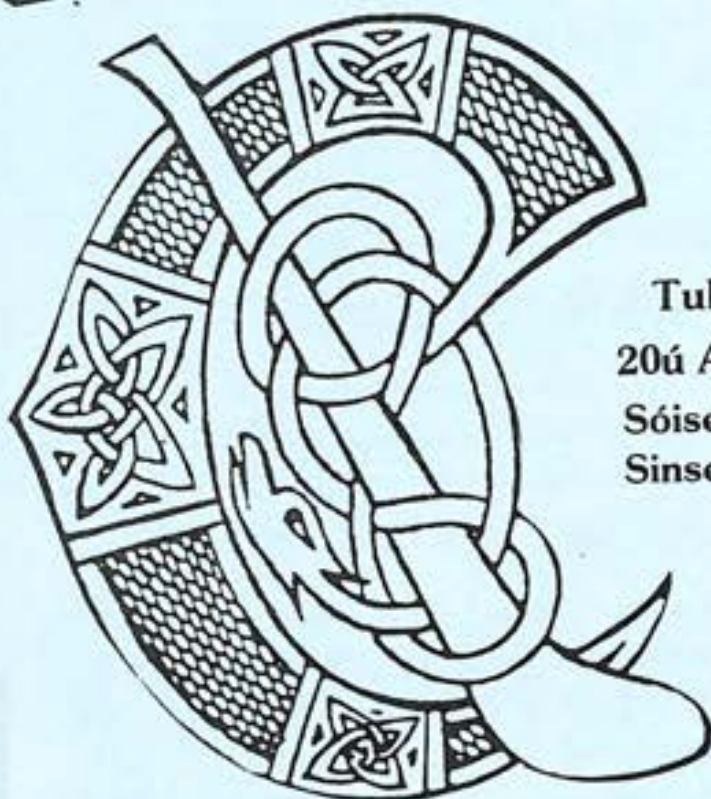
On the county under 18 championship, Barryroe qualified for the final and a meeting with Bishopstown, when they defeated Glen Rovers 3 goals to 1-3 in the semi-final on Saturday night.



Cork's Therese O'Callaghan breaks away with the ball, despite the attention of Cora Curley, during the League match at Ballincollig yesterday.

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Cluichí Ceannais na gColáistí sa Chamógaíocht



Tulach Mhór
20ú Aibreán 1991
Sóisear: 2.00 p.m.
Sinsear: 3.15 p.m.

Máire Ní Shéoláin

Luach 30p

Rúnaí

FOCAL ÓN UACHTARÁN



Ba Mháith liom fáilte a chur roimh gach éinne go Páirc na Tulaí Móire inniu. Curim fáilte ar leith roimh na fóirne atá anseo le hócáid mhór eile spóirt a thabhairt dúinn.

In the junior final we have a novel pairing. Both St. Cuan's Castleblakeney and St. Marys, Nenagh have reached an All-Ireland for the first time so whoever wins, Corn Naomh Gobnait has a new destination.

In the senior competition St. Raphael's, Loughrea are continuing to create history. This is their seventh consecutive year playing in the senior final and, in fact, in the last ten years they have competed in twelve finals, winning ten.

Their opponents this year are Vocational School, Thomastown, who are also taking part in their first All-Ireland. They have the unenviable task of dethrowing the six year champions.

We look forward to two lively sporting games.

Gabhaim buíochas libh uile.

Síle Uí Mhuireagáin

CLÁR AN LAE

SÓISEAR

2.00 p.m.

ST. MARY'S NENAGH

(Scoil Mhuire, An tAonach)

v.

ST. CUAN'S, CASTLEBLAKENEY

(Meánscoil Naomh Chuáin, Gallach Uí Cheallaigh)

Réiteoir: Áine Derham, Dublin

SINSEAR

3.15 p.m.

ST. RAPHAEL'S, LOUGHREA

(Scoil San Rafael, Baile Locha Riach)

v.

VOCATIONAL, THOMASTOWN

(An Ghairmscoil, Baile Mhic Andáin)

Réiteoir: Eilís Ní Sheoigh



St. Cuan's, Castleblakeney



St. Mary's, Nenagh

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JUNIOR MEÁN SCOIL NAOIMH CHUÁIN Gallach Uí Cheallaigh

ST. CUAN'S COLLEGE, Castleblakeney

Black and White

(1)
Caroline Nic Ghearaill
Caroline Fitzgerald

(2)
Edel Ni Linnáin
Edel Leonard

(3)
Carmel Ni Áinín
Carmel Hannon

(4)
Louise Ni Mhurchú
Louise Murphy

(5)
Deborah Ni Cheallaigh
Deborah Kelly

(6)
Aisling Nic an Bháird
Aisling Ward

(7)
Sharon Nic Ghloinn
Sharon Glynn (Capt.)

(8)
Orla Ni Choistealbha
Orla Costello

(9)
Lorraine Ni Linnáin
Lorraine Leonard

(10)
Sharon Ni Dháibhin
Sharon Devine

(11)
Martina Ni Ghríofa
Martina Griffin

(12)
Tracy Ni Laithín
Tracy Laheen

Ionadaithe:

- 13 Oilibh Ni Mhaolaithe (Olive Molloy)
- 14 Valerie Ni Cheallaigh (Valerie Kelly)
- 15 Caroline Ni Chionnaith (Caroline Kenny)
- 16 Imelda Nic Oireachtaigh (Imelda Geraghty)
- 17 Cáit Ni Shuibhne (Catherine Sweeney)
- 18 Eibhlín Ni Ghrádaigh (Helena Grady)
- 19 Aisling Ni Dhúbhsleibhe (Aisling Delaney)
- 20 Gearóidín Ni Ghrádaigh (Geraldine Grady)
- 21 Briáinín Ni Ghormláith (Bernadette Gormally)

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Caroline Fitzgerald (Pearses). Daughter of former Galway footballer, Padraig Fitzgerald, Caroline has won league medals with Pearses. Was a member of the successful Ahascragh/Caltra community games team.

Edel Leonard (Pearses). An all-round sports girl, Edel also excels at soccer and ladies football. She won a senior B medal with St. Cuan's in 1990, league medals with Pearses and community games with Ahascragh/Caltra.

Carmel Hannon (Pearses). Played in the All-Ireland Feile na nGael final in 1989 and won Senior B and Connacht First Year medals with St. Cuan's. Carmel is a fine athlete and an accomplished musician.

Louise Murphy. She represented Kilglass N.S. in Croke Park in the G.A.A. INTO skills competition. Louise has First Year and Senior B medals and community games award with Ahascragh/Caltra. Likes indoor soccer.

Deborah Kelly (Sarsfields). She won U10 and U12 medals with Sarsfields and a First Year medal with St. Cuan's. Her father, Joe is a wellknown G.A.A. Referee. Her sister Mary is an Ashbourne Cup player with U.C.G.

Aisling Ward (Pearses). She has won medals with Pearses at under age level. She likes to play Uni-Hoc, Table Tennis and Badminton.

Sharon Glynn (Pearses). An exciting prospect, she has already fielded with the Galway senior team. Captain of the St. Cuan's First Year winning team, she has Senior B and National Feile medals. An accomplished badminton and basketball player.

Orla Costello (Pearses). Played for Pearses in the All-Ireland Feile final in 1989. Holds Connacht Colleges First Year and Senior B medals. A very useful forward.

Martina Griffin (Pearses). A lively player who enjoys being where the action is. She has won County League medals with Pearses and community games medals with Ahascragh/Caltra. Is a cousin of Edel and Lorraine Leonard.

Sharon Devine (Pearses). She has won league medals with her club. A cousin of goalkeeper, Caroline Fitzgerald, Sharon likes to play indoor soccer.

Lorraine Leonard (Pearses). A sister to Edel and a cousin of Martina Griffin, Lorraine is a twin. She plays indoor soccer and ladies football.

Tracy Laheen (Pearses). A talented player who is equally at home in goal or outfield, she is a twin. She plays for the Pearses senior team and has won All-Ireland Feile, Connacht Colleges Senior B and community games medals. She also excels at soccer and football.

Olive Molloy (Fohenagh). A versatile player who is on the panel for the second season. A fan of Liverpool F.C., she plays soccer and basketball.

Valerie Kelly (Pearses). Has won league medals with Pearses and community games medals with Ahascragh/Caltra. Valerie is a promising athlete.

Caroline Kenny (Pearses). Holds league medals won with Pearses. Caroline likes indoor soccer, uni hoc and badminton. She has also won medals for Irish dancing.

Imelda Geraghty (Fohenagh). She is a strong player. A cousin of Aisling Ward, she likes indoor soccer and is very good on the guitar and piano.

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