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Brigid's favourites



... Final ... the camogie team from St. Brigid's College, Callan, who meet Loreto, Kilkenny, in the final of the Leinster senior colleges championship on Sunday next. In front (from left): Eibhlín Dunphy, Eimer Holohan, Janet Sweeney, Sinead Millea, Marie Maher, Margaret Comerford, Breda Maher, Martina Maher. Behind: Noelle O'Driscoll (Coach), Ashling Byrne, Angela O'Carroll, Ann Marie Coogan, Caroline Campion, Ethel Ann Moloney, Aine Comerford, Yvonne O'Meara, Eleanor Walsh, Margaret Rochford, Lisa Rohan. (Photo: Tom Brett)



The Loreto Convent camogie team who will play in the Leinster Colleges senior 'A' final at Nowlan Park on Sunday. Back row (from left): Deirdre Costigan, Martina Tallis, Rachel McEvoy, Cairiona Carey, Imelda Kennedy, Fiona Connery, Elizabeth Dermody, Brenda O'Reilly, Niamh Ronan, Anita Haverin, Aisling Fitzpatrick. In front (from left): Ruth Comerford, Pauline Hogan, Nicola Tynan, Caroline Mulrooney (Captain), Margaret Kavanagh, Sinead Costello and Kathleen Ryan.

FOR THE fourth consecutive year, the Leinster post-primary schools senior camogie championship final will be between two Kilkenny schools. This year the four semi-finalists came from Kilkenny. Sunday's showdown is at Nowlan Park.

The match is a repeat of last year's decider between the Loreto Secondary School and St. Brigid's College, Callan. The latter, the reigning champions, retain nine of last year's team. Their opponents have only six of their team.

By virtue of this, Callan are favourites, both teams contain many experienced junior and minor county players. The final is expected to be well contested.

The junior final is between Kilkenny and Wexford sides for the third consecutive year. The Wexford teams have won the last two finals.

The Presentation Convent are hoping to reverse the trend. They face a difficult task, as their opponents have on board eight of the Wexford under-14 team which won last year's championship.

Senior path to final: Loreto defeated Heywood C.S., Ballinakill; Castlecomer C.S.; Presentation, Kilkenny; Mercy, Enniscorthy; Maynooth Post-Primary School and Thomastown V.S.

The Loreto Players

Caitriona Casey (Clara) won All-Ireland minor medal 1991, community games All-Ireland 1990, Féile na nGael medal 1992, Leinster minor medal 1992, Leinster colleges minor medal 1991; Leinster colleges 7-a-side medal 1992.

Ruth Comerford (Dicksboro), **Fiona Connery (Freshford)** won Leinster minor medal 1992; Leinster colleges minor medal 1991.

Sinead Costelloe (Freshford) won All-Ireland minor medal 1991, Féile na nGael medals, Leinster junior medal 1992, Leinster minor medal 1992, Leinster minor medal 1991, Leinster minor medal 1990, Leinster under-14 medals, Junior V.S. medal 1991, Leinster colleges 7-a-side medal 1992.

Deirdre Costigan (Dicksboro) won Leinster colleges minor medal 1991.

Niamh Doran (Dicksboro) won Leinster colleges minor medal 1991.

Aisling Fitzpatrick (Lisdowney) won Leinster colleges minor medal 1991.

Anita Haverin won Leinster colleges 7-a-side medal 1992.

Pauline Hogan (Dicksboro) won Leinster minor medal 1992, Leinster colleges minor medal 1991, Leinster colleges 7-a-side medal 1992.

Margaret Kavanagh (Freshford) won All-Ireland minor medal 1991, Féile na nGael medals, Leinster minor medals 1992, Leinster minor medal 1991, Leinster under-14 medals, Leinster colleges senior B medal, Leinster colleges 7-a-side medal 1992.

Imelda Kennedy (Dicksboro) won All-Ireland minor medal 1991, Féile na nGael medal, Leinster junior medal 1992, Leinster minor medal 1991, Leinster minor medal 1990, Leinster under-14 medals, Leinster colleges senior B medal, Leinster colleges 7-a-side medal 1992.

Aoife Lanigan (Dicksboro), **Rachel McEvoy (Dicksboro)**, **Caroline Muldowney (Freshford)**, team captain, won Leinster colleges senior B medal.

Brendan O'Reilly (Dicksboro) won Leinster colleges minor medal 1991.

Niamh Phelan (Clara) won All-Ireland minor medal 1991, community games All-Ireland 1990, Leinster minor medal 1992, Leinster minor medal 1991, Leinster colleges minor medal 1991.

Kathleen Ryan (Freshford) won Féile na nGael medals, Leinster minor medal 1992, Leinster colleges minor medal 1991, Leinster colleges 7-a-side medal 1992.

Lisa Skehan (Lisdowney) won Leinster colleges minor medal 1991.

Martina Tallis (Lisdowney) won Leinster colleges 7-a-side medal 1992.

Ann-Marie Trait (Dicksboro) won Leinster minor medal 1992, Leinster colleges minor medal 1991.

Nicola Tynan (Dicksboro) won Leinster colleges senior B medal, Leinster Colleges minor medal 1991, Leinster colleges 7-a-side medal 1992.

Ann Walsh (Freshford) won Féile na nGael medal and Leinster colleges minor medal 1992.

The Brigid's Brigade

Aine Comerford (Ballycallan) won Leinster senior and junior colleges, under-14 Leinster and senior club championship medals and Leinster colleges senior honours.

Mary Brennan (Lisdowney), A versatile defender. Mary holds an All-Ireland colleges junior, Leinster colleges senior and All-Ireland minor medals, two Leinster minor and under-14 Leinster medals, Leinster colleges senior and county medals.

Angela O'Carroll (Lisdowney) won several under-age medals and Leinster senior colleges medal.

Marie Maher (Tullaroan), She won junior county medal, two Leinster under-14, All-Ireland minor, All-Ireland colleges junior, Leinster colleges junior and senior medals, Leinster junior medal.

Janet Sweeney (Tullaroan), A junior county championship medal figure among her awards, All-Ireland minor, two Leinster minor, three Leinster under-14, All-Ireland colleges junior, Leinster senior and two Leinster colleges

junior medals, Leinster junior medal.

Olive O'Sullivan (Ballycallan) won All-Ireland colleges junior, Leinster colleges senior and junior and Kilkenny senior championship.

Yvonne O'Mara (Carrickshock), First year on senior panel. Won two county medals and primary school medals in first year blitz, runners-up Leinster minor colleges 7-a-side, Leinster colleges 1991.

Ethyl Ann Maloney (Ballyhale) won All-Ireland colleges junior, two Leinster colleges junior and one Leinster colleges senior medal.

Sinead Milles (Ballycallan) (Captain) won All-Ireland senior, three All-Ireland minor, Kilkenny senior championship, All-Ireland colleges junior and two Leinster colleges junior medals, Leinster colleges senior medal. Honoured as supreme athlete in 1991 Hotel Kilkenny/Kilkenny People's scheme.

Eleanor Walsh (Ballyhale) won All-Ireland colleges junior and Leinster colleges junior medals, Leinster colleges senior medal.

Margaret Comerford (Ballycallan) won All-Ireland minor, All-Ireland colleges junior, two Leinster colleges junior, Leinster colleges senior, Leinster under-14 and Kilkenny senior championship medals, Leinster junior medal.

Brenda Maher (Tullaroan) won county junior medal, All-Ireland colleges junior, two Leinster colleges junior, Leinster colleges senior, several under age medals.

Caroline Campion (Tullaroan) won county junior medal, All-Ireland colleges junior, two Leinster colleges junior and several under-age honours.

Deirdre O'Sullivan (Ballycallan), Won Leinster minor medal. First time on senior panel. Holds runners-up Leinster minor colleges award.

Martina Maher (Tullaroan) won junior county medal, on under-14 Kilkenny team '91, '92, won under-16 and 14 county championships, sister of Brenda and Marie.

Aoibhlinn Dunphy (Thomastown) won All-Ireland colleges junior and Leinster colleges junior medal, Leinster senior colleges medal.

Frances Holohan (Ballyhale), Winner of All-Ireland colleges junior and two Leinster colleges junior, Leinster colleges senior medal.

Margaret Rochford (Mullinahone), First time on senior panel. A much improved player, with plenty of ability.

Lisa Rohan (Mullinahone), Another newcomer to the panel. Won under-12 county medal.

Ashling Byrne (Ballycallan), First time on senior panel. Won primary school championship, under-14 medals, 7-a-side medal, Leinster minor medal.

Ann Marie Coogan (Tullaroan), Won junior championship medal, under-14 and under-16 championships and first year colleges blitz.

PATH TO FINAL - St. Brigid's College defeated Thomastown V.S., Ballyhale V.S., Borris V.S., Castlecomer Community School.

Callan retain title

ST BRIGIDS, Callan retained their Leinster Colleges Camogie Senior title when they fought off a strong challenge from Loreto, Kilkenny in an all Kilkenny Leinster Colleges Final at Nowlan Park.

Loreto, playing with the wind in the opening half, had the champions worried, with their ace forward, Imelda Kennedy, in top form.

They also had a staunch backline in Nicola Tynan, Niamh Phelan, Margaret Kavanagh and Fiona Connery.

After a ding dong battle, the first half ended with Loreto, Kilkenny leading 2-2 to 2-1.

After the interval, the champions showed their authority, inspired by their scoring ace, Sinead Melia,

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aided by Marie Maher and Eleanor Walsh, and soon the teams were on level terms.

Loreto never gave up their battle, but lost out on scoring chances, as Callan held to their title on a score of 2-6 to 2-3.

Scorers: Callan - S Melia 1-6, B Maher 1-0; Loreto - I Kennedy 2-3.

Callan have a home game in the All-Ireland semi-final against Connacht Champions St Raphaels or Loughrea Vocational School.

BUNCLODY WIN

FCJ Buncloody retained their Leinster Junior Colleges title when they defeated Presentation Kilkenny also at Nowlan Park on Sunday last.

Scorers - FCJ - E Murphy 4-5, M Byrne 1-0, A Byrne, A Kelly 0-1 each. Presentation - D Dowling 2-0, T Kennedy 1-0.

FCJ are away to the Connacht champions in the All-Ireland semi-final.

On Sunday, the semi-final of the Milk Cup Inter-club tournament takes place at Turin, Westmeath.

Trim (Meath) take on Straffan (Kildare) at 1.30 p.m. Kilcurley (Louth) (holders) will face the Meath champions Killyon at 3 p.m.

On Sunday next the All-Ireland final of Ceol Caint agus Damasha, the Association's talent competition, takes place at St Patrick's College Drumcondra at 1 p.m. Leinster will be represented by Westmeath.

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The Presentation Convent junior camogie team - Leinster Colleges Finalists 1993. Panel: Sinead Walsh, Deirdre Dowling, Eleanor Purcell, Breda Dooley, Nicola O'Brien, Sinead Hurley, Ann Marie Ryall, Aisling Power, Elaine Brennan, Elaine Dalton, Gillian Meany, Triona Kennedy, Orla Brennan, Elizabeth Murphy, Suzanne Brennan, Angela Grogan, Michelle Heffernan, Clodhna Phelan and Catherine Bourke. (Photo: Michael Brophy)

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Iron willed Brigid's get there in tight finish

St. Brigid's College 2-6
Loreto Convent 2-3
THE talented girls from St. Brigid's College (Callan) showed nerves of steel in a nail biting finish to edge out keen rivals, the Loreto Convent (Kilkenny) in a pulsating Leinster senior camogie final at bitterly cold Nowlan Park on Sunday.

Going into the closing stages the teams were locked together in a pulsating contest. As the action flowed from end to end, the big number of followers from both sides screamed themselves hoarse urging on their favourites.

The game was delicately

poised with the score standing at 2-3 each with time running out. Brigid's missed the target at one end, before the Loreto shot wide at the other.

But when one side needed that something special to tilt the balance, the defending champions came up trumps. Midfielders Olive O'Sullivan, Yvonne O'Mara and Ethel Ann Maloney ground down the opposition, and the good supply of ball they pushed forward proved crucial in the end.

The Brigid's attack made the best of the improved late supply, and broke the defiant opposition. That great stylist,

Sinead Millea flashed over a point after Ethel Ann Maloney battled really hard to win possession (2-4 to 2-3).

Within a minute, Eleanor Walsh landed another fine point. As the Loreto mounted one desperate effort to save the match, the winners burst up the field and Sinead Millea pointed to drive the last nail into the losers coffin.

Want revenge

Brigid's reward for a hard earned win was an all-Ireland semi-final at home against St. Raphael's (Loughrea), who beat them in the national final 12 months ago. No doubt, the Callan girls will

be all out for revenge, and eager for the chance to get back into the all-Ireland final and to make up for the disappointment of 1992.

The standard of camogie in Sunday's final was a credit to both teams, and reflected well on the hard work put in by mentors. The enthusiasm for the game was hard to credit, and through all the excitement the level of play achieved was high.

There was little or nothing between the teams during the opening half. After six months the sides swapped goals. Brenda Maher found the net for Brigid's, and her opposite number at full-forward Im-

elda Kennedy replied at the other end.

The Loreto hit the front in the 19th minute when Kennedy got through for her second goal, which helped her team into a half-time lead of 2-2 to 1-2.

Nine minutes into the second half Brigid's regained parity. A shot from 40 yards by Sinead Millea looked to be going over the bar, but the ball dropped sharply and ended in the net (2-2 each).

Boosted by this score, the winners stormed forward and a minor score from Millea put them in front for the first time since the 9th minute. Before she eventually shot the equal-



Triona Kennedy, Presentation Convent, Kilkenny, makes a solo run under pressure from Joan Redmond, F.C.J., Bunclody, in the Leinster Colleges junior camogie final at Nowlan Park. (Photo: Michael Brophy)

ser, Imelda Kennedy had a goal for the Loreto convent disallowed.

Going into the final straight, the title was up for grabs. But when they most needed to show real courage and perseverance, Brigid's dug deep and found that something extra that broke the heart of good opponents.

Scorers:

St. Brigid's College: S. Millea (1-5); B. Maher (1-0); E. Walsh (0-1). Loreto Convent: I. Kennedy (2-3).

Teams:

St. Brigid's College: Aine Comerford, Mary Brennan, Angela O'Carroll, Marie Maher, Janet

Sweeney, Olive O'Sullivan, Yvonne O'Mara, Ethel Ann Maloney, Sinead Millea, Eleanor Walsh, Margaret Comerford, Breda Maher. Subs: Caroline Campton, Deirdre O'Sullivan, Martin Maher, Aoibhlinn Dunphy, Frances Holohan, Margaret Rochford,

Lisa Rohan, Ashling Byrne, Ann Marie Coogan.

Loreto Convent: Kathleen Ryan, Nicola Tynan, Niamh Phelan, Sinead Costello, Fiona Connery, Pauline Hogan, Caroline Muldowney, Martina Tallis, Catriona Carey, Margaret Kava-

nagh, Brenda O'Reilly, Imelda Kennedy. Subs: Lisa Skehan, Ann Marie Trait, Niamh Doran, Ruth Comerford, Anita Heverin, Aoife Lanigan, Deirdre Costigan, Aisling Fitzpatrick, Rachel McEvoy, Ann Wall, Elizabeth Dermody.

Murphy the destroyer

F.C.J. Bunclody 5-7
Presentation Convent . . . 3-0
TWO goals approaching half time gave F.C.J. Bunclody a huge boost and they never looked back when they beat the Presentation Convent (Kilkenny) in the Leinster junior camogie final at Nowlan Park on Sunday.

The winners hit three unanswered points during the opening 10 minutes, and things looked bad for the Presentation. However, in the 11th minute, Triona Kennedy got through for a goal for the losers which threw the match wide open.

The Presentation were still giving as good as they were

getting nearing half-time. Then they made two errors in defence, and E. Murphy slipped through for goals to put F.C.J. into an interval lead of 2-4 to 1-0.

The new half wasn't even a minute old when Murphy shot another goal. The Noreiders fought grimly to hang on, but they couldn't. They conceded another goal in the 16th minute, and thereafter it was all a matter of the winning margin.

Scorers:

F.C.J. Bunclody: E. Murphy (4-5); M. Byrne (1-0); A. Byrne, I. Kelly (0-1 each). Presentation

Convent: D. Dowling (2-0); T. Kennedy (1-0).

Teams:

Presentation Convent: Sinead Walsh, Deirdre Dowling, Eleanor Purcell, Breda Dooley, Nicola O'Brien, Sinead Hurley, Ann Marie Ryall, Aisling Power, Elaine Brennan, Elaine Dalton, Gillian Meany, Triona Kennedy. Subs: Orla Brennan, Elizabeth Murphy, Suzanne Brennan, Angela Grogan, Michelle Heffernan, Clodhna Phelan, Catherine Bourke.

F.C.J. Bunclody: L. Byrne, D. O'Neill, T. O'Neill, A. Murphy, A. Byrne, J. Redmond, K. Kinsella, M. Kehoe, M. Cahill, I. Kelly, L. Kavanagh, E. Murphy. Subs: M. Byrne, S. Armstrong, K. Murphy, J. Codd, L. Foley. Referee: Valérie Crean.

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Donie the proud Glen Rover

APPROPRIATELY, the flags over the old Clubhouse in Blackpool were at half-mast. And the coffin, resting before the altar in the Church of the Annunciation, was draped in the colours Donie O'Brien loved.

In the congregation, great hurling men, some of them with heads streaked with grey, had gathered for the final farewell.

Donie O'Brien never won any county medals, and that was no fault of his because nature from the beginning struck him a cruel blow.

But he was as much a part of Glen Rovers as any of the famed wearers of the green, black and gold.

Every club has its characters, and for the Glen Donie O'Brien was certainly one of those.

During the great years, especially the fifties and sixties, Donie looked after the jerseys and the hurleys for the teams.

The sight of him shuffling along the sideline, clutching a batch of hurleys, was as familiar to the Blackpool crowd as any of the famous players.

I have heard it said that but for his crippled legs, Donie himself would have made a fine hurler.

He had great arms and powerful wrists, and astonishing ball control.

Up in the old Glen Field I watched him on many a summer's evening as the team trained.

He would stand on the fringes of the action, retrieving stray balls, displaying great stickwork, despite his very limited mobility.

Indeed, as John Martin reminded me as we sat in the Bridge Inn after the removal on Saturday night, Donie trained a succession of Glen camogie teams.

He was a great mentor to and supporter of the camogie girls, and was delighted when the Glen - captained by Christy Ring's daughter, Mary - won the All-Ireland Club Championship last year.

Donie, who was 70, lived with his nephew, Joe Coker, at 37 Kileen's Place, Farranree, and never lost his interest in or enthusiasm for the Glen.

The club, in a way, was his life. And he was always there, through good times and bad.

He lived through the best of times with the Glen, and the demise of the senior team over the past decade must have broken his heart.

He saw the great sides, and savoured the famous victories.

He talked once to me about the days of the sidcars and the crowds with the cup outside Molly Howe's pub.

I can remember as a youngster rushing away from "The Park" to be out in Thomas Davis Street before the sidcars arrived.

They would arrive in a noisy caravan, hurleys and Glen jerseys held aloft. And Donie was always there, pride and delight lighting his face.

One of the stories I like best is the one about the time Jack Lynch - who was then on his way to becoming a Minister - called to the old clubhouse in Bird's Quay.

This was a simple, single-storey house, one of a row that stood more or less where Antrim Flats are now located.

Jack parked the car outside Molly Howe's pub, put his head inside the door, and then strolled around the corner to the club.

Donie was inside, sitting behind a row of six or seven chairs which had been arranged in a semi-circle with their backs to a blazing fire.

Draped over the backs of the chairs were six or seven Glen jerseys which had just been washed.

Jack came in sat down beside Donie, lit his pipe, and for over an hour the two of them chatted, taking their turns to turn the jerseys until the entire set was dry.

Donie held all the Glen players of that era in high regard - while reserving a special for Christy Ring and Jerry O'Sullivan.

In his eyes these two symbolised better than anyone all that was special about the Glen - the indomitable spirit, the fierce competitiveness, the refusal at all times to settle for second best.

He knew Ring had no peer, and that we would



■ Cup that cheers... Donie O'Brien with Christy Ring's daughter Mary



T.P. O'MAHONY
on Tuesday

never see his likes again.

Like the rest of us, he watched Ring with awe, knowing in his heart's core that the day was never lost as long as Ringey was around.

I caught a glimpse of Donie on that March day in 1979, when Christy was buried in the soil of his native Cloyne.

Tears were streaking his face as Jack Lynch spoke to the hushed crowd - and what a crowd - of Ring's prowess.

Six years later, in August 1985, he cried again when Jerry O'Sullivan died.

He talked many times of "Jerry Sull" after that. And the years would fall away as his reminiscences carried him back to great county finals.

Talking about the 1964 win over St Finbar's, which brought the Glen their 20th senior title, seemed to give him a special relish.

There is another story told about the time Donie and the jerseys were late for an important game.

Club chairman Tom O'Reilly was beside himself as the minutes ticked away, and still no sign of Donie or the bag.

Finally, a red-faced Donie pushed in the door of the dressing-room only to be immediately grabbed and throttled by the enraged chairman.

"What kept ye!" shouted O'Reilly, eyes blazing and fingers tightening around Donie's throat.

"The s-s-shagging bus broke s-s-shagging down," stammered Donie, as he gasped for breath.

He has drawn his last breath now - and he will be missed.

Everytime I pass Blackpool Bridge I will see him in my mind's eye shuffling across towards the Church.

And everytime I see a Glen jersey, I will think of Donie O'Brien and remember the sweet years.

He was always there, through good times and bad

'UP THE BLUES'

Betty Mohally, R.I.P.

VERY appropriately, the above sentiments were among the last of the great 'Barrs stalwart Betty Mohally.

St. Finbarrs Hurling and Football Club lost a great friend and supporter recently on the death of Betty, president of both the camogie and ladies' sections.

Betty was, unquestionably, one of the greatest 'Barrs people of all time. She died in her 80's and, from the age of reason, every one of those years were crammed with fervour and ambition for the fortunes of her beloved "Blues". The club is 116 years old and Betty stuck with it through thick and thin for more than half its entire history. Her younger, middle and latter years were completely dedicated to the "Blues". She stood by the club and was always a pillar of loyalty and allegiance. She shone like a beacon through those lean years when it was unfashionable to be a 'Barrs person, and, when success seemed like a distant dream.

When, eventually, the club did strike a purple patch in the 70's/80's, she was always gracious about its success and remained magnanimous in victory. Having suffered disappointment herself for so long, she sympathised fully, and was always very sporting towards all opposition.

BRACKEN FAMILY

Sure, it's no wonder that she was such a fanatical "Trueblue" when one remembers that she was born a "Bracken". The Bracken family is, of course, associated with the founding of the club. Her fanaticism was well and truly enshrined in the "Barrs" tradition when she married Billy Mohally (R.I.P.), himself a great southsider and "Barrsman".

In her latter years her bones became brittle and she often suffered a broken arm of leg. However, these things did not deter this great-hearted lady. She could be seen at club matches and occasions, on crutches, being helped

along by members of her most devoted family.

Around this time she also became very prominent in the club affairs when she held various officerships. She was a founder member and chairperson of the ladies' section for some years. She could be seen on the one hand working in the kitchen providing meals for the various sections, and, on the other hand, sitting at the place of honour at the club's annual dinner.

A most deserving tribute was paid to her when, as she began to tire a little from front line activity, both the ladies and camogie sections elected her as their president — an office which she cherished proudly and filled with graciousness right up to the time of her death.

"HAPPY"

She will surely be remembered mostly for her comment after her club had won the "double" — the senior hurling and football county finals — in 1980 when she declared: "Now I can die happy!"

Perhaps, the most fitting tribute of all was the final one at her funeral. Her coffin was draped with the club flag, and Betty would have been so proud of the way that her hearse was flanked by a guard of honour drawn from the girls of the camogie section along with her colleagues of the ladies' section — the first lady member ever to receive such honours. The entire club followed Betty to her final resting place in St. Finbarr's Cemetery — only a puck of a sliotar away from the club grounds — from where her spirit will forever be at one with the 'Barrs of the future.

I have no doubt but that Betty is now being welcomed into Heaven by her great Barrs friends whom she helped and encouraged in this life, and, who have gone before her, and, that she is now safe in the Arms of Jesus.

Farewell, Betty, your likes will never be seen again.

Ar dheis De go ruibh a h-anam dílis.

—S. McC.



Mrs. E. Foster presenting a cup in memory of her mother, Betty Mohally, who was president of St. Finbarrs Camogie Club; also included are officials of the Hurling, Football and Camogie clubs.

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CAMOGIE COLUMN

WITH MARY MORAN

THE 1993 Open Draw is almost a carbon copy of last season's competition for All-Ireland Senior Champions Cork. The same obstacles in the form of Antrim and Kilkenny lie in their path to the final but the venues are reversed.

Cork made the long trek to Cusheen-dall where they made light work of a weak Antrim side. It would be a major surprise if Antrim were to oust the reigning champions at a Cork venue.

Kilkenny, who surrendered their title following a superb seven year run, travel to Kildare for what should be a comfortable first round assignment for them. Kildare collected points early in the senior league last season but were out of their depth against Cork in the National League semi-final.

Should these matches go as expected, the way would be clear for another Cork v. Kilkenny showdown. However, Cork would have to face their old

rivals at Nowlan Park on this occasion.

This could prove to be the game of the championship. A huge crowd would turn up to see if 1992 was a mere lapse in Kilkenny's winning streak or the start of a decline in the great side. Cork waited so long for the breakthrough and worked so hard to become champions that they will want more than one title before stepping down.

Galway, Dublin and Wexford feature in the other side of the draw. Wexford will be keen to wipe out the memory of a season which promised much but finished in disappointment. The potential to be champions is there.

Galway have excelled in colleges, minor and junior grades but have not quite put it together at senior level. The All-Ireland Intermediate Championship victory will have boosted Dublin's confidence but they may not be ready to lift the senior title just yet.

Before the championship comes around, the fifteen aside pilot scheme for the National League will have been introduced. This departure from the regular twelve-a-side game will give the counties an opportunity to experiment and to try out fringe players before the championship.

Ulster Colleges Council celebrate their Golden Jubilee this season. Ulster were first to organise championships at provincial level. St. Louis, Ballymena, St. Dominic's, Belfast and Dominican, Portstewart were to the fore in the early years.

St. Michael's, Lurgan, St. Louis, Kilkeel and Sacred Heart, Newry took up the running in the sixties and seventies. In more recent times, Loreto, Coleraine, Loreto, Letterkenny and St. Patrick's, Maghera have been prominent.

Ulster colleges produced many outstanding players. The great Antrim exponents of 1956 and 1967 perfected their skills in colleges competitions. Sarah Ann Quinn, Anne McCone, Pat Crangle, Mary McMullan, Cathy O'Hare and Olive Leonard caught the eye at All-Ireland level.

The driving force behind Ulster Colleges has undoubtedly been Lily Spence. A former All-Ireland star with Antrim, Lily kept colleges camogie going through the most difficult of times. With the help of Rosina McManus and Fr. Anthony Davies, Lily has seen the games grow and expand right across the province. May the next fifty years be even more fruitful.



Lily Spence presenting the All-Ireland Colleges Senior Cup to Anne McCone (Sacred Heart, Newry) in 1971. On left is Elsie Walsh (Mercy, Enniscorthy) who became one of Wexford's all-time greats. On right is Sheila Corcoran (Leinster Colleges).



The grand old lady of St. Finbarr's, the late Mrs. Betty Mohally pictured with her daughter Mrs. Elizabeth Foster.

HAVING reached the All-Ireland senior camogie final last year, Wexford are sure to make a brave bid to return to Croke Park for another crack at the title and the coveted O'Duffy Cup.

They have contested seven All-Ireland finals but only on three occasions has the trophy paid them a visit.

In 1968 they defeated Cork 4-2 to 2-5; in '69 they accounted for Antrim 4-4 to 4-2 and in '75 the Leesiders fell to them again 4-3 to 2-1.

Those were the Slaneysiders years of glory. Stars from that era were the Kehoe sisters, Gretta, Brigid, Kit, Josie and Annie, who between them secured nine All-Ireland medals. In 1971, they lost

to Cork, they were beaten by Kilkenny '77 and '90 and by Cork in '92.

Last year, the Slaneysiders made an all-out effort and produced an excellent panel of players, their first major achievement was their victory over Cork on the latter's home ground in the preliminary round of the National Senior League 4-7 to 1-9.

A win over Dublin in the semi-final left them face-to-face with Cork in the League final, but Wexford were unable to pro-

duce the same form as they did against Cork in their first meeting and Cork ran out easy winners on a score of 2-17 to 0-10.

It was expected that Wexford would learn a lot from this encounter and could only improve.

This they did by giving a good display in the open draw accounting for Dublin and Galway in the semi-final 2-11 to 1-11.

At one stage it looked like an all-Leinster All-Ireland until

Cork stopped Kilkenny in the semi-final so Wexford and Cork were meeting in the All-Ireland final and after Wexford's first half display Cork coasted to victory in the second half on a score of 1-20 to 2-6.

The difference between the teams in both finals was the incredible speed of the Cork girls. If they are to meet this year it will be in the final as the draw is somewhat similar to last year.

Last year's trainer Elsie Cody has yet to decide if she will be able to give the same commit-

ment this year but they still have the same panel as follows: Terry Butler, Tina Fitzhenry, Jean O'Leary, Catherine Murphy, Deirdre Hearn, Angie Hearn, Maura Codd, Geraldine Codd, Stella Sinnott, Paula Rankin, Ann-Marie O'Connor, Ann Reddy, Claire Cullen, Eileen Dillon, Mary Hayden, Geraldine Wynne.

This weekend the Milk Cup gets under way. This competition is for the championship winners and runners up from Meath, Westmeath, Kildare and Louth.

SUNDAY: At Philipstown — St Kevins Louth v Killyon Meath, 1.0. At Straffan — Straffan Kildare v Rathcoffey Kildare, 2.0. At Turin — St Munnas Westmeath v Trim Meath, 2.0.

CAMOGIE

CONNAUGHT SENIOR CAMOGIE FINAL

1-6
ST BRIGID'S VS. LOUGHREA 0-5
ST RAPHAEL'S, LOUGHREA

IN ONE of the camogie shocks of the decade, a magnificent scoring spree by Caille Lynch stunned All-Ireland senior camogie champions St Raphael's in the largest Camogie Connaught Final at Ballyvaughan, Co. Galway yesterday.

Raphael's, the All-Ireland Champions for the last eight years had no answer for the witcraft of Caille Lynch who scored all 1-6 of St Brigid's tally.

ON Sunday the quarter-finals of the Cork u-18 Championship will be decided and should provide some excellent games. In the first game Brian Dillons are at home to Cloughduv and will be expected to advance. They are a very experienced outfit, powered by such fine performers as Louise Flemming, Alison Dilworth, Val O'Mahony

and Niamh O'Regan.

If they play to form they should have the edge over a Cloughduv side that will be looking to players like Stephanie Dunlea, Ann Marie Healy and Colette Dennehy.

Inniscarra make the journey to Kilbrittain to play the home club and this could be a close one. Inniscarra have already won the Junior "A" and

u-16 Championships and no doubt would like to add the u-18 title to their collection. But they face difficult opposition in Kilbrittain.

The West Cork side looked in fine form against Aghabullogue in an earlier round and if they can repeat that effort, Inniscarra could be forced to give way.

At Killeagh, Bishoptown and the home side

battle it out and this promises to be a cracking contest between two excellent sides.

Killeagh's home advantage could prove vital. They also have very experienced performers in Mary O'Connor, Evelyn Leahy, Therese Gould and Siobhan Aherne and if they play to form the city side, who will be looking to players like Deirdre Ni Croinin.

Vivienne Harris and Elaine Doyle to carry them through, could find the going tough.

In the final game St Finbarr's and Newtown will be in opposition at Togher.

On form Newcestown will be slightly favoured. They appear to be the stronger side with marvellous performers in Cliona Long, Antoinette O'Connell and Yvonne

O'Callaghan. But they will not get things easy from a Barrs' side that will be hoping for top class performances from Clare Barry Janice Duffy, Niamh Ni Shuibhne and Clare O'Donovan.

Sunday: Under-18 Championship quarter-finals (1991) — Brian Dillons v Cloughduv at Brian Dillons at 12 noon; Newcestown v St Finbarrs at St Finbarrs at 3 p.m.; Killeagh v Bishopstown at Killeagh at 2.30; Inniscarra v Kilbrittain at Kilbrittain at 12 noon.

CORK representatives, RTC and UCC, did well in the Magner Shield inter-varsity 2000-metre race. Cork won a 2-1 side justice campaign competition in St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, over the weekend.

From an entry of 11 both teams won these sections to qualify for the semi-finals. In these sections Cork RTC beat Dandalk RTC while UCC beat St. Patrick's Drumcondra and Midge College, Derry.

In the first semi-final, Jordanstown beat UCC 2-1 to 0-1 in a closely contested game. In the second Cork RTC narrowly defeated Galway RTC 3-2 to 2-2.

In the final Cork RHC defeated Jordanstown 3-4 to 0-3. Cork RHC's Dennis O'Connell was awarded player of the tournament.

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Cassidy, S. Connelley, S.
Shee, R. Fitzgerald, U.
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SANDIE HONoured

Sandie top choice

FOR Sandie Fitzgibbon, 1992 was a year to remember and yesterday her great performances on camogie fields were honoured when she was presented with the National Irish Banks Personality of the Year award at a luncheon in the company's headquarters in Dublin.

Sandie captained Cork to a great camogie double winning the All-Ireland championship with a great victory over Wexford and the National Senior league.

As well as that, she led Munster to success in the Gael Linn inter-provincial championships and rounded off with a truly remarkable run by helping Glen Rovers to win the All-Ireland club championship for the second time.

Sandie said she accepted the award on behalf of the teams and said that receiving it really capped a great year for her personally.

Also a basketball international, Sandie has won minor and colleges medals in camogie.

The well-known and highly skilled Michael "Duxie" Walsh from Kilkenny was presented with the annual award for handball.

The holder of nearly 50 national titles, Duxie equalled the game's oldest record when he beat Walter O'Connor of Meath to take the All-Ireland softball senior single championship for the eighth successive time.

TWO outstanding sportspeople, Sandie Fitzgibbon in camogie and Michael "Duxie" Walsh in handball, were honoured yesterday by the National Irish Bank as part of its GAA Personality of the Month awards.

Sandie Fitzgibbon captained the Cork camogie team which won the senior All-Ireland and National Senior League titles in 1992, and led the Munster team to Gael Linn glory. She also won an All-Ireland club medal with Glen Rovers.

Sports fans will also remember Sandie's contribution to the basketball 'Match of the Year' — as part of the Tralee team which shocked Naomh Mhuire in the thrilling Women's Cup final in

the new National Basketball Stadium.

Michael "Duxie" Walsh has, for many people, come to represent his sport of handball. The modest Kilkennyman has almost 50 All-Ireland titles in a number of grades, and last year, despite a long lay-off because of a hand injury, equalled Paddy Perry's longstanding record of eight successive senior softball titles after an emotion-packed final against Walter O'Connor. He also has taken four US titles.

And Duxie Walsh is only 26!

PICTURED LEFT: Michael "Duxie" Walsh considers the merits of his new pair of 'boots' as he chats with Enda McGowan of National Irish Bank.



The Cork RTC camogie team who won the Meagher Shield for the 7-a-side junior inter-varsity competition at Maynooth, defeating Jordanstown 3-4 to 0-3. Included are (back) left to right: Helen Walsh (Éire Óg); Sinéad Cleere (Wexford); Michelle Canty (Inniscarra); Anne McNamara (Clare); Una Coughlan (Kerry). Front: Denise O'Connell (Kildare); Clare Murphy (Bishopstown) (capt); Susan Canniffe (Galway); Rosemary Fitzgerald.

Bishopstown girls have the class

Big game on the camogie front is the final of the Cork under-18 championship between Bishopstown and Kilbrittain on St. Patrick's Day at Ballincollig. On the inter-county scene the Cork junior and senior teams travel to Wexford on Sunday to contest the National League games.

The clash of Kilbrittain and Bishopstown promises to be a cracker between two excellent sides. In the semi-finals last Sunday both sides looked good, particularly Bishopstown who recorded a fine victory over Cloughduv.

Bishopstown have marvellous performers in Lynda O'Mahony, Deirdre Ní Croinin, Aine White, Vivienne Harris and Tricia Doyle, and if they play to their usual form it is difficult to see Kilbrittain girls Miriam Deasy, Niamh O'Mahony and Carmel Hurley halting them.

The Cork senior team open their League campaign against Wexford. The last time the sides

The Cork juniors also play Wexford and they should have the edge despite fielding an experimental side. They have been training for the past four weeks with a relatively new panel and will include quite a few new faces.

FIGURES

Tomorrow - National Senior League: Cork v Wexford at Rathnure, 2 p.m.; National Junior League: Cork v Wexford at Rathnure, 2 p.m.

Wednesday - Under-18 Championship Final '92: Bishopstown v Kilbrittain at Ballincollig, 2.30 p.m. (Ref. Irene O'Keeffe).

Camogie Round-Up

On Saturday next the All-Ireland Junior Colleges Camogie semi finals are down for decision. Munster Champions St. Mary's, Charleville will travel to take on the Ulster champions St. Mary's, Magherafelt. This should be a very entertaining encounter. The Magherafelt girls were defeated in the All-Ireland final last year by St. Mary's, Nenagh in a replay. They secured the Ulster title this year in a hard fought final, when they defeated Loretto, Cavan 3-3 to 3-1. They have an excellent centre field trio: Bláithín McIvor, flanked by Brid Mulholland and Tracy Kelly are sure to create a lot of problems for their opponents. Orla Forbes and Therese McCann have also been prominent in the campaign. They are trained by Rita Moran who won an All-Ireland medal with Antrim in 1979.

Charleville disposed of All-Ireland champions Nenagh in the Munster final. This victory is sure to boost their morale. Twice All-Ireland champions: 1986 and 1987. They have star performers in Breda O'Brien and full forward Vera Sheehan and their sister Deirdre, Carol Sheehan and Jean Cullinane are in top form. Charleville seem to have the edge but Magherafelt will not be easily beaten on home ground.

The Connacht Champions are not yet to hand, but will emerge from Mercy, Roscommon, St. Raphaels, Loughrea and St. Cuan's, Castleblayney. The winner will be at home to Presentation, Kilkenny or F.C.J. Buncloody.

In the Connacht Senior final the fabulous St. Raphael's, who are chasing nine All-Irelands in a row will be opposed by their neighbours Loughrea Vocational.

From time to time we will look at each County and their chances of securing an All-Ireland. Wexford, having reached the All-Ireland Senior final last year, are sure to make a brave bid to return to Croke Park for another crack at the title and the coveted O'Duffy Cup.

They have contested seven All-Ireland finals, but only on three occasions has the trophy paid them a visit.

In 1968 they defeated Cork 4-2 to 2-5; in '69 they accounted for Antrim 4-4 to 4-2 and in 1975 the Leesiders fell to them again 4-3 to 2-1.

Those were the Slaneysiders years of glory. Stars from that era were the Kehoe sisters, Gretta, Brigid, Kit, Josie and Annie, who between them secured nine All-Ireland medals. In 1971, they lost to Cork, they were beaten by Kilkenny in '77 and '90 and by Cork in '92.

Last year, the Slaneysiders made an all out effort and produced an excellent panel of players, their first

major achievement was their victory over Cork on the latter's home ground in the preliminary round of the National Senior League 4-7 to 1-9.

A win over Dublin in the first round, they came up against stiff opposition in the semi final, from a young Galway side, and were lucky to emerge winners on a score of 2-11 to 1-11.

At one stage it looked like an All-Leinster All-Ireland until Cork stopped Kilkenny in the semi final, so Wexford and Cork were meeting in the All-Ireland final, and after Wexford's first half display, Cork coasted to victory in the second half on a score of 1-20 to 2-6.

There will be no change in their panel this year as follows:

Terri Butler, Tina Fitzhenry, Jean O'Leary, Catherine Murphy, Deirdre Hearne, Angie Hearne, Maura Codd, Geraldine Codd, Stella Synott, Paula Rankin, Anne Marie O'Connor, Ann Reddy, Claire Cullen, Eileen Dillon, Mary Hayden, Geraldine Wynne.

The All-Ireland final of Ceol Caint agus Damhsa, the Association's talent competition, takes place on Sunday next 7th at St. Patrick's College, Drumcondra, commencing at 1 o'clock. A great afternoon's entertainment is assured with all four Provinces represented.

P.J. FULHAM

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MARY'S REACH JUNIOR ALL-IRELAND

ST. MARY'S CHARLEVILLE.....5-6
MAGHERAFELT (CO. DERRY).....1-2

Charleville Junior Camogie team moved another step closer to All-Ireland glory last Saturday when they overcame a very tough challenge from the northern champions, Magherafelt in a game played in Bellaghy, Co. Derry.

The Northern girls made a very gallant effort and began the game as they sought to continue it, with true grit and determination. The Charleville girls seemed to be suffering the effects of their long trip the previous day, but while this fell short of their better performances in earlier games, they still gave what was necessary to win by quite a comfortable margin.

After some very tough opening exchanges Vera Sheehan got the better of her full back and opened the scoring for St. Mary's with a superbly kicked goal and 2 minutes later Breda O'Brien added a point from a free. Magherafelt then replied with their first point to the delight of the home support. Five minutes later Carole Sheehy who was just changing her position to full forward blocked down a short puck out from the opposition and struck over an excellent point. This was followed by an outstanding outfield effort from the extremely consistent midfielder Deirdre Sheehan to yield another white flag for Charleville. Magherafelt, in the meantime, had added another point. After 20 minutes of the first half R. Carroll, having moved into a good position, on the square, netted Charleville's second goal to leave the half-time score at 2-3 to 0-2.

On the changeover the Charleville girls kept their momentum going with another point from Vera Sheehan after only one minute. Roni Hawe

then added two great goals and Breda O'Brien got her second point before Magherafelt raised their only green flag. Breda O'Brien scored another free and Vera Sheehan got their second goal just before the final whistle, after receiving a good pass from substitute Laura Leslie.

Goalie Mairead Keane gave a very solid display highlighted by an outstanding save at a vital stage in the first half. Muireann Harrington gave her best performance to date in the full-back position, while the two corner backs, Claire O'Donoghue and Gill Reidy were extremely effective playing very tight roles giving their opponents little or no space. Jean Cullinane got more into the swing as the game progressed and Siobhan Buckley gave a very spirited performance at midfield.

It was a great achievement for the girls to obtain such a good result in the North and it is hoped that their good form will transfer to the senior team, who also meet Magherafelt next Saturday in the All-Ireland Senior Semi-Final in Newtown. The girls have been training hard and hopefully their commitment and dedication will lead to a good performance against what is expected to be very tough opposition.

Senior Semi-Final, Newtown 11.30a.m., Saturday March 13th.

Panel: Mairead Keane, Muireann Harrington, Claire O'Donoghue, Gill Reidy, Breda O'Brien, Jean Cullinane, Deirdre Sheehan, Siobhan Buckley, Carole Sheehy, Roni Hawe, Karina Carroll, Vera Sheehan, Subs Laura Leslie, M. O'Brien, Angela Sheehy, Katie O'Shea.



The National Irish Bank camogie award went to Cork's Sandie Fitzgibbon pictured with Ms Patricia O'Sullivan-Lacy, National Irish Bank.

Camogie Notes

ST. BRIGIDS LOUGHREA OUST ST. RAPHAELS

St. Raphael's College, Loughrea, Galway, the most successful school in the history of the All-Ireland Colleges Camogie Championship, having won eight Senior All-Irelands in a row, finally crashed at the Connacht final stage to neighbouring rivals St. Brigid's Vocational School, Loughrea. Claire Lynch, who starred in several of St. Raphael's successes and now studying at St. Brigid's, broke the heart of former classmates as she scored all of the Vocational teams scores in a fiercely contested final, which produced great flair and determination.

At the end of the first half, the teams were level at 0-2 each. Midway through the second half the sides were still locked at 0-4 each. Seven minutes from the end disaster struck the champions when Claire Lynch broke through their defence to score the only goal of the match to put St. Brigid's on the patch of victory. St. Raphael's were unable to recover, and so ended the phenomenal run of great champions on a score of 1-6 to 0-5.

St. Brigid's team and scorers: E. Dolan, O. Coen, D. Nevin, T. Fallon, H. Ryan, J. Kelly, F. Ryan, M. Fahy, M. Mitchell, R. Colahan, E. Lowry, C. Lynch 1-6. Subs: G. Murray for J. Kelly, L. Fahy for M. Mitchell.

St. Raphaels: M. Donnellan, M. Maher, E. Slevin, O. Broderick 0-3, Y. Dempsey, D. Maher 0-1, G. Maher, E. Martyn, C. Crowe, A. Hardiman, E. Maher, A. Broderick 0-1.

St. Brigid's, Callan, Kilkenny, retained their Leinster Senior Colleges title when they fought off a strong challenge from Loreto, Kilkenny in an all Kilkenny Leinster Colleges final at Nowlan Park.

Loreto, playing with the wind in the

opening half, had the champions worried, with their ace forward, Imelda Kennedy in top form. They also had a staunch backline in Nicola Tynan, Niamh Phelan, Margaret Comerford and Fiona Conroy.

After a ding dong battle, the first half ended with Loreto leading 2-2 to 1-2. After the interval the champions showed their authority, inspired by their scoring ace, Sinead Millea, aided by Marie Maher and Eleanor Walsh and soon the teams were on level terms.

Loreto never gave up their battle, but lost out on scoring chances, as Callan held on to their title on a score of 2-6 to 2-3. Scorers: Callan: Sinead Millea 1-6, Brenda Maher 1-0, Loreto: Imelda Kennedy 2-3.

The All-Ireland semi finals take place on Saturday next. Last year's beaten finalists, St. Brigid's, Callan will host a newly crowned Connacht Champion's, St. Brigid's, Vocations, Loughrea. With both sides fielding a host of stars, it is sure to be a sparkling encounter.

In the other semi final, Munster champions, Charleville have the Ulster Champions St. Mary's, Magherafelt at home. This should be an entertaining tie. The Magherafelt girls had to fight hard for their title. They defeated Armagh F. E. in the Ulster final replay.

Charleville had an easy passage over Scarriff Community School in the Munster final. The northern side is sure to provide stiff opposition. Home venue should give Charleville the edge.

Also on Saturday next Combined Universities take on Combined Colleges in a fifteen aside match at Roanmore, Waterford, at 1 o'clock. This match is being played in conjunction with the Fitzgibbon Hurling Festival.

On Sunday next the National Senior League commences and the Junior League

re-commences.

In the Senior, last year's All-Ireland finalists Cork and Wexford will face each other at the latter venue. While there are no changes on the Wexford panel, Cork have added two useful players in Patricia Murphy and former Galway player Anne Coleman, both from Glen Rovers, the All-Ireland Club Champions. The Leesiders should collect their first brace of points. Dublin have a home game against Kilkenny. This should be quite a tussle with Kilkenny fancied to take the points.

In Junior Dublin have two points from their win over Kildare, and should take the points from Armagh. Wexford are down four points and Cork were defeated by Tipperary, but they may be good enough to collect their first brace of points from the Slaneysiders. Offaly have a fine panel of players, but nevertheless they will meet with stiff opposition from the champions, Limerick. Tyrone travel to Donegal, and may find the home side too strong. Fermanagh host Derry in a game that should be closely contested.

FIXTURES:

Saturday, March 13th

ALL-IRELAND SENIOR COLLEGES SEMI FINALS

At Callan
St. Brigid's, Callan versus St. Brigid's
Voc. Loughrea
2.00 p.m.
At Charleville

St. Mary's, Charleville versus St. Mary's
Magherafelt
2.00 p.m.

P.J. FULHAM

Mary's on double trail

ST. MARYS, Charleville will be hoping that their senior team can emulate the feat of their juniors and qualify for the All-Ireland schools camogie final when they entertain Magherafelt, Derry at Newtownshandrum today in the semi-final (11.30 a.m.)

Last weekend, St. Marys' beat the same opposition in the junior semi-final and with four of that team in action again today, will be fancied to make it a double over the northerners.

The Charleville girls have never won the All-Ireland final before but did contest the 1987 decider, before losing to Loughrea. They draw their players from the Newtown (Cork), Ballyagran and Granagh (Limerick) areas and in fact the Granagh

club lost to the Munster final to Glen Rovers late last year.

St. Marys beat Scarriffe in the Munster final recently, but if they make it to the All-Ireland final on April 3 they are going to find themselves in a right predicament.

Both the junior and senior finals are on the same day, and with four girls, Deidre Sheehan, Vera Sheehan, June Aherne and Breda O'Brien, dually involved, It would be a magnificent achievement if the double was achieved.

The second senior semi-final, involving Loughrea V.S. and St. Bridgets, Callan, is also

St. Mary's go for the double

St. Mary's,
Charleville
Magherafelt GS
3-7
0-11

ST. MARY'S, Charleville, Senior camogie team had a good win over Magherafelt, from County Derry, at Newtownshandrum, on Saturday, in the All-Ireland Colleges semi-final.

Having beaten the Magherafelt side in the Junior semi-final the previous week, the Charleville girls showed great determination in attempting to make it a double All-Ireland appearance.

Charleville, with the aid of a very strong wind in the opening half, were quick to get on the scoresheet. Una Lake found the net in the very first minute and five minutes later, Aine Cahill added to their tally with an excellent goal.

The Charleville girls

were't finished yet and Marie Foley sent over a good point, before she struck a goal that put the home side 3-1 to 0-0 ahead.

Gradually Magherafelt came back into contention and Kathy McDonnell opened their account with a pointed free. Three minutes later Roisin Pickering could have goaled for the Northerners, but for a great save by Vera Sheehan denied her.

Breda O'Brien gave the North Cork side a lift when sending over a very long range point to leave Charleville leading comfortably 3-4 to 0-3 at half-time.

Magherafelt, despite some good attacking play, could not breach

the Charleville goal. Kathy McDonnell (2) and Niamh Trolan however, sent over points to give their side some hope, but the Charleville defence stood firm in the last quarter.

Charleville added three more points per Marie Foley and Ursula Troy before Kathy McDonnell had three late points for the losers.

Charleville: V. Sheehan, S. Sheehan, C. Horgan, B. O'Brien, M. Lake, D. Sheehan, J. Egan, J. Callinane, A. Cahill, U. Troy, U. Lake, M. Foley.

Magherafelt: L. Duffley, J. Pickering, C. Browne, J. O'Neill, F. Kennedy, J. Madden, K. McDonnell, S. O'Neill, B. McIvor, N. Trolan, J. McCann, R. Pickering, Sub. B. Birt for J. Madden.

Referee — Betty Joyce (Kilteagh).

CAMOGIE

GALWAY COAST TO VICTORY

GALWAY 4-12 DOWN 2-3

IMPRESSIVE Galway had a convincing win over Down in this National Senior Camogie League game at Ballinasloe yesterday. Galway stamped their authority from the start and after an entertaining first half led 2-6 to 1-1 at the interval.

SCORERS — Galway — C. Lynch 3-4; S. Glynn 1-2; I. Hobbins, T. Lahen 0-2 each; E. Hardiman, D. Costello 0-1 each. Down — M. McAleenan 1-3; B. Sands 1-0.

GALWAY 4-3 KILKENNY 1-4

Galway juniors collected two valuable points in style when they defeated Kilkenny in this National Junior Camogie League tie at Ballinasloe yesterday. Leading 3-2 to 0-0 at half time they ran out easy winners.

SCORERS — Galway: D. Maher 1-1; M. Haverly, C. Hannon, M. Harkin 1-0 each.

O. Broderick 0-2; Kilkenny: B. Maher 1-0; I. Kennedy 0-3; M. McGrath 0-1.

TIPP IN TOP FORM

TIPPERARY 6-12 CARLOW 3-8

All-Ireland Junior Camogie champions Tipperary continued on the winning trail when they picked up a further two points from Carlow in this National Junior Camogie game played at Dr. Cullen Park yesterday. A flurry of goals in the first half by Anne Gleeson, Helen Kealey and Helen O'Leary put paid to any chance of a Carlow victory.

SCORERS — Tipperary: A. Gleeson 4-3; H. Kealey 1-2; K. Maloney 0-3; H. O'Leary 1-0; J. Tobin 0-2; M. Ryan, C. Burke 0-1 each. Carlow: V. Cean 2-7; M. Byrne 1-0; M. Sheehan 0-1.

CAMOGIE

All-Ireland CCIA Senior League Final
Waterford RTC 4-6; UUJ 1-8. All-Ireland
Junior Colleges semi-final: FCJ Bunclody
4-5; St. Raphael's Loughrea 1-6. St.
Patrick's Magherafelt 1-3; Charleville Cork
5-6.

CAMOGIE

At Waterford: Combined Colleges
Trophy: Combined Purcell
Selection 5-10 (L. Dunlea 2-1; G. Codd
2-1; A. M. O'Connor 0-4; U. Hannon 1-1;
O. Downey 0-2; S. Neeson 0-1)
Combined Ashbourne Selection
2-4 (M. McAleenan 2-0; R. McCluskey, G.

McMullen, J. Murphy, V. Twomey 0-1
each). Player of the Tournament:
Fiona O'Driscoll (University of Limerick)
All Ireland Colleges Senior semi
final — Charleville Cork 3-8 St Mary's
Magherafelt 0-10.

GALWAY GET AWAY TO A GOOD START IN THE NATIONAL SENIOR CAMOGIE LEAGUE

Galway got off to a good start in the National Senior Camogie League with a convincing win over Down at Ballinasloe. They stamped their authority from the start, and after an entertaining first half led 2-6 to 1-1.

Down tried hard in the second half, but came up against a stone wall defence. The Galway girls, especially Claire Lynch, were in good scoring form with six of them notching off scores, to run out winners 4-12 to 2-3. Scorers, Galway: Claire Lynch 3-4, Sharon Glynn 1-2, Imelda Hobbins, Tracey Laheen 0-2 each, Emer Hardiman, Deirdre Costello 0-1 each. Down: Mairin McAlleenan 1-3, Bridin Sands 1-0. Kildare were in sparkling form against Antrim in another Senior League tie at Clane. They were much fitter and sharper, although it took them 15 minutes before they registered a score, but went on to lead 2-4 to 0-0 at half time. Their backline of Geraldine Dwyer, Claire Maloney and Therese Farrelly caused a lot of problems for the Antrim girls.

Early in the second half Grace McMullen slammed home Antrim's first score, but their hopes of victory were short lived when Kate Treacy had a brace of goals in as many minutes. The Lilywhites ran out easy winners on a score of 7-8 to 1-1. Scorers, Kildare: Kate Treacy 3-0, Niamh Leahy 2-0, Sharon Brown 1-1, Nuala Kerrigan 1-0, Liz Doran, Miriam Malone 0-3 each, Reilín Treacy 0-1. Antrim: Grace McMullen 1-0, Denise O'Boyle 0-1.

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Annmarie Ryan. Final score: Tipperary 6-12, Carlow 3-8. Scorers, Tipperary: Ann Gleeson 4-3, Helan Kealy 1-2, Helan O'Leary 1-0, Kaiffe Maloney 0-3, Joan Tobin 0-2, Marie Ryan, Cathy Burke 0-1 each. Carlow: Valerie Crean 2-7, Martina Byrne 1-0, Marie Sheehan 0-1.

Kilkenny travelled to Ballinasloe and met with a formidable force in the All-Ireland Junior finalists Galway. The home side led 3-2 to 0-0 at half time and ran out easy winners on a score of 4-3 to 1-4. Scorers, Galway: Dymphna Maher 1-1, Martina Haverly, Carmel Hannon, Martina Harkin 1-0 each, Olivia Broderick 0-2. Kilkenny: Breda Maher 1-0, Imelda Kennedy 0-3, Mary McGrath 0-1.

The final of the 'Milk Cup' Inter club Tournament was played at Turin, Westmeath. After a hard fought tussle between two Meath clubs, Killyon emerged winners over Trim. Killyon led by 1-6 to 0-5 at half time. Trim came more into the game in the second half and with seven minutes to go the sides were level. Trim missed many scoring opportunities. The winning score came when Laura Carney placed Jackie Maher for a well taken goal. Trim replied with a point. Final score: Killyon 2-7, Trim 0-11. Scorers, Killyon: Sharon Raleigh 0-7, Christine Raleigh 1-0, Jackie Maher 1-0. Trim: Christine O'Brien 0-7, Dervilla O'Carroll 0-3, Linda Dempsey 0-1. The player of the match was awarded to Christine O'Brien, Trim.

The presentation was made by Phyllis Breslan, Chairman of Leinster Council. There are no games down for decision this Easter Weekend.

National Congress was held in Hayden's Hotel, Ballinasloe recently. It was hosted by Galway County Board who left no stone unturned to make sure the weekend was enjoyed by delegates from all over the Country. Among the guest speakers was Maire Geoghegan Quinn, Minister for Justice who declared Congress open.

The Association's Uachtaran Bridín Uí Mhaolagáin, entering her final year of her three year term of office gave a lengthy address which covered all aspects of the Association. Ardrúnai Síle De Bhailis as usual gave a detailed report, as did An Cisteoir Seosaimhin Nic Uailrich.

The main item on the agenda was the Administration rules tabled in a new format and passed after a lengthy discussion. Owing to a large number of motions Congress had to adjourn until April 24th.

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KILKENNY COLLECT FIRST POINTS IN NATIONAL CAMOGIE LEAGUE

Kilkenny collected their first brace of points in the National Senior Camogie League, when they fought off a strong challenge from Dublin at Bohernabreena recently. Both teams played 15 a side on the big pitch for the first time and took a while to settle down. Nevertheless the first half turned out to be a fierce contest. Dublin, playing with the wind advantage led 1-5 to 0-4 at the interval. In the second half Kilkenny made better use of the big pitch, and a goal by Anne Downey was enough to kill off the Dublin challenge and give Kilkenny victory on a score of 1-12 to 1-5. Scorers: Kilkenny: Brigid Mullally 0-6, Anne Downey 1-1, Breda Holmes 0-3, Angela Downey, Marina Downey 0-1 each. Dublin: Louise Lynch 1-0, Geraldine Dunne 0-3, Veronica Trehy, Nora Maguire 0-1 each.

Dublin Juniors collected two more points in the National League when they defeated Armagh in an exciting game. The sides were level 1-1 each at the interval, but Dublin went on to win by double scores 2-4 to 1-2.

Offaly had a morale boosting win over National Junior League Champions Limerick at Shinrone. Limerick playing with the wind in the first half led by 1-6 to 0-6 at half time. Offaly got down to business in the second half inspired by the Kinsella sisters Honor and Eileen, Michelle Davis and Geraldine Mahon. They availed of every scoring opportunity, and while Limerick tried hard they could only manage two points as Offaly ran out 2-12 to 1-8 winners. Scorers: Offaly: Michelle Davis 1-3, Geraldine Mahon 0-6, Margaret Lynch 1-1, Caroline McCarthy 0-2. Limerick: Pauleen McCarthy 0-2, Aoda Quaid 1-0, Liz O'Sullivan, Bernie O'Brien, Michelle McCarthy and Helen Clifford/McCartney 0-1 each.

St. Mary's, Charleville booked their ticket to the All-Ireland Senior College final when they defeated St. Mary's,

Magherafelt in the semi final played at Charleville recently. The home side got a great start and had registered 3-1 before Magherafelt got their first score. At half time St. Mary's Charleville led 3-4 to St. Mary's, Magherafelt 0-3.

In the second half the Northern side came more into the game due to the accurate free-taking of Kathleen McDonnell, but Charleville held on to win 3-7 to 0-11. Scorers: St. Mary's Charleville: Marie Foley 1-3, Aine Cahill 1-1, Una Lake 1-1, Ursula Troy 0-2. St. Mary's Magherafelt: Kathleen McDonnell 0-8, Karen McCann 0-2, Bláithín McKeever 0-1. St. Mary's Charleville now meet St. Brigid's Callan in the All-Ireland final. More about that later.

There are no games down for decision this weekend, as all interest is focussed on Annual Congress, which takes place this Saturday and Sunday in Hayden's Hotel, Ballinasloe. Delegates from the thirty affiliated Counties will assemble to review the happenings of the past year and make plans for the future. Congress is always a major event on the Camogie calendar. This year the main topic for discussion will be the Administration rules. The President Bridín Uí Mhaolagáin will be entering the last year of her three year term of office.

At last years Congress in Monaghan a complete updated set of rules in a new format came before Congress in two parts i.e. playing rules and administration rules. The playing rules were adopted and at a re-convened Congress in May the Administration rules failed to get the two-thirds majority required to get them through. A decision was taken to table them again this year.

Congress rotates between the Provinces each year. The first Congress to be hosted outside Dublin was in 1973 by Galway, when delegates voted to run the All-Ireland Senior Championship on the open draw system. - P.J. FULHAM

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Kilbrittain (top) who defeated Bishopstown (below) to win the Cork Co. u-18 camogie championship.



First title

Kilbrittain 1-6
Bishopstown 1-2

KILBRITTAIN captured their first Cork Co Under 18 camogie title at Ballincollig yesterday with a four points win over Bishopstown.

Scorers — Kilbrittain: Deirdre Dineen 1-0, Karen Foley 0-2, Miriam Deasy 0-2, Eilish O'Regan and Grainne O'Mahony 0-1. Bishopstown: Aine White 1-1, Vivienne Harris 0-1.

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KILKENNY 1-12 DUBLIN 1-5
KILKENNY collected their first points in the National Senior Camogie League when they got the better of Dublin at Bohernabreena yesterday. In an exciting first half Dublin played with the breeze and led 1-4 to 0-4 at half time. Kilkenny made better use of the bigger pitch in the second half while Dublin failed to score.

SCORERS — Kilkenny: B Mullaly

(0-6), Ann Downey (1-1), B Holmes (0-3), Angela Downey and M Downey (0-1 each). Dublin: L Lynch (1-0), S Dunne (0-3), V Trishy and N Maguire (0-1 each).

OFFALY 2-12 LIMERICK 1-0
OFFALY convincingly beat National Junior League champions Limerick at Sharnone yesterday. Limerick played with the wind in the first half and led 1-6 to 0-6 at half time. Offaly only allowed their opponents two points in the second half while they took every scoring opportunity.

SCORERS — Offaly: M Davis (1-3), G Mahon (0-6), M Lynch (1-1), C McCarthy (0-2). Limerick: P McCarthy (0-4), A O'Sullivan (1-0), L O'Sullivan, B O'Brien, M McCarthy, H Clifford McCarthy (0-1 each).

ST MARY'S 3-15 MAGHERAFELT 0-11
ST MARY'S Charleville booked their ticket to the All-Ireland senior colleges final when they defeated St Mary's Magherafelt in the semi-final at Charleville yesterday. The home side got a great start and had registered 3-1 before Magherafelt got their first score. At half-time St Mary's Charleville led 3-4 to St Mary's Magherafelt 0-3.

SCORERS — Charleville: M Foley (1-3), A Cahill and L Lake (1-1 each), U Troy (0-2). Magherafelt: C McDonnell (0-6), K McCann (0-2), B McIvor (0-1).

National Senior League — Kilkenny 1-12, Dublin 1-5. National Junior League — Dublin 2-4, Armagh 1-2, Offaly 2-12; Limerick 1-0. All-Ireland Senior Colleges semi-final — St Mary's Charleville 3-7; St Mary's Magherafelt 0-11.

Cork thrash Wexford

Cork 7-14 Wexford 1-3

CORK dominated in all areas of their National Senior Camogie League tie played at Rathnure, Co. Wexford, yesterday.

This season the National League will be played with 15 players-a-side on a full sized GAA pitch on an experimental basis, and Cork's ability to master the larger pitch and the three extra players was very obvious in this game.

These sides last met in the All-Ireland final when Cork had an impressive win and from the outset yesterday they were very impressive and were ahead at the interval by 3-6 to 0-3.

On the resumption they continued on a scoring spree adding 4-8 to which Wexford could only reply with a single goal.

Top scorer for Cork was Colette O'Mahony with 3-8, Irene O'Keeffe notched 3-2, Linda Mellerick added another 1-2 while Fiona O'Driscoll completed the Cork scoring with two points.

Wexford, although outclassed, never gave up trying with Jackie Codd (1-1) and Catherine Murphy (0-2) doing their scoring.

Cork were defeated, however, in their Junior League tie with Wexford going down by 3-1 to 0-6.



Sheila Golden, Chairperson Cork Camogie Board, presents the John Geary Trophy to Kilbrittain captain Gráinne O'Mahony, following their victory in the Under-18 Camogie Championship.

Antrim girls no match for seven-goal Kildare

KILDARE were in sparkling form against Antrim in the National Senior League at Clane. They were much fitter and sharper, although it took them 15 minutes before they registered a score, but went on to lead 2-4 to 0-0 at half time.

Their backline of Geraldine Dwyer, Clair Moloney and Teresa Farrelly caused a lot of problems for the Antrim girls. Early in the second half Grace McMullan slammed home Antrim's first score. But their hopes of victory were shortlived when Kate Treacy had a brace of goals in as many minutes.

The Lillywhites ran out easy winners on a score of 7-8 to 1-1. Kildare: K Treacy (3-0), N Leahy (2-0), S Brown (1-1), N Kerrigan (1-0), L Doran, M Malone (0-3 each), R Treacy (0-1).

Antrim: G McMullan (1-0), D O'Boyle (0-1).

● Kildare juniors were also successful in collecting a brace of points in the Junior League against Cavan at Clane. Kildare led 1-2 to 1-0 at half-time. The second half was a ding-dong battle with defences in top form. Cavan conceded just two points, but they failed to score. Final score Kildare 1-4 Cavan 1-0.

Scorers — Kildare: O Flanagan (1-0), S Brown, N Kerrigan, S Mullins, A Treacy (0-1 each). Cavan: I Kiernan (1-0).

● Carlow had to give way to all-Ireland junior champions, Tipperary at Dr Cullen Park. Carlow put up quite a good performance especially in the second half when little separated the sides.

A flurry of goals in the first

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half by Tipperary's Ann Gleeson, Helen Kealy and Helen O'Leary left Carlow with little chance as Tipperary led 4-6 to 1-4 at the interval. Carlow fought back well in the second half and had good performers in centres Valerie Crean, Mary Smith, Nuala Quirke and Ann Marie Ryan. Final Score: Tipperary 6-12 Carlow 3-8.

Scorers — Tipperary: A Gleeson (4-3), H Kealy (1-2), H O'Leary (1-0), C Moloney (0-3), J Tobin (0-2), M Ryan C Burke (0-1 each). Carlow: V Crean (2-7), M Byrne (1-0), M Sheehan (0-1).

● Kilkenny travelled to Ballinasloe and met with a formidable

force in All-Ireland junior finalists Galway. The home side led 3-2 to 0-0 at half-time and ran out easy winners in a score of 4-3 to 1-4.

Scorers — Galway: D Maher (1-1), M Heggarty, C Hannon, M Larkin (1-0 each), O Broderick (0-2). Kilkenny: B Maher (1-0), I Kennedy (0-3), M McGrath (0-1).

● The final of the Milk Cup Inter-club tournament was played at Turin, Westmeath on Sunday. And after a hard fought tussle between two Meath clubs, Killyon emerged winners over Trim. Killyon led 1-6 to 0-5 at half-time. Trim came more into the game in the second half and with seven minutes to go the teams were level. Trim missed many scoring opportunities, the win-

ning score came when Laura Kearney placed Jackie Maher for a well taken goal. Trim replied with a point. Final score Killyon 2-7 Trim 0-11.

Killyon: M Connolly, A Gannon, B O'Sullivan, M Burke, M Burke, P Halton, S Raleigh (0-7), J Maher (1-0), C Raleigh (1-0), L Kearney, M Lucey, S Gannon, Trim: B Kelly, L McEvoy, D Rafter, M Andrews, D Smith, L Dempsey (0-1), D O'Carroll (0-3), S Connolly, F Dunphy, C O'Brien (0-7), C Smith, S Dempsey. Player of the match was awarded to Christine O'Brien Trim.

There are no games down for decision this weekend as all interest is focussed on the annual congress which takes place on this Saturday and Sunday in Hayden's Hotel, Ballinasloe.

Carey's golden goal keeps Celtic firmly at the top

CORK GIRL, Paula Carey, struck the golden goal for Celtic in the Phoenix Park last Sunday, a goal that helps keep them top of the tree in the Senior A Division, writes Niall Scully.

Carey, an accomplished full-forward, who played with the famed St. Finbarrs in Cork, made her critical contribution against the ever-improving Ballyboden St. Endas in a 1-4 to 0-2 success. Boden, just fresh from their

triumph over Crumlin, made Celtic toil all the way for a victory that maintained Celtic's unbeaten surge in the League.

Midfielder, Ann Cooper, in excellent form, scored Celtic's four points, three of them coming from frees in a display which saw beneficial offerings from Adele Campbell and Mairead Cronin.

In the double-round League system, Celtic have reached the turn with confidence and style,

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and they will not be toppled easily.

In quite a surprise in the Senior B Championship, Round Towers of Clondalkin defeated Drimnagh's Good Counsel. Counsel are having a splendid campaign in the League, but this result will be seen as a major disappointment to them.

On Sunday, the Dublin seniors travel to Cork for their second League outing of the season, having shown promise in their home reverse against Kilkenny earlier this month.

FIXTURES

TONIGHT — Phoenix Park (6.30): Jun B1 — St. Monica's v St. Oliver Plunketts. Inter — Raheny v Naomh Buidé. Jun A — Crumlin v Trinity Gaels. Jun B2 — Liffey Gaels v Cumann Setanta.
TOMORROW — Phoenix Park (6.30): Jun B1 — Whitehall Colmcille v Naomh Padraig. Inter — Cumann UI Chonail v Naomh Aodha. Jun A —

Craobh Chiarain v St. Jude's. Jun B2 — St. Oliver Plunketts v Good Counsel.

SUNDAY — Phoenix Park (11.0): Jun A C'ship — St. Jude's v Towers/Brid. Jun A C'ship — Clontarf/Isles v Craobh Chiarain. (12.15): Inter C'ship — St. Finians v Quila. Jun B C'ship — Jude's/Commercials v Round Towers (L). Jun B C'ship — Na Flanna v Marks/Fionbarr. (1.30): Jun A C'ship — Trinity/Mario v Crumlin/Crokes. Jun B C'ship — Cumann UI Chonail/Plunketts v Whitehall Colmcille.

TUESDAY — Phoenix Park (6.30): Jun B1 — Whitehall Colmcille v St. Oliver Plunketts. Inter C'ship — Naomh Meánóg v Raheny. Inter C'ship — Cumann UI Chonail v Naomh Aodha. Jun B1 — Round Towers v St. Margarets.

Brida Uí Mhuirgáin, President Camogie Association, presenting the cup to Marion O'Leary (Waterford) captain, Combined Colleges (Purcell), who defeated Combined Universities (Ashbourne) in the Combined Camogie final at Rossmore GAA Ground, Waterford, which was run in conjunction with the Fitzgibbon Cup 1993.



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National Camogie Leagues Continue On Sunday

The National Camogie Leagues continue on Sunday next. Played on a trial basis of 15 a side on a big pitch. In Senior four teams will be making their debut. Kildare will show their hospitality to Antrim. When the sides met in the League last season Kildare were victorious on Antrim's home ground on a score of 4-6 to 2-0. Pat Herbert is back training Kildare after an absence of two years abroad. They look set to take the points here, fielding star players in Miriam Malone, Anna Dargan, Rose Merriman and Claire Maloney.

Antrim will not travel the long journey without an air of confidence. They have excellent performers in Denise O'Boyle, Marie McAttaney, Brona McCorry, Queen's University star and Grace McMullen, who was a gem for U.U. Jordanstown in the Ashbourne Cup final. They are sure to create a lot of problems for the Lily Whites.

In the other Senior game Galway host Down in what should be an entertaining encounter. Down are a graded Intermediate team taking part in the Senior League. They are a determined force with Players such as Bonnie McCreevey, Coleen Hynds, Donna Greeran and Cooleraire University star Mairin McAleenan. Nevertheless their chance of victory is slim, as Galway, trained by Cyril Farrell, are sure to make a big impression this year. They were unlucky to fail to Wexford in the All-Ireland semi final last year on a score of 2-11 to 1-11. St. Raphael's success down the

years is sure to have a big impact on the team, who have a host of stars, including Imelda Hobbins, Shiela Coen, Imelda Maher and Anne Regan.

The curtain raiser is a Junior League tie between Galway and Kilkenny. Galway, the beaten All-Ireland Junior finalists of last year and Kilkenny, the beaten All-Ireland semi finalists, should produce a sparkling encounter. This season, both sides have recorded wins over Offaly: Galway 4-8 to 0-6 and Kilkenny 3-8 to 1-4. Both sides will field a host of young stars, man coming up through the Colleges. Galway will be served by: Emer Hardiman, Carmel Allen, Ailish Kilkenny and Yvonne Larkin. While Kilkenny will be depending on Catherine Dunne, Imelda Kennedy, Margaret Commerford and Sinead Costello to collect the points.

Bringing up the curtain in Kildare, will be another Junior League match between Kildare and Cavan. Both sides suffered heavy defeats in their previous outings: Kildare at the hands of Dublin and Cavan by Armagh. It should be an evenly contested affair. Cavan have strong players in Ita Kiernan, Margaret Carroll, Mary Brady and Geraldine Morten. Kildare have good performers in Aisling Tracey, Liz Kane, Oni Flanagan and Samantha Feeley.

Finally, Carlow play host to the All-Ireland Junior Champions, Tipperary, who are now graded Intermediate. Carlow were defeated by Kilkenny in the Leinster final last year. They gave a spirited display in their first outing of the League and gained a 3-3 to 1-1 victory over Wexford. They have some very experienced players

including Nuala Quirke, Mary Smyth, Valerie Cean and Anne Marie Ryan, and are sure to put up a good performance.

Tipperary are a formidable force, having four points from two outings: over Waterford 7-8 to 1-0, and Cork 2-7 to 1-1. They have noted players in star forward Deirdre Hughes, Maeve Stokes, centre field, Cora Kennedy, defender and Sinead Neilan, Waterford R.T.C. star. The premier County may carry too much strength for their opponents.

On the Colleges scene F.C.J. Buncloody booked their ticket to the All-Ireland Junior Final when they defeated St. Raphael's, Loughrea. The Leinster side led 2-3 to 1-0 at the interval and ran out worthy winners on a score of 4-5 to 1-2.

Scorers: F.C.J. Buncloody: Esme Murphy 2-4, Ita Kelly 1-1, Mary Byrne 1-0.

St. Raphael's: Ester Murphy 1-0, Gretta Murphy 0-2.

Their opponents in the final will be St. Mary's, Charleville who defeated St. Marys, Magherafelt 5-8 to 1-2 in the other semi final.

The following are the results of the All-Ireland final of Ceol, Caint and Ceili and Set Dancing: Cluain Dubh, Down. Solo singing, Elaine Doyle, Caulry, Westmeath. Table Quiz, Caulry, Westmeath. Recitation, Michael Shinnors, Patrickswell, Limerick. Ballad Group, Na Phiarsaigh, Galway. Instrumental Music, Donna McCusker, Armagh.

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A group of St. Mary's girls celebrate after their semi-final win over Meagherafelt at Newtownshandrum. Both Junior and senior sides contest All-Ireland finals in Tullamore on Saturday.

St Mary's School looks for All-Ireland camogie double

THE JUNIOR and senior camogie teams from St. Mary's School, Charleville journey to the midlands on Saturday to contest the two All-Ireland finals of the Colleges camogie championships which will be played in Tullamore.

The juniors take on the Leinster champions Buncloody in the junior final and the seniors meet Callan, Co. Kilkenny in the seniors.

Neither contest will provide an easy win for the Charleville girls — Buncloody having a particularly strong track record in camogie and Kilkenny camogie teams tradition-

ally proving as strong as their hurling colleagues.

But both St Mary's teams have come through tough campaigns to secure their places in the finals, including impressive away wins over the Ulster champions Meagherafelt, and they will not be easily beaten.

The members of the teams are drawn mainly from clubs like Newtownshandrum, Ballygran and Granagh which have developed a great camogie tradition, especially in recent years.

The school teams have got tremendous support from these clubs and large contingents of supporters have been present at all their games, home and away.

There is also great excitement in the school about the pending finals and St Mary's are sure to have generous and vocal support when they take the field in Tullamore on Saturday.

The teams carry the good wishes of everyone in Charleville. Let's hope they can bring home not just one but two All-Ireland titles.

All-Ireland Camogie Colleges Finals At Tullamore Next Saturday

On Saturday next, the All-Ireland Colleges Camogie finals take place at O'Connor Park, Tullamore. St. Mary's, Charleville are involved in both Senior and Junior. In Senior they take on last year's beaten finalists St. Brigid's, Callan. In their matches to date, Charleville have fielded four players: Breda O'Brien, Deirdre Sheehan, Jean Cullinane and Vera Sheehan on both Junior and Senior teams. This places them at a decided disadvantage for the Senior game. However, both Pres. Atherny and St. Raphael's, Loughrea proved it can be done.

They overcame Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, St. Mary's, Nenagh and Scariff Community to claim the Munster title. They defeated St. Mary's, Magherafelt in the All-Ireland semi final by 3-7 to 0-11. Charleville contested the All-Ireland Senior final in 1987 but await their first title.

St. Brigid's, Callan had to call on all their skill and craft to defeat their neighbours, Loreto, Kilkenny in the Leinster final by 2-6 to 2-3. Due to the withdrawal of St. Brigid's, Loughrea Callan did not have a game at the All-Ireland semi final stage.

They field several players who have worn Kilkenny colours with distinction. Five of the team hold All-Ireland Minor medals: Mary Brennan, Marie Maher, Janet Sweeney, Margaret Comerford and Sinead Millea. Sinead, has of course, three All-Ireland Minor and an All-Ireland Senior medal.

They won the All-Ireland Junior Championship in 1990 and were All-Ireland Senior runners-up in 1975 and 1992. Coached by Noelle O'Driscoll who won All-Ireland Senior medals with both Cork and Kilkenny. Past pupils include: Ann Carroll, Angela and Ann Downey, Breda Holmes and Deirdre Malone.

Defeated by St. Raphael's, Loughrea in last season's decider, Callan will be hard to stop on this occasion. The game is timed for 3.15 p.m.

Callan Team: Aine Comerford, Mary Brennan, Angela O'Carroll, Marie Maher, Janet Sweeney, Olive O'Sullivan, Yvonne O'Meara, Ethel Ann Maloney, Sinead Millea, Eleanor Walsh, Margaret Comerford, Brenda Maher.

Charleville Team: Vera Sheehan, Susan Sheehan, Katherine Horgan, Breda O'Brien, Marie Lake, Jean Cullinane, Joanne Egan, Deirdre Sheehan, Una Lake, Ursula Troy, Aine Cahill, Marie Foley.

In the Junior decider F.C.J. Bunclody will come to Tullamore as impressive Leinster champions. Liberally sprinkled with the stars of



Karina Carroll, Charleville, controls the ball as she cuts through the Nenagh defence in the Munster Junior final

the Wexford Under 14 team. They experienced no real problems en route to the final. The Leinster final was a triumph for young Eime Murphy who registered 4-5 against Pres. Kilkenny.

In the All-Ireland semi final they ousted St. Raphael's, Loughrea on a score of 4-5 to 1-2. They have contested three All-Ireland finals - two Senior and one Junior, but await their first title.

St. Mary's, Charleville defeated Scoil Pol, Kilfinane, Pres. De La Salle, Hospital, St. Patrick's, Shannon, Pres. Bandon and St. Mary's, Nenagh to win the Munster title. They travelled to play St. Mary's, Magherafelt in the All-Ireland semi final and won 5-6 to 1-2. They were All-Ireland Junior champions in 1986 and 1987.

Charleville are coached by Vincent Harrington. Past pupils Frances Broderick and Helen Cagney won Gael Linn Junior medals with Munster.

Bunclody are trained by Rory Kinsella former Wexford player. The school produced three members of the Wexford team who reached the All-Ireland Senior final in 1992 - Stella Synott, Paul Rankin and Ann-Marie O'Connor. Bunclody are favourites to take the title but Charleville will provide staff opposition. The game is timed for 2.00 p.m.

Bunclody Team: Linda Byrne, Deirdre O'Neill, Treasa O'Neill, Angela Murphy, Anita Byrne, Joan Redmond, Katherine Kinsella, Maura Kehoe, Melissa Cahill, Ita Kelly, Mary Byrne, Eime Murphy.

Charleville Team: Mairead Keane, Muireann Harrington, Claire O'Donoghue, Gill Reidy, Breda O'Brien, Jean Cullinane, Deirdre Sheehan, Siobhan Buckley, Carole Sheehy, Roni Hawe, Karina Carroll, Vera Sheehan.

On Sunday the National Leagues continue. In Senior there are three games down for decision. Dublin travel to Cork and may have to wait longer for their first points as they will find the Leesiders a formidable force. Galway travel to Antrim, and with two points under the belt from Down, they may carry too much strength for the home side, who lost in their first outing. Down will show their hospitality to Kildare in what should be an entertaining affair. Kildare have already two points while Down are chasing their first.

In Junior Tipperary should stay on the winning trail where they are at home to Wexford. National League Champions Limerick play host to Kilkenny. They will be anxious to get back on top after their defeat by Offaly. Kilkenny will be equally as anxious to win after dropping two points to Galway.

Cork and Waterford raise the curtain for the Senior game, and should be an entertaining affair. Antrim may prove too strong for Fermanagh on home ground, while Donegal and Derry are sure to produce a sparkling encounter at the latter venue.

P.J. FULHAM



Una Lake scores the opening goal for St. Mary's Charleville in the All-Ireland semi-final against St. Mary's Magherafelt

FCJ BID TO MAKE CAMOGIE HISTORY

If ever a team deserved success on the country's sports fields, it is FCJ Convent of Buncloody in the All-Ireland Colleges Camogie championships, writes Sean Whelan.

FOUR times FCJ have contested All-Ireland Camogie finals in the past ten years - and FOUR times they have lost.

And the heartache doesn't end there, for between finals and semi-finals they have been involved in in the past decade, the Buncloody aces have made an incredible TEN appearances in matches within a score or two of winning national Camogie glory - only to fail at either the final or penultimate hurdle every single time!

But now, this coming week-end, there is more than a strong feeling that the Slaneyiders can redress this hugely disappointing imbalance in the way they have been dealt such an unlucky hand in the fate stakes.

On Saturday next (2 pm) at O'Connor Park in Tullamore, they contest the All-Ireland Junior Camogie final with Charleville, the Cork school in fact appearing in the premier (senior) final on the same programme as part of their 'double'

bid.

And, with FCJ fielding what is widely regarded as 'their best-ever team at junior level', there's more than an outside chance of their upsetting Charleville's celebrations, and at the same time make Irish Camogie history - by becoming the first-ever Wexford school to win an All-Ireland Colleges Camogie title!

Having accounted for Loreto Wexford, Wexford VS and old rivals Colaiste Bride, the FCJ girls then chalked up even greater results with wins over Kilkenny trio of Goresbridge, Callan and Pres. Kilkenny to lift the Leinster crown.

But they reserved one of their greatest-ever achievements in the school's distinguished sporting history when travelling to Cyril Farrell-trained Loughrea St. Raphael's, and beat the experienced home team.

Indeed, this success has, as much as anything else, boosted the confidence of the FCJ camp even greater, and they are to say the least pretty confident - but certainly not over-confident - of winning Saturday's showdown.

It will be the ultimate test for the young Buncloody side, and part of their mission will be to avenge a heartbreaking defeat at the hands of Charleville in the All-Ireland final of 1986.

In the past ten years, they have won fourteen Leinster crowns - five each senior and junior, and four minor. But obviously defeats in the final hurdles ensure that that burning ambition to win their first national crown is always on the minds of all Camogie-ites at FCJ.

Every Camogie fan in the Wexford area will wish FCJ and team mentors Catriona Caulfield and Rory Kinsella every success in their quest on Saturday, and no doubt many will be joining the team's supporters to travel to the Midlands and cheer on the side.

FCJ team (probable) - Linda Byrne; Teresa O'Neill, Deirdre O'Neill, Anita Byrne, Angela Murphy; Joan Redmond, Catriona Kinsella, Maura Kehoe; Melissa Cahill, Ita Kelly, Esme Murphy, Mary Byrne; Linda Kavanagh.

Subs. Linda Kavanagh, Joleen Codd, Sinead Armstrong, Kate Murphy, Lorraine Foley, Annette O'Leary.

St. Brigid's out for revenge

ST. BRIGID'S College (Callan) will travel to Tullamore on Saturday on a mission of atonement! Twelve months ago they made the same trek North, and came home a beaten and disappointed team.

This time the talented Callan girls are determined to sample life on the other side of the street, and they are ready for a greater effort than ever before in a bid to land the first senior camogie all-Ireland title for the school.

Standing in their way are mighty Charleville (Cork), who had no hesitation about coming into Leinster when given their choice of venue, such was their self belief.

Charleville opted to bring Brigid's back to Tullamore, where the Kilkenny girls bit the dust 12 months ago, when beaten by 7-7 to 2-4 by a crack St. Raphael's (Loughrea) team in the all-Ireland final.

But Brigid's are all out for revenge this time. They know it won't be easy. Prior to last year, St. Brigid's last appearance in the final was way back in 1975, when the famous Downey twins, Ann and Angela figured on the team beaten in the final.

This time the Callan school will be hoping that they strike it lucky on their third attempt. Certainly, the girls have spared no effort in their quest for glory.

Six wins

The squad has worked hard under coach Noelle O'Driscoll, and six wins have been scored on the way to the final. Sent packing from the competition were Thomastown, Ballyhale, Kilkenny and Borris vocational schools, and also Castlecomer Community School.

In a 'derby' Leinster final against the Loreto convent, the Callan girls repeated their win of 1992 after a titanic struggle. In what turned out to be a farcical situation surrounding the all-Ireland semi-final, St. Brigid's received a walk-over from Raphael's. The latter were in and out of the competition several times during a hectic few days, before eventually opting out.

Brigid's would have been much happier had they been

involved in a semi-final. They were robbed of badly needed match practise when that semi-final was called off, and now they face into the final without a game in weeks.

Not exactly the way they would have wanted things to work out, but the girls are not letting that worry them. Their sights are set on victory, and they are not prepared to settle for second best this time.

Since last year's showdown, Treacy Millea, Catherine Kehoe and Marie-Ann Cleere have left the school. Brigid's have been left with a seasoned bunch, who all have experience of the big time and know after last year's experience that the pain of defeat is hard to bear.

Sinead Millea, Aine Comerford, Marie Maher, Janet Sweeney and Olive O'Sullivan have been vital players all season for Brigid's. They have been backed up by a group of skilful performers, who have shown a keen cutting edge all season.

Charleville are reckoned to be fast and good ball players. The pain of last year should be an incentive to Brigid's, who are fully determined to make this their day of glory.

The Brigid's brigade

Aine Comerford (Ballycallan) won Leinster senior and junior colleges, under-14 Leinster and senior club championship medals and Leinster colleges senior honours.

Mary Brennan (Lisdowney). A versatile defender. Mary holds an All-Ireland colleges junior, Leinster colleges senior and All-Ireland minor medals, two Leinster minor and under-14 Leinster medals, Leinster colleges senior and county medals.

Angela O'Carroll (Lisdowney) won several under-age medals and Leinster senior colleges medal.

Marie Maher (Tullaroan). She won junior county medal, two Leinster under-14, All-Ireland Minor, All-Ireland colleges junior, Leinster colleges junior and senior medals. Leinster junior medal.

Janet Sweeney (Tullaroan). A junior county championship medal figures among her awards, All-Ireland minor, two Leinster minor, three Leinster under-14, All-Ireland colleges junior, Leinster senior and two Leinster colleges junior medals, Leinster junior medal.

Olive O'Sullivan (Ballycallan)

won All-Ireland colleges junior, Leinster colleges senior and junior and Kilkenny senior championship.

Yvonne O'Mara (Carrickshock). First year on senior panel. Won two county medals and primary school medals in first year blitz, runners-up Leinster minor colleges 7-a-side, Leinster colleges 1991.

Ethyl Ann Moloney (Ballyhale) won All-Ireland colleges junior, two Leinster colleges junior and one Leinster colleges senior medal.

Sinead Millea (Ballycallan). (Captain) won All-Ireland senior, three All-Ireland minor, Kilkenny senior championship, All-Ireland colleges junior and two Leinster colleges junior medals, Leinster colleges senior medal. Honoured as supreme athlete in 1991 Hotel Kilkenny/Kilkenny People scheme.

Eleanor Walsh (Ballyhale) won All-Ireland colleges junior and Leinster colleges junior medals, Leinster colleges senior medal.

Margaret Comerford (Ballycallan) won All-Ireland minor, All-Ireland colleges junior, two Leinster colleges junior, Leinster colleges senior, Leinster under-14 and Kilkenny senior championship medals, Leinster junior medal.

Brenda Maher (Tullaroan) won county junior medal, All-Ireland colleges junior, two Leinster colleges junior, Leinster colleges senior, several under age medals.

Deirdre O'Sullivan (Ballycallan). Won Leinster minor medal. First time on senior panel. Holds runners-up Leinster minor colleges award.

Martina Maher (Tullaroan) won junior county medal, on under-14 Kilkenny team '91, '92, won under-16 and 14 county championships, sister of Brenda and Marie.

Aislinn Dunphy (Thomastown) won All-Ireland colleges junior and Leinster colleges junior medal, Leinster senior colleges medal.

Frances Holohan (Ballyhale). Winner of All-Ireland colleges junior and two Leinster colleges junior, Leinster colleges senior medal.

Margaret Rochford (Mullinahone). First time on senior panel. A much improved player, with plenty of ability.

Lisa Rohan (Mullinahone). Another newcomer to the panel. Won under-12 county medal.

Ashling Byrne (Ballycallan). First time on senior panel. Won primary school championship, under-14 medals, 7-a-side medal, Leinster minor medal.

Ann Marie Coogan (Tullaroan). Won junior championship medal, under-14 and under-16 championships and first year colleges blitz.



ST. MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE, Junior Team



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Today's Finalists

ST. MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE have a very impressive record since camogie was introduced to the School in 1984, less than ten years ago. As well as numerous Cork Colleges titles, they have won a total of eleven Munster Colleges titles - 3 senior, 3 junior, 3 7-a-side and 2 First Year.

St. Mary have four All-Ireland Colleges titles to their credit. In 1986, they collected their first All-Ireland junior title at the expense of today's opponents F.C.J. Bunclody. In the following season, they retained their junior title and added the All-Ireland 7-a-side trophy. The All-Ireland 7-a-side cup remained in Charleville in 1988. Therefore, today's teams have proud tradition to follow. Much of the credit for this success must go to the untiring work and dedication of Sr. Margaret and Vincent Harrington.

Several past pupils have worn the green and white of Limerick with distinction. Frances Broderick and Helen Cagney won Gael-Linn medals with Munster.

ST. BRIGID'S, CALLAN can trace their links with camogie to the foundation of the School in 1949. Camogie has been the main sport in the School ever since. St. Brigid's contested their first All-Ireland Colleges Senior final in 1975 but lost out to Presentation, Athenry in extra time. 1990 was a year to remember for Callan. They won the All-Ireland Colleges junior title in style. The majority of that side will challenge for senior honours today.

The School has contributed greatly to Kilkenny's success over the years. Among its past pupils are Ann Carroll, Olive O'Neill, Angela Downey, Ann Downey, Breda Holmes, Deirdre Malone and Breda Cahill. They hope to become the sixth school to win both All-Ireland Colleges senior and junior titles. Their coach, Noelle O'Driscoll has won All-Ireland Senior medals with both Cork and Kilkenny.

F.C.J. BUNCLODY has long tradition of involvement in Colleges Camogie, guided in the initial years by Lily Ralph. The School has dominated camogie in Co. Wexford from the early eighties. The F.C.J.'s have consistently won the honour of representing the county in Senior, Junior and Minor provincial competitions. Four Minor Leinster titles, five Junior titles and five Leinster Senior A titles in a row were won during this period.

The School has produced some fine inter-county players like Stella Sinnott, Jackie Codd, Paula Rankin and Anne Marie O'Connor. The strength of Camogie in the School is reflected in the fact that at least one Leinster title has been won every year for the last ten years.

Defeats in four All-Ireland finals and five All-Ireland semi-finals have not diminished their resolve to win their first All-Ireland Camogie title. P.E. teachers, Rory Kinsella and Caitriona Caulfield have been successfully coaching school teams since their arrival in 1981.

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St. Mary's, Charleville meet F.C.J. Bunclody in the junior final and in their previous meeting at this stage in 1986 Charleville emerged victorious. Bunclody who are appearing in their second junior final will be hoping to go one better this time, while Charleville will be hoping to win their third junior All-Ireland and maybe bring off the double, as their senior team are also in to the final, where they meet last year's defeated finalists, St. Brigid's Callan.



Last year Callan had to give best to St. Raphael's, Loughrea, who were winning their eighth senior title in a row, an achievement that will hardly be equalled.

Callan will be hoping that the experience of that game will stand to them, while Charleville will be intent on creating their own bit of history.

Tá súil agam go mbeidh tráthnóna taithneamhach ag gach éinne go bhfuil baint acu leis na gcluichí. Tá sé in am tráth dom freisin mo bhuíochas a gabhail leis na h-oifigh agus na teachtaí ar son an cabhar agus an chomh oibriú a thugadar dom i rith na bliana.

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Una Lake scores the opening goal for Charleville in the All-Ireland Senior semi-final against Magherafelt.

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MAIREAD KEANE (Newtown): Playing in her favourite position, she only conceded three goals in the Munster Championship which included five games. She has Munster Colleges junior and First Year and Cork Colleges medals.

MUIREANN HARRINGTON (Newtown): A fast reliable defender who is also on the senior panel. Daughter of former U.C.C. Ashbourne player, Mary Coakley. Muireann has Munster Colleges junior and First Year and Cork Colleges medals.

CLAIRE DONOGHUE (Granagh): A solid defender and a tight marker, she has Munster Colleges junior and First Year and Cork Colleges medals.

GILL REIDY (Newtown): A great defender in the campaign so far. Holds Munster Colleges junior and First Year and Cork Colleges medals.

SIOBHAN BUCKLEY (Newtown): A fine all rounder. She has played in defence and midfield for the School. Holds Munster Colleges junior and First Year and Cork Colleges medals.

RONI HAWE (Newtown): A good forward who combines well with her inside players. She has Munster Colleges junior and First Year and Cork Colleges medals.

CAROLE SHEEHY (Ballyagran): A skilful and versatile player who figures in the forwards for her School and as goalkeeper for her club. She has Munster Colleges junior and First Year and Cork Colleges medals.

KARINA CARROLL (Newtown): She is a very hard working player who is dedicated to the game. A good forward, she has Munster Colleges junior and First Year medals.

LAURA LESLIE (Granagh): The youngest member of the panel. Laura is a very skilful player who should have a great future. Holds a Munster Colleges junior medal.

KATHY O'SHEA (Ballyagran): This is Kathy's first year in Secondary School and she has adapted very well to Colleges camogie. A very good ground hurler, she has a Munster Colleges junior medal.

MARIE O'BRIEN (Granagh): Another newcomer to the School and team. A very skilful forward of whom a lot more will be heard of. Has a Munster Colleges junior medal.

ANGELA SHEEHY (Ballyagran): A sister of Carole, she joined the panel this season. Angela, who has a Munster Colleges junior medal plays in the forwards.

ANGELA MAHONY (Ballyhea): Angela played on the school's First Year team last season and has progressed to the junior team.

MARY SCULLY (Granagh): Mary joined the junior panel this year and plays in attack. She was a member of last season's winning First Year side.

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LINDAY BYRNE (Bunclody): Linda is a First Year and an excellent goalie. She has three County Under-Age Championship medals, a Colleges Junior medal this year and an inter-county U14 Leinster Championship medal.

TREASA O'NEILL (Myshall): Treasa has a Colleges Minor and Junior Leinster medal, five County Championship medals, a Leinster U14 "B" Inter-County medal and has been a very effective defender all season.

DEIRDRE O'NEILL (Bunclody): Deirdre has a Leinster Junior and Minor Colleges medal, three Under-age County Championship medals and was a member of the Wexford Leinster Championship winning team last year (1992). Deirdre, a member of the Senior school squad, has played in goal, at full forward and is today playing at full-back.

ANITA BYRNE (Bunclody): Anita is a very strong, determined defender who has three County Championship medals, a Leinster Junior Colleges medal and was a member of the Wexford U14 team who won Leinster last year.

ANGELA MURPHY (Bunclody): A solid centre back with Inter-County experience at U14 level, Angela is the winner of three County Championship medals and a Leinster Colleges Junior medal.

MAURA KEHOE (Kildavin/Clonegal): Maura has had an excellent season at mid-field, has two Leinster Junior Colleges medals, one Minor Colleges medal and an Inter-County "B" U14 Leinster medal with Carlow.

JOAN REDMOND (Bunclody): Joan plays at mid-field and is a member of the Senior school squad, holder of three Under-age County Championship medals, Leinster Junior & Minor Colleges medal and was also a member of the victorious Wexford U14 Leinster Championship team last year.

KATHERINA KINSELLA (Marshallstown): Katherina is Captain of the team, a prominent member of the Senior squad, holder of Leinster Junior & Minor Colleges medals, three County Championship medals and was a member of Wexford's Leinster U14 Championship winning team last year.

ITA KELLY (Bunclody): Ita is a member of the Senior squad, has won two Leinster Junior Colleges medals, four Under-age County medals, a Minor Colleges medal and an Inter-County U14 Championship medal. Ita has been a very effective centre forward this year but also played in goal in the '91 All-Ireland Junior semi-final against Nenagh.

MELISSA CAHILL (Bunclody): Melissa has three Under-Age County medals, a Leinster Colleges Junior and Minor medal and has played at mid-field and corner forward this year.

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ESME MURPHY (Bunclody): Esme is a member of the school Senior squad and is a free scoring full forward on this year's Junior team. She has three Under-Age County medals, a Leinster Colleges Junior and Minor medal and is the holder of a Leinster inter-county U14 medal.

MARY BYRNE (Kilrush): Mary has played at corner-forward this year and is the holder of a Leinster Colleges Junior and Minor medal. She is a prominent member of the Kilrush Camogie Club.

LINDA KAVANAGH (Bunclody): Linda is a First Year and is the holder of three County Championship medals, a Leinster Junior Colleges medal and was a member of the Wexford U14 Leinster Championship winning team last year.

JOLENE CODD (Rathnure): Jolene is a niece of the famed Wexford inter-county player, Jackie Codd, and holds two County Championship medals and Leinster Colleges Junior and Minor medals.

LORRAINE FOLEY (Bunclody): Lorraine has three Under-Age County Championship medals and Leinster Junior and Minor Colleges medals.

KATE MURPHY (Kilrush): Kate is the holder of two Under-Age Championship medals and Leinster Colleges Junior and Minor medals.

ANNETTE O'LEARY (Monageer): Annette is the holder of four Under-age County medals, was a member of the Monageer team which reached the All-Ireland Feile final and has a Leinster Colleges Junior medal.

SINEAD ARMSTRONG (Duffry Rovers): Sinead is a prominent member of the famous Duffry Rovers Club and is the holder of a Leinster Colleges Junior and Minor medal.



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LINDAY BYRNE (Bunclody): Linda is a First Year and an excellent goalie. She has three County Under-Age Championship medals, a Colleges Junior medal this year and an inter-county U14 Leinster Championship medal.

TREASA O'NEILL (Myshall): Treasa has a Colleges Minor and Junior Leinster medal, five County Championship medals, a Leinster U14 "B" Inter-County medal and has been a very effective defender all season.

DEIRDRE O'NEILL (Bunclody): Deirdre has a Leinster Junior and Minor Colleges medal, three Under-age County Championship medals and was a member of the Wexford Leinster Championship winning team last year (1992). Deirdre, a member of the Senior school squad, has played in goal, at full forward and is today playing at full-back.

ANITA BYRNE (Bunclody): Anita is a very strong, determined defender who has three County Championship medals, a Leinster Junior Colleges medal and was a member of the Wexford U14 team who won Leinster last year.

ANGELA MURPHY (Bunclody): A solid centre back with Inter-County experience at U14 level, Angela is the winner of three County Championship medals and a Leinster Colleges Junior medal.

MAURA KEHOE (Kildavin/Clonegal): Maura has had an excellent season at mid-field, has two Leinster Junior Colleges medals, one Minor Colleges medal and an Inter-County "B" U14 Leinster medal with Carlow.

JOAN REDMOND (Bunclody): Joan plays at mid-field and is a member of the Senior school squad, holder of three Under-age County Championship medals, Leinster Junior & Minor Colleges medal and was also a member of the victorious Wexford U14 Leinster Championship team last year.

KATHERINA KINSELLA (Marshallstown): Katherina is Captain of the team, a prominent member of the Senior squad, holder of Leinster Junior & Minor Colleges medals, three County Championship medals and was a member of Wexford's Leinster U14 Championship winning team last year.

ITA KELLY (Bunclody): Ita is a member of the Senior squad, has won two Leinster Junior Colleges medals, four Under-age County medals, a Minor Colleges medal and an Inter-County U14 Championship medal. Ita has been a very effective centre forward this year but also played in goal in the '91 All-Ireland Junior semi-final against Nenagh.

MELISSA CAHILL (Bunclody): Melissa has three Under-Age County medals, a Leinster Colleges Junior and Minor medal and has played at mid-field and corner forward this year.

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ESME MURPHY (Bunclody): Esme is a member of the school Senior squad and is a free scoring full forward on this year's Junior team. She has three Under-Age County medals, a Leinster Colleges Junior and Minor medal and is the holder of a Leinster inter-county U14 medal.

MARY BYRNE (Kilrush): Mary has played at corner-forward this year and is the holder of a Leinster Colleges Junior and Minor medal. She is a prominent member of the Kilrush Camogie Club.

LINDA KAVANAGH (Bunclody): Linda is a First Year and is the holder of three County Championship medals, a Leinster Junior Colleges medal and was a member of the Wexford U14 Leinster Championship winning team last year.

JOLENE CODD (Rathnure): Jolene is a niece of the famed Wexford inter-county player, Jackie Codd, and holds two County Championship medals and Leinster Colleges Junior and Minor medals.

LORRAINE FOLEY (Bunclody): Lorraine has three Under-Age County Championship medals and Leinster Junior and Minor Colleges medals.

KATE MURPHY (Kilrush): Kate is the holder of two Under-Age Championship medals and Leinster Colleges Junior and Minor medals.

ANNETTE O'LEARY (Monageer): Annette is the holder of four Under-age County medals, was a member of the Monageer team which reached the All-Ireland Feile final and has a Leinster Colleges Junior medal.

SINEAD ARMSTRONG (Duffry Rovers): Sinead is a prominent member of the famous Duffry Rovers Club and is the holder of a Leinster Colleges Junior and Minor medal.



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ST. MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE, Junior Team



Una Lake scores the opening goal for Charleville in the All-Ireland Senior semi-final against Magherafelt.

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MAIREAD KEANE (Newtown): Playing in her favourite position, she only conceded three goals in the Munster Championship which included five games. She has Munster Colleges junior and First Year and Cork Colleges medals.

MUIREANN HARRINGTON (Newtown): A fast reliable defender who is also on the senior panel. Daughter of former U.C.C. Ashbourne player, Mary Coakley, Muireann has Munster Colleges junior and First Year and Cork Colleges medals.

CLAIRE DONOGHUE (Granagh): A solid defender and a tight marker, she has Munster Colleges junior and First Year and Cork Colleges medals.

GILL REIDY (Newtown): A great defender in the campaign so far. Holds Munster Colleges junior and First Year and Cork Colleges medals.

SIOBHAN BUCKLEY (Newtown): A fine all rounder. She has played in defence and midfield for the School. Holds Munster Colleges junior and First Year and Cork Colleges medals.

RONI HAWK (Newtown): A good forward who combines well with her inside players. She has Munster Colleges junior and First Year and Cork Colleges medals.

CAROLE SHEEHY (Ballyagran): A skilful and versatile player who figures in the forwards for her School and as goalkeeper for her club. She has Munster Colleges junior and First Year and Cork Colleges medals.

KARINA CARROLL (Newtown): She is a very hard working player who is dedicated to the game. A good forward, she has Munster Colleges junior and First Year medals.

LAURA LESLIE (Granagh): The youngest member of the panel, Laura is a very skilful player who should have a great future. Holds a Munster Colleges junior medal.

KATHY O'SHEA (Ballyagran): This is Kathy's first year in Secondary School and she has adapted very well to Colleges camogie. A very good ground hurler, she has a Munster Colleges junior medal.

MARIE O'BRIEN (Granagh): Another newcomer to the School and team. A very skilful forward of whom a lot more will be heard of. Has a Munster Colleges junior medal.

ANGELA SHEEHY (Ballyagran): A sister of Carole, she joined the panel this season. Angela, who has a Munster Colleges junior medal plays in the forwards.

ANGELA MAHONY (Ballyhea): Angela played on the school's First Year team last season and has progressed to the junior team.

MARY SCULLY (Granagh): Mary joined the junior panel this year and plays in attack. She was a member of last season's winning First Year side.

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MAIREAD KEANE
 M. Ni Chatháin

2.
MUIREANN HARRINGTON
 M. Nic Arrachtáin

3.
CLAIRE DONOGHUE
 C. Ni Dionnacha

4.
BREDA O'BRIEN (Capt)
 B. Ni Bhriain

5.
GILL REIDY
 G. Ni Riada

6.
DEIRDRE SHEEHAN
 D. Ni Shiocháin

7.
JEAN CULLINANE
 S. Ni Chullanain

8.
SIOBHAN BUCKLEY
 S. Ni Bhuchalla

9.
RONI HAWE
 R. Nic Eachach

10.
CAROLE SHEEHY
 C. Ni Shitigh

11.
KARINA CARROLL
 K. Ni Chearúil

12.
VERA SHEEHAN
 V. Ni Shiocháin

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 14. KATHY O'SHEA C. Ni Sé
 15. MARIE O'BRIEN M. Ni Bhriain
 16. ANGELA SHEEHY A. Ni Shitigh
 17. ANGELA O'MAHONY A. Ni Mhathúna
 18. MARY SCULLY M. Ni Scullaigh

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 Maroon and White

1.
LINDA BYRNE
 L. Ni Bhroin

2.
DEIRDRE O'NEILL
 D. Ni Neill

3.
TERESA O'NEILL
 T. Ni Neill

4.
ANGELA MURPHY
 A. Ni Mhurchu

5.
ANITA BYRNE
 A. Ni Bhroin

6.
JOAN REDMOND
 S. Nic Reamoinn

7.
KATHERINE KINSELLA
 C. Ni Chinnsealaigh
 (Capt)

8.
MAURA KEHOE
 M. Ni Eochaidh

9.
MELISSA CAHILL
 M. Ni Chathail

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Scoil Naomh Maire, Rathlairc
St. Mary's, Charleville
Navy and Blue

1.
VERA SHEEHAN
V. Ni Siócháin

2.
SUSAN SHEEHAN
S. Ni Siócháin

3.
KATHERINA HORGAN
C. Ni hArgáin

4.
BREDÁ O'BRIEN
B. Ni Briain

5.
MARIE LAKE
M. Ni Laoch

6.
DEIRDRE SHEEHAN
D. Ni Shiocháin

7.
JOANNE EGAN
S. Ni Áogain

8.
JEAN CULLINANE
J. Ni Chullanain

9.
AINE CAHILL
A. Ni Chathail

10.
URSULA TROY
U. Ni Troitigh

11.
UNA LAKE
U. Ni Laoch

12.
MARIE FOLEY
M. Ni Foghlú

SUBS: 13. CAROLE SHEEHY C. Ni Shithigh
14. MUIREANN HARRINGTON M. Ni Arrachtáin
15. LISA KELLEHERE. Ni Chéilleachair
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St. Brigid's, Callan
Blue and White

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AINE COMERFORD
A. Ni Chomartuin

2.
JANET SWEENEY
S. Ni Shuibhne

3.
MARY BRENNAN
M. Ni Bhraonain

4.
MARIE MAHER
M. Ni Mheachair

5.
ANGELA O'CARROLL
A. Ni Chearrbhaill

6.
YVONNE O'MARA
Y. Ni Mheara

7.
OLIVE O'SULLIVAN
O. Ni Shuilleabhain

8.
ETHEL ANN MALONEY
E. Ni Mhaoldomhnaigh

9.
ELEANOR WALSH
E. Ni Bhreathneach

10.
SINEAD MILLEA
S. Ni Mhaoladha

11.
MARGARET COMERFORD
M. Ni Chomartuin

12.
BRENDA MAHER
B. Ni Mheachair

SUBS: 13. CAROLINE CAMPION
14. MARTINE MAHER, M. Ni Mheachair
15. DEIRDRE O'SULLIVAN D. Ni Shuilleachain
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VERA SHEEHAN (Granagh): Vera is a versatile player with tremendous heart. She is the senior goalkeeper and the top scorer with the junior side. Holds a National Feile na nGael, Munster Colleges senior, junior and First Year medals.

SUSAN SHEEHAN (Granagh): A solid defender and a very good marker who has made the full-back position her own. Captained the School junior team last season. Holds Munster Colleges senior and 7-a-side and several Cork Colleges medals.

KATHARINA HORGAN (Ballyagran): Katharina is a strong and tenacious player with great heart. She has Munster Colleges senior, 7-a-side and numerous Cork Colleges medals.

BREDA O'BRIEN (Granagh): An accomplished player who figures at centre-back on both senior and junior teams. Breda, who captains the junior team, has won National Feile na nGael, Munster Colleges senior, junior, 7-a-side and First Year medals.

MARIE LAKE (Granagh): A strong defender who has performed very well this season. Marie has Munster Colleges senior, 7-a-side and Cork Colleges medals.

DEIRDRE SHEEHAN (Granagh): A player with lots of ability and skill. Plays midfield for both seniors and juniors. Holds National Feile na nGael, Munster Colleges senior, junior, 7-a-side and First Year and Cork Colleges medals.

JOANNE EGAN (Newtown): A very experienced and accomplished player. She has Munster Colleges senior, 7-a-side and Cork Colleges medals.

JEAN CULLINANE (Granagh): A fast and extremely good player, she is a niece of Limerick All-Ireland players, Geraldine and Bernadette O'Brien. Jean features on both teams today and holds Munster Colleges, Cork Colleges and National Feile na nGael medals.

AINE CAHILL (Granagh): A very good forward with great speed. Aine, who is well able to take her scores, has Munster Colleges senior and 7-a-side medals.

URSULA TROY (Newtown): Captain of the senior team, Ursula is a great all rounder who can play well in midfield or attack. She is a niece of Fr. Bertie Troy, who coached the Cork hurlers to All-Ireland success. Ursula has Munster Colleges senior and 7-a-side medals.

UNA LAKE (Ballyagran): Another all rounder in camogie and athletics. A good forward who also works well in midfield. Holds Munster and Cork Colleges medals and an All-Ireland Cross Country medal.

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MARIE FOLEY (Ballyagran): A very talented and skilful player, Marie has a great eye for a ball and when on her game can make scoring look easy. Holds Munster Colleges senior, 7-a-side and Cork Colleges medals.

LISA KELLEHER (Newtown): A newcomer to the senior panel, she is a skilful midfielder who can also play in defence. She has Munster Colleges Senior and First Year and several Cork Colleges medals.

KATHERINE DALY (Newtown): A wholehearted player who joined the senior panel this season. Katherine, who plays in the forwards, has Munster Colleges senior and First Year and several Cork Colleges medals.

OLIVE BURKE (Newtown): A strong defender for both club and school teams and is developing into a very able player. She has Munster Colleges senior and Cork Colleges senior and junior medals.



ST. MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE, Senior Team

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AINE COMERFORD (Ballycallan): Aine has won Leinster under 14 and Kilkenny senior championships. She also holds Leinster Colleges senior and junior medals.

MARY BRENNAN (Lisdowney): Has All-Ireland Colleges junior, Leinster Colleges senior and junior, All-Ireland and Leinster minor and Leinster Under 14 medals.

ANGELA O'CARROLL (Lisdowney): Angela holds Leinster Colleges senior and several underage medals.

MARIE MAHER (Tullaroan): Has All-Ireland Minor and Colleges Junior medals. Also won Leinster Colleges senior and junior, Leinster minor and Under 14 medals.

JANET SWEENEY (Tullaroan): Her collection of medals includes All-Ireland minor and junior colleges, Leinster minor and Under 14 and Leinster Colleges senior and junior medals.

OLIVE O'SULLIVAN (Ballycallan): Holds a Kilkenny senior championship medal in addition to an All-Ireland Colleges junior and Leinster Colleges senior and junior medals.

YVONNE O'MEARA (Carrickshock): First season on School senior team. Holds Primary Schools, Leinster Colleges and Kilkenny county medals.

ETHYL ANN MALONEY (Ballyhale): Has won an All-Ireland Colleges Junior and Leinster Colleges senior and junior medals.

SINEAD MILLEA (Ballycallan): Captain of Callan, Sinead has All-Ireland senior and minor, Kilkenny senior championship, Leinster senior, minor and Under 14, All-Ireland Colleges junior and Leinster Colleges senior and junior medals.

ELEANOR WALSH (Ballyhale): Eleanor has an All-Ireland Colleges junior and Leinster Colleges senior and junior medals.

MARGARET COMERFORD (Ballycallan): Holds an All-Ireland Minor, an All-Ireland Colleges junior and Kilkenny senior championship medals. Also won Leinster Colleges senior and junior and Leinster junior, minor and Under 14 medals.

BRENDA MAHER (Tullaroan): Has an All-Ireland Colleges junior, Kilkenny county junior, Leinster Colleges senior and junior medals.

CAROLINE CAMPION (Tullaroan): Has an All-Ireland Colleges junior and Leinster minor medal.

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DEIRDRE O'SULLIVAN (Ballycallan): A newcomer to the senior panel. She has a Leinster minor medal.

MARTINA MAHER (Tullaroan): A sister of Brenda and Marie, she played with Kilkenny Under 14 team in 1991 and 1992. Has a Kilkenny junior county medal.

AOIBHLINN DUNPHY (Thomastown): Has an All-Ireland Colleges junior and Leinster Colleges senior and junior medals.

FRANCES HOLOHAN (Ballyhale): Winner of an All-Ireland Colleges junior, Leinster Colleges senior and junior medals.

MARGARET ROCHFORD (Mullinahone): A newcomer to the panel who is making great strides and should have a great future before her.



COLAISTE BHRIDE, CALLAN

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Beaten camogie teams get warm welcome

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THE senior and junior camogie teams of St Mary's school, Charleville both failed in their bid for All-Ireland honours when they went under to Callan and Bunclody in their respective finals at Tullamore on last Saturday.

The juniors were first into the fray against FCJ Bunclody (Wexford) and were first to open the scoring when Carule pointed after four minutes. Vera Sheehy added another before Bunclody opened their account.

There followed some great passages of play with Bunclody adding on three more points and when Breda O'Brien

goaled for Charleville to leave the half-time score 1-4 to 0-4.

At this stage of the game, St Mary's were playing as well as their highly-rated opponents and were looking like a good to take the game.

On the resumption, the Leinster girls breached St Mary's defence for two goals in quick succession to gain a lead which they never relinquished.

They tacked on three more points while the Charleville only managed to score two points through Breda O'Brien in the half to bring their total for the game to 1-4 to Bunclody's 2-7.

The fact that four of the junior team were also members of the St Mary's senior side did not help their cause in the senior decider against Callan.

St Mary's were again the first to score in this hard fought contest against a physically stronger Kilkenny opposition.

The Callan girls took their scores better and were ahead 1-4 to 1-0 at half-time. St Mary's goal, their only score of the half, was scored by Maria Foley.

The second half saw Callan get com-

pletely on top and they dictated the trend of play to run out comfortable winners.

Breda O'Brien scored the only points of the half for St Mary's who were bitterly disappointed at their finishing score and at losing the final.

However, that disappointment was eased somewhat when they came home to a rousing reception at Charleville train station on Saturday night where the players were welcomed home by hundreds of their fellow students and parents.

All-Ireland Colleges camogie final

St Marys lose to Bunclody

FCJ, BUNCLODY .. 2-7
ST MARY'S,
CHARLEVILLE .. 1-4

FCJ Bunclody won their first All-Ireland Colleges camogie title at windswept Tullamore on Saturday.

Charleville, playing against the wind in the opening half, did well in the early stages and the teams were level at 0-2 each after 11 minutes. Play was very even for the rest of the half with Esme Murphy striking two good points for the winners before Charleville captain Breda O'Brien struck a powerful 21 yards free to the net which gave the North Cork side a slender one point interval lead.

FCJ had a dream second half start with Carina Carroll sending a good ground ball to the well placed Melissa Cahill, who struck a well taken goal.

Two minutes later Vera Sheehan set up Carol Sheehy in front of goal only to see her shot well saved by Linda Byrne in goal.

The real turning point of the game was in the 42nd minute when FCJ's best player, Esme Murphy, gained possession at midfield and soloed through 30 yards before striking a powerful low shot to the Charleville goal. It put her side ahead 2-4 to 1-2.

Linda Byrne again

saved well from Vera Sheehan. Esme Murphy added three further points without reply to give Bunclody the title by a six-point margin.

Scorers — FCJ: Esme Murphy (1-7, 0-3 frees); Melissa Cahill (1-0).

St Mary's: Breda O'Brien (1-2 (1-0 free); Carol Sheehy (0-1); Vera Sheehan (0-1).

FCJ: Linda Byrne (Bunclody), Teresa O'Neill (Myshall), Deirdre O'Neill (Bunclody), Angela Murphy (Bunclody), Anita Byrne (Bunclody), Joan Redmond (Bunclody), Catherine Kinsella (capt), (Marshallstown), Maura Kehoe (Kildavin / Clonegal), Melissa Cahill

(Bunclody), Ita Kelly (Bunclody), Mary Byrne (Kilrush), Esme Murphy (Bunclody).

ST MARY'S: Mairead Keane (Newtownshandrum), Muireann Harrington (Newtownshandrum), Claire O'Donoghue (Granagh), Breda O'Brien (capt), (Granagh), Gillian Reidy (Newtownshandrum), Deirdre Sheehan (Granagh), Jean Cullinane (Granagh), Siobhan Buckley (Newtownshandrum), Roni Hawe (Newtownshandrum), Carol Sheehy (Ballygran), Carina Carroll (Newtownshandrum), Vera Sheehan (Granagh).

Referee: Kitty McNicholas (Ennis).

Bunclody crowned

F.C.J. Bunclody 2-7

St. Marys,
Charleville 1-4

F.C.J. Bunclody had a comfortable win over St. Marys Charleville in the All-Ireland Colleges Junior Camogie Final at Tullamore on Saturday.

A goal by Breda O'Brien from a free gave Charleville the lead 1-2 to 0-4 at the break.

Bunclody goaled in the first minute of the second half. In the 10th minute Esme Murphy soloed through from midfield to score a great goal and increased the winners lead to 2-4 to 1-2.

From there on to the finish the Bunclody defence stood firm and denied the Charleville forwards of at least two goals. Best for the winners Esme Murphy, C. Kavanagh, M. Cahill, A. Murphy. For St. Marys B. O'Brien, M. Keane, V. Sheehan, C. Sheehy.

Scorers F.C.J. E. Murphy 1-7, M. Cahill 1-0. Charleville: B. O'Brien 1-2, V. Sheehan 0-1, C. Sheehy 0-1.

F.C.J. Bunclody: L. Byrne, D. O'Neill, T. O'Neill, A. Murphy, A. Byrne, J. Redmond, C. Kinsella, Captain; M. Kehoe, M. Cahill, I. Kelly, M. Byrne, E. Murphy.

Charleville: M. Keane, M. Harrington, C. Donoghue, B. O'Brien, Captain; J. Reidy, D. Sheehan, G. Cullinane, S. Buckley, R. Haugh, C. Sheehy, C. Carroll, V. Sheehan.

Callan victors

St. Bridgets, Callan 3-7
St. Marys, Charleville 1-2

ST. BRIDGETS, Callan, beaten in last years All Ireland final had a comprehensive win over St. Marys Charleville in the All-Ireland Senior Colleges Camogie Final at Tullamore on Saturday.

The winners playing against the wind in the opening half were quick to get on top and had two points by Sinead Millea in the second and sixth minutes. Breda O'Brien sent a long clearance to Marie Foley who scored a great goal for Charleville and gave them the lead 1-0 to 0-2.

Callan pressed very hard on the Charleville defence and Vera Sheehan in goal made some outstanding saves. Callan lead 1-4 to 1-0 at the break.

The winners with the wind in the second half goaled in the second minute when Sinead Millea struck the net with a powerful shot. Charleville could have goaled in the 10th minute but the Callan keeper Aine Comerford made two great saves.

Sinead Millea scored her second goal six minutes from the time to ensure victory.

Scorers — Callan: S. Millea 2-6, M. Comerford 1-0, M. Maher 0-1. St. Marys: M. Foley 1-0, B. O'Brien 0-2.

CALLAN: A. Comerford, J. Sweeney, M. Brennan, M. Maher, A. O'Connell, Y. O'Meara, O. O'Sullivan, E. Moloney, E. Walsh, S. Millea, M. Comerford, B. Maher.

ST. MARYS: V. Sheehan, S. Sheehan, K. Hogan, B. O'Brien, M. Lake, D. Sheehan, J. Egan, G. Cullinane, A. Cahill, U. Troy, U. Lake, M. Foley.

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St Mary's camogie team coach, Vincent Harrington, imparts some advice to his team members before Sunday's All-Ireland finals.



Sporting dream comes true for Wexford's queens of camogie

By Sean Whelan

THE CHAMPIONS Newly crowned All Ireland Colleges Junior Camogie stars are pictured at last Saturday's final. Back - Joleen Codd, Sinead Armstrong, Mary Byrne, Treasa O'Neill, Anita Byrne, Maura Kehoe, Deirdre O'Neill, Kate Murphy and Melissa Cahill, front - Joan Redmond, Angela Murphy, Esme Murphy, Katherine Kinsella (captain), Linda Byrne, Ita Kelly, Linda Kavanagh and Lorraine Foley.

St Brigid's, Callan, made no mistake this time

ST BRIGIDS, Callan, and FCJ, Bunclody, were the stars of All-Ireland Colleges day at O'Connor Park, Tullamore, on Saturday.

Many future stars were noted on the day. Callan, who were beaten by St Raphael's in the senior final last year, went into this game against St Mary's, Charleville, as favourites and proved impressive.

Their scoring ace, Sinead Millea, caused major problems for the Charleville defence. Callan were two points up when Charleville got their first score, a goal after an entertaining first half that left Callan leading 1-4 to 1-0.

In the second half Callan, who looked much the stronger side, continued to assert their superiority and soon Sinead Millea had the ball in the Charleville net. Charleville

LEINSTER CAMOGIE

ille tried hard as Callan coasted to victory on a score of 3-7 to 1-2.

Scorers Callan: Sinead Millea 2-7, Margaret Comerford 1-0; **Charleville:** Marie Foley 1-0, Breda O'Brien 0-2.

Callan: A Comerford, J Sweeney, M Brennan, M Maher, A O'Carroll, Y O'Meara, O O'Sullivan, E A Maloney, E Walsh, S Millea, M Comerford, B Maher. Subs C Campion, M Maher, D O'Sullivan, E Dunphy, F Houlihan, L Rohan.

FCJ, Bunclody gave a great display to capture the All-Ireland Junior Colleges title against St Mary's, Charleville. Rory Kinsella's girls played with great flair and determination.

The first half was even enough. Bunclody's star, Esme Murphy, reeled off four points and just before half-time, Charleville

took the lead when Breda O'Brien goaled leaving the score at the interval Charleville 1-2; Bunclody 0-4.

Immediately after resumption Melissa Cahill slammed home a goal to put Bunclody in front and they were never headed again, despite excellent performances of the Charleville side. Bunclody took the Junior title on a score of 2-7 to 1-4.

Scorers Bunclody: E Murphy 1-7, M Cahill 1-0. **Charleville:** B O'Brien 1-2, V Sheehan and R Hawe 0-1 each.

Bunclody: L Byrne, D O'Neill, T O'Neill, A Murphy, A Byrne, J Redmond, C Kinsella captain, M Keogh, M Cahill, I Kelly, M Byrne, E Murphy. Subs L Kavanagh, J Codd, S Armstrong, K Murphy, L Foley, A O'Brien.

In the National Junior League, Wexford failed to Tipperary at Thurles. They led 2-1 to 0-3 at half-time. In the second

half, Tipperary introduced Deirdre Hughes who crashed home three goals. Wexford tried to fight back but Tipperary, with the wind in their favour, ran out easy winners on a score of 3-11 to 2-2.

Scorers Tipperary: D Hughes 3-2, N Kennedy and A Gleeson 0-3 each, H O'Leary, M Ryan, H Kiely 0-1 each. **Wexford:** M Doyle 1-1, M Keogh 1-0, B Higgins 0-1.

Kildare got over the first round of the Leinster Minor championship when they defeated Wicklow at Clane. The home side were much the stronger and availed of every scoring opportunity and won 5-2 to 1-1.

Scorers Kildare: C Byrne 2-0, A Garret 1-0, L Murphy 2-0, R Treacy and C Whitaker 0-1 each. **Wicklow:** A Byrne 1-1.

Leinster Minor Championship Dublin 7-13; Louth 1-3. here are no games down for decision this weekend.

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Stylish Sinéad leads St. Brigid's to historic first win

Report by John Knox. Pictures by Tom Brett

St. Brigid's College 3-7
St. Mary's 1-2

THE "Promised Land" was within sight from a long way off and for delighted and celebrating Kilkenny followers it was a matter of sitting back, relaxing and enjoying the show!

And there was some show to enjoy, as mighty St. Brigid's College (Callan) swept past sporting St. Mary's of Charleville (Cork) and into the history books.

Whenever this All-Ireland colleges' senior camogie final at wet Tullamore on Saturday is recalled, not only will it be remembered as St. Brigid's Day but it will also be recollected as sharp-shooting Sinéad's crowning glory.

St. Brigid's own "Captain Fantastic", Sinéad Millea, led her talented troops with aplomb, assurance and incredible skill and showed the real

sign of a champion by producing her best on the big day. On the field she led by example and shot 2-6 of the winners' total. But off it she showed considerable talent too, and her acceptance speech, in both Irish and English, was as good as has been delivered by any player in a long time.

Compensation

Young Millea walked away with the Oscar for the leading lady as St. Brigid's chalked up their first win, which was some compensation for los-

ing last year's final. The skills she has perfected are hard to credit.

One was particularly taken at the way she could bounce with purpose of tackles so that she came out erect, ready to shoot at the target from any angle. And her deft touches with the camán were also a joy to behold.

If Sinéad was the leading lady, there was a long queue behind for the Oscar for best supporting performance. Margaret Comerford, a great player to dig out possession and run menacingly at the opposition was a real contender. So, too, was Eleanor Walsh, a first-class player who made things happen in front of the opposition's goal.

In defence Mary Brennan read the game with a sure eye and she got into some terrific clearances during a near-perfect first half when her team played into the teeth of the gale.

Janet Sweeney was a real battler too, and she showed endless heart. One was also taken by the power of recovery shown by Angela O'Carroll who, if beaten, was always able to get back goal-side of her opponent.

Behind them, goalie Aine Comerford took confidence from two fine, early saves, and her steady play was a source of inspiration to those immediately in front of her and beyond. Just like hard-chasing forward Brenda Maher, she had every reason to have particularly happy memories of this visit to Tullamore.

The lighter St. Mary's girls were under pressure from the opening minute. During the opening seconds Margaret Comerford drilled in a dipping shot which was knocked out for a "30" by star goalie Vera Sheehan. This free shot was turned into a point by sharp-shooter Millea.



Determined St. Brigid's forward Brenda Maher (right) prevents Charleville defenders from clearing the ball.

Minutes later Eleanor Walsh was in the thick of the action and she helped create space for young Millea to shoot a point. On top of those scores, St. Brigid's also shot four wides by the time ten minutes had passed and their was a look about their play that suggested they could be crowned camogie queens.

The Callan supporters obviously knew what was making the difference and up went the amusing chant: "We had our Weetabix". It would appear the losers had a

had a minor score to stretch the difference to 2-6 to 1-1.

The losers were buried without trace nearly ten minutes from the finish when hard-running Millea rode two tackles before rifling a shot into the net. In the dying moments lively reserve Deirdre O'Sullivan nearly had another goal but her flicked effort trickled wide.

That escape was no less than utterly sporting St. Mary's deserved. The power and might of Millea and company up front tortured

the losers who were always under pressure in midfield where Yvonne O'Meara, Olive O'Sullivan and Ethel Ann Moloney dominated.

St. Mary's lacked the overall strength of their opponents but in classy goalkeeper Vera Sheehan, who brought off a string of good saves, Brenda O'Brien, Marie Lake, Joanne Egan and Aine Cahill they had players of enormous heart and commitment.

The teams
St. Brigid's College - Sinéad

Millea (2-6, point '30', point free), Margaret Comerford (1-0), Marie Maher (0-1). St. Mary's - Marie Foley (1-0), Brenda O'Brien (0-2, one free).

The teams
St. Brigid's - Aine Comerford (Ballycallan), Janet Sweeney (Tullaroan), Mary Brennan (Lisdowney), Marie Maher (Tullaroan), Angela O'Carroll (Lisdowney), Yvonne O'Meara (Carrickshock), Olive O'Sullivan (Ballycallan), Ethel Ann Moloney (Ballyhale), Eleanor Walsh (Ballyhale), Sinéad Millea (Ballycallan), Margaret Comerford (Ballycallan), Brenda Maher

(Tullaroan).
St. Mary's - Vera Sheehan, Susan Sheehan, Katherine Hogan, Brenda O'Brien, Marie Lake, Deirdre Sheehan, Joanne Egan, Jean Cullinane, Aine Cahill, Ursula Troy, Una Lake, Marie Foley.

Referee: Betty Joyce

Only six schools won junior-senior double

SKILFUL St. Brigid's College (Callan) captured their first All-Ireland senior camogie title on Saturday. On top of that, they became only the sixth school in history to win the colleges' senior and junior double.

St. Brigid's contested their first All-Ireland colleges' senior final in 1975, when they were beaten by the Presentation, Athenry (7-4 to 2-4). They were also beaten in last year's final.

In between, in 1990, the Callan school won the junior title when they hammered St. Patrick's (Maghera) by 5-8 to 1-4 in the final. The majority of that team sampled success again on Saturday.

The captain of the junior winning team was none other than Sinéad Millea, who shot a record score for a colleges' junior final.

Only three girls have captured All-Ireland winning teams at junior and senior level. Along with Sinéad Millea, Deirdre Costello, St. Raphael's (Loughrea 1984 and '85) and Pamela Nevin, St. Raphael's, Loughrea (1989 and '92) also achieved this tremendous feat.

Incidentally, the St. Brigid's coach-manager, Noelle O'Driscoll won All-Ireland senior camogie medals with both Kilkenny and Cork.

St. Brigid's are only the second Kilkenny school to win the senior All-Ireland. The Presentation Convent won the initial final in 1969, and successfully defended the title in 1970.

appears on the field to score a goal. The 17th minute they broke up the healthy diet, too, because in the race for possession and Marie Foley put the ball into the empty net (1-0 to 0-2). Margaret Comerford had a goal disallowed before Sinéad Millea levelled the scores in the 17th minute. Three minutes later the same player took advantage of a ball pushed into her path by Comerford and earned St. Brigid's the lead they were never to surrender.

The mischievous Walsh combined with Margaret Comerford for the latter to shoot a great goal, which left St. Mary's trailing by 1-0 to 1-4 at half-time after playing with the wind.

For the new half, Nore side manager Noelle O'Driscoll sided Sinéad Millea at full-forward to take advantage of the expected increased possession landing in that area. The switch paid rich dividends within two minutes when a drive from midfield by Comerford was rifled to the net by the team captain (2-4 to 1-0).

From that moment on St. Mary's were on a hiding to nothing. They tried gamely to get in a telling quick reply, but Marie Foley's determined effort for a goal was pushed back. Subsequently Brenda O'Brien and Sinéad Millea traded points before the forward-charging Marie Maher

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Collaiste Bride Abi... St. Brigid's goalkeeper, Aine Comerford, holds aloft the All-Ireland senior camogie trophy after the team's victory at Tullamore, on Saturday. Other players in the picture are (from left): Sinéad Millea (captain), Mary Brennan and Janet Sweeney. Photo: Tom Brett



All-Ireland Champions... the St. Brigid's College, Callan, team who defeated St. Mary's, Charleville, to win the All-Ireland Post Primary senior camogie championship at Tullamore. In front (from left) - Lisa Rohan, Angela O'Carroll, Deirdre O'Sullivan, Janet Sweeney, Brenda Maher, Sinéad Millea (captain), Margaret Comerford, Marie Maher, Aine O'Driscoll (coach), Margaret Rochford, Martina Maher, Ashling Byrne, Yvonne O'Meara, Ann Marie Coogan, Olive O'Sullivan, Caroline Campbell, Eithne Moloney, Aine Comerford, Frances Holohan, Eleanor Walsh, Aodhlinn Dunphy, Mary Brennan. Photo: Tom Brett

FCJ girls make camogie history

FCJ Bunclody.....2-7 St. Mary's, Rathluirc.....1-4

They've done it - at long last! They are the talented tearaways of Convent FCJ Bunclody, and what their achievement has been is the winning of Co. Wexford's first-ever All-Ireland Colleges Camogie championship title.

O'Moore Park in Tullamore was the setting last Saturday afternoon for a large slice of history in the girl-Gaels' game as the Bunclody team beat off the challenge of Scoil Naomh Muire, Rathluirc to take the 1993 colleges Junior crown by seven magical points - 2-7 1-4.

Wexford's rise to the top on Ireland's Camogie fields

included many notable 'firsts' in its heyday in the late 1960s, but almost three decades on sees the writing of yet another chapter in the Slaneyside story with FCJ's brilliant success.

Needless to say, the euphoric scenes that greeted referee Kitty McNicholas's final whistle will live long in the memory of those present, particularly the estimated 500-strong Bunclody

contingent, which mobbed the players and team officials Rory Kinsella and Catriona Caulfield.

For everyone involved, it was a dream come true, and there were a few tears of sheer joy wept as team captain Katherine Kinsella of Marshalstown stepped forward to accept Corn Naomh Gobnait from Central Council President Sheila Ni Mhuireagain.

Saturday's memorable victory is the climax of a long haul littered with near-misses.

skills and eagerness to fashion a never-to-be-forgotten day.

Unfortunately for losers St. Mary's, the Cork school also lost the senior final (to

St. Brigid's of Callan), a double defeat experienced, but now long forgotten, by FCJ in 1986.

On behalf of the FCJ All-Ireland champion side, a

special word of gratitude goes to all who supported them in any way, with special thanks to sponsors (who wish to remain anonymous) who generously

supplied team gear and kitbags etc.; local Camogie clubs Kilrush, Marshalstown, Duffry Rovers and Bunclody; inter-county senior player (and ex-

FCJ player) Paula Rankin, who acted as lineswoman on Saturday; people like Geo. Rankin, Willy Redmond, Noel Ryan, and all others who helped.

Just how the Cup was won in Tullamore

FCJ BUNCLODY.....2-7 SCOIL NAOMH MHUIRE.....1-4

FCJ Convent Bunclody were more than worthy champions at the end of the day, but they had to fight every inch and display all their best qualities to take the crown.

In cold, heavy conditions at O'Moore Park, they found themselves trailing at half-time, even though they had first use of the stiff breeze, but turned in a typically brilliant performance in the last half to clinch their historic win.

They were plainly nervous from the throw-in, but after seeing Scoil Naomh Mhuire's Vera Shannon register the opening score, the Wexford girls leading scorer Esme Murphy replied with two important points (one from a 30').

Shannon and Murphy exchanged a brace of points before disaster struck for FCJ in the shape of Rathluirc's centre-back and captain Breda O'Brien, who first pointed and then

overcome the challenges of opponents such as Nore side trio of Goresbridge, Callan and Kilkenny, and Loughrea's St. Raphael's - all on their home grounds.

A big part in the run came from the camog of top markswoman Esme Murphy (a niece of former school, club and county star Mary), who notched no less than 7-16 overall in three earlier games.

And in Saturday's big test, u-14 2nd Year pupil Esme didn't let the side down with a goal and seven points, her goal the finish of a great solo, followed by another three points (two from play).

At the other end of the field, the FCJ defence was particularly effective, with inspiring figures in culbair Linda Byrne making two

Kehoe (Kildavin); Melissa Cahill (Bunclody), Ita Kelly (Bunclody), Mary Byrne (Kilrush); Esme Murphy

(Bunclody). Subs. Linda Kavanagh (Bunclody) for M. Byrne, Jolene Codd (Rathnure), Sinead

Armstrong (Duffry Rovers), Kate Murphy (Kilrush), Lorraine Foley (Bunclody), Annette O'Leary (Monageer).

League Registrar Willie Dempsey presents the Youth League trophy to North End skipper Derek Hatchell following their 4-0 victory on Sunday over last seasons champions Rossare Rangers.



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Captain Marvellous... Callan Captain Sinéad Millea, top scorer, attacks the Charleville defence with the help of Eleanor Walsh.

Photo: Tom Brett



Breaking Clear... St. Brigid's full-back Janet Sweeney breaks loose to clear the ball under pressure from a Charleville forward.

Photo: Tom Brett

Cork try out new talent

BOTH the Cork senior and junior camogie teams will be in action on Sunday at St. Finbarrs Grounds in Toghher. The Cork seniors play Dublin in the National League while the juniors take on Waterford also in the National League. So a good day is on the cards.

The present league campaign is being played on an experimental 15-a-side basis and on a full length hurling pitch. In their first outing against Wexford two weeks ago the Cork seniors adapted very well to the format and ran out convincing winners against their All-Ireland opponents.

On that occasion the senior selectors had a full-strength panel available. However, this time out they are experiencing a number of injury problems and will be forced to introduce a few new faces.

Therese O'Callaghan and Breda Kenny are both out through injury and there is also a doubt about Denise Cronin. These three will certainly be a huge loss, but the panel has been increased in recent times because of the 15-a-side and it will be an opportunity to try out some new talent.

MUST WIN

Unlike the seniors, the junior team did not adapt as well to the 15-a-side. In their first outing they were forced to give way to a stronger Wexford side, so if they are to maintain their interest in the league will have to win on Sunday. At the time of writing the team was not selected but is certain to include regulars Mary Spillane Vera Motherway, Eileen Buckley, Fiona Twomey, Diane Deane and Alison Dilworth.

Best wishes go this weekend to the girls of St. Mary's School, Charleville, who, tomorrow, contest both the senior and junior All-Ireland Colleges finals at Tullamore. The seniors play Callan of Kilkenny, while the junior team take on FCJ Bunclody.

Fixtures, Sunday, National Junior League: Cork v. Waterford at St. Finbarrs GAA Grounds at 1.30. National Senior League: Cork v. Dublin at St. Finbarrs at 3 p.m.

CAMOIGE

DUBLIN DESTROYED

CORK 4-24 DUBLIN 0-3
FIELDING ten of their All Ireland winning side, Cork proved that they will be the team to beat this year when they had a comprehensive win over Dublin in this National Senior League game at Toghher yesterday.

Despite playing against the wind Cork were quickly into their stride and were 0-6 to 0-3 in front at the break. On the turnover it was all one way traffic with the home side kicking off some excellent scores.

SCORERS — Cork: I O'Keefe 2-3, C O'Mahony 0-8, L Mellerick 1-3, F O'Driscoll 0-4, L O'Neill 1-0, L Dunlea 0-2, S Dunlea, I O'Leary, S Fitzgibbon, B Kenny 0-1 each. **Dublin:** C Walsh 0-2 frees, P Carroll 0-1.

TIPPERARY 3-11 WEXFORD 2-2
SUPER sub Deirdre Hughes crashed home three second half goals to help Tipperary overcome a 2-1 to 0-3 half-time deficit to qualify for the quarter finals of the National Junior Camogie league at Thurles.

SCORERS — Tipperary: D Hughes 3-2, N Kennedy, A Gleeson 0-3 each, H O'Leary, H Kiely, M Ryan 0-1 each. **Wexford:** M. Doyle 1-1, M. Kehoe 1-0, B Higgins 0-1.

CORK 4-5 WATERFORD 0-3
LEADING by 1-4 to no score at half-time, Cork collected their first brace of points in the National Junior League when they proved too good for Waterford at Toghher.

SCORERS — Cork: A Golden 4-0, N O'Regan 0-3, H Kenneally 0-2. **Waterford:** M. Murphy 0-3 frees.

Due to rain, pitches being unplayable a number of NL fixtures had to be cancelled.

All Ireland Colleges Camogie finals — Senior: St Brigid's Callan 3-7, St Mary's Charleville 1-2. **Junior:** FCJ Bunclody 2-7, St Mary's Charleville 1-4.

Champions go on a scoring

By **BRENDAN LARKIN**

CORK 4-24
DUBLIN 0-3

THE CORK senior camogie team served notice that they have no intention of relinquishing their hold on the National League and All-Ireland titles with this comprehensive League victory over Dublin at Togher, Cork, yesterday.

Fielding 10 of the team that won the All-Ireland, Cork, playing into the teeth of a very strong wind in the opening half, took control from the

throw-in and were three points to nil in front after five minutes.

Dublin recovered well after the initial Cork flurry and Cathy Walsh pointed two frees to cut the deficit, but the homeseide stepped up a gear again and a succession of points had the 0-6 to 0-3 in front at the break.

It was all one way traffic in the second half as the champions took complete control. With Breda Kenny rock solid in defence, Sandi Fitzgibbon on top at midfield, and Colette O'Mahony, Linda Mellerick, and Irene O'Keeffe razor sharp in the forwards, Cork picked off some great points, and when Linda Mellerick saw her effort deflected over

the line for a goal in the 35th minute, the game was as over as a competition.

With the Dublin challenge non-existent at this stage, the game became more of a shooting practice for the Cork girls as they proceeded to chalk up their impressive tally, and on the evidence of this form, are obviously going to be the team to beat again this season.

Scorers — Cork: I. O'Keeffe 2-3; C. O'Mahony 0-8 (0-7 frees, 0-1 30); L. Mellerick 1-3; F. O'Driscoll 0-4; L. O'Neill 1-0; L. Dunlea 0-2; S. Dunlea, I. O'Leary, S. Fitzgibbon, B. Kenny 0-1 each. Dublin: C. Walsh 0-2 (frees); P. Carroll 0-1.

CORK — K. Costine; C. McCarthy, M. Finn, P. Goggins, B. Kenny, L. Dunphy, L.

Towler, I. O'Leary, S. Fitzgibbon, Mellerick, F. O'Driscoll, S. Dunlea, O'Keeffe, L. O'Neill, C. O'Mahony, L. Dunlea for S. Dunlea. DUBLIN — S. Caulfield; C. O'Mahony, Clinton, A. McGovern, R. Lyons, Maguire, C. Walsh, V. Trehy, G. Dunne, Kirwin, M. O'Connell, P. Carroll, Ref. M. Pollard (Waterford).

CORK 4-5
WATERFORD 0-3

IN the Junior league game that preceded the senior match, Cork won their first brace of league points when they proved much too good for Waterford, Cork had the advantage

WEXFORD SEEKING PAST GLORIES

GAELSPORT CAMOGIE REPORT

Having reached the All-Ireland senior Camogie final last year, Wexford are sure to make a brave bid to return to Croke Park for another crack at the title and the coveted O'Duffy Cup. They have contested seven All-Ireland finals, but only on three occasions has the trophy paid them a visit.

In 1968 they defeated Cork 4-2 to 2-5; in '69 they accounted for Antrim 4-4 to 4-2 and in '75 the Leesiders fell to them again 4-3 to 2-1.

Those were the Slaneyside years of glory. Stars of that era were the Kehoe sisters; Gretta, Brigid, Kit, Josie and Annie, who between them secured nine All-Ireland medals. In 1971 they lost to Cork and they were beaten by Kilkenny in '77 and '90 and by Cork in '92.

Last year, the Slaneysiders made an all out effort and produced an excellent panel of

players. Their first major achievement was a victory over Cork on the latter's home ground in the preliminary round of the National senior League 4-7 to 1-9.

A win over Dublin in the semi-final left them face-to-face with Cork in the League final. Wexford were unable to produce the same form as they did against Cork in their first meeting and Cork ran out easy winners on a score of 2-17 to 0-10.

It was expected that Wexford would learn a lot from this encounter and could only improve. They did this by giving a good dis-

play in the open draw accounting for Dublin and Galway in the semi-final 2-11 to 1-11.

It looked like an all Leinster All-Ireland until Cork stopped Kilkenny in the semi-final. So Wexford and Cork were meeting in the All-Ireland final, and after Wexford's first half display Cork coasted to victory in the second half on a score of 1-20 to 2-6.

The difference between the teams in both finals was the incredible speed of the Cork girls. If they are to meet this year it will be in the final as the draw is somewhat similar to last year.



ABOVE: The Wexford Camogie Team

Last years trainer Elsie Cody has yet to decide if she will be able to give the same commitment this year but they still have the same panel of players. They are as follows: Terri Butler, Tina Fitzhenry, Jean O'Leary, Catherine Murphy, Deirdre Hearne, Angie Hearne, Maura Codd, Geraldine Codd, Stella Synott, Paula Rankin, Ann Marie O'Connor, Anne Reddy, Claire Cullen, Eileen Dillon, Mary Hayden and Geraldine Wynne.

NATIONAL LEAGUES:

The National Leagues are being played on a fifteen aside trial basis for two years. Eight senior teams are taking part, divided into two

divisions as follows:

1. Dublin, Kilkenny, Cork and Wexford,
2. Antrim, Kildare, Down and Galway.

The top two teams from each division go through to the semi-finals. It commenced in March. Nineteen junior teams are participating. They are divided into four zones as follows: A. Clare, Galway, Limerick, Kilkenny and Offaly,

B. Carlow, Cork, Tipperary, Waterford and Wexford. C. Cavan, Armagh, Dublin and Kildare. D. Antrim, Derry, Donegal, Fermanagh and Tyrone. The top two teams from each zone go through to the quarter finals. This competition commenced last

October.

PAN CELTIC:

The Pan Celtic Camogie Competition is being hosted in Galway for the third year in succession and will take place on Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th of April. This years competition is being organised by the Sub-Committee of Galway Camogie Board and will be played on Castlegar club grounds. The competition has attracted a large and varied entry in the last two years, with seventeen Counties represented on each occasion. It is hoped that this years entry will be even bigger.

There will be four different competitions: Senior A & B; and under 16 A & B; Every team are guaranteed a minimum of three matches.

CEOL CAINT AGUS DAMSHA:

The All Ireland final of Ceol, Caint agus Damsha, the Association's talent competition was held in St. Patrick's College, Drumcondra recently. The four Provinces were represented and a very high standard produced. The following are the results:

Ceili and Set Dancing: Cluain Dubh, Down.

Table Quiz: Caulry, Westmeath.

Ballad Group: Na Phiarsaigh, Galway.

Recitation: Michael Shinniers, Patrickswell, Limerick.

Solo Singing: Elaine Doyle.

spree

of the strong wind which blew right down the pitch but could only manage an interval lead of 1-4 to 0-0.

The Waterford girls started the second half in fine style with Ann-Marie O'Gorman very prominent, and they had their opening score just two minutes after the restart when Marie Murphy point a free.

However the Cork defence tightened up considerably and Deirdre McCarthy and Diane Deane barred the way to goal with some great defending.

Fall forward Ann Golden capped a great display with three goals to add to the one she scored in the opening half and Hilda Kenneally

slotted over some splendid points to give Cork a very comfortable victory.

Scorers — Cork: A. Golden 4 goals; N. O'Regan 0-3; H. Kenneally 0-2. Waterford: M. Murphy 0-3 (frees).

CORK — L. Twomey; D. McCarthy, V. Motherway, D. Deane, A. Leahy, E. Kelleher, C. Crowley, A. Dilworth, N. O'Regan, E. Buckley, F. Twomey, H. Kenneally, A. Crowley, A. Golden, B. Shiels.

WATERFORD — H. Lonergan; C. Larkin, C. Caples, G. Hutchinson, A. M. O'Gorman, S. Coughlan, C. Ormonde, M. Butler, L. Curley, P. McCarthy, M. Murphy, T. O'Donnell, E. Dunne, I. Carr, G. McCarthy.

Reiteoir: M. Ní Chonnaill (Bliath Cliath). Minor Challenge — Cork 3-5, Clare 0-1.

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THE ASHBOURNE CUP

Trinity College Camogie Club was a hive of activity for the weekend as the cream of under-graduate camogie talent battled for the prestigious cup and shield.

The oldest national competition of which camogie can boast, (1915).

Comórtais Mhic Ghiolla Bhríde, the Ashbourne Cup for inter-varsity competition was hosted this year by Trinity College Camogie Club.

The weekend was superbly organised by Cork physiotherapy student Nuala Ní Ríogáin and her Trinity committee. Off the field social activity provided the perfect foil after the heat of battle.

By Sunday afternoon University of Ulster, Jordanstown, had retained the cup having beaten Queens. The shield was won by Tony O'Reagan's UCG who defeated Coleraine University.

University of Ulster, Jordanstown, retained the Ashbourne Colleges Camogie Cup at Santry recently in the exciting final against Queens University, Belfast. Queens took the game to their opponents from the start, with a goal coming from Jean Twohill. Jordanstown found Queens rear-guard in top form. Queens notched off three more points before Catherine Higgins opened the champions account with 0-1. Half time score: Queens 1-3 Jordanstown 0-1.

Early in the second half, a goal by Brona Birt put Jordanstown in contention. It became a ding dong battle with Queens holding the edge until they missed some very valuable scoring opportunities later in the match.

In the closing stages Jordanstown star Grace Mc Mullen put away 2-0. Her side



became dominant and had a further 0-3 without any reply from their opponents, running out winners on a score of 3-7 to 1-5.

SCORERS: Jordanstown: Grace Mc Mullen 2-4, Brona Birt 1-0, Catherine Higgins 0-3 **Queens:** Jean Twohill 1-1, Brona McCorry 0-3, Mary Black 0-1.

SHIELD FINAL:

University College Galway 5-6
Coleraine University 1-1.

The commencement of the National Senior League and the re-commencement of the Junior League takes place on Sunday March 14th.

Annual Congress will be hosted by Galway in Haydens Hotel, Ballinasloe, on March 27th and 28th.

THE PURCELL CUP

Waterford RTC retained the All-Ireland Colleges Camogie Purcell Cup, after the challenging match with Dublin City University in the final play at Pairc Ciarán in Athlone recently. Both sides displayed plenty of skill and determination. Half-way through the first half Geraldine Codd, Wexford's senior player slammed home an all important goal to give Waterford the lead at the interval 1-3 to 0-3.

Waterford extended their lead when Ursula Hannon pointed early in the second half. Almost immediately Anne Marie O'Connor, another Wexford senior player, playing in opposition to her Slaneyside team-mate, goaled to leave one point separating the sides. Waterford made better use of the chances afforded them in the closing stages and ran out winners on a score of 1-8 to 1-4.

The winners were best served by Ursula Hannon, Marita Tolbin, Una Murphy, Sinead Neillan and Louise Curry.

BEST PLAYERS DCU were Anne Marie O'Connor, Pamela Nevin, Sinead Dunne, Catherine Dunne and Miriam Walshe.

SCORERS: Waterford: Geraldine Codd 1-1, Sinead Neillan 0-3, Ursula Hannon and Cait O'Leary 0-2 each.

DCU: Anne Marie O'Connor 1-3, Pamela Nevin 0-1

University of Limerick proved too strong for Mary Immaculate, Limerick, in the All Ireland Colleges Shield final. The winners led by 0-6 to 0-2 at the interval and completely outclassed their opponents in the second half.

THE FINAL SCORE:

U.L. 2-9 Mary I. 0-5

Scorers: U.L. Fiona O'Driscoll 0-5, Deirdre Cronin 1-1, Emma Manion 1-0, Lenora Lyons 0-2, Mary Grehan 0-1 Mary I: Lynn Dunlee 0-5.



University Of Ulster, Jordanstown- Winners of the Ashbourne Cup

Waterford duo back in action

ST. MONICAS duo, Louise Curry and Cait O'Leary, have jetted back from the Canary Islands just in time for tonight's Senior A championship collision with Marino in the Phoenix Park, writes Niall Scully.

The Monicas pair were with their College, the Waterford RTC, on a two-week sojourn in the sun-splashed Canaries, and their return is a huge boost to the Saints in what is a repeat of last season's final.

Marino won that final at Paire Naomh Uinsionn and having defeated Monicas in the League this term, Marino will be favourites, but they will thread with care.

Curry is the highly-talented Dublin goalkeeper, while polished defender, Catherine Boyle, has made a beneficial impact with the Dubs.

And the overall strength of the team has been improved by the inclusion of newcomers, Sally Creagh, Breda McCormack, Helen Dunne and Marie Keating.

The Monicas side also has the distinction of having the four Dunne sisters Ger, Catherine, Mary and Helen.

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Dublin's Ger, of course, is one of the most accomplished forwards around, and a handsome contribution from her is vital tonight.

Monicas, due to a variety of reasons, have not done as well as in other seasons. They usually conclude their campaign in the top four and never worse than mid-table.

"I suppose we were the exception in Senior A," explains boss, Martin Dunne. "We settled into it quickly, and we did quite well. Things have not been as good this year, but the long-term future of the club is encouraging.

"We have four girls on the Dublin minor squad, our Senior C's are in the semi-final of the Championship, our juniors are having a fine run while our Under-11's and 12's are unbeaten."

Monicas's six team structure is completed by the Under-14's, who seek improvement. And Martin is confident that the Edenmore girls can trouble Marino tonight.

"No club has ever taken a Monicas team for granted," he says. "It's a big test for us and we just hope it goes well."

The welcome sight of the sun-tanned Curry and O'Leary could be just the inspiration to lift the troops.

FIXTURES (6.45 unless stated)

TONIGHT: Phoenix Park: Jun 82 — Cumann Setanta v St. Jude's. Sen A C'ship — Marino v St. Monicas. Sen A C'ship — Cumann UI Chonail v Na Fianna. Jun 81 — St. Margaret's v Clanna Gael.

TOMORROW: Phoenix Park: Jun 81 — St. Oliver Plunkett v Cumann UI Chonail. Inter — St. Finians v Naomh Meánóg. Jun 81 — Na Fianna v Commercial.

SUNDAY: National Junior League — Cavan v Dublin. Phoenix Park: (11.0) Jun A C'ship — St. Marks v St. Annes. Sen C — St. Monicas v Whitehall Colmcille. (12.15) Jun 82 — Liffey Gaels v Lucan Sarsfield. Sen B C'ship — An Carleán v UCD. Sen B — Marino v Ballyboden. Jun 81 — St. Oliver Plunkett v Commercial. (1.30) Jun 82 — Good Counsel v Cumann Setanta. Sen A — Erins Isle v Cumann UI Chonail. Inter — Naomh Oliver Plunkett v Cuais. Jun 82 — Round Towers (L) v St. Jude's. (2.45) Inter — Cumann UI Chonail v Naomh Buidé. Jun A — Clontarf v Crumlin.

TUESDAY: Phoenix Park: Jun 81 — St. Monicas v Naomh Fionbarr. Sen B C'ship — St. Marks v Towers/Counsell. Sen C — Celtic v Thomas Davis. Fairview Park: Sen A — Marino v Cumann UI Chonail.

Kilkenny girls have what it takes to progress

ons Limerick. Offaly need a win to stay in contention.

With players of the calibre of Brigid Rosney, Dymphna White, Michelle Davis, Grainne Gath, and Eileen Kinsella Offaly may get through.

Carlow will show their hospitality to Cork in what should be an entertaining tie. A win here for Carlow is a must if they are to figure for a place in the quarter-finals. They will be depending on Nuala Quirke, Sheila Ryan, Charmaine Gibson, Anne Marie Ryan, Valerie Crean to bring them victory.

Ballyhaise, Cavan 3.0. Dublin, who are unbeaten, are certain of a place in the quarter finals. They have a good squad and may carry too much strength for their opponents.

Dublin — Sinead Caulfield, Janice Kelly, Karen Bauer, Ann Martin, Karen Fox, Cheryl Whitaker, Nicola McTiernan, Sadhb Henderson, Breda McKenna, Liz Roche, Niamh Kearney, Ann Walsh, Aisling Mullen, Pauline Carroll, Irene Kirwan.

Offaly are away to Clare in another junior match. Both are on level points. Offaly will travel with confidence after their win over the national league champions.

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beaten in the All-Ireland semi-final last year by Wexford.

Kildare have a good panel of experienced players, and their win over Antrim, has given them a great confidence. It should be a close encounter.

Kildare — Anna Dargan, Geraldine Dwyer, Claire Moloney, Deirdre Feeney, Terese Farrelly, Melanie Treacy, Liz O'Donoghue, Miriam Malone, Liz Doran, Sharon Brown, Patricia Kealey, Terese Hanley, Rose Merriman, Kate Treacy, Niamh Leahy.

In Junior, Dublin travel to

Fielding players of the calibre of Ann and Angela Downey, Marina Downey, Brigid Mullally and Breda Holmes. Kilkenny may well stay on the winning trail. Wexford will be depending on Stella Sinnott, Deirdre Hearne and Angie Hearne and Tina Fitzhenry and Maura Codd for their survival.

Kildare travel to Galway. Both sides are equal on points. Whoever wins here may well get their ticket to the semi-final. Galway will provide stiff opposition for the Lilywhites having been

SIX Leinster teams are involved in the national camogie leagues next Sunday. In Senior old rivals Kilkenny and Wexford meet at the latter venue. When they met at this stage last year Kilkenny were victorious on a score of 2-10 to 1-5.

This season Wexford have lost out to Cork while Kilkenny had a victory over Dublin. A win for them on Sunday would leave them in the semi-final with Cork. If the Slaneysiders can come out on top they will have to beat Dublin to get through to the semi.

Dubs in Junior League play-offs

DUBLIN returned from Cavan with their 100 per cent record intact last Sunday. Following wins against Kildare and Armagh, the Dubs' third victory in a row brings them into the play-offs in the National Junior League, writes Niall Scully.

The 7-4 to 1-1 success was earned in dreadful conditions of chill and rain. The visitors were expected to gather full reward, but against the wind in the opening period, Dublin had to endure a ten-minute bout of heavy pressure.

Yet they still managed to enter the interval with a 3-2 to 1-1 advantage, and after that, they were hardly troubled. Dublin's progress so far brings a smile to the faces of the management team, John Kirwan, Mary Matthews and Jim Carroll.

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"We are very pleased," says John. "It's nice to be unbeaten in the section, but the hard work will start now. We will be increasing the training routine, beginning this Saturday in the Phoenix Park (6.0)."

Ailish Mullen registered a hat-trick of goals, while Irene Kirwan and Paula Carroll shared four goals between them. Cheryl Whitaker (Na Fianna) had a fine match, as did Brigid McKenna (St. Patrick's, Palmerstown), Nicola McTiernan (St. Marks) and Liz Roche (Ballyboden).

Dublin's policy of first-time ground pulling brought their best spell after half-time.

Dublin — Sinead Caulfield, Janice Kelly, Karen Bauer, Ann Martin, Karen Fox, Cheryl Whitaker, Nicola McTiernan, Brigid McKenna, Sadhb Henderson, Liz Roche, Niamh Kearney, Ann Walsh, Ailish Mullen, Paula Carroll, Irene Kirwan. Subs: Adrienne McGovern for Kearney; Patricia Carroll for Bauer; Lorna Whyte for Mullen.

Score: A Mullen (3-0), I Kirwan (2-2), P Carroll (2-1), N Kearney (0-1).

* The Senior A Championship begins tonight and there are two big confrontations on in the Phoenix Park where Celtic meet Crumlin and Erins Isle play Ballyboden.

FIXTURES

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Bridin Ui Mhaolagain

On the Camogie scene this week we focus attention on the President of the Association Bridin Ui Mhaolagain. Bridin is entering her final year of a three year stint. A daughter of Seamus Dobbins - who played hurling for Antrim and was Chairman of Ulster G.A.A. Council - Bridin learned the skills and rules of camogie from both her parents. Her mother Brid McCamphill played camogie for Dunloy, Co. Antrim. Bridin also played for Dunloy and won several Senior Championship medals with the Antrim club.

At St. Louis Convent, Monaghan, she captained the school team in the inter-school Championship. On leaving school, Bridin joined the C.I.E. club in Dublin where she won Senior Championship and League honours.

In 1956 she transferred to U.C.D. and in 1958 captained the successful Ashbourne and combined Universities teams. During the following years she won five in a row Ashbourne medals.

Bridin married Aidan Mulligan, himself a life-long follower of camogie. They both became camogie coaches in 1973 and coached for several years in their respective schools.

Our sister Gaelic sport, handball, absorbed her energy in the years that followed. As a keep-fit exercise she found it invaluable and realised soon that handball was a sport for all, at all ages. She became President of Comhairle Liathróid Laimhe na mBan and held that position on and off for ten eventful years. She was instrumental in the introduction of Ladies' Handball at International level.

Her experience in administration led to her election as President of C.C.I.A., Comhaite Camogaiochta na nInstitiúidí um Ard Oideachas, following in the footsteps of her friend, mentor and confidant, the late and former President Agnes Purcell. C.C.I.A. administers the game of camogie at third level colleges. Twenty colleges participate in highly competitive tournaments. The main competitions are the Ashbourne Cup - the oldest of all in the history of Camogie, the Purcell Cup and the League competitions. Bridin hopes to see much greater involvement in the promotion of camogie at all third level colleges.

Teaching in Ballymun Comprehensive School, Bridin emphasises the importance of sport in character development. She would like to see schools and clubs organise a Camogie Day to raise funds for charitable projects at home and abroad.

While a C.C.I.A. Representative on Central Council for five years, Bridin became a member of the administration committee. She took part in National Seminars throughout the country. She emphasises the importance of good guidance in administrative skills at all levels.

At Congress 1991, held in Cork, Bridin was elected Uachtarán of Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael, the largest sporting body for ladies, that boasts 60,000 members. This honour is the pinnacle of her sporting ambition and she is aware of the status and great privilege of this high office.

A native Irish speaker, Bridin would like to promote a greater appreciation of our language and culture among the members of



*Bridin Ui Mhaolagain,
Uachtarán Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael*

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the Association. One of her aims is to seek and attain for the Association, membership of Oireachtas na Gaeilge, the premier Irish cultural festival.

The development of camogie at schools level is the lifeblood of the Association. Resources in the form of helmets, now mandatory for underage players, camogie sticks and promotional material are constantly needed at school levels. Bridin's ambition, in this area, is to have Bilingual posters available to promote the use of Irish - so dear to her heart. The enthusiasm, standard of skills and spirit of competition amongst the young players, as was evident at Feile na nGael, is a credit to their trainers, teachers and mentors.

Bridin is always aware of the importance of the image of our National sport on and off the pitch. She constantly reminds young players of this important aspect of our game.

Coaching, training in all areas of the game, and especially refereeing, are of paramount importance to the success of these areas standardised throughout the country. Great efforts are constantly being made to achieve this aim. Coaching, training, refereeing and administration courses are an ongoing feature of the Camogie Association. The results of these are evident in the high standard and excellent displays of skills at all grades.

The tragedy of emigration has left its mark throughout the camogie population but thankfully, "it's an ill wind that blows no good", for the Association has now a vibrant international dimension: camogie is now being played in London, Birmingham and as far away as North America and Australia. These clubs are affiliated to Central Council and have contributed greatly.

The development of Camogie is largely dependent on Government grants but, to fulfil our responsibilities successfully and maintain the highest standards in all aspects of the game, sponsorship is urgently needed to supplement the grant. Bridin will endeavour to obtain an increase in the grant and encourage sponsorship.

She has taken leave of absence from her profession so that she can have more time to pursue her aims and ambitions.

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Bridin Ui Mhaolagain handing over a cheque from her fast to John O'Shea, GOAL., also in the picture is Bridin's husband Aidan

Crumlin on the trail of Senior 'A' League

CRUMLIN will be seeking to improve their Senior A League position when they tackle Cumann Ui Chonaill in the Phoenix Park tomorrow night, writes Nial Scully.

Both sides are out of the Championship hunt, and they have quite an amount of ground to make up in the title chase, so victory in this encounter will be a timely boost. Crumlin, busy of late, are also in action next Sunday against Marino.

On Sunday, Dublin meet Carlow in the Leinster Minor Championship semi-final at the Carlow Hurling Ground (3.0). Dublin will be hoping to repeat their fine showing against Offaly.

Dublin: M Saurin, S Cray, S Farrelly, B McCormack, E Wall, M Kenny, V Reaney, N Regan, M Walsh, I Conway, O O'Leary, E Ring.

The Dublin seniors had a most convincing 7-12 to 4-5 victory over Wexford in the National Senior League tie at O'Toole Park last Sunday.

Although they are out of contention for the play-off stages, it was a timely boost for Dublin, who are away to Wexford in the All-Ireland Championship on July 14.

Dublin were full of zest, and their conviction and spirit certainly pleased boss Jimmy Boggan. Indeed, the margin of victory would have been larger if Dublin had not conceded a cou-

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ple of soft goals late in the match.

The home forward line toiled to beneficial effect, and they had recorded three goals within the first 15 minutes at the pitch and putt end.

The Dublin centre-field battled for everything, and the Dubs' superior play saw them lead at half-time by 5-6 to 0-4. Wexford were quite subdued and the home defence had a most comfortable hour until that closing chapter when full-back Catherine Murphy was brought forward.

The Wexford chief Elsie Coady will be demanding a huge improvement from her side

before the Championship meeting. Yet Dublin can build on this encouraging performance, and their next appointment is away to Kildare in the Leinster Championship semi-final on June 20.

Dublin: Sinead Caulfield, Catherine Murphy, Patsy Murphy, Catherine Boyle, Mary Mernagh, Cheryl Whittaker, Adrienne McGovern, Ruth Lyons, Nora Maguire (0-1), Denise O'Leary (0-2), Veronica Trehy (0-1), Cathy Walsh (1-3), Irene Kirwan (1-0), Paula Carroll (2-0), Patricia Clinton (3-3). Sub: Niamh Kearney for Trehy (52mins). Wides: 10.

Wexford's scorers were: Catherine Murphy (1-4), Angie Harne (2-0), Ger O'Grady (1-1). Wides: 3.

FIXTURES

TOMORROW: Phoenix Park (6.45): Jun B2 — Lucan Sanfield v Cumann Seánfa. **Sun A** — Crumlin v Cumann Ui Chonaill. **Later** — Naomh

Kildare swept aside by Galway in second

KILDARE found Galway too strong in this national senior camogie league tie played at Tynagh on Sunday last, losing on an 8-10 to 1-4 scoreline.

The visitors were very much in the game in the opening half and their backline of Geraldine Dwyer, Claire Moloney and Melanie Treacy fought off several attacks from the very sharp Galway forwards.

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Carlow failed to Cork in a national junior league tie played at Dr. Cullen Park, during the first half of which there were many excellent moments.

It was a ding dong battle with the sides level at 0-3 each at the interval.

On the turnover, the Leesiders were soon on the attack and, within minutes, Hilda Kenneally and Fiona Twomey goaled.

Nuala Quirke pulled one back and, despite a great effort from Valerie Crean, Mary Smith and Anne Marie Ryan, it was Cork

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who made the better use of the scoring chances in the closing stages to run out winners on a score of 3-6 to 1-4.

Scorers Cork: H. Kenneally 1-3, F. Twomey 1-1, A. Golden 1-0, N. O'Regan, P. Murphy 0-1 each. Carlow: N. Quirke 1-0, V. Crean 0-3, M. Sheehan 0-1. Referee: P. Reynolds (Louth).

Sunday was not a great day for Leinster, as Offaly were the third county to suffer defeat, going down to Clare at Cratloe.

Offaly played against the strong wind in the first half and, after a close low scoring tussle, the sides were level on two points each at the break.

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beat Armagh, Carlow beat... off with Cork.

Kilkenny... Leinster... round... Freshford by...

Scorers... Carey 3-0, C... D. Husey 1-1... Comerford 0-3... Kelly 1-1, L... Leinster... 8-10; Kildare 1-4.

On Sunday... travel to take place in the semi-finals.

On Saturday... congress... Park commences.

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Dublin are through to the quarter finals of the National Junior League when they had a convincing win over Cavan at Ballyhaise 7-4 to 1-1. They join Donegal, Limerick and Tipperary.

On Sunday the final fixtures in the National Leagues take place, which will determine who will advance to the Junior quarter finals and the Senior semi finals.

In Senior the clash of Cork and Kilkenny, both of whom are through, will decide which will come out table-toppers in division 1. The meeting of these two counties always attracts a great interest. Kilkenny have the venue and will go all out to avenge their defeat by the Leesiders last year. Both sides were impressive in their outings so far. Cork are League champions and have experienced players in: Sandy Fitzgibbon, Linda Mellerick, Capt. Therese O'Callaghan, Collette O'Mahoney and Irene O'Leary.

Kilkenny will provide stiff opposition, inspired by Angela Downey, Anne Downey, Brigid Mullally, Breda Holmes and All-Ireland Colleges star Sinead Millea. It should be quite a tussle going all the way to the wire.

Wexford are away to Dublin. This should be quite a spirited encounter. Wexford are the beaten League finalists and have not been doing so well this season. Both sides are seeking their first win.

Dublin have good performers in: Geraldine Dunne, Carmel Gray, Cheryl Whitaker and may be good enough to match Wexford's Catherine Murphy, Tina Fitzhenry and Angie Hearn. Little should separate the sides at the final whistle.

Down may well prove too strong for Antrim on home ground.

In Junior Kildare travel to Armagh, both are on level points. This should be a close affair. The winner goes through to the quarter final. Kildare may just shade it. Waterford host Carlow in what is sure to be an entertaining game. Both sides are on level points, and the winner will have to meet Cork in a play-off for a place in the quarter final. The home side have stylish players in Mary Murphy, Orla Flynn, Catriona Ormonde, Caroline Larkin and Elaine O'Mahoney, while Carlow will be depending on Valerie Crean, Nuala Quirke, Marie Sheehan, Ester Hogan and Ann Marie Ryan to advance, but Waterford will not be easily overcome.

Galway show their hospitality to Clare. The winner goes through to the quarter final. Both sides dropped two points to the League champions, Limerick. Galway's Carmel Allen, Olivia Broderick, Dymphna Maher, Martina Harkins have been very prominent during the campaign but will meet with a formidable force in the 'Banner County' with players such as Maire McNicholas, Catherine O'Loughlin, Majella McMahon.

Derry in their home game may prove too strong for Tyrone.

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GALWAY 8-10 KILDARE 1-4
GALWAY convincingly won this national senior camogie league tie against Kildare at Tynagh yesterday. This win gives Galway their ticket to the semi-finals. The winners led by 1-6 to 0-3 at the interval. Five inside seven minutes, Galway through to the second half killed off any chance Kildare had of getting into the game.

SCORERS — Galway: C Lynch 3-2, S Glynn 2-4, I Hobbs 2-1, D Costello 1-0, T Laheen 0-3. **Kildare:** M Malone 0-4, N Kerrigan 1-0.

CORK 3-6 CARLOW 1-4
CORK put themselves in line for a quarter final place with this win over Carlow in the National Junior League at Dr. Cullen Park yesterday. A sparkling encounter saw the sides level at 0-3 each at the break. Carlow's chances of victory were badly dented minutes into the second half when Hilda Kenneally and Fiona Twomey goaled for the Leesiders but they fought back with a well taken goal by Nuala Quirke. However Cork made better use of their chances and ran out impressive winners.

SCORERS — Cork: H Kenneally 1-3, F Twomey 1-1, A Golden 1-0, N O'Regan, P Murphy 0-1 each. **Carlow:** N Quirke 1-0, V Crean 0-3, M Sheehan 0-1. **Leinster Minor Championships:** Kilkenny 10-10; Meath 1-3.

Cork too good

Cork 3-6 Carlow 1-4
CORK junior camogie team made the long journey to Carlow, winning one, yesterday, when they scored an eight point victory over the home side to record their second win in the National League.

Cork scorers were: H. Kenneally 1-3, F. Twomey 1-1, A. Golden 1-0, C. A. O'Regan, T. Murphy 0-1 each.

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In Junior, Kildare travel to Armagh. Both are on level points and the winners go through to the quarter final. The Kildare girls have been doing well and are sure to travel with confidence. They have quite a young squad including Nuala Kerrigan, Oni Flanagan, Aisling Treacy and Nora Egan. They should advance.

Carlow make their way to Waterford

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KILMORE this week a football from instown Ave

THERE are five Leinster Counties involved in the National Camogie Leagues on Sunday. In Senior, Kilkenny have old rivals Cork at home; both are through to the semi-finals. This game will decide who tops the chart in division one.

The meeting of these two counties always attracts great interest. Kilkenny will go all out to avenge last year's defeat by the Leesiders. The Leesiders have been very impressive in their outings so far. Cork carry the tag of favourites to take the title for the third time in a row.

They are sure to be well tested on

Cork girls take on the old enemy

BIG game on the camogie front is the clash of old rivals Cork and Kilkenny in the National League on Sunday at Ballyraggett at 3 p.m. At club level the Junior "B" and Under-14 Leagues continue with a number of interesting clashes.

Cork play Kilkenny in a vital game. The last time the sides met was in the All-Ireland semi-final last August when Cork were victorious, so no doubt Kilkenny will be anxious to get back on top.

The Cork team will see regular 'keeper Kathleen Costine between the posts with Paula Goggins, Breda Kenny and Mags Finn filling the full-back positions. The half-back line is made up of Denise Cronin, Liz Dunphy and Liz Towler, while the mid-field positions go to Sandy Fitzgibbon and Irene O'Leary. Linda Mellerick, Liz O'Neill and Claire McCarthy complete the half-forward line with the full-forward positions going to Irene O'Keeffe, Fiona O'Driscoll and Colette O'Mahony.

Win or lose, Cork will still qualify for the semi-finals, but obviously they will be anxious to complete their section with full points. Should they win they will meet Down or Kildare in the semi-final. If they lose their opponents will be Galway.

Sunday, May 2 — Junior "B" League '93: Inniscarra v Courcy Rovers, at Inniscarra, noon; Gleann na Laoi v Valley Rovers at Gleann na Laoi, noon; Tracton v Bandon, at Tracton, noon; Kilbrittain v Newcestown, at Kilbrittain, noon; Castlemagner v St. Fannahans at Castlemagner, 3 p.m.; Middleton v Sarsfields, at Middleton, noon; Delaney v Brian Dillons at Delaney, noon; Cobb v Mayfield at Cobb, 3 p.m.

Wednesday, May 5 — Under-14 "A" League: Newcestown v Courcy Rovers at Newcestown, 7.15; Kilbrittain v Cloughduv at Kilbrittain, 7.15; Inniscarra v Aghabullogue at Inniscarra, 7.15; Killeagh v Glen Rovers at Killeagh, 7.15; Na Piaras v Watergrasshill at Na Piaras, 7.15; Brian Dillons v St. Vincents "A" at Brian Dillons, 7.15.

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Cork on the rampage

CORK 2-20
KILKENNY 2-5

CORK demolished Kilkenny in this very one-sided senior league camogie tie at Ballyraggett, Kilkenny, yesterday.

The superior Cork side dominated for practically the entire game.

With Sandy Fitzgibbons in top form at centre field, the play was contained almost entirely in the Kilkenny half.

Short five of their regular side, Kilkenny never got into the game at all.

They were entirely on the defensive and were under constant pressure as the Cork forwards ran amok, scoring from every angle and almost at will.

While the Cork forwards showed themselves in top form the backs were never really tested as the ball very seldom came into the Cork half.

The winners led by 1-11 to 1-3 at half-time and the destruction of Kilkenny continued in the second half.

In particular, Kilkenny sadly missed the services of Ann Downey at centre-field.

But it is doubtful if a full-strength Kilkenny would have been able to handle a Cork team that showed great skill and excellent combination.

Cork v Kilkenny

ON Sunday next Cork will be hoping to maintain their unbeaten record in the present league campaign when they take on old rivals Kilkenny at Ballyraggett at 3 p.m.

The Cork Senior team have adapted very well to the present experimental 15-a-side league basis and on Sunday next will be hoping to maintain their winning trend when they take on arch rivals Kilkenny in a vital tie.

The team will see regular 'keeper Kathleen Costine between the posts. Breda Kenny is named at full-back with Paula Goggins in the right corner and Mags Finn in the left. Liz Dunphy takes on a new role at centre-back with Denise Cronin and Liz Towler filling the two new positions, right and left half-back. Sandy Fitzgibbon and Irene O'Leary complete the mid-field line with the half-forward positions going to Linda Mellerick, who captains the side, Liz O'Neill and Claire McCarthy. Fiona O'Driscoll is in her usual position at full-forward with Irene O'Keeffe in the right and Colette O'Mahony in the left.

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CAMOGIE

CORK 2-20 KILKENNY 2-5
MAJESTIC Cork became clinched the top spot in Division One when they defeated old rivals Kilkenny in the National Senior camogie league at Ballyraggett yesterday. Cork led by 1-11 to 1-3 at half-time and continued their superiority after the break.

CORK: F. Driscoll 1-4, L. Mellerick 0-7, C. O'Mahony 1-3, I. O'Keeffe 0-3, L. Dunlea, L. O'Neill, C. McCarthy 0-1 each. **KILKENNY:** D. Malone, G. Dillon 1-0 each, S. Molloy 0-3, M. Downey 0-2.

GALWAY 3-5 CLARE 1-10
TWO second half goals from Olivia Broderick and one from Eimear Hardiman helped Galway qualify for the quarter-finals of the National Junior Camogie league with a one point victory over Clare at Kiltomer. Clare were 0-8 to 0-2 in front at the break, but then Broderick and Hardiman struck. Clare fought back with a goal by Sylvia O'Brien but Galway held on.

GALWAY: O. Broderick 2-5, E. Hardiman 1-0. **CLARE:** F. Phelan 0-5, S. O'Brien 1-1, P. O'Brien 0-2, K. Lally and D. McDonagh 0-1 each.

ARMAGH 2-5 KILDARE 1-7
A GREAT late revival saw Armagh through to the quarter-finals of the National Junior

KILKENNY failed to Cork by 2-20 to 2-5 in a National Senior camogie league game at Ballyraggett on Sunday. Both teams are in the same division, however, and are through to the semi-finals, with Cork leading the table.

The game was a lacklustre affair and Cork led 1-11 to 1-3 at the interval. The Leesiders continued their superiority in the second half, picking off some well taken scores.

Scorers Cork: F. O'Driscoll 1-4, L. Mellerick 0-7, C. O'Mahony 1-3, I. O'Keeffe 0-3, L. Dunlea, L. O'Neill and C. McCarthy 0-1 each. Kilkenny: D. Malone, G. Dillon 1-0 each, S. Molloy 0-3, M. Downey 0-2.

Meanwhile, Dublin were very impressive when defeating beaten All-Ireland finalists Wexford 7-12 to 4-5 in the same competition at O'Toole Park.

The Leesiders led 5-6 to 0-4 at the interval. On the turn-over Wexford came more into the game scoring four goals.

Scorers Dublin: C. Walsh 2-5, P. Clinton 2-2, P. Carroll 2-0, I. Kirwan 1-0, D. O'Leary 0-2, N. Maguire and V. Treacy 0-1 each. Wexford: C. Murphy 1-4, D. Hern 2-0, G. O'Grady 1-1.

Kildare were unlucky not to have reached the quarter-final stages of the National Junior League when they were defeated by the minimum score by Armagh at the latter's venue. Kildare looked much the sharper side and

Cats hope to tame Rebels

ON Sunday the final fixtures in the National Camogie League take place to determine who will advance to the Junior quarter-finals and Senior semi-finals.

Seniors Cork and Kilkenny, both of whom are through to the semi-finals, meet to decide who finishes top of division one.

Kilkenny, with home advantage will be anxious to avenge last year's defeat by the reigning champions.

Also in the Senior league Wexford visit Dublin with both sides still seeking their first win. Elsewhere, Down, with home advantage may prove too strong for Antrim.

In the Junior league Kildare travel to Armagh while Clare make the short trip to Galway. The winners in both games will qualify for the quarter-finals.

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Cork clearly superior to Kilkenny

LEINSTER CAMOGIE

after an excellent first half performance they led 1-6 to 0-3.

Early in the second half, Armagh put pressure on the Kildare defence but this was well handled by Nora Egan, Ruth Treacy and Niamh Leahy.

With eight minutes to go the Leesiders held the lead by five points. The home side became dominant at centrefield and within a short time Patricia Burns and Colette McEvoy slammed home goals and held on to a slender lead to win by 2-5 to 1-7.

Scorers Armagh: P. McEvoy 1-2, C. Burns 1-0, M. Black 0-2, J. Rice 0-1, K. Leahy 0-1.

In the last quarter, Carlow stepped up the pace with Mary Smith in brilliant form setting up Aine Murphy for their final goal to

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Cork minors set off

ON Sunday next the Cork minor team play their first game of the season when they take on Waterford in the first round of the Munster minor championship at Ballyanly at 3 pm. At club level the Junior "B" and U-14 Leagues continue with a number of interesting clashes listed while also over the coming week a few remaining '92 Senior League games will be decided.

With just two players remaining from last seasons Cork minor team the Cork selectors will be forced to field an almost completely new look side for Sunday's first round clash with Waterford. Mary O'Connor from Killeagh and Frances Flavin, Fr O'Neills are the two players remaining and they will be expected to hold their places and these will probably be joined by Vivienne Harris, Bishopstown; Jill Hannon, Brian Dillons; Ellen Clifford, Na Piarasigh; Lynda O'Sullivan Ballinhassig and Tricia Doyle, Bishopstown.

This is the third year in succession that Cork have met Waterford in the first round of the Munster championship. Last year Cork proved far too strong but this season Waterford are expected to field a far stronger side. Underage camogie in Waterford has been quite strong in recent years with St. Saviours in particular producing some fine players. Lismore also won the Munster intermediate colleges final for the first time ever this year and Sunday's team is expected to include some of this winning side.

On Sunday there are two interesting Senior League games down for decision and these include the clash of St Finbarrs and Na Piarasigh at Togher and this should be a close one. Na Piarasigh will be looking to players like Paula Goggins, Deirdre O'Shea, Jean Paula Kent, Mary Swaine and Evelyn Healy to carry them through while the Barrs will be pinning their hopes on Colette O'Mahony, Brid Kelleher, Colette Cronin, Deirdre Christie and Marie O'Dea.

In the second game Fr O'Neills face an uphill battle when they take on All-Ireland club champions Glen Rovers at Ballymacoda.

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

Junior "B" League '93

Courcy Rovers v Gleann Na Laoi at Courcy Rovers at 6.30, ref. Barryroe; St. Finbarrs v Valley Rovers

at St. Finbarrs at 6.30, ref. Brian Dillons; Tracton v Inniscarra at Tracton at 6.30, ref. Ballygarvan; Bandon v Newcestown at Bandon at 6.30, ref. Kilbrittain.

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

Munster minor championship

Cork v Waterford at Ballyanly at 3 pm.

Senior League '92

Na Piarasigh v St Finbarrs at St Finbarrs at 12 noon, ref. Bishopstown; Fr O'Neills v Glen Rovers at Fr O'Neills at 11 am, ref. Killeagh.

Junior "B" League '93

St Fannahans v Fermoy at St Fannahans at 3 pm, ref. Castlemagner; Sarsfields v Castlemagner at Sarsfields at 12 noon, ref. Brian Dillons; Brian Dillons v Cobh at Brian Dillons at 3 pm, ref. Sarsfields; Mayfield v Middleton at Mayfield at 12 noon, ref. Glen Rovers.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

U-14 "A" League '93

Courcy Rovers v Kilbrittain at Courcy Rovers at 7.15, ref. Kilbrittain; Bishopstown v Inniscarra at Bishopstown at 7.15, ref. Inniscarra; Cloughduv v Newcestown at Cloughduv at 7.15, ref. Newcestown; Glen Rovers v Brian Dillons at Glen Rovers at 7.15, ref. Brian Dillons; Watergrasshill v Killeagh at Watergrasshill at 7.15, ref. Killeagh; St Vincents v Na Piarasigh at St. Vincents at 7.15, ref. Na Piarasigh.

U-14 "B" League '93

Barryroe v Ballincollig at Barryroe at 7.15, ref. Ballincollig; Ballinora v Bandon at Ballinora at 7.15, ref. Bandon; Carrigaline v Ballygarvan at Carrigaline at 7.15, ref. Ballygarvan; Ballinhassig v Shamrocks at Ballinhassig at 7.15, ref. Shamrocks; Valley Rovers v Douglas at Valley Rovers at 7.15, ref. Douglas; Grenagh v Delany at Grenagh at 7.15, ref. Delany; Sarsfield v Cobh "B" at Sarsfields at 7.15, ref. Cobh.

THURSDAY, APRIL 29

U-14 "B" League '93

Eire Og v Inniscarra "B" at Eire Og at 7.15, ref. Inniscarra; St Vincents "B" v Mayfield at St Vincents at 7.15, ref. Mayfield; Glen Rovers "B" v Mallow at Glen Rovers at 7.15, ref. Mallow; Middleton v Youghal at Middleton at 7.15, ref. Youghal; Fr O'Neills v Cobh at Fr O'Neills at 7.15, ref. Cobh; St Fannahans v Cloyne at St Fannahans at 7.15, ref. Cloyne.

Waterford will have improved

AT Ballyanly tomorrow the Cork minor camogie team open their Munster Championship campaign when they play Waterford in the first round game at 3 p.m. At club level, the Junior B and U-14 Leagues continue with a number of interesting clashes listed while tomorrow there are two senior league games down for decision.

Also today Annual Congress has been reconvened for Croke Park to deal with unfinished business.

The Cork minor team has not been named but it is almost certain to include players like Jill Hannon, Brian Dillons; Lynda O'Sullivan, Ballinhassig; Vivienne Harris, Bishopstown; Ellen Clifford, Na Piarasigh; Mary O'Connor, Killeagh and Francis Flavin of Fr O'Neills. The last two named are the only players remaining from last year's side.

Last season Cork also met Waterford in a first round game. On that occasion Cork proved far too strong but this time Waterford will be

expected to provide much stiffer opposition. Lismore won the Munster Colleges Intermediate final for the first time this season and Waterford's team will no doubt include some of this side.

At club level there are two interesting games down for decision in the Senior League. At Togher the Barrs play Na Piarasigh and this game should be close between two fairly evenly matched sides while at Ballymacoda the home club Fr O'Neills face an uphill battle when they take on All-Ireland Club Champions Glen Rovers.

FIXTURES

Today at 6.30 p.m. Junior B League '93: Courcy Rovers v Gleann Na Laoi at Courcy Rovers, St Finbarrs v Valley Rovers at St Finbarrs, Tracton v Inniscarra at Tracton, Bandon v Newcestown at Bandon.
Tomorrow: Munster Minor Championship, Cork v Waterford at Ballyanly at 3 p.m. Senior League '93: Na Piarasigh v St Finbarrs at St Finbarrs at 12 noon; Fr O'Neills v Glen Rovers at Fr O'Neills at 11 a.m. Junior B League '93: St Fannahans v Fermoy at St Fannahans 3 p.m.; Sarsfields v Castlemagner at Sarsfields at 12 noon; Brian Dillons v Cobh at Brian Dillons at 3 p.m.; Mayfield v Middleton at Mayfield at 12 noon.

O'DUFFY (née McKeown) (Omeath and Dublin) — May 3, 1993, in the loving care of the Sisters and staff of Our Lady's Hospice, Harold's Cross, Kathleen, late of Harold's Cross and ex. Cumann Camógaloichta na nGael, beloved wife of the late Sean (A Coy First Batt. Dublin Brigade 1916); sadly missed by her loving sister Sr. Veronica, Irish Sisters of Charity, brother Desmond, sister-in-law, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Rest in peace. Funeral today (Wednesday) after 12 o'clock Mass in Our Lady's Hospice Chapel, to Glasnevin Cemetery.

U-14 CO. CAMOGIE FINAL - ROINN A

Goals galore in final

St. Lachtain's 5-0
Tullaroan 3-1

ST. LACHTAIN'S regained the under-14 Roinn A camogie title, by beating Tullaroan in a close, exciting final played at Nowlan Park on Monday week last. Both teams contributed to an excellent final.

This was end to end stuff and St. Lachtain's had an early goal disallowed while moments later the Freshford goalie Mary Carmel Ryan made the first of many fine saves. Her opposite number in the Tullaroan goal Margaret O'Dea was also in action early on and saved her team on many occasions during the game.

In the seventh minute Tullaroan's Fiona Hall go the opening score with a well worked goal. Freshford attacked and Margaret O'Dea saved again and was well supported by her defence of Ann Marie Young, Marie Ellen Butler, Anne Marie Cleere and Fiona Coogan. The star of the opening quarter was undoubtedly Tullaroan's Una Hennessy.

In the seventeenth minute St. Lachtain's equalised with a kicked goal from Mairead Kelly. Mairead again combined with Marie Fitzpatrick a minute later to put Freshford ahead.

The half-time score was St. Lachtain's 2-0, Tullaroan 1-0.

The second half started in a welter of excitement as Tullaroan attacked immediately. The Freshford defence of Emma Fitzpatrick, Orla O'Connor, Claire Dermody and Breda Wall stood their ground well. In the sixth minute, the Freshford goal had an amazing escape after a great run by Una Hennessy when her shot was somehow blocked.

By now Paula Doherty, Olivia Maher, Margo Hennessy and Deirdre Glennon were dominant for Tullaroan around centrefield.

In the seventeenth minute Martina Maher delivered the equaliser with an unstoppable shot to the net after a great run. Two minutes later, she put Tullaroan ahead by a point.

With six minutes remaining Tullaroan looked to be on the high road, but the Freshford selectors made a telling move in bringing Mairead Costelloe to the centre of the field where she had an immediate impact.

In the 21st minute, one of St. Lachtain's stars Claire Dermody lined up a free to the left of the posts about 25 metres out and her shot went all the way to the net. St. Lachtain's were back in front.

The 23rd minute brought more excitement as St. Lachtain's gave away a 15m free straight in front of the posts.

Martina Maher blasted to the net to inch Tullaroan ahead again.

The puck out travelled to the Tullaroan square and Freshford's Marie Fitzpatrick forced the sliotar over the line to regain the initiative for St. Lachtain's.

From the puckout Claire Dermody gathered and returned the sliotar to Mairead Kelly who clinched victory for Freshford with a terrific ground shot to the net for a memorable goal.

Tullaroan's stars were Margaret O'Dea, Ann Marie Young, Paula Doherty and Una Hennessy. Martina Maher's illness held her back, but her scores were outstanding.

St. Lachtain's team showed great balance. While Marie Carmel Ryan, Claire Dermody, Breda Phelan and Mairead Kelly were the stars, all contributed to a fine victory.

Teams:

St. Lachtain's: M. C. Ryan, Emma Fitzpatrick, Orla O'Connor, Claire Dermody, Breda Wall, Sinead Kavanagh, Julie Ryan, Breda Phelan, Marie Fitzpatrick, Claire Burke, Mairead Costelloe, Mairead Kelly.

Tullaroan: Margaret O'Dea, M. E. Butler, A. M. Young, A. M. Cleere, Fiona Coogan, Olivia Maher, Martina Maher, Paula Doherty, Margo Hennessy, Una Hennessy, Deirdre Glennon, Fiona Hall, Sub: Sarah Butler.

Cork girls in canter

Cork 8-12
Waterford 0-1

CORK, playing with the help of a strong wind in the first half, opened the scoring after two minutes with a point from a 30-yard free by Ellen Clifford in the Munster minor camogie championship.

They went on to put some fierce pressure on the Waterford defence and had two goals in the 12th and 14th minute from Frances Flavin.

Mary O'Connor added another goal in the 19th minute and points from Linda O'Sullivan, Mary O'Connor (2), Frances Flavin and Linda Heffernan, plus a goal by Mary O'Connor

after a long clearance from the defence from Nicola Leary, saw Cork 4-6 to 0-0 ahead at half-time.

Two goals each from Mary O'Connor and Linda Heffernan, points from Frances Flavin (2), Vivienne Harris, Ellen Clifford, Nicola Buckley and Mary O'Connor completed the rout.

Cork — L. Nolan, P. Donovan, N. Leary, G. Hannon, T. Doyle, L. O'Sullivan, V. Harris, N. Buckley (captain), E. Clifford, M. O'Connor, L. Heffernan, F. Flavin, Subs. G. Kearney, C. O'Leary, Y. McCarthy for P. Donovan, V. Harris and E. Clifford.

Results: Senior League St. Finbarrs 2-8 Na Piarasigh 0-9; Fr. O'Neills 4-10 Glen Rovers 2-7.

Serious action starts in Cork

THE Cork County Senior camogie championship begins this weekend with two preliminary rounds listed. First into the arena are St. Finbarrs and Killeagh who clash at Middleton on Saturday night at 7.30. Both sides are short a number of players from last season and will be fielding relatively young sides. The Barrs are forced to play without six of

the team which contested last year's final against Glen Rovers and that is a huge loss. However, they can still call on players like Collette O'Mahony, Deirdre Christie, Collette Cronin, Brid Kelleher and Ger Kelleher and together with players like Deirdre Clarke, Clare Barry, Janice Duffy, Roisin O'Donovan and Edel Kelleher will leave no stone unturned to en-

sure victory for the blues. The last time the sides met was in last season's semi-final when the Barrs emerged victorious. So no doubt the East Cork side will be anxious for revenge. While players like Cathy Landers, Shelly Spillane and Ann Marie Landers are not available they can still call on Mary Spillane, Patricia Fitzgibbon, Mary

O'Connor and the Linehan sisters, Siobhan and Joe. If they play to form they could make things very difficult for the city side. In the second game Na Piarasigh and Cloughdub meet at Ballyanly on Sunday night and the city side will be expected to advance. Cloughdub will be forced to field without the services of the

Dunlea sisters, Lyn and Stephanie, who have transferred to Glen Rovers. They are certainly a big loss and without them the mid-Cork side face a difficult task. They will be hoping that players like Ann Marie Healy, Mary Walsh and Colette Dennehy will carry the day for them, but it is difficult to see a Na Piarasigh team with players like Paula Goggins, Jean Paul Kent,

Deirdre O'Shea, Irene O'Leary and Loraine Kelly being halted. TODAY: Senior Championship 1993 - St. Finbarrs v Killeagh at Middleton at 7.30. TOMORROW: Senior Championship - Na Piarasigh v Cloughdub at Ballyanly at 7.30. THURSDAY: Junior 'A' League 1993 - Newtown v Bishopscourt at Newtown at 7.30; Ballinacorney v Blackrock at Ballinacorney at 7.30; St. Catherine's v Watgrasshill at St. Catherine's at 7.30. Intermediate League - Brian Dillon v Inniscarra at Brian Dillon at 7.30. FRIDAY: Intermediate League 1993 - Castlemagner v Elm Oig at Castlemagner at 7.30.

Na Piarasigh too strong

Na Piarasigh 4-3 Cloughdub 0-1

NA PIARSAIGH advanced to meet Bishopscourt in the second round of the Cork Senior camogie championship, when they proved much too good for Cloughdub at Ballyanly, Cork last evening.

The City side led 3-3 to nil and, although it was much tighter in the second half, they were never in any danger of losing.

Cloughdub, who lost the services of the Dunlea sisters, who have decided to join Glen Rovers, played their hearts out against a more experienced side and were not helped when one of their best players, Ann Marie Healy, had to go off ten minutes into the second half with an injury which required stitching.

Na Piarasigh took control from the start and with Cork star, Paula Goggins, marshalling the defence, Jean Paul Kent playing well at midfield, and Irene O'Leary and Evelyn Healy in shooting form up front they picked off some nice scores.

Scorers, Na Piarasigh: J P Kent 1-1, I O'Leary 1-1, M Burns 1-1, E Healy 1-0; For Cloughdub: M Corkery 0-1. NA PIARSAIGH: D O'Shea, C Martin, S Cooney, A Martin, P Goggins, D Kelly, J P Kent, M Coad, L Kelly, E Healy, I O'Leary, M Burns. Subs: L Sheehan for L Kelly, P Martin for A Martin.

CLOUGHDUB: L Ahern, P Lynch; K O'Donoghue, T Twobig, A M Healy, S Corkery, M Corkery, H Lynch, C Dennehy, M Bradley, E Bradley, A Barry-Murphy. Subs: B O'Connor for A M Healy, M O'Neill for E Bradley. Referee: M Kearney (Sarsfields).

Killeagh through in thriller

Killeagh 4-2 St. Finbarrs 1-9

KILLEAGH edged their way through to clash with county champions, Glen Rovers, when they had two points to spare over last year's beaten finalists, St. Finbarrs, in the opening round of the County Senior Championship at Middleton on Saturday night.

Colette O'Mahony, the Cork and 'Barrs player, excelled, but despite her scoring seven points, the direct approach by Killeagh proved decisive in the end.

Both sides were missing a number of their players, but this in no way hindered the magnificent last quarter of the game. Two moves by Killeagh at the three-quarter stages proved decisive. Sinead Cahalane was sent to mark O'Mahony while the bustling Mary Spillane moved to centre-forward, where her ability hindered Brid Kelleher, the outstanding defender of the 'Barrs side.

Colette O'Mahony opened the scoring from a free and Edel Kelleher had another a few minutes later. At this stage, Killeagh suffered a severe blow, when Patricia Fitzgibbon was forced to retire with a knee injury. The tonic they needed was set up by Spillane, when she goaled following great work by Jacinta Power.

Again O'Mahony put St. Finbarrs ahead, but not for long, as Noreen Barry was in to get Killeagh's second goal four minutes later. Three points from

O'Mahony and one from Janice Duffy put the city side ahead, and they looked very good. When it looked, however, as though Killeagh were wilting, Siobhan Linehan struck a great ball for an important goal for the East Cork side.

Killeagh led at the break by 3-0 to 0-7. Early in the second half, O'Mahony reduced the lead to the minimum of scores. Once again, however, Killeagh struck back when Sinead Cahalane found the net. Undaunted by the setback, a magnificent goal from Maria O'Dea from 35m put the 'Barrs back in contention. At this stage, camogie was of the highest standard, with Killeagh fighting hard to stay in front. Twice inside two minutes their efforts were cleared off the 'Barrs goal-line.

Mary Spillane and Colette O'Mahony exchanged points and, with the Killeagh backs co-operating in curbing O'Mahony, it helped their cause. For good measure, Noreen Barry pointed to give Killeagh a deserved win.

Scorers for Killeagh: N. Barry 1-1, M. Spillane 1-1, S. Linehan 1-0, S. Cahalane 1-0.

St. Finbarrs: C. O'Mahony 0-7 M. O'Dea 1-0, E. Kelleher, J. Duffy 0-1.

KILLEAGH: K. Costine, V. Motherway, M. Motherway, P. Fitzgibbon, A. O'Connor, J. Power, C. Murphy, S. Cahalane, S. Linehan, M. Spillane, M. O'Connor, N. Barry. Sub: T. Gould for Fitzgibbon (inj.).

ST. FINBARRS: A. Collins, C. Barry, C. Cronin, D. Clarke, B. Kelleher, D. Christie, M. O'Dea, R. O'Donovan, C. O'Mahony, E. Kelleher, G. Kelleher, J. Duffy.

Referee: Mary Kenny (Sarsfields).

No Clear Indication As To The Eventual Outcome Of The National Camogie League

THE National Camogie Leagues are now drawing to a close with the last fixtures on May 2nd. As yet, there is no clear indication as to the outcome. Eight Seniors teams are taking part, divided in two divisions as follows: 1. Dublin, Kilkenny, Cork and Wexford. 2. Antrim, Kildare, Down and Galway. The top two teams from each division go through to the semi finals.

Nineteen Junior teams are participating. They are divided in four zones as follows: A: Clare, Galway, Limerick, Kilkenny and Offaly. B: Carlow, Cork, Tipperary, Waterford and Wexford. C: Cavan, Armagh, Dublin and Kildare. D: Antrim, Derry, Donegal, Fermanagh and Tyrone. The top two teams from each zone go through to the quarter finals. Tipperary are the first through. There are sure to be interesting encounters ahead.

Cork carry the tag as favourites to retain the National League Title, and make it three in a row. Can they repeat last year's success by bringing off the double?, when they halted Kilkenny's long run.

Kilkenny are anxiously awaiting the All-Ireland Senior Championship. They held the title for seven years on the trot. They were great champions. In August, the always threatened Cork at last got the better of the team that had knocked them down so many times during the '80's. In their own Ballinlough, the Leesiders ended the run of the Kilkenny Seniors.

It was an excellent semi final. The visitors were on top in the opening quarter, but failed to translate possession and Cork led 0-5 to 0-4 at half time. Angela Downey and Claire Jones were introduced at a late stage and, with ten minutes remaining, the Noreiders trailed by two points. Disaster struck when Cork shot two goals and a point to end the run of the Champions on a score of 2-11 to 1-8. Kilkenny will naturally be out to prove their worth again this year. They have many young stars, like Brigid Mullally, and excellent forwards. The Killea sisters, Tracey and Sinead, and Jillian Dillon and many more are coming through the Colleges, fit to take any place.

The first meeting of the year between Kilkenny and Cork will be in the National League at a Kilkenny venue on May 2nd. If they are to meet in the Championship it will be in the semi final and the Kilkenny would have the home venue. The following is the Kilkenny panel: Maire Fitzpatrick, Biddy O'Sullivan, Una Murphy, Bridie McGarry, Deirdre Malone, Tracey Millea, Sinead Millea, Ann

Downey, Angela Downey, Marina Downey, Breda Holmes, Gillian Dillon, Brigid Mullally, Claire Jones, Brigid Barnaville, Kay Dunphy, Imelda Kennedy, Esther Kennedy, Sinead Costello, Margaret Hickey, Noreen Tierney and Joan Aylward.

Antrim got a stiff draw in the All-Ireland Senior Championship, when they take on Cork by the Lee. They have a nice young squad. Their Minor team reached the All-Ireland semi final last year, and were beaten by Kilkenny after a replay. The Glensiders have won six Senior All-Ireland titles: 1945, '46, '47, '56, '67 and '79. In 1967 they broke Dublin's eleven year monopoly of the All-Ireland Senior title.

Antrim produced some great players and administrators down the years, three of whom became Presidents of the Association: Lily Spence, Lily also was the first All-Ireland medal holder to referee an All-Ireland final., Rosina McManus and Nancy Murray. Antrim, like many other counties, are hoping that in the not too distant future, they can grace Croke Park. Their Senior panel is as follows: Marie McAtanney, Tara Lundy, Deirdre Cuning, Jane Armstrong, Bronagh McCorry, Sinead McMullen, Ciara Nelson, Ann McKee, Donna McLoughlin, Christine McCamphill, Siobhan McErlane, Denise O'Boyle, Grace McMullen, Catriona Higgins, Karen Convery.

Trend Setters

The largest range of All-Ireland medals won by a player in the same season: Claire McCarthy of Cork won Senior, Junior, Minor and Colleges in 1980.

Kitty and Maire McNicholas, Clare, are the first Mother and Daughter to win All-Ireland medals.

The first player to win two All-Ireland medals on the same day was Cally Riordan of Cork, 1973 Senior and Junior.

Ann Carroll was the first player to win All-Ireland Club Championship medals with two different clubs: St. Patrick's, Tipperary and St. Paul's, Kilkenny.

Susan Lively was the first player to captain an All-Ireland winning Junior team: Down in 1968.

Bernie Duffy, Galway, was the first player to captain an All-Ireland Colleges Junior winning team.

Re-convened Congress will take place in Croke Park on this Saturday 24th commencing at 11.00 a.m.

- P.J. FULHAM

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THE COLEMAN FAMILY



Galway's Mattie Coleman felt dejected as he left Croke Park in 1983 having lost to Dublin in an infamous final. Little did he realise that his younger brother Michael and his sister Ann would more than compensate for his loss.

It would be a wondrous exercise in research to compile details regarding the achievements of the legions of families who have adorned the GAA, and whose efforts on the playing fields and as administrators, continue to make ours the great Association it is.

Indeed, it would be a challenging thesis for any student to assemble a complete volume of the contributions of families in any one county! But wherever and whenever such lists are compiled, the Colemans from Ballyglunin, Tuam, Co Galway, will be very much to the fore.

There are four in focus: Joe, Mattie, Michael, and Ann, the pretty one.

Joe devotes his time and energy to Abbeyknockmoy Club, of which he is Chairman, and Manager of their senior hurling team. He did service in both codes with his native county, but his greatest love was always hurling. With Mattie and Michael, he assisted Abbeyknockmoy win the

GAELSPORT FAMILY TIES

Galway senior hurling title in 1988, a year that was, arguably, the best that western hurling men have known. Joe continues to be the driving force in an area passionately devoted to the skills of the caman.

Mattie was a regular on the Galway senior football team from 1979 to 1987. He qualified for that status on winning All-Ireland minor honours in '76 and went on to accumulate five Connaught championships, a National league title ('82) and an All-Ireland runner-up medal (v Dublin, '83). Last year he was the star of the Monivea-Abbeyknockmoy team which won the Galway senior football championship for the first time, and is one of the select few



TOP: The Colemans-(L-R) Mattie, Ann, Michael and Joe
ABOVE: Michael Coleman in action

to have collected senior football and junior hurling medals with one club in Co. Galway.

Michael has devoted his career almost exclusively to hurling, and from his earliest years at St Jarlath's College, through the completion of his studies at UCG, he was obviously bound for glory. It is exceedingly difficult in our limited space to enumerate all of the sporting achievements of the Economics Graduate who is now an Executive with the A.C.C. in Galway.

Back in '83 he won All-Ireland Under-21 honours playing at centre forward (marking Nicholas English, no less). Two years later All-Ireland Intermediate honours followed, and that memorable year of '88 saw him add the county, All-Ireland Senior, and Railway Cup medals to his collection. That

latter trophy came a third time in '91. Between times there was a National League medal and All-Ireland runner-up trophy (both '89). There were countless accolades for this most consistent of players, but the two he treasures most are his Allstar awards of '89 and '90.

Ann Coleman, of course, learned the skills of the caman side by side with her brothers. She is the holder of two All-Ireland camogie medals. The first of these she won in 1988 when Galway won the National Junior crown and last year she was one of the stars of the Glen Rovers (Cork) team that beat Rathnure (Wexford) in the All-Ireland Senior Club decider.

Yes, the 'Coleman Quartet' is quite a sporting group. ■

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CAMOGIE CONGRESS 1993

Extracts from Síle De Bhailís, Ardrúnaí, Cumann Camógaiocht na nGael, report to Congress 1993. The opening paragraph of Stair na Camógaiochta reminds us of the idealism with which Cumann Camógaiochta na nGael was founded in 1904.

GAELSPORT CAMOGIE REPORT

"Camógaiochta was born in 1904 of a spirit of national resurgence and an awakening of the women of Ireland to a realisation of their destiny in the shaping of a Gaelic nation... giving formal expression to centuries of tradition in the realm of Irish games and pastimes."

The short history of our Association is itself an expression of enduring idealism, commitment, unity of purpose despite divergence of opinion, development and expansion through difficult times. If we are to continue the game of Camógaiocht itself, treat its development as a priority, respect the rules of the Association, and realise that the general good is far more important than the perceived gain to any individual or unit.

1992 saw a swing in favour of Cúige Mumhan with eight of the nine All-Ireland titles going to that province. The one exception was the inaugural Intermediate title going to Ath Cliath. Corcaigh emerged as the leading county with three titles to its credit, followed by Tiobraid Arann with two, and Luimneach with one. This success was reflected in the success of Cúige Mumhan in both the senior and junior Gael Linn.

Coiste Londain reports continued progress in face of difficulties similar to those in other counties. The difficulties of this Coiste are compounded by the inadequacy of regular inter-county competition. In spite of this, the standard



Síle De Bhailís

of both its county team and its Club Champions, Tara, was extremely high. With sufficient competition at this level, our London teams could well grace Croke Park on All-Ireland finals day.

An Oige Camógaiocht, under the guidance of C.C.L.A. continues to develop in third-level Colleges with an increase in the number of affiliated Colleges and a levelling of overall standards. A welcome development is the number of students opting for theses on Camógaiocht as part of appropriate degree courses. Of even more importance to the future of the game is the number of students of Physical Education who are actively involved in Camógaiocht.

Despite meetings with the Sports Department in R.T.E. months prior to the All Ireland finals, despite agreement of the type of coverage which would be appropriate, and despite further communication, we were not

accorded coverage on the Sunday night for the first time in years. Subsequent apologies from RTE did not lessen the disappointment. It is expected that the situation will improve in 1993.

The referees uniform was in use at the All-Ireland finals. It was worn with distinction by Maire Uí Pholaird, Portlairge, and Aine Derham, Ath Cliath. It is hoped that, in time, each club will have at least one as club property, and that individual referees will also be interested in having the official uniform.

The name of Una Uí Phuirséil is synonymous with the development of Camógaiocht at almost every level of the Association. Ardcomhairle felt it was fitting that the Intermediate Cup be named in her honour.

The work of Sub-Committees is set out in detail in their reports, but your attention is drawn to certain aspects which will require your whole-hearted support and com-

mitment.

The referees Committee will ask for definite progress in the area of establishing Referees Committees, where such has not already been done, at the various levels. It will also ask you to facilitate its work through sending your referees to its planned seminars and courses.

The Coaching Committee report refers to the important role which will be played by the National Coaching and Training Centre in the future development of coaching in general. Since the report was compiled, the director and the head of Coach Education in N.C.T.C. met Máire Ní Mhóráin and myself with a view to ascertaining our future coaching needs and the way in which they could assist our Association.

The administration Committee outlines its plans for the future. Again it is hoped that there will be a positive response from the various units. You may feel that the workload of officers militates against attendance at seminars and courses, but the theme running through those courses include proposals on lightening and spreading that very workload.

All of us at the various levels would be enabled to turn the necessary attention to planning and development if the Association as a whole renewed its commitment to the ideals and aims enshrined in our Constitution. Our purpose is to promote our own Irish game and to hand it on to the next generation, all too often promotion and development are impeded and side-tracked through losing sight of the central issue, the game itself. Ours is a voluntary-run organisation based on goodwill, commitment, and love of camogie. Should such be eroded, we will be diverted from our main objective that of the promotion of Camógaiocht. ■

CAMOGIE ROUND UP

Cork Outclass Kilkenny

Kilkenny failed to Cork by 2-20 to 2-5 in a National Senior Camogie League game at Ballyragget recently. Both teams are in the same division and are through to the semi finals, with Cork leading the table. The game was a lacklustre affair with Cork leading 1-11 to 1-3 at the interval. The Leesiders continued to use their superiority in the second half, picking off some well taken scores. Scorers: Cork: Fiona O'Driscoll 1-4, Linda Mellerick 0-7, Collette O'Mahoney 1-3, Irene O'Keefe 0-3, Lynn Dunlea, Liz O'Neill and Claire O'Mahoney 0-1 each. Kilkenny: Deirdre Malone, Gillian Dillon 1-0 each, Sinead Millea 0-3, Marina Downey 0-2.

Kildare were unlucky not to have reached the quarter final stages of the National Junior League when they were defeated by the minimum score by Armagh at the latter's venue. Kildare looked much the sharper side and after an excellent first half performance they led 1-6 to 0-3.

Early in the second half Armagh put the pressure on the Kildare defence, but this was well handled by Nora Egan, Ruth Treacy and Niamh Leahy.

With eight minutes remaining the Lilywhites held the lead by five points. The home side became dominant at centre field and within a short time Patricia Burns and Collette McEvoy slammed home goals and held on to a slender lead to win by 2-5 to 1-7. Scorers: Armagh: Patricia McEvoy 1-2, Collette Burns 1-0, Mary Black 0-2, Joan Rice 0-1. Kildare: Sharon Browne 0-4, Siobhan Mullins 1-0,

Kay Treacy, Mary Healy and Liz Doran 0-1 each.

Carlow's trip to Waterford proved successful when they gained victory over the home side which leaves them in a play off situation against Cork. Carlow played with great conviction against a fancied home side and led 2-2 to 0-3 at the break.

The second half was more evenly contested with Mary Murphy, Caroline Larkin and Elaine O'Mahoney trying to lift Waterford's game. In the last quarter, Carlow stepped up the pace with Mary Smith in brilliant form setting up Aine Murphy for their final goal to win on a score of 4-4 to 2-6. Scorers: Carlow: Aine Murphy 2-0, Marie Sheehan 1-1, Nuala Quirke 1-0, Valerie Crean 0-3. Waterford: Mary Murphy 1-2, June Phelan 1-0, Orla Ryan 0-3, Geraldine Barry 0-1.

Galway booked their place in the National Junior League quarter final when defeated Clare in an excellent encounter. Clare were in front 0-8 to 0-2 at the break. Second half goals by Olivia Broderick and Emer Hardiman put Galway on the road to victory. Clare fought back with a goal by Sylvia O'Brien but Galway held on to their slender lead 3-5 to 1-9. Scorers: Galway: Olivia Broderick 2-5, Emer Hardiman 1-0. Clare: Frances Phelan 0-5, Sylvia O'Brien 1-0, Pauleen O'Brien 0-2, Debbie McDonagh, Kathleen Lally 0-1 each.

Derry booked their place in the



Kildare keeper Anna Dargan, hoping for a win on Sunday

League quarter finals when they defeated Tyrone by 3-6 to 1-4. This Sunday there are three important games down for decision pertaining to the National League. The Senior League semi final between Kilkenny and Galway will attract a great interest. The Noresiders have the venue. This should be a sparkling encounter. Kilkenny have the experience, with the majority of their team holding All-Ireland Senior Championship medals. They have dropped two points to Cork in the campaign, and will be anxious to get a crack at All-Ireland honours.

They have good young performers in Gillian Dillon, Tracy and Sinead Millea, Brigid Mullally and Marina Downey, backed by the experienced Downey sisters Ann and Angela, Breda Holmes, Bridie McGarry and Biddy O'Sullivan.

Galway are a young eager squad and have full points. They are sure to give a good display, fielding stars such as Sharon Glynn, Claire Lynch, Deirdre Costello and Emer Hardiman who will cause lots of problems for Kilkenny's defence. Pamela Nevin, Triona Dolphin and Brid Stafford are very efficient at centre field. Goalie Ann Broderick came up through Minor ranks and is a safe keeper. Shiela Coen, Olive Costello and Deirdre Hardiman have been staunch in the rearguard throughout the campaign.

Kilkenny will carry the tag of favourites, but Galway will be no pushover. In another Senior tie Kildare travel to take on Down. The winners meet Cork in the other semi final. Both dropped two points to Galway. This should be an evenly contested affair. Kildare will be depending on Miriam Malone, Anna Dargan, Geraldine Dwyer, Melanie Treacy, Liz O'Donoghue and Claire Maloney to see them through. However, they will meet with stiff opposition from the home side who carry a number of prominent players including Donna Greeran, Nuala McCartan, Isobel Oakes, Mairin McAlleenan, Colleen Hynds and Bonie McCreavy. This one should go all the way to the wire.

In a Junior League play off Cork play host to Carlow. The prize here is a place in the quarter finals. When the sides met in April, Cork were best on a score of 3-6 to 1-4. Carlow have a major task on hand to take the points down by the "Lee".

- P.J. FULHAM



St. Aidan's Community College, who defeated North Pres in yesterday's Cork Colleges Intermediate camogie championship final. (Picture: Eddie O'P'are).

Gillian sparkles for Tipp

The Tipperary minor camogie team made a winning start to their quest to retain the Munster and All-Ireland titles when they easily accounted for Clare on Sunday evening last in Liltleton.

The team had prepared very well and had shown great commitment in training, but could hardly have envisaged such an easy semi-final victory. Tipperary dominated proceedings from the start. Gillian O'Neill opened the scoring with a goal after five minutes. Gillian was to prove a thorn in the Clare side all through. In no sector of the field were Clare on top, and the Tipperary midfield of Anna Gaynor, Nicola Kenneally and Theresa Brophy really controlled this vital area.

Continuous pressure was applied to the Clare defence and with goals from Doreen Cullen, Gillian O'Neill and Chloagh Deane, Tipperary led 5-2 to 0-1 at the interval. Clare did better in the

second half but Tipperary ran out easy 6-5 to 0-2 winners. Gillian O'Neill getting the sixth goal.

Tipperary's best were Caroline Buckley, Maria White, Joanne Horgan, Theresa Brophy, Ciara Gaynor, Mandy Quigley, Gillian O'Neill, while all the others can be proud of the part they played in this fine win.

Team and scorers: S. Kenneally, S. Lawton, C. Buckley, M. White, J. Horgan, T. Brophy, N. Kennedy, G. Gaynor, D. Cullen (captain) 1-0; C. Dunne 2-1; M. Quigley 0-2; G. O'Neill 3-1; A. Barry, E. Hayden, M. Maxwell, F. Hanrahan, O. Hayden, M. Looby, C. Fitzgerald, J. O'Connor, M. Harkin, B. Phelan, L. McCormack, M. Larkin.

Sincere thanks to Moycarkey - Borris GAA Club for the use of their pitch. Ann Ralph and her helpers, Philly and Con, who helped prepare the pitch.

Tipperary now face Cork in the Munster final on Sunday, May 16th, at a Tipperary venue. Training will resume on Thursday night at 7 p.m. in Drom field.

INTERMEDIATE TRAINING

Training continues for the intermediates this Thursday night at 7.15 p.m. in Thurles Crokes Athletic grounds.

JUNIOR TRAINING

Training continues for the junior team on Friday evening at 7.30 p.m. in Drom.

COUNTY BOARD MEETING

The next County Board meeting will be held on Tuesday night next, May 4th, in Sarsfields Social Centre, Thurles, at 8.30 p.m. Sincere thanks to Paddy Graham and his assistant, Tina, for the excellent first aid course given to the clubs recently.

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Cork run out easy winners

CORK 5-8 CARLOW 3-4

TWO soft goals by Cork in the opening two minutes of the second half, after the home side had led 3-4 to 1-3 at the break, ruined this National Junior camogie play-off as a contest at a rain-soaked Ballinlough, Cork yesterday.

In the end, Cork ran out easy winners and they will now meet Galway in the quarter-finals.

In fairness to the losers they put up quite a good performance and had some very good players, in particular Valerie Crean, Mary Smyth and Nuala Quirke, but the home side were the better balanced side and never looked like losing.

The standard of camogie was not that high as both sides were very much inclined to pick the ball, which was not travelling on the wet pitch, and this led to some promising attacks breaking down.

Cork made a good start scoring 2-2 in the opening seven minutes, their second goal being a really spectacular one when Ann Golden connected in the air with a Hilda Kenneally free to shoot home from close range.

But Carlow hit a purple patch between the 10th and 12th minutes and added 1-1 and at that stage looked like troubling the home side. But the Cork girls regained their composure for Ann Golden to have her second goal in the 21st minute to put the Leesiders in a strong position at the break.

The second half had hardly begun when a shot from Hilda Kenneally, from 30 metres, evaded both backs and forwards to end up in the net and a minute later Fiona Twomey's effort for a point lobbed past goalkeeper Celine Byrne into the net.

After that the game deteriorated with both sides dominating in turn with the visitors getting a goal and a point in the closing stages to put a better complexion on the scoreboard.

Scorers: Cork - A Golden 2-0, F Twomey 1-3 (0-1 free), H Kenneally 1-3 (0-1 "45"), P Murphy 1-0, S Linchan 0-1, L Dunlea 0-1. Carlow: N Quirke 1-0, S Keogh 1-0, T O'Brien 1-0, V Crean 0-3 (0-1 free, 0-1 "45"), M Sheehan 0-1.

Cork: L Twomey; D Deane; V Motherway; A Leahy; D McCarthy; E Buckley; C Cronin; N O'Regan; S Linchan; H Kenneally; A Dilworth; B Cashman; F Twomey; A Golden; P Murphy. Subs: L Dunlea for P Murphy (34th minute), A Brady for S Linchan (41st minute), B Kelleher for A Dilworth (47th minute).

Aidan's Camogie Club

OUR camogie club has enjoyed a very active and successful year. The club is organised by Ms. O. McGrath with the co-operation of Mrs. A. O'Donovan and Mr. R. Riordan, Linda Brady (chairperson) and Therese Kenny (secretary), both 5th Year students.

The club consists of three panels: the 1st Year team (captain, Avril Guckian), the u-15 junior team (captain, Yvonne McCarthy) and the intermediate team (captain, Linda Brady).

The intermediate team has had great success in 1992-93, reaching the final of the Cork Colleges Championship, defeating Presentation (Bandon) 3-5 to 2-2.

We hope their dedication and training will be the decisive factor in overcoming

North Presentation, Farranree, in the final next week.

It is indeed an honour for St. Aidans that three of its students - Angelique Ryan, 3rd Year; Yvonne McCarthy, 3rd Year; and Linda Brady, 5th Year - have been selected for the Cork u-16 panel this year.

Yvonne McCarthy, a very talented young player, was also selected to the much acclaimed Glen Rovers senior panel - current All-Ireland champions.

Tá súil againn go leanfaidh an Cumann Camógaíochta sa scoil ar aghaidh go láidir. Ba mhaith linn buíochas a ghabháil le Scoil Oilibhéir agus le Fánaithe an Ghleanna as an tacaíocht a thugann siad dúinn.

"Mol an óige agus tiocfaidh sí."



Intermediate camogie panel, 1992-93 — Front row, left to right: A Guckian, K Riordan, L Long, B Kenneally, L Cronin, O Keating, J Power, C Scott, A Ryan. Back row: Ms. O McGrath, T Kenny, Y McCarthy, M Cronin, T King, V O'Keeffe, S O'Brien, G Dineen, L Brady (captain).

CAMOGIE

KILKENNY BY A WHISKER

Kilkenny 4-8 Galway 4-7
KILKENNY are through to the National Senior Camogie League final when they pipped Galway by a point in an evenly contested semi-final, at Ballyragget yesterday. The home side led 1-5 to 1-4 at the interval.

SCORERS — Kilkenny: S. Mellie 2-5, A. Downey 2-1, C. Jones, B. Holmes 0-1 each. **Galway:** I. Hobbs 2-1, S. Glynn 0-4, E. Hardiman, A. Murphy 1-0 each, C. Lynch 0-2.

National Senior League: Down 0-10, Kildare 0-4. **National Junior League:** Cork 5-8, Carlow 3-4. **Munster MC final:** Cork 2-2, Tipperary 2-2.

Cork minors take on Tipp

BOTH the Cork minor and junior camogie teams are involved in vital games this weekend. Tomorrow at Drominch, Co Tipperary, the minors play the home county in the Munster Minor Championship final (3 p.m.). The junior team, meanwhile, will be in action against Carlow at Ballinlough in a play-off in the National Junior League, 2 p.m.

The Cork minors face a tough test against Munster and All-Ireland champions, Tipperary. In their first outing against Waterford, Cork were in total command against very disappointing opposition, but tomorrow's clash will be a totally different affair. The Cork team shows two changes in personnel from their first outing, with Sadie McCarthy from Kilbrittain replacing Leona Nolan from Inniscarra in goal and Inniscarra's Catherine O'Leary coming in at left corner-forward. The remainder of the line-out will see Nicola O'Leary (Eire Og) at full back, with Newcestown's Lynda Crowley and Bishopstown's Tricia Doyle completing the line. Jill Hannon from Brian Dillons is named at centre back with the midfield positions going to Lynda O'Sullivan (Ballinhas-sig), Vivienne Harris (Bishopstown) and Nicola Buckley (Inniscarra), who also captains the side. Killeagh's Mary O'Connor will be at centre forward with Eileen Clifford (Na Piarsaigh),

Frances Flavin (Fr O'Neills) and Catherine O'Leary (Inniscarra) making up the full-forward line.

The Cork junior team was not named at the time of writing, but is expected to include regulars Vera Motherway, Niamh O'Regan, Alison Dilworth, Hilda Kenneally, Diane Deane, Fiona Twomey and Lillian Twomey.

The winners of the tie go forward to play Galway the following Sunday in the League quarter-final. Cork have already defeated Carlow in an earlier round and should advance.

Flavin earns Cork a draw

Tipperary 2-2 Cork 2-2

A goal late in the game by Frances Flavin earned Cork a deserved draw with All Ireland Champions Tipperary in the Munster Minor Camogie final at The Ragg yesterday.

Played in a continuous downpour there was little between the two sides in an exciting encounter.

Tipperary enjoyed a slight advantage in the first half and with Gillian O'Neill in good form in attack, they led 1-2 to 1-1 at the interval, O'Neill getting their goal with Frances Flavin the scorer of the Cork goal.

Little changed in a keenly-contested second half but Tipperary seemed to be heading for victory following O'Neill's second goal.

Cork stuck determinedly to their

task and they got their just reward when Frances Flavin scored the equalising goal near the end.

For Tipperary, E. Hayden, S. Lawlor, C. Buckley, J. Horgan, T. Brophy, C. Gaynor, G. O'Neill were most prominent. While for Cork, L. Crowley, V. Harris, N. Buckley, M. O'Connor and F. Flavin caught the eye.

Scorers: Tipperary - G. O'Neill 2-1, M. Quigley 0-1. Cork: F. Flavin 2-0, M. O'Connor and N. Buckley 0-1 each.

Tipperary: E. Hayden, S. Lawlor, C. Buckley, M. White, J. Horgan, N. Kennedy, T. Brophy, C. Gaynor, C. Dunne, M. Looby, M. Quigley, G. O'Neill. Subs. A. Barry for Dunne, D. Culleton for Looby, M. Harkins for Horgan.

Cork: S. McCarthy, N. O'Leary, L. Crowley, G. Harris, P. Doyle, L. O'Sullivan, V. Harris, N. Buckley, E. Clifford, M. O'Connor, C. O'Leary, F. Flavin.

Munster final

Tipperary..... 2-2
Cork..... 2-2

The Drom and Inch GAA grounds at The Ragg housed the Munster minor final on Sunday last and despite the terrible weather conditions, both team served up a fine hour's camogie, which failed to yield a result.

Tipperary being champions

and fielding a number of last year's panel, were slight favourites. But Cork were first on the scoreboard with a well-taken goal by their full-forward, Frances Flavin. The home team were finding it hard to settle but after a minutes full-forward Gillian O'Neill rounded her marker and rattled the net.

Cork were applying a lot of pressure and the Tipp backs were being called on to stop many attacks, but 12-year-old goalie Emily Hayden was in brilliant form. Sharon Lawton, Caroline Buckley and Joanne Horgan were also in top form and Tipp were next to score when Mandy Quigley pointed a '30'. Cork were finding scores difficult to come by also, as Ciara Gaynor, Theresa Brophy and Nicola Kennedy in midfield were getting on top. Cork added two points to their goal before half-time, Mary O'Connor and Nicola Buckley being the scorers, leaving it 1-2 to 1-1.

On resumption, Ann Barry had replaced Clodagh Dunne in the Tipp forward line and made an early impression. Tipp made a couple of changes, Dorcey Culleton replaced Mary Looby. Ciara Gaynor went to centre-forward and was causing problems for the Cork defence. Tipp missed chances before Gillian O'Neill again got away from her marker to raise another green flag to put Tipp two points ahead.

At this stage Joanne Horgan, who had been playing very well, received an injury which forced her retirement and was replaced by Marie Harkins. Gillian O'Neill added to Tipperary's lead shortly afterwards. With time running out, Cork were awarded a free 40 yards out, which dropped in around the goal and full-forward Frances Flavin finished to the net from a melee to tie the game. From the puckout the whistle blew for full time, leaving the sides level 2-2 each.

Tipperary - E. Hayden, S. Lawlor, C. Buckley, M. White, J. Horgan, C. Gaynor, N. Kennedy, J. Brophy, M. Quigley (0-1), C. Dunne, M. Looby, G. O'Neill (2-1). Subs.: A. Barry for C. Dunne, D. Culleton for M. Looby, M. Harkins for J. Horgan, S. Kennedy, O. Hayden, B. Phelan, F. Hanrahan, C. Fitzgerald, J. O'Connor, M. Maxwell, M. Larkin, L. McCormack.

In the final of the intermediate league (county) Shannon Rovers defeated Portroe 2-3 to 2-2.

Best for Rovers were Helen Fox, Catherine Bourke, Theresa Bourke, Colette Horan, Maera Cahalan, Mary Leenane, while Sinead Kennedy, Alice Hayes, Alison Lawlor, Clare and Sarah Madden played well for Portroe.

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Win for Presentation

Presentation, Kilkenny . . . 5-4
 Birr Community School . . . 2-6

PRESENTATION secondary school, Kilkenny, overcame the strong challenge of St. Brendan's Community School, Birr, to win the Leinster Colleges senior B camogie championship last Friday afternoon in Freshford.

Conditions were far from ideal for a game of camogie as wind and rain prevailed for most of the game.

The match opened brightly for Presentation and they had a goal after 4 minutes from Elaine Leahy. This was to be their only score until nearly half time as Birr became the dominant team and scored two goals and three points without reply. Just on half time, however, Elizabeth

Dowling had a point from a free to leave the score at the break

Birr 2-3
Presentation 1-1

Early in the second half Birr had another point from a free. Presentation gradually hauled themselves back into the game with points from frees by Michelle Fennelly and then in the 12th minute the same player had a goal which just left a point between the teams.

At this stage the Presentation midfield were getting the better of their opponents and the forwards began to receive a steady supply of the ball. A goal from a free by Michelle Fennelly after Triona Kennedy was fouled brought Presentation the lead in the 18th minute. Birr then landed another point from a free to again leave the minimum

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between the sides. Presentation finished the stronger side and in the final 5 minutes two goals by Deirdre Phelan and a point from Michelle Fennelly to one point from Birr left the final score - Presentation 5-4; Birr 2-6.

After a very shaky first half this was a fine performance from the Presentation team. Anne Sunderland and Elizabeth Dowling played very well in defence. The midfield of Deirdre Phelan, Ann Marie Ryall and Edel Murphy got on top in the second half while Elaine Dalton and Triona Kennedy played prominent parts in the forwards. Michelle Fennelly's free taking in

the second half was excellent while Elaine Leahy took her goal chance well. Suzanne Brennan made some good saves in goal. Margaret Dooley and Cora Mullen had great second halves and held their players scoreless.

Birr had some fine players in Majella Bergin at centre-back, Hilda Dooley, Colleen Myles and Eilish Dooley at midfield while centre-forward Patricia Dooley and full-forward Tina Robinson were very dangerous.

Presentation scorers: M. Fennelly (2-3, 1-3 frees); D. Phelan 2-0; E. Leahy 1-0; E. Dowling 0-1 (free).

Presentation: Suzanne Brennan (Clara), Anne Sunderland (Dicksboro), Cora Mullen (James Stephen's), Elizabeth Dowling (Clara), Margaret Dooley (St. Lachtain's), Edel Murphy (Clara), Ann Marie Ryall (St.

Brigid's), Deirdre Phelan (James Stephen's), Michelle Fennelly (Carrickshock), Elaine Dalton, Elaine Leahy (James Stephen's), Triona Kennedy (Dicksboro).

Subs: Sinéad Butler (St. Lachtain's); Nicola Fitzpatrick (James Stephen's), Deirdre Dowling (Clara), Yvonne Kenny (James Stephen's), Geraldine Brennan (Clara), Breda Dooley (St. Lachtain's), Edwina Tallent (James Stephen's), Gillian Meany (Clara).

Birr C.S.: Sinéad O'Meara, Maureen Dooley, Tara King, Majella Bergin, Hilda Dooley, Colleen Myles, Eilish Dooley, Sarah Corrigan, Audrey Hennessey, Patricia Dooley, Edel O'Meara, Tina Robinson.
Subs: Eva O'Donoghue, Brenda Keogh, Rita Bergin, Frances Carey, Helen Fitzgerald.

Fixture:
 Leinster Colleges senior 'B' camogie final: Friday 14th - Freshford.



Presentation Convent, Kilkenny . . . Winners of the Leinster Colleges Roinn B Camogie Championship when they beat St. Brendan's Community School, Birr, 5-4 to 2-6 in Freshford. Back row (from left): Breda Dooley, Yvonne O'Dwyer, Deirdre Phelan, Elaine Dalton, Edwina Tallent, Elizabeth Dowling (Captain), Gerry O'Dwyer (trainer). Centre: Suzanne Brennan, Michelle Fennelly, Cora Mullins, Ann Marie Ryan, Geraldine Brennan, Deirdre Dowling, Margaret

Coyle return boosts Marino

THE biggest day of the camogie year takes place at Pairc Naomh Uinsionn, off the Malahide Road, on Sunday when four major Dublin championship finals will be staged.

The highlight of the programme is the confrontation between the holders, Marino, and the league leaders, Celtic, in the Senior A duel.

Marino, semi-final victors over Ballyboden St. Endas, have received a huge boost by the return of their accomplished forward, Mairead Coyle, the former Galway player, who now teaches in Cavan.

Coyle, who takes the Marino frees, should have a big impact on the game, which sees Celtic have a doubt about their dangerous attacker, Paula Carey, who has a wrist injury.

Celtic nudged past the brave

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challenge of Na Fianna in the semi-final by just a point.

The opening contest on the bill, the inter final between Cumann Uí Chonaill and Naomh Brid, should be close, while Thomas Davis will be favourites to capture the Senior 'C' crown. Marino also appear in the Senior 'B' final against UCD.

The Dublin juniors overcame a stern examination in Derry last Sunday to reach the semi-final of the National Junior League. The Dubs returned home with a 1-6 to 0-3 victory.

The important goal came from Ailish Mullen in the second half, at a time when the visitors were soaking up quite an amount of punishment. The Dublin defence were in excellent form, and Karen Bauer and Janice Kelly excelled.

Dublin's centre-field toiled long and hard, and there were valuable contributions from Cheryl Whittaker and Brigid McKenna in a very wholehearted team performance.

Dublin led at the interval by 0-6 to 0-1, and mentor, John Kirwan, commented: "It was good to have got such a tough test, and to have come through it."

Dublin: Sinéad Caulfield, Janice Kelly, Karen Bauer, Ann Martin, Karen Fox, Cheryl Whittaker, Nicola McTiernan, Saoibh Henderson (0-1), Brigid McKenna (0-1), Ann Walsh, Niamh Kearney, Liz Roche (0-1), Ailish Mullen (1-0), Paula Carroll (0-2), Irene Kirwan (0-1). Subs: Siobhán Treacy for Kearney, Tara O'Connell for Martin, Cait O'Leary for Mullen.

Fixtures - Tonight: Phoenix Park (7.0): Sen A - Marino v Ballyboden.

Tomorrow: Finglas (6.45): Jun B C'ship Final - St. Marks v St. Margarets. (7.45): Naomh Brid v Clontarf.

Sunday: Pairc Naomh Uinsionn (12.30): Inter C'ship Final - Cumann Uí Chonaill v Naomh Brid. (1.45): Sen C C'ship Final - Whitehall Colmcille v Thomas Davis. (3.15): Sen A C'ship final - Celtic v Marino. (4.30): Sen B C'ship Final - Marino v UCD.

happened in Times Past



Glen Rovers (top) and South Presentation PPU who met in the final of the Cork County Senior Camogie C final at the UCC Grounds in 1967 (624P/265)

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Late rush . . . ! but Lisdowney make it two in a row

Lisdowney 1-9
St. Lachtain's (Freshford) 0-4

A MIGHTY effort by St. Lachtain's to dethrone the reigning champions, Lisdowney, ended in bitter failure on Thursday last. This game was watched by the largest attendance to date at a senior county final which was played under greasy under-foot conditions, thankfully, this didn't restrict some great passages of camogie.

Despite some magnificent play which brought the challenges within a mere point of the champions on two occasions, St. Lachtain's could not simply break down the tight-marking Lisdowney rearguard for the elusive score which could have set them up for victory, in a nail-biting climax to this county final.

In a tension-filled opening half both teams were guilty of squandering some good chances, but as the teams settled both defences dominated. This was to be a trend for most of the game.

Lisdowney opened the scores with a point from Ann Downey from a 30m free, which was followed with a point from sister Angela, after a few minutes of uncompromising play. Claire Jones then opened the challenges' defence and added a further point.

Angela Downey-Browne shot for goal from a close-range free but saw her effort blocked and cleared. The play switched from end to end on numerous occasions but neither team capitalised as there were wides from both sides.

Helen McGrath incredibly stopped and cleared among six players after a goalmouth scramble to deny Lisdowney. At this stage the Lisdowney midfield of Ann, Marina Downey and Catherine Dunne were lording affairs.

Freshford switched the experienced Maura Costello to this sector to try to curb the ever improving Catherine Dunne. Sinéad Costello was making some great runs down the left flank but to no avail as the defence was equal to anything that came its way.

Caroline Glendon and Bridget Wall were most prominent at this stage, to take an unconvincing 0-3 to 0-1 lead with them at the interval.

The momentum of the second half was similar to

that of the opening one. Lisdowney having the benefit of the breeze, both teams attacking and again both defences giving nothing away.

In the opening minutes Lisdowney were again denied the winning goal on three occasions when goalie McGrath again came to Freshford's assistance, parrying two shots from Angela Downey-Browne and one from captain Lizzie Fogarty.

From a puck-out the classy Marina Downey scored an excellent point from the left wing. Angela Downey-Browne followed with two points, one from a free, after good work by Claire Jones, Ann and Marina Downey.

The ball switched ends and following fouls on Maura Costello who was now operating at centre-forward, and Gillian Dillon, Imelda Kennedy had two points from the resulting frees, incidentally, their final scores of the game. Eight minutes into the second half Ann Downey tried for a goal from a 20-metre free following a foul, the shot was again saved and cleared.

At this stage Lisdowney introduced Ann Marie Hughes, and St. Lachtain's Elaine Butler and Kathleen Dooley. Following a sideline ball from Ann Downey, which was added to by Ann Marie Hughes, it found the strong-running Claire Jones who blazed a spectacular ground shot to the net, leaving goalie Helen McGrath powerless.

This appeared to be what the champions had been waiting for as from there to the finish they seemed to step up a gear. Sinéad Costello was moved to midfield but even she had no success, as from the puck-out the impressive Catherine Dunne had a good point. At this stage Lizzie Fogarty stormed into the game, playing a captain's part and adding two points

to seal victory: 1-9 to 0-4.

During injury time St. Lachtain's pushed forward in numbers in an effort to get a goal but it was all in vain as the Lisdowney defence dominated, with goalie Veronica Wall making two fine saves and clearances and Ann Downey standing valiantly between them and goal.

For Lisdowney Veronica Wall was soundness personified in goal. Their defence? What do you say about a defence which held opponents scoreless from play for the entire game? Bridget Wall once again had an outstanding game on senior panellist Imelda Kennedy.

Caroline Glendon enjoyed her best performance in the Lisdowney colours. Olivia Donnelly and Bridget Barnaville turned in fine displays and had many timely clearances. Marina Downey had her best game of the year to date and had a great tussle with Gillian Dillon.

Ann Downey was unbeatable and was the rock on which many Freshford attacks perished. Catherine Dunne gave a polished performance and is growing in confidence. Claire Jones figured prominently in all Lisdowney attacks and scored one of the best goals seen at Nowlan Park.

Despite close attention Angela Downey was always dangerous and was unlucky on a few occasions. Aine Dunne struck a lot of ball while Ann Marie Hughes was very effective when introduced and did the simple things well.

For the gallant St. Lachtain's the deficit could have been far greater but for the alertness of their heroine, Helen McGrath. Their defence withstood a lot of pressure with Margaret Hickey and Sinéad Costello most prominent until the final minutes when they yielded.

Gillian Dillon, Fiona Connery and Hilda Butler tried hard while up front their forwards have enjoyed better days. They lacked ideas and seemed to be fighting a never-ending battle in which Maura Costello and Imelda Kennedy tried hardest.

Substitutes Elaine Butler and Kathleen Dooley were unable to make any impact when introduced.

For this young St. Lachtain's team it can only be a valuable learning experience. They can be proud of their

performance, it was anybody's game until the final minutes. The indications given to all on Thursday night is that we will see them back in the not-too-distant future.

After the match it was a jubilant Lisdowney captain, birthday girl Lizzie Fogarty, who was presented with the Dunphy cup, safe for yet another year.

• Scorers

Lisdowney - Claire Jones (1-1), Angela Downey-Browne (0-3), Lizzie Fogarty (0-2), Ann Downey (0-1), Marina Downey and Catherine Dunne (0-1 each). St. Lachtain's - Imelda Kennedy (0-4, frees).

• Teams

Lisdowney - Veronica Wall, Caroline Glendon, Bridget Wall,

Bridget Barnaville, Olivia Donnelly, Marina Downey, Ann Downey, Catherine Dunne, Aine Dunne, Claire Jones, Angela Downey-Browne, Lizzie Fogarty (captain). Subs: Ann Marie Hughes (used), Deirdre Delaney, Noelle O'Driscoll, Mary Brennan, Bridget Sharkey, Catherine O'Loughlin, Marie Blanchfield, Cora Mackey and Sandra Gleeson.

St. Lachtain's - Helen McGrath, Paula Dowling, Margaret Hickey, Esther Kennedy (captain), Sinéad Costello, Fiona Connery, Hilda Butler, Gillian Dillon, Eileen Connery, Maura Kavanagh, Maura Costello, Imelda Kennedy. Subs: Kathleen Ryan, Kathleen Dooley, Elaine Butler, Miriam Butler and Siobhán Kennedy.

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Out of reach . . . Imelda Kennedy, St. Lachtain's, get in a shot at goal while keeping out of reach of Lisdowney defender O'Donnelly during the county senior camogie final at Nowlan Park.

(Photo: Tom B.)



Lisdowney - Kilkenny Senior Camogie Champions 1993 . . . the Lisdowney team who defeated St. Lachtain's, Freshford, in the county senior camogie final at Nowlan Park.



St. Lachtain's, Freshford . . . county senior camogie finalists 1993.

Busy Weekend on Camogie Calendar

This is a busy weekend on the Camogie calendar with the quarter finals of the national Junior League and a semi-final of the Senior League down for decision. In the final of the Senior League, Cork, the All-Ireland champions and holders of the national Senior League title for the past two years, meet the winners of Kildare versus Down at a Cork venue. If it is Kildare it will be a repeat of last year's semi-final, when the Leesiders won 2-20 to 0-3. Down are a graded Intermediate team.

Cork are favourites to secure their third title in a row. They emerged tops from their division, registering large scores in all their matches - 14 to Wexford's 1-3, 4-20 to Dublin's 0-3, and 2-20 to Kilkenny's 2-14. They are in sparkling form and with players of the calibre of Sandy Fitzgibbon, Irene O'Leary, Linda Mellerick, Therese O'Callaghan, Fiona O'Driscoll, Collette O'Mahoney and Liz O'Neill, they should have no trouble advancing to the final.

In Junior League quarter finals, Dublin, winners of zone C, travel to Derry. Derry emerged from zone D level on points with Donegal. They will have gained confidence from their win over Tyrone, 3-6 to 1-4, in their last outing, and field stylish players Nuala Rankin, Michelle Kealey, Angela Lee, Shauna McGlone, and University of Ulster and Jordanstown stars Martina Marschall, Orla Downey and Brona Birt.

Dublin are riding the crest of the wave with full points. They are full of zest and are quite confident of advancing. They field as follows: Sinead Caulfield, Janice Kelly, Karen Bauer, Anne Martin, Karen Fox, Cheryl Whittaker, Nicola McTiernan, Sabdh Henderson, Breda McKenna, Liz Roach, Niamh Kerney, Anne Walshe, Aisling Mullen, Paula Carroll and Irene Kirwan.

Donegal will oppose Armagh at the latter's venue. This should be an entertaining encounter between two evenly matched teams. Donegal are sure to be well served by Susan Malone, Elaine McGonicle, Mary Devine, Caroline Callaghan and Coleraine University star Evana Fitzgerald. Armagh will have a hard task on hand and will be depending on Patricia McEvoy, Collette Burns, Joan Rice and Jordanstown University player Mary Black.

Galway meet the winners of Cork versus Carlow, who are involved in a play-off. If it is Carlow, Galway travel and if Cork come through, Galway have the venue. Galway had an impressive campaign only dropping two points to the League champions Limerick. They are the beaten All-Ireland finalists of last year and have gained a lot of experience since then which should make them a formidable force. They have numerous College stars which includes Olivia Broderick, Emer Hoffman, Ailish Kilkenny, Dymna Maher, Martina Haverty and Yvonne Larkin.

In the last quarter final, Tipperary, the All-Ireland Junior champions, host the National League champions Limerick. This is sure to be a close and evenly contested affair. When the sides met in the preliminary round last year, Tipperary were best and when they came face to face in the Munster Championship final the Premier County came out on top once again on a score of 2-17 to 1-7.

Tipperary came out of their division with full points, while Limerick were on level terms with Galway in zone A. Limerick's defeat was at the hands of Offaly. They have a talented squad and with players such as Pauline McCarthy, Bernie Boawke, Aoda Quaid, Michelle McCarthy, Helen McCarthy and Bernie O'Brien, they will be seeking to get a step nearer to achieving three National Junior League titles in a row.

Tipperary will have other ideas and will be depending on Deirdre Hughes, Noelle Kennedy, Anne Gleeson, Helen O'Leary, Helen Kiely and Marie Ryan to secure a place in the semi final. Home venue should prove advantageous.

The Senior final takes place on June 6th, also the Junior semi-finals. Should a county have a team involved in both grades, the Junior fixture will be transferred to June 13th. The Junior final will be on June 20th.

TREND SETTERS:

Maura Gill was the first player to captain an All-Ireland Senior winning team - Dublin 1932. - Moira Caldwell was the first player to captain an All-Ireland Junior winning team - Down 1968. - Monica Shuler was the first player to captain a National Senior League winning team - Tipperary 1977. - Deirdre O'Shea was the first player to win a National Féile na nGael Skills competition - Cork 1978. - Anne-Marie O'Loughlin and Claire Harrington were the first players to win All-Ireland Junior medals with two different counties - Dublin 1970, Clare '74. - Claire McCarthy was the first player to win an All-Ireland Minor, Junior and Senior in the same year - Cork 1980.

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Easy for Glen girls

Glen Rovers 1-12 Killeagh 1-2

GLEN ROVERS advanced to the next round of the Cork County senior camogie championship at Midleton last night by virtue of a 10 points victory over Killeagh.

Their all-round ability, combined with the brilliance of Linda Mellerick, who picked off some magnificent points, proved decisive. Killeagh's inexperience was to be seen in the second-half and but for the class of Kathleen Costine in goal, the winning margin would have been far greater.

Killeagh, playing with the stiff breeze, tested the Glen in the first-half. Yet, in the opening seven minutes they squandered three golden opportunities from frees close in. Killeagh led at the break 1-2 to 0-4, their goal coming from Noreen Barry, but it was all the Glen in the second-half.

With Sandy Fitzgibbon, Mary Ring, Clare McCarthy and Linda Mellerick in full flight, the Glen were completely on top and struck over some fine points from all angles. For a short spell they tried for goals but the Killeagh defence never relented.

Mellerick again started the scoring and after two minutes the sides were level. The Glen tacked on five more points but with Vera Motherway, Sinead Cahalane, Kathleen Costine and Jenna Power impressing, the Glen were kept at bay. However, the overall strength of the All Ireland champions was a decisive factor.

Clare McCarthy put the icing on the cake with three minutes to go when she beat Kathleen Costine after a magnificent pass from Sandy Fitzgibbon.

Scorers for Glen Rovers: L. Mellerick 0-7; C. McCarthy 1-3; D. Cronin 0-2.

Killeagh — N. Barry 1-0; S. Cahalane, M. O'Connor 0-1 each.

GLEN ROVERS: M. O'Leary, D. Deane, M. Ring, D. McCarthy, S. Fitzgibbon, P. Murphy, M. Kennelick, D. Cronin, L. Dunlea, F. Twomey, C. McCarthy, L. Mellerick. Subs: I. McCarthy for Kennelick.

KILLEAGH: K. Costine, C. Murphy, V. Motherway, M. Motherway, N. O'Connor, J. Power, S. Lenihan, S. Cahalane, M. Spillane, M. O'Connor, T. Gould, N. Barry. Subs: S. Landers for Gould.

Referee: M. Murphy (Eire Og).

Piarsaigh surprise Bishopstown

By Brendan Larkin

Na Piarsaigh 4-7, Bishopstown 1-7

NA PIARSAIGH caused a mild surprise in beating a fancied Bishopstown side by three goals in the opening round of the Cork county senior camogie championship at Ballyanly last night.

In an action-packed contest that was brimful of good camogie, Piarsaigh can thank their goalkeeper Deirdre O'Shea for their passage to the next round. She was absolutely unbeatable and denied the 'Town of at least four goals with a string of magnificent saves.

However it wasn't by any means a one woman show. Paula Goggins, Catherine Martin, Jean-Paul Kent and Irene O'Leary were equally outstanding and on this form, Piarsaigh will take some beating.

Piarsaigh served notice of their intentions early in the game when Irene O'Leary gave them the lead in the eighth minute. With their defence in total control, the northsiders improved steadily as the half wore on and when Lorraine Kelly goalied in the 20th minute, and Evelyn Healy had another a minute later to help their side to an interval lead of 2-5 to 0-3, the signs were ominous for the 'Town.

Bishopstown resumed the second-half full of fire but the goal they so badly needed never looked like coming because of Deirdre O'Shea's brilliance between the posts and when Jean-Paul Kent lashed a close-in free to the roof of the net to stretch Piarsaigh's lead the game was as good as over.

In an effort to salvage something from the match, Bishopstown brought Rose Desmond out of goal to full forward in a switch with Sheenagh Morley but it mattered little as on the night Piarsaigh held all

the aces. Rose did manage a late goal for her side, but it only helped to make the scoreline a little more respectable.

Others to impress for the winners were Paula Martin, Evelyn Healy and Lorraine Kelly while best for the losers were Rose Desmond, Aine Buckley, Cathy Hannigan, Aine White and Edel Kearney.

Scorers for Na Piarsaigh: I. O'Leary and J. P. Kent 1-2 each; E. Healy 1-1; L. Kelly 1-0; D. Kelly and L. Sheehan 0-1 each.

Bishopstown: R. Desmond 1-0; L. O'Neill 0-3; A. White 0-2; J. Conlon and E. Kearney 0-1 each.

Na Piarsaigh — D. O'Shea; S. Cooney, C. Martin, P. Goggins, P. Martin, L. Sheehan, J. P. Kent, D. Kelly, I. O'Leary, M. Byrnes, E. Healy, L. Kelly. Subs: A. Martin for P. O'Leary, E. Clifford for L. Kelly, M. Coade for M. Byrnes.

Bishopstown — R. Desmond; S. Kelleher, C. Murphy, L. Towler, A. Buckley, L. Walsh, C. Hannigan, E. Kearney, A. White, L. O'Neill, J. Conlon, U. Leahy. Sub: S. Morley for U. Leahy.

Ref. C. O'Mahony (St. Finbarrs).

Cork teams in action

THE coming weekend will see both the Cork senior and junior teams involved in vital games. Tomorrow at Douglas at 1.30 p.m. the Cork seniors take on Down in the semi-final of the National Senior League while at Loughrea, Co. Galway, the Cork juniors play the home county in the quarter-final of the National Junior League. At club level the Under-14 League continues with a number of games down for decision on Wednesday night.

Tomorrow the Cork senior team will be hoping to go a step nearer to retaining their title when they take on Down in the semi-final of this season's decider. Last Sunday Down defeated Kildare in the quarter-final and looked in good form so no doubt Cork will be treating their opponents with every respect tomorrow. With the exception of Therese O'Callaghan and Irene O'Leary, who are both unavailable, the Cork selectors have named an almost full strength side for tomorrow's clash. Regular 'keeper Kathleen Costine will once again command the number one position. Clare McCarthy comes in at full-back with Paula Goggins and Mags Finn filling the corner-back positions. Breda Kenny takes over at centre-back with Liz Dunphy at right half-back and Liz Towler in the left. The mid-field positions go to Glen Rovers pair Sandy Fitzgibbon and Denise Cronin while the half-forward positions will be filled by Lynda Mellerick, Fiona O'Driscoll and Lyn Dunlea. Liz O'Neill is named at full-forward with Colette O'Mahony and Irene O'Keeffe completing the line.

At the time of writing the Cork junior team was not available but is expected to be similar to the side which defeated Carlow in a play-off game last Sunday. This means that players like Vera Motherway, Niamh

O'Regan, Fiona Twomey, Lilian Twomey, Ann Golden, Hilda Kenneally and Colette Cronin should all regain their places. Eileen Buckley and Alison Dilworth are both doubtful starters because of injuries. Should they not be available, they certainly would be a big loss to Cork as they prepare to take on what is expected to be a very strong Galway side.

FIXTURES

TOMORROW

National Senior League Semi-final — Cork v Down at Douglas GAA Grounds at 1.30 p.m.

National Junior League Quarter-final — Cork v Galway at Loughrea at 3 p.m.

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Under-14 'A' League '93 — Aghabullogue v Bishopstown at Aghabullogue at 7.30 p.m. (referee: Bishopstown); Cloughdun v Courcy Rovers at Cloughdun at 7.30 p.m. (Courcy Rovers); Newcestown v Kilbrittain at Newcestown at 7.30 p.m. (Kilbrittain); St. Finbarrs v Inniscarra at St. Finbarrs at 7.30 p.m. (Inniscarra).

Under-14 'B' League '93 — Shamrocks v Tracton at Shamrocks at 7.30 p.m. (Tracton); Douglas v Ballygarvan at Douglas at 7.30 p.m. (Ballygarvan); Carrigaline v Valley Rovers at Carrigaline, 7.30 p.m. (Valley Rovers); St. Fannahans v Fr. O'Neills at St. Fannahans, 7.30 p.m. (Fr. O'Neills); Sarsfields v Youghal at Sarsfields at 7.30 p.m. (Youghal); Cobh 'A' v Cloyne at Cobh at 7.30 p.m. (Cloyne).

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CORK.....2-22 DOWN.....1-1

REIGNING National Senior League champions, Cork, had little difficulty in disposing of Down in the semi-final of this year's competition at Douglas, Cork yesterday. The home side went on a scoring spree in the opening half turning over 2-13 to 0-0 at the break and although Down improved somewhat in the second half the home side were always coasting.

SCORERS — Cork: I O'Keeffe 1-5, C O'Mahony 1-4, L Mellerick 0-5, F O'Driscoll 0-5, D Cronin 0-2, M Sexton 0-1. Down: M McAleenan 1-1.

LIMERICK LADIES CRASH

TIPPERARY.....1-5 LIMERICK.....0-3

NATIONAL Junior League champions for the past two years, Limerick crashed to Tipperary at the quarter final stage at Tipperary yesterday.

SCORERS — Tipperary: M Ryan 1-0, N Kennedy 0-2, H Killey, T Bonner, C Moloney 0-1 each. Limerick: L O'Sullivan, P McCarthy, B Burke 0-1 each.

CORK HOPES LYNCHED

GALWAY.....6-6 CORK.....1-0

FULL forward Claire Lynch scored 4-4 of her side's total as Galway recorded an easy win over Cork in the quarter final of the National Junior Camogie League played at Loughrea yesterday.

SCORERS — Galway: C Lynch 4-4, M Harkins 1-1, E Hardiman, M Haverly 1-0 each, C Allen 0-1. Cork: A Golden 1-0.

CAPITAL GAIN FOR DUBS

DUBLIN.....1-6 DERRY.....0-3

Dublin qualified to meet Galway in the semi-final of the National Junior League when they disposed of Derry at Castledawson yesterday.

SCORERS — Dublin: S Treacy 1-0, P Carroll, A Walsh, B McKenna, I Kirwan, S Henderson, A Mullen 0-1 each. Derry: M Mulholland 0-3.

Leinster Minor Championship Final: Kilkenny 5-8, Dublin 4-5.

Cork sweep into final

Cork 2-22 Down 1-1

REIGNING champions Cork swept aside a weak Down challenge in this National Senior Camogie League semi-final at Douglas yesterday.

The home side, despite being without a number of first choice players, lorded it over their opponents in every sector, particularly in the opening half, and will now meet arch-rivals Kilkenny in the decider in Kilkenny on June 6.

Cork, with Sandy Fitzgibbon and Denise Cronin dominating mid-field and Irene O'Keeffe, Colette O'Mahony, Fiona O'Driscoll and Linda Mellerick in scoring form up front, overwhelmed Down in the opening half, scoring 2-13 without reply.

Down improved somewhat after the re-start and Maureen McAleenan goalied from a '45 in the 35th minute. However, Cork were quickly back on the offensive and a succession of points put the gloss on an impressive team performance.

Scorers for Cork: I. O'Keeffe 1-5; C. O'Mahony 1-4; L. Mellerick and F. O'Driscoll 0-5 each; D. Cronin 0-2; M. Sexton 0-1.

Down: M. McAleenan 1-1.

CORK: K. Costine; P. Goggins, C. McCarthy, M. Finn; L. Dunphy, B. Kenny, L. Towler; D. Cronin, S. Fitzgibbon; L. Mellerick, F. O'Driscoll, M. Sexton; I. O'Keeffe, R. Desmond, C. O'Mahony. Subs: M. Spillane for Kenny (injured), S. Dunlea for Desmond.

DOWN: D. Greeran; N. Magee, A. Coyle, B. Crocery; P. Greene, T. Allen, D. Smyth; V. Hynds, M. McCartan; I. Oaks, M. McAleenan, D. Savage; B. Sands, V. McGreevy, F. Rice. Subs: C. Hynds for Smyth, C. McGrath for Rice, S. McGivern for Sands.

Referee: K. McNicholas (Clare).

Galway show power

Galway 6-6
Cork 1-0

CORK had no answer to the brilliance of Galway full-forward Claire Lynch, who scored 4-4 in the National Junior Camogie League quarter-final at Loughrea yesterday.

With their goalkeeper Lily Twomey in splendid form, Cork held Galway scoreless for the first ten minutes but then Lynch succeeded in shaking off full-back Vera Motherway for the opening goal. She followed with a point from a free before laying on a goal from Martina Haverly.

With further points by Carmel Allen (free), Martina Hawkins and Lynch, Galway led 2-4 to 0-0 at half-time.

Aided by a strong breeze Cork restarted well and were awarded with a goal by full-forward Anne Golden. The home side, however, quickly regained control and added scores by Lynch 3-2, Emer Hardiman 1-0 without reply from Cork.

Scorers for Galway: C. Lynch 4-4, M. Haverly 1-0, E. Hardiman 1-0, C. Allen 0-1, M. Hawkins 0-1. Cork: A. Golden 1-0.

GALWAY: A. Broderick, D. Hartiman, O. Costello, Y. Larkin, C. Curley, O. Broderick, C. Allen, D. Maher, T. Fallon, F. Ryan, E. Hardiman, B. Fahy, M. Haverly, C. Lynch, M. Hawkins.

CORK: L. Twomey, D. Deane, V. Motherway, A. Leahy, E. Buckley, C. Cronin, D. McCarthy, A. Brady, B. Kelleher, S. Linehan, N. O'Regan, J. Power, H. Conneely, A. Golden, B. Cashman.

Treacy goal seals it for Dubs

DUBLIN booked their place in the National Junior Camogie League semi-final when they defeated Derry at Castledawson.

The Dubs had a good first half when they notched up some well taken points to lead 0-6 to 0-1 at half-time. The second half was more evenly contested and low scoring; Dublin's only score in this half was a goal by Siobhan Treacy.

Derry piled on the pressure but the winners rearguard of Janice Kelly, Karen Baurer and Ann Martin and goalie Sinead Caulfield denied them on numerous occasions. Dublin eventually advanced on a score of 1-6 to 0-3.

Scorers: Dublin: S Treacy 1-0, P Carroll, E Walsh, B McKenna, I Kirwan, S Henderson and A Mullen 0-1 each; Derry: M Mulholland 0-3.

Dublin have now a home

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game against Galway in the semi-final on June 6. Kilkenny collected their sixth Leinster minor championship title in-a-row when they defeated Dublin at Ballyragget. This was a splendid game between two evenly matched skillful teams. Kilkenny led 3-5 to 2-2 at the break.

On the turnover, Dublin worked hard to pull back the deficit with a goal coming from Eimer Ring. The Dublin forwards took their chances well, but Kilkenny's Michelle Fennelly and Catriona Carey were in top form on the day and held on to a six point lead to win 5-8 to 4-5.

SCORERS: Kilkenny: M Fennelly 3-5, C Carey 2-2, C Butler 0-1; Dublin: E Ring 2-1, O O'Leary 1-1; E Pender 1-0, V Reaney 0-3.

But Dublin's luck was in in

the Leinster Under-14 Championship clash with Kilkenny in which the Dubs proved too strong on a score of 8-7 to 1-1.

Dublin have a great programme lined-up for Sunday next at St Vincents Ground, Malahide Road when they have four county championship finals down for decision.

In Intermediate, Cumann UI Chonail are fancied to take the title in their clash with Naomh Brid at 12.30; in senior championship Thomas Davis may just about pip Whitehall Colmcille at 1.45. The big one of the day, the Senior A Championship brings together Celtic and the reigning champions Marino 3.15. This should be quite a tussle with Marino just shading it. Senior B should be quite a close affair between Marino and UCD at 4.30.

Dublin Juniors get 'semi' tonic for Leinster clash

THE Dublin junior team will host Louth in the first round of the Leinster Championship at St. Anne's, Bohernabreena, next Sunday (3.0), writes Niall Scully.

The Dubs' spirits will be soaring following their marvellous semi-final success in the National League over Galway at the same venue last Sunday, 1-6 to 0-4.

The game, played in beautiful sunshine with a fresh breeze coming down from the mountains, turned on a five-pence midway through the second half.

In the 43rd minute, as Dublin led by four points to three, Galway's Denise Galligan centred from the left at the pavilion end

to allow Eimear Hardiman fire in a blistering drive that brought a brilliant save from goalkeeper Sinead Caulfield that prevented a certain goal.

Within seconds, a mighty scramble developed in front of the visitors' posts and, eventually, Ailish Mullen provided the sliothar home for Dublin's most critical score.

That goal lifted their morale significantly and they displayed a refreshing brand of fast, skilful camogie with the aid of the wind and the slope.

With those elements, Galway had dominated the majority of the opening half and they were three points to no reply on 23 minutes, full-forward Eimear

Hardiman getting all their scores from the placed ball throughout the afternoon.

A marvellous strike from play directly off the turf by Mullen rewarded Dublin's toil on the half-hour mark and, in additional time, Irene Kirwan lofted over a free.

Those two scores were precious for Dublin, considering the amount of pressure they were under, and Galway, despite the best efforts of the classy performer Ursula Hannon failed to make a lasting impact on the resumption.

Dublin — Sinead Caulfield; Janice Kelly, Karen Bauer, Tara O'Connell, Karen Fox, Cheryl Whitaker, Nicola McTiernan, Sadhbh Caverley (0-1), Bridget McKenna, Liff Roche, Irene Kirwan (0-3), Cait O'Leary, Ailish Mullen (1-1), Lorna White, Niamh Kearney. Sub: Paula Carroll (0-1) for Roche (Inj., 36mins). Wides: 8.

Galway — Fiona Earls; Deirdre Hardiman, Olive Costello, Ann Dolan, Cora Curley, Carmel Allen, Yvonne Larkin, Teresa Fallon, Brigid Fahy, Martina Harkin, Ursula Hannon, Bernice Rogers, Fiona Cooley, Eimera Hardiman (0-4), Denise Galligan. Sub: Fiona Brett for Cooley (Inj., 22mins). Wides: 10.

● Marino retained the Senior A Championship crown with a most convincing show against Celtic at the home of Erin's Isle, which proved an excellent venue for all four Championship finals.

As expected, Thomas Davis overcame Whitehall Colmcille in the Senior C final while UCD gained a wonderful triumph over Marino in the Senior B decider.

Naomh Bríd of Blanchardstown had champagne on the pitch as they celebrated a memorable victory against Cumann Uí Chonaill in a terrific Inter final.

FIXTURES

TONIGHT: Phoenix Park (7.0): Sen A — Cumann v St. Monica; Jan A — Trinity Girls v St. Judas. **Start:** (7.0): Sen A — Cumann v St. Judas.

SUNDAY: Phoenix Park (11.0): Jan A — St. Anne's v Naomh Bríd; Jan B2 — St. Judas v Lucan Sacred. (12.15): Jan A — St. Judas v Trinity Girls. St. Anne's, Bohernabreena: (3.0): Leinster Junior C'ship — Dublin v Louth. **TUESDAY:** Phoenix Park (7.15): Sen A — Celtic v Ballyboden. Sen A — Erin's Isle v Marino.

KILKENNY fight off a determined GALWAY challenge and qualify for Senior Camogie League Final

Kilkenny are through to the National Senior Camogie League final after fighting off a strong challenge from a determined Galway side at Ballyragget, to win by a single point, 4-8 to 4-7. It was a close encounter with little separating the sides at any time. Kilkenny led by 1-5 to 1-4 at the interval. The second half continued to be a ding dong affair, with Sinead Millea and Anne Downey in top scoring form for Kilkenny.

Galway always looked dangerous with Imelda Hobbins, Sharon Glynn and Claire Lynch causing major problems for Kilkenny's defence. They were a little unlucky to lose. Scorers: Kilkenny: Sinead Millea 2-5, Anne Downey 2-1, Claire Jones and Breda Holmes 0-1 each. Galway: Imelda Hobbins 2-1, Sharon Glynn 0-4, Emer Hardiman and Alice Murphy 1-0 each, Claire Lynch 0-2. Referee: John Pender, Kildare.

Kildare failed in their attempt to secure a place in the Senior League semi final when losing by 0-10 to 0-4 to Down at Attical. The opening half was very competitive with Down leading by 0-5 to 0-4 at the interval. Kildare never played to their true form on the resumption and failed to score. They also gave away too many scorable frees as seven of Down's tally came from frees. Scorers: Mairin McAleenan 0-9, Bridin Sands 0-1. Kildare: Miriam Malone 0-3, Liz Doran 0-1. Referee: Cathleen McAllister, Antrim.

There was no luck for Carlow at Ballinlough, when going under to Cork 5-8 to 2-4 in the National Junior League play off. After an entertaining opening half the Leesiders led by 3-4 to 1-3. On the turnover Cork opened up the visitors defence and within five minutes Fiona Twomey and Hilda Kenneally had shot to the net. This was a big blow to Carlow, but they fought back well to score goals through Nuala Quirke and Triona O'Brien.

Cork, however, were the sharper side and advanced to the quarter final. Scorers: Cork: Anne Golden 2-0, Hilda Kenneally and Fiona Twomey 1-3 each, Patricia Murphy 1-0, Susan Lenihan and Lynn Dunlea 0-1 each. Carlow: Susan Keogh (0-4), Nuala Quirke and Triona O'Brien 1-0 each. Referee: Maire Pollard, Waterford.

The Munster Minor Championship final played at Dromininch between Cork and Tipperary was a nail-biting affair. Cork led by 1-2 to 1-1 at half time. At the final whistle sides were locked 2-2 each. Scorers: Cork: Frances Flynn 2-0, Nicola Buckley and Mary O'Connor 0-1 each. Tipperary: Gillian O'Neill 2-1, Mandy Quigley 0-1.

The game of Camogie is being strongly promoted abroad. The North American Camogie Association is the North American branch of Camann Camogaiochta na nGael (Camogie Association of Ireland) and it promotes the Gaelic game of Camogie throughout the United States and Canada, fostering the awareness of the richness of our Irish culture. The NACA (North American Camogie Association) encourages the formation of new Camogie clubs and will help them in every way so that one of Ireland's National games will be preserved and available to Erin's daughters if they emigrate. Promotion of Camogie among Irish-American girls of the U.S. and Canada to get the 'ball rolling' for the Gaelic game of Camogie, a game with a dash in it, the 'clash of the Ash' init, a game for body and soul.

The North American Camogie Association semi finals and final will be played in San Francisco the weekend of July 31st 1993.

The east coast Championship play offs are between Boston's Emerald Isle, New York Young Irelands and Irish Sports. Tir na nOg of Los Angeles and San Francisco will play for the West Coast Championship.

The 1993 North American Camogie Association Officers were:

Chairperson: Criona Duffy, Boston.
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Girls who are considering emigrating and interested in playing Camogie may contact any of the above named Officers.

- P.J. FULHAM