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Camogie: All-Ireland Junior Final

Galway too crafty for dour Limerick

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GALWAY..... 3-4
LIMERICK..... 1-5

LIMERICK'S BRAVE bid to bring the All-Ireland Junior camogie crown back to the county after a lapse of 11 years failed at a well populated Croke Park on Sunday, when Galway's superior skills and team-work saw them triumph 3-4 to 1-5 in a game that produced its fair quota of excitement.

Though beaten in the end by five points, Limerick were in contention for almost three-quarters of the way, and it was still anybody's title when they stormed back to wipe out a four points deficit with 20 minutes left on the clock.

That they failed in their mission could be attributed to two defensive errors which led to goals at crucial stages of the match, but a more serious analysis will show that, on the day, the more organised team won.

Helen Sheehy was called upon to make three brave saves for the Munster champions, and Galway were also denied what looked a perfectly legitimate goal after 14 minutes.

Limerick's challenge was worthy of the final and they gave their more vaunted opponents a serious test. They were a little short on experience, however, a commodity which helped to swing the pendulum in their opponents' favour, particularly in the final quarter.

Galway took the short cut towards goal and their first time striking was a feature. Playing into the stiff breeze, they had a real morale booster after 11 minutes when their leading marksman, Imelda Hobbins, punished some slack marking, to give them a 1-0 to 0-2 lead. They were never headed afterwards and if there were question marks about Limerick's defensive set-up when the first green flag was raised, they were amplified with two more glaring errors which resulted in other major scores.

Whether the Limerick management involved themselves in a series of tactical moves with the intention of confusing their rivals, or the programme publisher erred, I don't know but the lineout which took the

field differed in many ways from that published. The electronic scoreboard also got it wrong, but then they could be excused in that they probably took it from the programme.

Whatever the reason, it reflected badly on the organisation.

There was an admission charge of £5 for the finals, and the programme was priced at £1, so patrons were entitled to expect better.

Limerick lined out with substitute number 14 from the start. According to the printed material that was Helen Cagney, but in this case it was actually Ann Lenihan. The uninitiated must have credited Maisie Clifford (no 9) with all of Limerick's five points—but Maisie wasn't even playing; it was Pauline McCarthy, number 10, according to the programme, who toggled out in the position credited to Clifford—oh, it was all so confusing. There was other juggling around of players too, but space does not permit me to go in to them.

The bottom line is that this sort of messing around in an All-Ireland final should not be tolerated. There wasn't even a public address system to inform those who had parted with their fivers of such changes.

The game started on a lively note with Galway doing most of the pressing. Hilda Flannery and Imelda Hobbins were twice off target inside the opening couple of minutes, but then Limerick settled and began to play some controlled camogie.

Pauline McCarthy, showing good stickwork, had two points from placed balls in the 3rd and 10th minutes, but sandwiched in between was a marvellous save by Helen Sheehy from Ann Carthy.

In the 11th minute the Limerick defence was caught napping when, after Rita Divilly Coen dropped a free into the goalmouth, Imelda Hobbins was left unmarked and netted from close range.

Then came that disallowed goal.

Limerick stepped up their challenge again with Elizabeth O'Grady and Frances Broderick providing the launching pad for some promising attacks.

McCarthy lofted over

another point from a free and it was even-steven again.

Once more, however, a yawning gap showed at the back as Imelda Hobbins latched on to a long clearance, and, lying unattended, flicked the ball past Helen Sheehy.

The remaining 13 minutes of this half produced only two more points—Hobbins and McCarthy on target—and with Limerick trailing 2-1 to 0-4, and having played with the wind, their task was a difficult one.

It might all have been so different had the lively Ann Lenihan managed to get to a through pass from Elizabeth O'Sullivan.

Within a minute of the changeover, the winners tacked on another point but it was then that we saw Limerick at their very best.

Showing fine courage they bounced back for Ida Quaid to strike the best goal of the contest, and when Pauline McCarthy notched her first and only score from play, Limerick's challenge took on a new look.

They were now playing with renewed confidence. Even when Imelda Hobbins regained the initiative for Galway, it seemed that Limerick's will to win would eventually carry the day for them.

Then all went dramatically wrong. Ann Coleman sent in a speculative shot; Helen Sheehy looked to have the situation under control but the ball slipped from her grasp and dipped into the net. Galway were now firmly in the driving seat, and, scenting victory, were slow to part when in possession.

Substitute Mary Morrissey made it 3-4 to 1-5 after 43 minutes, and there was no way they were going to let such a commanding lead slip from them.

Nonetheless, such stylish players as Elizabeth O'Grady, Mairead Treacy, Helen Clifford and Pauline McCarthy kept battling away, but while Limerick saw a lot of the ball their tendency to go for goals proved costly. They just didn't have the ability to pierce a solid Galway defence, in which Rita Divilly-Coen, Geraldine Heavey and Triona Dolphin were always dominant.

Even when awarded a few

close in frees, the green-and-whites were unable to take advantage of them. In their quest for goals, and with time running out, the ball was generally played in low but there was no way through.

It was a brave performance from Limerick and they certainly didn't lack support. It was unfortunate for them that they should have conceded such easy first half goals, for had they managed a share of the spoils at the break, their confidence would have been boosted when playing into the wind.

Galway were that shade cuter and used the long ball to good effect. Limerick's approach tended to be more methodical, giving the champions ample time to measure up the situation. They failed to find the target in the final 20 mins, by which stage the Westerners had inched their way ahead.

From an entertainment point of view the game had much to recommend it. There were some excellent individual performances and, while beaten, Limerick can take encouragement for the future.

Scorers

Galway—Imelda Hobbins (2-2), Ann Coleman (1-0), M. Morrissey, M. Treacy (0-1 each).

Limerick—Pauline McCarthy (0-5), Ida Quaid (1-0).

Teams

Limerick—Helen Sheehy; Elizabeth O'Grady, Margaret Guiry, Helen Clifford, Mairead Treacy, Mary Lenihan, Frances Broderick, Elizabeth O'Sullivan, Pauline McCarthy, Ann Lenihan, Ida Quaid, Angela O'Sullivan. Subs—Agnes Sheehy for M. Lenihan, Maisie Clifford for M. Guiry, Helen Cagney for A. Lenihan.

Galway—Joan Whiskey; Rita Divilly-Coen, Triona Dolphin, Geraldine Heavey, Geraldine Fahy, Susanne Burke, Ann Carthy, Ann Coleman, Margaret Grealley, Mary Treacy, Hilda Flannery, Imelda Hobbins. Sub. Mary Morrissey for H. Flannery.

Referee: Rose Merriman (Kildare).

Hobbins the hero in camogie win

GALWAY 3-4
LIMERICK 1-5

AN enterprising and committed display from Galway gave them their second junior camogie title in three years with this deserved win over Limerick at Croke Park on Sunday.

Pauline McCarthy opened the scoring with a well struck thirty after three minutes. A well taken Triona Dolphin free out of the Galway defence, was capitalised on by Imelda Hobbins with her side's first goal.

Some great running by Mary Tracey at centre half forward resulted in a through ball to Imelda Hobbins who shot for goal. The ball seemed to have crossed the live, but the goal was disallowed.

Pauline McCarthy narrowed the gap with a point from the wing after 18 minutes. Imelda Hobbins answered back for Galway when she collected a long ball from Ann Carthy and once again rattled the Limerick net. Galway missed several free in the first half but Imelda Hobbins closed the first half scoring with a point from a thirty to leave her side up by 2-1 to 0-4 at half time.

Two minutes into the second half, Anne Coleman, a midfield player like her brother Michael, pointed for Galway. Ida Quaid however quickly replied for Limerick with a goal which brought her side back into contention.

The deadlock was broken by a goal from Anne Coleman, chest high from 40 yards out on the left wing. Geraldine Fahy and Triona Dolphin defended doggedly and cleared convincingly, repeatedly closing down the Limerick attack.

They were aided by Geraldine Heavey and Suzanne Burke who broke down many Limerick advances. Galway's superb sub Mary Morrissey was in the game only two minutes when she collected a rebounding ball and lobbed it high and over the bar to put the game out of Limerick's reach.

Best for Galway were Anne Coleman, Geraldine Fahy, Mary Tracey and Imelda Hobbins. Best for Limerick were Pauline McCarthy, Elizabeth O'Sullivan, Mary Clifford and Ida Quaid.

Galway: Imelda Hobbins 2-2, Anne Coleman 1-1, Mary Morrissey 0-1. Limerick: Pauline McCarthy 0-5, Ida Quaid 1-0.

Killeagh tops

Killeagh, Cork 2-5,
Sixmilebridge, Clare 1-7

KILLEAGH captured the Munster Club senior camogie championship when they had a point to spare over Clare champions, Sixmilebridge in an extremely close contest at Sixmilebridge yesterday.

Conditions were not good with heavy rain resulting in a very heavy surface. The all-important score came just a minute from time when Patricia Fitzgibbon, who was introduced as a substitute with just over ten minutes remaining, sent over.

Killeagh held a two point interval advantage thanks mainly to the scoring feats of Patricia Linehan and they went in at the break 1-2 to 0-3 in front. Ten minutes into the second-half they stretched their lead to five points following their second goal from full-forward Monica Motherway. The home side, however, battled back bravely and within six minutes had drawn level thanks to a tremendous goal from Marian Lynch.

Sixmilebridge did have a number of

opportunities to go in front, but outstanding defensive play from the winners and particularly from Patsy Keniry and Catherine Landers proved decisive. In the end Killeagh's greater experience and fitness proved the deciding factor.

Outstanding for the winners were Patsy Keniry, Cathy Buckley, Catherine Landers, Pat Lenihan and Monica Motherway. For the home side Leslie O'Flynn, Delores Murphy, Noeleen Quinn, Marian Lynch and Patricia O'Grady were best.

Scorers: Killeagh—P. Linehan 1-4, M. Motherway 1-0, P. Fitzgibbon 0-1.

Killeagh—K. Buckley, P. Keniry, P. Green, C. Landers, A. M. Landers, Ina Leahy, M. Spillane, S. Spillane, B. Kelly, P. Linehan, Imelda Leahy, M. Motherway. Subs. M. Sweeney for Green; B. Joyce for S. Spillane, P. Fitzgibbon for M. Spillane.

Sixmilebridge—L. O'Flynn, D. Murphy, S. Reidy, L. Quinn, G. Morey, Y. McInerney, N. Quinn, M. O'Halloran, M. Twomey, P. O'Grady, M. Lynch, A. McInerney. Sub. O. O'Reilly for Y. McInerney.

50 years ago

UCC qualified to meet Old Aloysius in the final of the Cork County Senior Camogie Championship when they defeated Dunlops by 5-0 to 2-2 in their replayed semi-final at Dunlops Sportsground. The teams were: UCC — Ide Conlon, M. Hegarty, S. Lehan, R. Cronin (captain), E. Brennan, N. Collins, M. Cronin, I. Kelleher, M. Brennan, K. Buckley, A. Healy, B. Quinn. Dunlops — E. Lyons, N. Tynor, H. McCarthy, E. Stanton, M. Delaney, C. Cashman, M. McCarthy (captain), K. Kidney, R. Desmond, N. Sheehan, E. Keating, H. Delaney.

CAMOGIE:

'Bridge Complete the Double

SIXMILEBRIDGE 1-10
RUAN/M. CUSACKS 0-3

Sixmilebridge confirmed their standing as the premier club in senior camogie in

Clare when they added the senior league crown to the championship title won earlier in the season by beating Ruan/M. Cusacks at Newmarket on Sunday last.

The winners dominated the early exchanges and picked off the majority of their scores in this period to put the pressure on the amalgamation outfit.

Outstanding for the winners were G. Morey, S. Reidy, N. Quinn, P. O'Grady and M. A. McInerney while the losers had their best players in P. Maher, A. M. Russell, V. McMahon and C. McDonnell.

SHANNON 3-3
SIXMILEBRIDGE 2-0

Shannon captured the u. 13 A title when they beat Six-

milebridge in a game which produced a high standard of play at Newmarket on Saturday last. Despite playing against the wind the Shannon girls led at the break on the score of 2-0 to 1-0. Early in the second half Clodagh Lennon added the winners third goal and points followed from D. O'Sullivan (2) and Ruth Keane. Yvonne Gavin scored both goals for the losers.

Shannon: A. Murphy, N. Doyle, capt., A. Feighery, F. Geary, D. O'Sullivan, 0-2, D. Shanahan, S. Willetts, D. Kelly, A. Daly, U. Hegarty, R.

Keane 0-1, C. Lennon, 3-0.

Sixmilebridge: F. Whyte, Y. Chaplin, A. Murphy, M. Murphy, S. Quaine, S. Keane, Y. Gavin, 2-0, M. Cahill, C. Boland, R. Callinan, N. Maxwell, A. Mullins.

Clare secretary Anne Galvin presented the Drumanass shield, to the Clare board in May of 1987 on the occasion of the official opening of St. Colmans Park, Drumanass, Co. Down, to Niamh Doyle captain of the winning team. This is the first year of the competi-

Busy weekend on camogie front

IT'S a busy weekend on the camogie front with the Gael Linn Interprovincial senior and junior championship semi-finals in Galway on Sunday. Both games will see Munster and Connaught in opposition. On the Cork front, Ballinora and Aghabullogue clash in the first of the intermediate championship semi-finals, while at Ovens Elre Og and Cloyne also meet in a first round intermediate tie.

Cork seniors and Limerick juniors dominate the Munster senior and junior selections as they travel to Killimor on Sunday to play in the Gael Linn semi-finals.

On the senior team, Cork players Marian McCarthy, Cathy Landers, Claire Cronin, Sandy Fitzgibbon, Colette O'Mahony, Lynda Mellerick and Irene O'Leary have all gained places and they will be joined by Noelle Quinn, Patricia O'Grady, Yvonne McInerney and Mairead Twomey, all from Clare.

On the junior side Cork players Evelyn Healy, Eileen Buckley,

Liz O'Sullivan, Breda Kelly and Fiona O'Driscoll have been included with Limerick girls Helen Sheedy, Margaret Guiry, Frances Broderick, Eileen Quaid, Pauline McCarthy and Mary Linehan completing the line.

In the first of the intermediate championship semi-finals two mid Cork clubs, Ballinora and Aghabullogue, will battle it out at Coachford and the outcome is not easy to predict.

Aghabullogue looked impressive in their first outing and could just shade it. They have experienced performers in Geraldine Barry Murphy, Eileen Noonan, Margaret O'Shea and the Kelleher sisters, Brid and Renee. If they play to form they could be there at the end. They will certainly not get it all their own way from a Ballinora side, who recorded a comprehensive victory over Watergrasshill in their first round game. They can call on such fine players as Mary and Margaret Murphy, Rose

Barrett, Bernie McGrath and Kay O'Shea.

In a re-fixed first round intermediate championship tie, Cloyne and Elre Og clash at Ovens. The original game was called off midway through because of weather conditions. Cloyne were ahead and looked destined for victory, but this time it could be different.

Elre Og are the holders and will not relinquish this title easily. They have fine performers in Clare O'Regan, Sheila O'Brien, Suzanne O'Brien, Valerie Ellis, Una Murphy and Helena Kiely. But they will probably have to give way to a Cloyne side that can call on the experience of the Costine sisters Marie, Kathleen and Geraldine, Deirdre O'Shea and Liz Barry.

MUNSTER SENIOR
PANEL: Marian McCarthy (Cork), Cathy Landers (Cork), Claire Cronin (Cork), Noelle Quinn (Clare), Liz Dunphy (Cork), Colette O'Mahony (Cork), Patricia O'Grady (Clare), Sandy Fitzgibbon (Cork), Lynda Mellerick (Cork),

Irene O'Leary (Cork), Yvonne McInerney (Clare), Mairead Twomey (Clare), Mary Spillane (Cork), Leslie O'Flynn (Clare), Patricia Twomey (Clare), Catherine O'Loughlin (Clare), C. Mullins (Limerick), Karen Mellerick (Cork), Bernice O'Dea (Limerick).

MUNSTER JUNIOR
PANEL: Helen Sheedy (Limerick), Evelyn Healy (Cork), Margaret Guiry (Limerick), Eileen Buckley (Cork), Frances Broderick (Limerick), Eileen Quaid (Limerick), Liz O'Sullivan (Cork), Breda Kelly (Cork), Pauline McCarthy (Limerick), Fiona O'Driscoll (Cork), Mary Linehan (Limerick), Maria O'Brien (Cork), Helen Cagney (Limerick), Mairead Treacy (Limerick), Elaine Barry Murphy (Cork), Frances Phelan (Limerick), Angela O'Sullivan (Limerick).

FIXTURES

Tomorrow — Under 14 League Quarter Final: Grenagh v Bishopstown 'A' at Grenagh at 3 p.m. Ref. M. O'Donovan.

Sunday — Gael Linn Interprovincial Championships: Senior — Munster v Connacht at Killimor, 3.30. Junior — Munster v Connacht at Killimor, 2.00 p.m.

Intermediate Championship: Elre Og v Cloyne at Ovens, 11.30. Aghabullogue v Ballinora at Aghabullogue, 11.30.

Camogie

Leinster unlikely to taste defeat

THE Gael-Linn camogie semi-finals are arranged for Sunday next. Ulster host Leinster in both junior and senior grade at Ballyholland. Killimor is the venue for the meeting of Connacht and Munster.

The senior interprovincial championship has been dominated by Leinster in the past five years. Despite the timing of the competition at the end of a long season, their players seem to find something extra and give of their best.

Unfortunately, their zeal to represent their province is not matched by players from other areas. This is reflected by the fact that the Leinster teams are the only ones to hand. Selectors have to await the response from players before deciding on their starting twelve.

It would be something stronger than a mild surprise if Ulster was to stop the run of the Leinster girls in the senior competition. Ulster have only one senior-graded county and, while the Antrim girls will fill the majority of places, some junior players may get the call.

With six of Kilkenny's All-Ireland winning team in the Leinster lineout, a win for the visitors looks a certainty. Ulster does not have players to match Angela Downey, Breda Holmes, Ann Downey, Clare Jones, Elise Cody or Germaine Noonan.

The junior game is a completely different proposition. Ulster missed out on two Gael-Linn titles in the past three years by a single point.

SUNDAY

Gael-Linn Semi-finals
At Ballyholland, Co. Down — Junior, 2.00. Ulster v Leinster; Senior, 3.15 Ulster v Leinster.

At Killimor, Co. Galway — Junior 2.00, Connacht v Munster; Senior, 3.15, Connacht v Munster.

CAMOGIE—Gael Linn Cup—Semi-finals—Senior: Leinster 8-9, Ulster 0-2. Junior: Leinster 4-6, Ulster 3-0.

Mayfield Community Youth Sports Awards.

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Susan Fahy,
"Inglewood",
Iona Road,
Mayfield

A member of Brian Dillons Camogie Club. Has won Junior 'A' League Championship. Now plays in the Intermediate Grade with her club and Senior Schools Camogie with St. Patrick's. Winner of three Pan Celtic medals. Has played against a London-Irish selection. Has also competed in local community games camogie competitions.

Vital ties down for decision

There is a full programme of games listed on the camogie front this coming weekend with a number of vital ties down for decision. On Saturday Killeagh and Bishopstown will be in action in the Under-14 League semi-final, while on Sunday the Cork junior team open their National League campaign with a first round tie with Galway at Grenagh. Also on Sunday a number of the postponed Under-16 Championship games from last weekend are scheduled to go ahead. On Monday Cloyne and

Glen Rovers clash at Cloyne in the Intermediate Championship semi-final, while on the same day the Junior 'B' Championship semi-finals will be decided between Newcestown and Sarsfields and Eire Og and Bishopstown. Also on Monday there are two Under-16 Championship games listed as well as a number of outstanding league games.

For the first time this year a Cork team will compete in the National

Junior League and on Sunday next at Grenagh they play their opening game against Galway. At the time of writing the Cork team was not selected but the selectors have a big panel available to them for selection and they hope to experiment with a number of players over the coming campaign. For Sunday's game players like Evelyn Healy, Jean Paula Kent, Paula Carey, Margaret Finn, Fiona O'Driscoll, Mary Currid and Therese O'Callaghan, are all expected to gain places.

CORK JUNIOR PANEL

Maria O'Brien, Irene O'Keeffe, Inniscarra; Deirdre O'Shea, Jean Paula Kent, Evelyn Healy, Na Piarasigh; Elaine Barry Murphy, Ballincollig; Liz O'Sullivan, Helena Barry, Aileen Barry, Mary Rose, Brian Dillons; Rose Desmond, Bishopstown, Therese O'Callaghan, Mary Currid, Denise Cotter, June Hamill, Denise Cronin, Tracy Riordan, Glen Rovers; Deirdre Calnan, Teresa Downey, Una Murphy, Eire Og; Lilian Zinkant, Eileen Noonan, Ann Brady, Sarsfields; Paula Carey, Ann Christie, St. Finbarrs; Mary Maher, Douglas; Una O'Connor, Ber Maher, Blackrock; Margaret Finn, Fiona O'Driscoll, Fr. O'Neills; Breda Kelly, Patricia Green, Killeagh; Catherine O'Sullivan, St. Catherine's; Aine Murphy, Castlemagner.

Action time for Juniors!

Camogie

NEXT Sunday's National Junior League programme will mean a welcome return to inter-county action for many players who viewed the closing stages of the championships from the sidelines.

Cork, who last won the All-Ireland Junior Championship in 1984 but opted out of the National League for the past four years, face a new look Galway side.

Since their first round defeat in the Munster championship, the senior selectors have acquired Karen Mellerick and Liz O'Neill. But there are many young club players in Cork who are worthy of a run with the juniors and participation in the League will provide the opportunity.

Success in the All-Ireland Championship poses a problem for the Galway selectors. The 16 players involved are now graded senior and, therefore, a new panel will have to be brought together. Recent success at minor and colleges suggests that the material is there to build another good side.

Roscommon ran through the opposition in Section 4 and are rightly promoted. A strong Derry team which accounted for all but Armagh in this grade last season will test the ability of the westerners.

Replacement will have to be found for senior medal holders Marina Downey and Margaret O'Keeffe on the Kilkenny team for the trip to Tipperary. However, Veronica

Wall, Chrissie Ryan, Teresa Fennelly, Kay Dunphy, Marie Tobin and Joan Langan could earn the points for Kilkenny.

Carlow had a disastrous League campaign but recovered somewhat to oust Louth in the Leinster championship. On Sunday they face neighbours Wicklow in what should be a tight encounter.

1988 was a poor season for Wexford. Junior and minor teams went out in the first round of the Leinster championships. Team officials will need to use coming matches to build up the side for next season. Ulster champions Down will present a stiff hurdle.

Down beat fancied opposition in Ulster but finished 12 points behind Galway in the All-Ireland semi-final. They have a good blend of young and experienced players and should get off to a good start.

Donegal usually do well early in the season. But with Tyrone in direct competition on Sunday the home county will find it difficult to take the points.

FIXTURES

National Junior League SUNDAY
At Douglas Hyde Park (2.30) — Roscommon v Derry.
At Grenagh (3.0) — Cork v Galway.
At Myshall (2.0) — Carlow v Wicklow.
At Thurles (2.0) — Tipperary v Kilkenny.
At Rathnure (2.0) — Wexford v Down.
At Candonagh (2.0) — Donegal v Tyrone.

JUNIORS BACK IN THE FRAY!

THE OPENING ROUND of the National Junior Camogie League marks the return to inter-county action for dozens of players. The counties which made an early exit from the championship have been inactive for several months. They can now start their preparation for the 1989 season.

Cork opted out of the National Junior League four years ago. Lack of success in the meantime has prompted the county to think again. For their initial game, they face the newly crowned all-Ireland junior champions, Galway.

Karen Mellerick and Liz O'Neill have been promoted to the senior team since Cork

CAMOGIE

failed to Limerick in the championship. There are many young players like Eileen Buckley, Fiona O'Driscoll, Hilda Kenneally, Breda Kelly and Denise Cronin, who would benefit from experience in the League.

As all-Ireland champions, Galway's winning team move up to the senior ranks. A new panel will have to be assembled. It will provide an opportunity for some of the successful 1987 minors to move up a grade.

Roscommon proved much too good for the opposition in Section 4 last season. They are matched with Derry for their first outing in Section 3. Derry, who only dropped points to Armagh, will provide a fair indication to Roscommon of what lies in store for them.

FIXTURES

Sunday — National Junior League — Douglas Hyde Park (2.30): — Roscommon v Derry; Grenagh (3.00): — Cork v Galway; Myshall (2.00): — Carlow v Wicklow; Thurles (2.00): — Tipperary v Kilkenny; Rathnure (2.00): — Wexford v Down; Candonagh (2.00): — Donegal v Tyrone.

CAMOGIE — JHL — Cork 3-4; Galway 2-3; Tyrone 4-12; Donegal 3-4; Down 3-6; Wexford 0-1; Derry 2-11; Roscommon 2-7.

Camogie results

Results of the Cork County Intermediate camogie championship: Aghabullogue 2-6, Killeagh 1-4.

Intermediate League—St. Finbarrs 1-4, Aghabullogue 0-3; Glen Rovers 4-6, Cloyne 3-3.

U16 League—St. Finbarrs 7-3, Blackrock 0-0; Na Piarasigh 2-0, Glen Rovers B 1-0; Inniscarra 4-4, Newcestown 1-1.

CAMOGIE RESULTS

U-16 championship: Brian Dillons 5-4 Douglas 1-1; Ballincollig 2-3 Watergrasshill 1-0; Inniscarra 0-2 Ballinora 0-1; Barryroe 0-2 Glen Rovers 'B' 0-1; Coursey Rovers 5-2 Valley Rovers 0-1; Inniscarra 0-2 Kilbrittain 0-0; Bishopstown 'A' 3-6 Ballincollig 0-3; Eire Og 3-2 Sarsfields 0-1; Fr. O'Neills 5-7 Coursey Rovers 2-1; Delany Rovers 3-4 Na Piarasigh 1-2; Aghabullogue 7-1 Barryroe 1-3.

Junior 'B' Championship semi-final: Newcestown 6-2 Sarsfields 1-0; Eire Og 3-2 Bishopstown 1-2.

Junior 'B' League: Inniscarra 6-5 Aghabullogue 4-2.

Intermediate League: Brian Dillons 4-2 Watergrasshill 0-0.

U-14 League final: Killeagh 2-2 Aghabullogue 0-2.

Intermediate Championship semi-final: Glen Rovers 2-8 Cloyne 2-0.

Intermediate Championship final: Glen Rovers 1-8 Ballinora 1-6.

Intermediate final tops the bill

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Big game of the coming weekend on the camogie front will be the Intermediate Championship Final on Sunday between Glen Rovers and Ballinora scheduled for Ballyanly at 3 o'clock. Also on Sunday the Munster junior team defend their Gael Linn title when they meet Leinster in the Junior Interprovincial Final at Silver Park, Dublin, while on the same day the Under-16 Championship continues with a number of vital clashes down for decision. On Saturday Killeagh and Aghabullogue clash in the Under-14 League Final at Gre-nagh.

In what is expected to be a very entertaining game on Sunday next Glen Rovers and Ballinora will battle it out at Ballinlough to decide the destination of the Intermediate Championship title for 1988. Glen last

won the title in 1974 and after their surprise defeat in this year's senior final will no doubt be very anxious to do well here. Ballinora won their first intermediate title in 1983 and after their poor showing at senior level for a few years were eventually granted permission by the County Board to go back down to intermediate in 1987. In '87 they were narrowly defeated by Eire Og the eventual winners in the semi-final, so like their opponents the Mid Cork girls will be very determined to do well this time out.

En route to this year's final Glen defeated Brian Dillons and Cloyne and looked a very impressive side and will go into this game as favourites. They are aided this season with the services of Cork senior player Lynda Mellerick and in their past two games Lynda has played a major part in their victories. They have other very experienced performers in Helena Mullins who captains the side, Rose Mackey, Celia Fitzgibbon and Ann Lonergan and these together with their younger players Catherine Monaghan, Patricia Murphy, Fiona Twomey, Patricia Murphy and Mandy Kennefick, must surely combine to form a very strong outfit and if these girls play to form on Sunday it is difficult to see them being halted, but Ballinora might have other ideas about this.

They have prepared well for this game and have played a number of challenge games and will face this game with every confidence on Sunday. En route to the final they defeated Watergrasshill and Aghabullogue and during these games they certainly proved that they will be no push-over. They have fine players in former Cork minor and Blackrock player Patricia O'Shea and she has proved a major asset to them this season, Bernie McGrath, Margaret Lane, the Murphys, Mary and Margaret, and Rose Barrett and it is interesting to note that Rose is a former Glen Rovers player and was a member of their last winning intermediate team. All these girls are very accomplished and determined players and will certainly leave no stone unturned to insure victory, but it will take a top class performance from all involved to put a stop to what appears to be a stronger all round Glen side.

In the Gael Linn Cham-

pionship final on Sunday the Munster junior team is mainly made up of Limerick and Cork players. Cork players to gain places are goalkeeper Maria O'Brien, corner back Evelyn Healy, midfielder Breda Kelly, centre forward Fiona O'Driscoll and wing forward Irene O'Keeffe and they will be joined by Limerick girls Marguerite Guiry, Helen Cagney, Frances Broderick, Angela O'Sullivan, Liz O'Sullivan, Pauline McCarthy and Mary Linehan.

Players and any supporters interested are reminded that a bus will leave the Cork Opera House on Sunday morning at 8 o'clock for this game.

In the Under-14 League Final on Saturday Cork Feile Na nGael Champions Killeagh will be fancied to overcome Aghabullogue. They took this year's Feile in great style and on that form it is difficult to see Aghabullogue putting a stop to their progress.

In the Under-16 Championship games Inniscarra, Bishopstown "A", Eire Og, Fr. O'Neills, Na Piarasigh, Aghabullogue and Cloughduv, are all expected to advance.

Munster Junior Panel: Maria O'Brien (Cork); Helen Cagney (Limerick); Evelyn Healy (Cork); Marguerite Guiry (Limerick); Frances Broderick (Limerick); Angela O'Sullivan (Limerick); Liz O'Sullivan (Limerick); Breda Kelly (Cork); Fiona O'Driscoll (Cork); Irene O'Keeffe (Cork); Pauline McCarthy (Limerick); Mary Linehan (Limerick); Jean Coghlan (Waterford); Eileen Buckley (Cork); Elaine Barry-Murphy (Cork); Frances Phelan (Clare); Ellen O'Toole (Waterford); Dawn Coakley (Waterford); Mairead Treacy (Limerick).

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Under-14 League Final: Killeagh v Aghabullogue at Gre-nagh at 3 p.m. (Referee: June Hamill).

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Intermediate Championship Final: Glen Rovers v Ballinora at Ballyanly inlough at 3 p.m. (Referee: Colette O'Mahony).

Gael Linn Interprovincial Championships: Junior: Munster v Lein-

ster at Silver Park, Dublin, at 1.30; Senior: Con-naught v Leinster at Silver Park at 3 p.m.

UNDER-16 CHAMPIONSHIP

Kilbrittain v Inniscarra at Inniscarra at 3 p.m. (Referee: Aghabullogue).

Eire Og v Sarsfields at Ovens at 12 noon. (Referee: Cloughduv).

Ballincollig v Bishopstown "A" at Bishopstown at 3 p.m. (Referee: Deirdre O'Shea).

Fr. O'Neills v Courcy Rovers at Courcy Rovers at 3 p.m. (Referee: Newcestown).

Na Piarasigh v Delany's at Delany's at 3 p.m. (Referee: Glen Rovers).

Barryroe v Aghabullogue at Barryroe at 12 noon. (Referee: Kilbrittain).

Cloughduv v St. Finbarrs at St. Finbarrs at 12 noon. (Referee: Eire Og).

Intermediate League: Brian Dillons v Killeagh at Killeagh at 3 p.m. (Referee: St. Catherine's).

Tillage winner . . .



• Dermot O'Leary, from Conna, on the Waterford-Cork border, with his wife Rena, after he was presented with the 1988 Tillage Farmer of the Year award at the Irish Farm Centre, yesterday. Picture by Dara Mac Donnell.

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Sheila Golden, chairperson, Cork Camogie Board, presents the Intermediate Cup to Helen Mullins, captain of the Glen Rovers team who defeated Ballinora at Ballyanly.

BALLINORA PIPPED!

Glen Rovers 1-7, Ballinora 1-6

AFTER a close, exciting game Glen Rovers pipped Ballinora by a point at Ballyanly yesterday to put their name on the Cork Camogie Intermediate Championship Trophy for the first time in 14 years.

Former Brian Dillons player, Linda Mellerick made the difference for the city side, dominating play, particularly in the second-half when she scored the first goal of the match.

An equally impressive Patricia Murphy set up the scoring opportunity

for the unmarked Mellerick who made no mistake, shooting to the back of the net to put Glen Rovers in the lead (1-3 to 0-4) for the first time in the game.

Ballinora led at the start with points from Rose Barrett, Bernie McGrath and Kay Murphy, but by half-time they were level at 0-3 each following scores from Patricia Murphy and two from Mellerick.

The county side, in control of the game during the first half, continued their advantage in the second-

half with a quick point from Bernie McGrath.

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However, nine minutes later their confidence was shattered by Mellerick's goal. For much of the remainder of the game only a goal separated the sides until the after the 20th minute when The Glen forged ahead by a further two points.

The determined Ballinora side fought back and after a strong last minute rally with a goal from a free from Bernie McGrath and a

point from play from Patricia O'Shea but unfortunately time had run out on them.

Scorers-Glen Rovers: L. Mellerick 1-3, F. Twomey 0-2, P. Murphy and C. Moynihan 0-1 each.

Ballinora: B. McGrath 1-2, P. O'Shea 0-2, K. Murphy and R. Barrett 0-1 each.

Glen Rovers: M. O'Leary, H. Mullins, D. McCarthy, U. Horgan, T. Riordan, M. Kennefick, C. Moynihan, L. Mellerick, F. Twomey, P. Murphy, R. Mackey and C. Fitzgibbon-Walsh.

Ballinora: M. Dineen, C. O'Driscoll, M. Murphy, M. O'Brien, M. Murphy, K. Murphy, B. McGrath, P. O'Shea, G. Murphy, R. Barrett, M. Lane, V. Barry.

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Glen Rovers' Linda Mellerick breaks through the Ballinora defence during the Cork County Intermediate Camogie final at Ballyanly yesterday. (Picture: Maurice O'Mahony)

Junior 'B' final should be close

FOCUS this coming weekend on the camogie front will be on the Junior 'B' Championship Final on Sunday at Ballincollig between Eire Og and Newcestown. On the same day Glen Rovers, Brian Dillons, Inniscarra, Delanys, Bishopstown 'A' and Fr. O'Neills are all in action in the Under-16 Championship, while in the only other game listed Cloyne and Watergrasshill clash in the Intermediate League.

Next Sunday's clash between Eire Og and Newcestown in the Junior 'B' Championship Final promises to be a very close affair between two sides who appear to be very evenly matched. Both clubs will be seeking their first Junior 'B' Championship title and this undoubtedly should result in very keen competition. Newcestown have looked a very impressive side having recorded victories over Courcy Rovers, Grenagh and Sarsfields.

They will be spearheaded on Sunday by Cork minor Hilda Kennelly and have other fine players in Hilda's sister, Eleanor, Josephine O'Callaghan, Sinead O'Donovan and the Crowley sisters and if these girls find form on Sunday they could just edge it and bring a first ever camogie title to their native place.

On the other side of the coin, when it comes to the Championship, Eire Og have always proved to be strong contenders. Down through the years they have won numerous honours including the Junior 'B' League, but the Championship has always eluded them, so they will also be hoping for a first on Sunday.

This season they are in a position to call on the experience of senior players Mary O'Donovan and Claire O'Regan, both of whom missed the Senior Championship, and in their recent victories over Kilbrittain, Ballinora and Bishops-

town these girls proved to be a major asset to them.

They have other fine performers in Maura Murphy, who captains the side; Sandy Webster and Julie Bradley and if these girls produce the goods, it could be neck-and-neck to the final whistle.

In the Under-16 Championship games on Sunday Glen Rovers, fresh from their Intermediate Championship victory last Sunday, should have the edge on Brian Dillons, while Inniscarra should have too much experience for newcomers Delanys.

In the final Under-16 game Bishopstown, who make the long journey to Ballymacoda, will be slightly favoured to overcome the home side.

In the only other game listed Cloyne should have too much in hand for Watergrasshill in the Intermediate League.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Junior 'B' Championship Final — Eire Og v Newcestown at Ballincollig at 12.15 (referee Deirdre O'Shea).
Under-16 Championship

St. Pauls set to keep crown

ALL-IRELAND club champions, St. Pauls, Kilkenny look certain to retain their Leinster title when they meet Buffer's Alley at Monamolin next Sunday.

Celtic, the Dublin representatives, proved no match for the Kilkenny side in the semi-final.

Angela and Ann Downey, Brena and Helen Holmes and Clare Jones are the backbone of the team. These girls are in great form at the moment and possess a great appetite for the game.

Buffer's Alley had a convincing win over Broadford (Kildare) in the second semi-final, but they know too well that St. Pauls are in a different class. Recent winners of the Kilmacud Sevens, Buffer's Alley will not concede easily, but may not have sufficient strength to lower the colours of the champions.

Killeagh (Cork) received a rare fright at Sixmilebridge before taking the Munster club title by the narrowest of margins. The younger players on the Sixmilebridge side served up some great camogie but, in the end, experience just got there.



Swatragh (Derry) are the new Ulster club champions. They turned in a competent performance to oust Eglis (Tyrone) in the provincial final. They await news of the Connacht championship.

The colleges championship season has already got underway. In an interesting preliminary clash, two Clare schools, St. Caimins, Shannon and Scariff Community School open the Munster Colleges Senior championship on Saturday.

Scariff won the Munster Intermediate 'A' League last season and have decided to try their luck in the premier competition. St. Caimins were runners-up in the Junior Championship and Seven-a-side and are one of the coming teams in the province.

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SUNDAY
LEINSTER CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
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At Monamolin, Co. Wexford — St. Paul's (Kilkenny) v Buffer's Alley (Wexford).

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Éire Óg tops

Éire Óg 3-4, Newcestown 0-3.

ÉIRE ÓG were comfortable ten point winners of this Cork County Junior 'B' Camogie Championship final at Ballincollig yesterday afternoon.

The winners had actually led 1-2 to 0-2 at half-time, but this was against the run of play as the Newcestown girls had dominated the play in the early stages but were unable to translate their domination into scores.

Éire Óg scored first through Sandy Webster and then had a goal, taken in convincing style by Claire O'Regan. Newcestown answered with points from Mary Rose Canty and Eleanor Keneally, but Carol O'Callaghan replied for Éire Óg to give them a three-point lead going into the second-half.

Again, despite having more than their fair share of the play after the break, Newcestown were unable to turn it into scores, while Éire Óg made the most of everything that came their way.

With Mary O'Donovan in sparkling form at midfield, Éire Óg eventually took full control and with O'Regan scoring again in the seventh minute to make it 2-2 to 0-2, they were well on their way to the title.

Hilda Kenneally gave Newcestown some hope with a point after ten minutes, but a third goal from the opportunist O'Regan with ten minutes to go sealed the issue.

She rounded off a fine performance with a final point with just two minutes left to give her side a well deserved win.

Éire Óg: H. Kiely, M. Murphy, J. Bradley, S. O'Brien, U. Murphy, N. Spillane, T. Downes, C. O'Callaghan (0-1), M. O'Donovan, C. O'Regan (3-1), S. Webster (0-1), C. Murphy.

Newcestown: C. O'Donovan, M. Lordon, M. Crowley, J. O'Callaghan, J. Wilson, H. Kenneally (0-1), S. O'Donovan, M. Rose Canty (0-1), E. Keneally (0-1), U. Crowley, C. Wilson, C. O'Donovan. Referee: D. O'Shea (Na Piarisigh).



Clare O'Regan (Éire Óg) in possession with Hilda Kenneally (Newcestown) challenging during the Cork County Camogie Junior "B" final at Ballincollig. —(Picture: Maurice O'Mahony)

St. Paul's should have too much power

ST. PAUL'S will be striving today to add a further bright chapter to another successful year for Kilkenny in camogie when they put their All-Ireland senior club championship on the line. They have Killeagh, of Cork, as visitors in an appealing semi-final at James Stephens ground.

Experience will be a real asset for St. Paul's. Five of their club helped Kilkenny to retain the National League and All-Ireland titles this year, and St. Paul's are in line for a third successive final outing.

However, Killeagh, who have not won the All-Ireland title since 1980, are unlikely to be overawed by their task. They have qualified in fine style, and three club members, Mary Spillane, Cathy Landers-Harnedy and Anne Leahy, were on duty for Cork when the Leesiders made a spirited bid to dethrone Kilkenny in last month's All-Ireland final.

Killeagh are a good all round team, and also have teamwork and the determination to present the holders with a worrying time. Even so, Angela Downey, Ann Downey, Claire Jones, Breda Holmes and company are obviously in no mood to relinquish easily their top team status, and St. Paul's should underscore that point with a winning performance.



Clare O'Regan Éire Óg breaks away from Newcestown players during the junior camogie "B" Final at Ballincollig. (Picture: Maurice O'Mahony)

THIS WEEK...

50 YEARS AGO

OLD ALOYSIANS won the Cork County Senior Camogie Championship title for the third time in six years when they defeated UCC by 4-2 to 4-0 in the final at Douglas. The teams were: **Old AIs.** — Misses P. Hogg, E. Crowley, M. Twomey, M. Conlon, M. Fitzgerald, J. McGrath, N. O'Dowd, B. O'Regan, L. Kirby, K. Barry-Murphy, R. C. Fitzgerald (capt.), U. Cronin. **UCC** — Misses B. Quinn, S. Lehanne, M. Hegarty, B. Cronin (capt.), E. Meehan, N. Collins, M. Brennan, M. Cronin, E. Brennan, L. Kelleher, K. Buckley, A. Healy.

40 YEARS AGO

AT their first attempt, Blackrock won the Cork County Senior Camogie Championship title when they scored a 3-2 to 2-2 win over East Cork in the final at Douglas. The teams were: **Blackrock** — T. Warren, M. Delea (capt.), E. Cashman, M. Cashman, Madge Hayes, T. Healy, H. Dempsey, Maura Hayes, E. O'Shea, E. O'Leary, M. Hennebry, B. O'Shea. **East Cork** — R. Coleman, M. Walsh, M. Ahern, N. Duggan (capt.), K. Barry, E. O'Callaghan, E. O'Sullivan, A. O'Brien, Ina Cotter, B. Ronan, S. Cotter, E. Kearney.

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Rose Desmond who captained the Bishopstown junior camogie team to victory in both league and championship in 1988, pictured with the trophies at a victory social held recently in the Bishopstown G.A.A. Club.

Killeagh carry the Cork flag

Cork's only hope of an All-Ireland camogie title this season lies with County Champions Killeagh and they will strive on Sunday next to go a step nearer to this when they take on formidable opponents St. Pauls in the All-Ireland club semi-final at St. John's Park, Kilkenny. On the local front the Junior "A" Championship Final between Bishopstown and St. Catherine's is scheduled for Midleton on Sunday at 2.30, while on the same day there are two Junior "B" Championship games and a number of first round Under-16 Championship games down for decision.

On Sunday next Killeagh face one of their toughest challenges yet when they take on All-Ireland champions St. Pauls in the semi-final of this year's All-Ireland Club series. On form St. Pauls will go into this game as favourites. They are a strong all round side and in a position to call on a number of the Kilkenny senior team including such fine performers as the Downey sisters Angela and Ann, Liz Neary, Claire Jones and the Holmes sisters Breda and Helen. They are also favoured with a home venue which is certainly a big advantage but Killeagh are no strangers to this competition and will face this game with every confidence on Sunday. They are a very determined side and proved this in the Cork Championship Final when they

came back from what seemed to be inevitable defeat at half time to eventually record a narrow victory over champions Glen Rovers.

They will be forced to line out for this game without the services of Ann Leahy who has gone to work abroad and she will be a big loss, but they can still call on players of the calibre of Cathy Landers, Marion Sweeney, Patricia Fitzgibbon, Pat Lenihan, Betty Joyce and Ann Marie Landers and these girls will certainly leave no stone unturned to bring further honour to their native place in what promises to be a cracking contest.

Also on Sunday at Midleton the destination of the '88 Junior "A" Championship title will be decided between Bishopstown and St. Catherine's. Bishopstown will be contesting their second final in a row, while St. Catherine's will be appearing in their first ever Junior "A" Final, so we should have plenty of keen rivalry in store here. On past performances Bishopstown will probably be slightly favoured to take the honours. They have already taken the League title and will be very determined to make it a double.

In the remaining games Eire Og and Sarsfields will be expected to advance in the Junior "B" Championship, while in the Under-16 Championship Fr. O'Neills, Barryroe, Ballincollig,

Douglas, Valley Rovers, Cloughduv and St. Finbarrs, will all be expected to come out on top.

FIXTURES FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, All-Ireland Senior Club Championship Semi-final: Killeagh (Cork) v St. Pauls (Kilkenny), at St. John's Park, Kilkenny, at 3 p.m. **Junior "A" Championship Final:** Bishopstown v St. Catherine's at Midleton at 2.30. (referee: June Hamill).

Junior "B" Championship: Eire Og v Ballinora at Ovens at 11 o'clock. (referee: Aghabullogue); Newcestown v Sarsfields at Sarsfields. (referee: Deirdre O'Shea).

UNDER-16 CHAMPIONSHIP

Fr. O'Neills v Bishopstown "B" at Fr. O'Neills at 3 p.m. (referee: Midleton).

Glen Rovers "B" v Barryroe at Glen Rovers at 11.30. (Referee: Na Piar-saigh).

Ballincollig v Watergrasshill at Ballincollig at 12 noon. (Referee: Cloughduv).

Douglas v Brian Dillons at Douglas at 12 noon. (Referee: Blackrock).

Courcey Rovers v Valley Rovers at Courcey Rovers at 12 noon. (Referee: Newcestown).

Grenagh v Cloughduv at Grenagh at 3 p.m. (referee: Inniscarra).

Blackrock v St. Finbarrs at Blackrock at 3 p.m. (Referee: Douglas).

Downey star of St. Paul's win

St. Pauls, Kilkenny 4-9, Killeagh, Cork 4-2

It was only in the dying minutes of a very exciting All-Ireland Club Camogie Championship semi-final in Kilkenny yesterday that the local side St. Pauls, finally overcame a determined Killeagh team.

Up to then, the repeat of last year's All-Ireland final was very close indeed and the sides were level with only ten minutes to go when Angela Downey changed the trend of the game with a palmed shot to the net.

St. Pauls dominated the remaining minutes and Ann Downey sealed Killeagh's fate when she had a goal from a free.

The Cork side started strongly and were early ahead when Betty Joyce had a goal. But St. Pauls clawed their way back and were on level terms at 0-6 to 2-0 at half-time.

It was almost score for score in the

second-half until St. Pauls finally drew away.

Ann Downey was outstanding for St. Pauls while Angela Downey, Clare Jones and Marie Lawlor also impressed.

Best for a sparking Killeagh side were Pat Lenehan, Betty Joyce, Mary Spillane and Marion Sweeney.

Scorers St. Pauls—Ann Downey 2-6, Angela Downey 1-1, Breda Ryan 1-0, Clare Jones 0-2.

Killeagh—Mary Spillane 3-0, Betty Joyce 1-1, Pat Lenehan 0-1.

Referee Rosemary Merriman, Kildare.

BISHOPSTOWN MAKE NO MISTAKE THIS TIME

BISHOPSTOWN 5-6; ST. CATHERINE'S 2-2

LAST year's beaten finalists, Bishopstown, were too clever for St. Catherine's in this year's final of the Cork County Junior Camogie Championship at Midleton yesterday where an opening 15 minutes saw them crush the challenge of the East Cork girls.

Rose Desmond led by example and each time in possession she spelt danger for St. Catherine's, scoring four goals.

Controlling all sectors of the game, the city side had seven wides in the opening half, where they led by 4-3 to 1-0, St. Catherine's goal coming in the 23rd minute from Helen Curley.

St. Catherine's switched Catherine O'Sullivan to mark the dynamic Liz O'Neill and this gave them a better supply of the ball, but their pathway to goal was a tough one due to the solid Bishopstown defence.

Catherine O'Sullivan opened the scoring in the second half, but Bishopstown, with points from Aine and Elaine Buckley, stayed in control.

Any hope of a comeback was shattered by Liz O'Neill, when she goaled from a side line puck, to leave the scoreline 5-6 to 1-1 after 10 minutes of this half.

O'Sullivan, aided by Maria Spillane, June Flanagan and to a lesser degree, Marie O'Regan and Helen Curley, still kept trying and when O'Sullivan blasted home a superb goal, a little sparkle was to be seen in the St. Catherine's team.

A determined Bishopstown, however, who had nine wides in this half were never in danger and were comfortable winners at the finish.

Scorers for Bishopstown: R. Desmond 4-0; Liz O'Neill 1-0; E. Buckley 0-4; A. Buckley 0-1; E. Duggan 0-1.

St. Catherine's: C. O'Sullivan 1-2; H. Curley 1-0.

Bishopstown: B. Power, A. O'Sullivan, A. Creed, S. Murphy, Liz Towler, E. Duggan, Liz O'Neill, A. Buckley, S. Morley, E. Buckley, D. Cremen, R. Desmond. Sub: L. Walsh for E. Duggan; M. Kingston for D. Cremen, injured; C. O'Sullivan for A. O'Sullivan.

St. Catherine's: S. Power, A. Lane, C. Heffernan, N. O'Connell, M. O'Regan, M. Spillane, J. Flanagan, H. O'Connor, C. O'Sullivan, R. O'Leary, C. Moroney, H. Curley. Sub: M. Aherne for C. Heffernan.

Referee: J. Hamill, Glen Rovers.

Camogie

ST. PAULS (Kilkenny) 4-9; KILLEAGH (Cork) 4-2.

IN a closely contested semi-final of the All-Ireland Camogie club championship, holders St. Pauls, the Leinster champions, qualified for their second All-Ireland final in a row when they defeated the Munster champions Killeagh by 4-9 to 4-2 at Kilkenny yesterday.

Both sides mastered the very soft underfoot conditions and, in a close first half, they were level at St. Pauls 0-6, Killeagh 2-0. Ann Downey was the star of the Kilkenny side scoring 2-6 of the side's total.

Scorers: St. Pauls — Ann Downey (2-6), Angela Downey (1-1), B. Ryan (1-0), C. Jones (0-2).

Killeagh — M. Spillane (2-0), V. Metherway (1-0), B. Joyce (1-1), P. Lenihan (0-1).

St. Mary's march into All-Ireland camogie club final

St. Mary's (Kilkerrin-Glenamaddy).....2-6
Swatragh (Derry).....2-3
ST. MARY'S were convincing winners of this All-Ireland clubs Championship semi-final which was played in Swatragh on Sunday. Swatragh having beaten reigning Ulster champions Elgish by seven points in the Ulster final and with the advantage of a home venue and in front of their large number of supporters were determined to advance to the final.

Conditions were soft and slippery, with a strong breeze blowing across the pitch. Ten minutes into the game Margaret Grealley put Glen into the lead with a superb point from a difficult angle. This score settled Glen who then took control of the game with Margaret Grealley, Ann Fahy and Alva Baxter picking off their points and K. Comer scoring a goal.

At half time Glen led by 1-5 to 0-1. The wind favoured Swatragh in the second half but Glen quickly settled with a brilliantly executed goal by K. Comer who rounded her back and slipped the ball to the net early in the half.

Swatragh continued to fight hard however and were rewarded with a goal when their forwards finally

penetrated the Glen defence and later with a point from a 30. A. Gallagher added a point for Glen which seemed to seal the result, but in the dying minutes Swatragh were awarded a 30. The ball took a deflection and ended up in the Glen net.

Swatragh renewed their attack scoring a point and there was now only a goal between the teams. Glen's determination and team work prevented Swatragh from denying them a well deserved victory.

It was a splendid all-round team display with outstanding performances by Rita Coen in the Glen defence, M. Kelly at centrefield and M. Grealley and Kathleen Comer in the forward line.

St. Mary's will play St. Pauls (Kilkenny) in the All-Ireland final in Glenamaddy on November 13. Tickets are now on sale for our forthcoming draw and can be got from any club member.

Glen: P. Mitchel, K. Garvey, M. Fahy, C. Wall, R. Coen, A. Baxter 0-1, M. Kelly, T. Raftery, A. Gallagher 0-1, A. Fahy 0-2, M. Grealley 0-2, K. Comer 2-0, P. Hassell, A. Divilly, P. Keady, S. Egan, C. Heverlin, H. Brady, O. Feeney, J. Divilly.

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Leinster chase six in a row

IT IS six years since the Leinster senior camogie team lost a match in the Gael Linn Interprovincial series. Mary O'Leary pointed a long-range free in the dying seconds of the 1982 final to register a Munster win.

Next Sunday, they stand to stretch their impressive record a little further. Only Connacht stand between them and an unbroken run of six titles.

It must be said that Leinster have three strong senior counties from which to choose their players. On the other hand, Connacht have to rely on the Galway



girls to carry their flag.

Leinster changes see Mairead Cronin (Dublin) in at number four while Anna Whelan wears number eight to form a Kilkenny mid-field line.

Leinster look strong in all departments. Scores will be hard to come by against Marie Fitzpatrick, Elsie Cody, Germaine Noonan, Mairead Cronin and Biddy O'Sullivan. Kilkenny girls, Clare Jones, Ann Downey and Anna Whelan will

impose their authority on midfield.

Kilkenny pair Angela Downey and Breda Holmes are joined in attack by Eileen Kehoe (Wexford) and Ann Cooper (Dublin). It looks a strong, balanced Leinster team and one which will not concede easily.

SUNDAY GAEL-LINN INTERPROVINCIAL FINALS

Senior — Leinster v Connacht, 3.0. Junior — Leinster v Munster, 1.30 at Silverpark, Dublin.

LEINSTER TO MARCH ON!

The thirtieth Gael-Linn senior interprovincial series will be decided at Silverpark on Sunday. Leinster, the undisputed leaders of the competition, hold a remarkable 29 titles. It will be something of a shock if they do not stretch their lead at the expense of Connacht.

A last minute point from Mary O'Leary, which deprived them of victory in the 1982 final was the previous setback experienced by Leinster. Since then they have not alone defeated allcomers but increased their winning margins as the years went by.

Mairead Cronin (Dublin) and Anna Whelan (Kilkenny) are named instead of Wexford pair Tina Fitzhenry and Stella Sinnott, who were on the original selection to play Ulster in the semi-final. The team was in control in all sectors and routed its opponents by 8-9 to 0-2.

Captained by Elsie Cody, Leinster place key players in all zones. Marie Fitzpatrick, Germaine Noonan and Biddy O'Sullivan will let little go past in

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defence. Ann Downey, Clare Jones and Anna Whelan should hold the upper hand in attack. The scoring prowess of Angela Downey, Eileen Kehoe, Breda Holmes and Anne Cooper should run up a sizeable tally.

Connacht surprised themselves with a good win over Munster. The Connacht girls showed greater commitment and will to win and were full value for the score of 3-10 to 1-7. But Leinster will provide much tougher opposition.

Connacht will be represented by the Galway senior team. It is a bit much to expect them to match the pick of three strong senior counties, Kilkenny, Dublin and Wexford. Mary Kelly, Brid Stratford, Teresa Raftery, Anne Ryan, Anne Fahy and Julie Glynn will give of their best.

The junior final between Leinster and Munster should be a very close

affair. Four of the last five finals have been decided by a single point. The Munster side draws heavily on Limerick and Cork players. Helen Sheehy, Evelyn Healy, Frances Broderick, Pauline McCarthy, Ida Quaid, Breda Kelly and Fiona O'Driscoll should find places in the starting twelve.

Leinster hold faith in the team which scored a nine-point victory over Ulster. Eileen Crehan (Louth), Margaret Ryan (Carlow) and Esther Byrne (Wicklow) join the players of Kildare and Dublin. Rose Merriman, Patsy Murphy, Carmel Gray, Bernie Farrelly and Miriam Malone will make it very difficult for Munster to retain their title.

FIXTURES

SUNDAY — Gael-Linn Interprovincial Finals at Silverpark, Dublin: Junior (1.00)—Leinster v Munster, Senior (3.00)—Leinster v Connacht.



● ANGELA DOWNEY
... on the Leinster team
for Sunday's final.

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Angela is the top scorer

LEINSTER.....2-9
CONNACHT.....2-4

A FANCIED Leinster team scored an unimpressive victory over spirited Connacht opponents in the Gael Linn Senior Camogie final at Silver Park, Kilmacud, yesterday. The difference between the two sides was the accuracy of Angela Downey, who contributed 1-4 to Leinster's tally of 2-9.

Connacht took an early lead through Ann Ryan but it was Leinster who took control soon afterwards with goals from Kilkenny pair Downey and Breda Holmes. Leinster led by 2-5 to 0-3 at half-time.

However, it was Connacht who opened the second

Camogie

half in style with goals from Ann Ryan and Bride Cuniffe. As the second half progressed, conditions deteriorated and a stronger Leinster team scored a succession of quick points to recapture the trophy.

SCORERS

LEINSTER — A. Downey 1-4, C. Jones 0-2, B. Holmes 1-1, A. Reddy and A. Cooper 0-1 each. CONNACHT — A. Ryan 1-3, B. Cuniffe 1-1.

LEINSTER — M. Fitzpatrick, E. Cody, G. Noonan, Mairéad Cronin, B. O'Sullivan, C. Jones, A. Reddy, A. Whelan, E. Kehoe, B. Holmes, A. Downey, A. Cooper. Subs: E. Kavanagh, B. Redmond (not used), J. O'Leary for A. Cooper.

CONNACHT — J. Whinskey, S. Coen, T. Dolphin, B. Stafford, J. Glyn, G. Healy, M. Treacy, A. Coleman, L. Hobbins, D. Costello, A. Ryan, B. Cuniffe. Subs: A. Fahy, H. Hanery for B. Stafford, M. Morrissey, A. Murray.

REFEREE — B. Joyce (Cork).

JUNIOR FINAL

MUNSTER.....4-3
LEINSTER.....3-5

MUNSTER won their third successive Gael Linn Junior title by a single point against Leinster in a thrilling match at Kilmacud. Leinster forged ahead in the opening minutes and seemed to have the game well under control. They led by 2-3 to 0-3.

However, two goals from Irene O'Keeffe and Mary Lenihan just before half time levelled the scores. In the second half, Munster took off where they had finished the first half and scored two more goals from Fiona O'Driscoll and Pauline McCarthy.

Despite a good comeback from Leinster and in particular some fine work by Dublin forward Ger Dunne, Leinster could not close the gap and were left to rue some missed opportunities in the final moments.

SCORERS — Munster — L. O'Keeffe 1-2, P. McCarthy 1-1, F. O'Driscoll 1-0, M. Lenihan 1-0. Leinster — J. Dunne 1-2, A. Campbell 1-0, B. Farrelly 1-0, B. Malone 0-3.

Referee — K. Oulen (Galway).

Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael Cluichí ceannais

GHAEL-LINN



Luach: 30¢ Síle de Bhailís Clár Oifigiúil
Ardrúnaí

CAMOGIE: J'E' League final: St. Fanahans 2-3, Inniscarra 1-2; U-16 Championship: Cloughduv 3-6, Killeagh 0-1; IL: Aghabullogue 1-4, Ballinora 1-3.

CAMOGIE — Meath Senior Camogie Final: Enfield 2-4, Killyn 1-0.

CAMOGIE Junior League—Kildare, 4-9; Wexford, 0-1; Clare, 4-14; Louth, 3-10; Dublin, 0-6; Galway, 1-2; Meath, 2-6; Waterford, 2-3.

CAMOGIE: U-16 c/ship — Bishopstown 3-4, Fr. O'Neills 1-3; Inniscarra 4-4, Delaney Rovers 0-0; Glen Rovers 3-1, Brian Dillons 0-1.

CAMOGIE: U-16 Championship—Killeagh 3-6, Eire Og 1-3; Aghabullogue 3-2, Glen Rovers, 0-1. IL—Ballinora 8-4, Cloyne 0-3.

CAMOGIE: U16C semi-final, Aghabullogue 2-2 Cloughduv 0-4; U18C, Sarsfields 8-8 Valley Rovers 1-0; IL, Ballinora 2-2 Water-

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Paul's chasing grand slam

St. Pauls to make clean sweep

THE last major final of the camogie year should ring down the curtain in style on another great season for Kilkenny. Their standard-bearers, St. Paul's, bid for a second successive All-Ireland senior club title in succession when they meet St. Mary's, Glenamaddy, Galway, at Glenamaddy today (2.0).

St. Paul's overcame strong opposition last time out by beating Killeagh, of Cork, by 4-9 to 4-2. Ann Downey, who scored 2-6; her sister, Angela, and Clare Cronin were among the stars of a smart-moving side that encouraged optimism about the prospects of completing a clean sweep of the top awards for Leinster.

Players from the club were to the fore when Kilkenny retained the League and All-Ireland titles earlier this year, and also with Leinster in the successful defence of the Gael-Linn interprovincial crown last week.

Glenamaddy are appearing in their first final since 1983, and have still to win the championship. They cannot match the know-how of the holders, but have a good all-round side, with accomplished players, and a home advantage should be a help.

So, the Westerners are not without hope. Nevertheless, it will still be a major upset if St. Paul's fail to put their name on the trophy for the seventh time.

A WIN for St. Paul's (Kilkenny) in the final of the All-Ireland Club Championship against Glenamaddy (Galway) on Sunday would round off a very successful season for Angela Downey, Breda Holmes and Ann Downey. This talented trio have made a clean sweep of the trophies available.

Already in the bag are All-Ireland Senior, National League, Gael-Linn and Leinster Championship medals. In addition these players were honoured with places on the Rest of Ireland team which



won the Millennium trophy.

In contrast, Glenamaddy have yet to register their first success in the All-Ireland Club Championship. As Connacht champions in 1983, 1984 and 1987, they contested the All-Ireland series. They reached the final in 1983 but went down to Buffer's Alley in the final.

A Special Congress will convene at Croke Park on Saturday to vote on the

recommendations of the Commission. As there are many proposed changes covering administration, playing rules and organisation, it is vital that all counties should be represented to voice their opinions.

Roscommon dropped the points in their opening National League match against Derry. To lose further ground would be disastrous.

FIXTURES

Saturday, Nov. 12th — At Croke Park, 10.00: Special Congress.

Sunday, Nov 13th. — All-Ireland Club Championship Final — At Glenamaddy, Co. Galway, 2.00: Glenamaddy v St. Paul's.

Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael

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ARDRÚNAÍ

Angela Downey suspended for six months

WHEN it comes to discipline, the women leave the men trailing. For, in some of the stiffest penalties handed out to Irish sports persons this year two camogie players, one of whom is Angela Downey, the game's best-known exponent, have been suspended for six months.

The Kilkenny star, who powered her side to a fourth consecutive All-Ireland senior title last September has been banned, together with Cork's Breda Kelly, following incidents in the All-Ireland club semi-final between St. Paul's, Kilkenny, and Killeagh, Cork, on October 23 last.

They were reported for striking in the closing minutes of the semi-final and although they were not sent off, the Camogie authorities took a dim view of the affair.

St. Paul's won the game and were to have played St. Mary's, Glenamaddy, in the All-Ireland final two weeks ago. However, the game was postponed just 24 hours before it was due to take place. Camogie's Central Council met last Saturday week and after considering the referee's report, they slapped a six-month ban on Downey and Kelly.

"We take a very dim view of any breaches in discipline in our sport. Thankfully, we don't have very many, but when we do, we take stern action so that it acts as a deterrent

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as well as underlining our commitment to keeping our games clean," said one Central Council member.

Nevertheless, the severity of the suspensions will surprise many. Particularly so, in the light of the rather lenient

sentencing policies frequently adopted by the GAA in relation to football and hurling, and by the rugby and soccer authorities.

Angela Downey has long been regarded as one of the finest camogie players of all time. She has played in all Kilkenny's eight All-Ireland senior successes since 1974 and is a former Texaco Award winner. She scored a massive 1-7 in the 1987 All-Ireland final and contributed 1-3 in the '88 decider.

The uncertainty surrounding the date of the All-Ireland final has caused consternation in the St. Mary's club. Based in the Glenamaddy-Kilkerrin region of North Galway, St. Mary's had made all arrangements for the final two weeks ago only to be given 24 hours' notice of its postponement.

The club, which is trained by former Galway hurling goalie, Tommy Coen, had flown home a player from England for the final and despite attempts to publicise the fact that the game had been postponed, many people turned up last Sunday week.

They were dismayed by the manner in which the whole affair was handled. However, Central Council say that they had no option but to postpone the final in order to consider the referee's report from the St. Paul's - Killeagh semi-final.

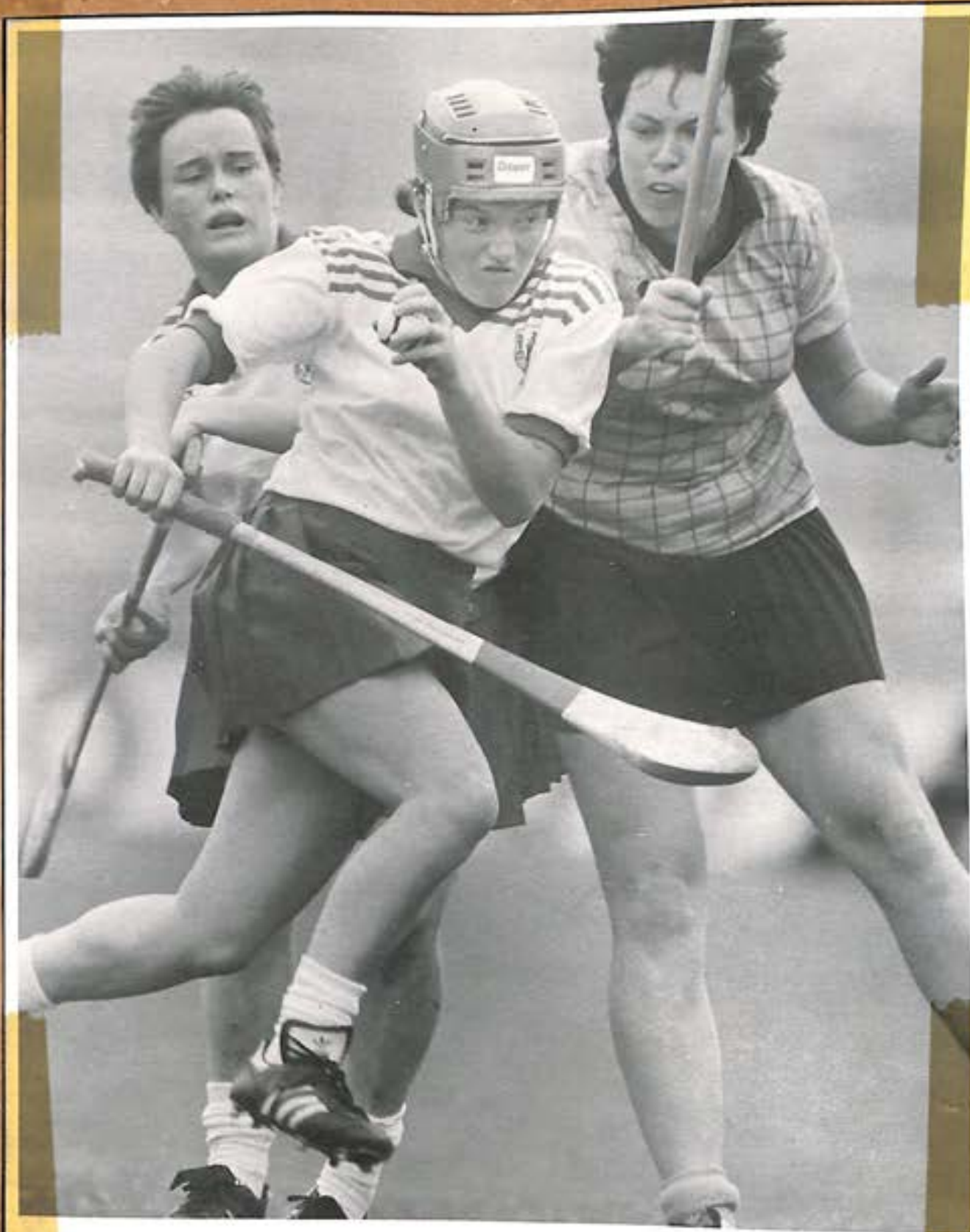
The final will go ahead in Glenamaddy next Sunday.



ANGELA DOWNEY... banned following incidents in the All-Ireland club semi-final.

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Colette O'Mahony of Cork goes past Kilkenney's Clare Jones in the All-Ireland Camogie final. Kilkenney won by 4-11 to 3-8 to capture their fourth successive title. (RPHO/James Meehan)

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*Kilkenny captain Angela
Downey holds the trophy and
embraces her sister Ann.
(INPHO/James Meehan)*



Ann Downey-ed St. Mary's

ST. PAUL'S 4-5
ST. MARY'S 3-7

ALATE, LATE show by St. Paul's (Kilkenny) in which they scored a spectacular goal from a 20-yard free, earned them all-Ireland club camogie glory at Glenamaddy on Sunday when they defeated local hopefuls St. Mary's in a nail-biting finish.

St. Paul's had to endure some agonising moments before they eventually secured their match-winner as they saw a six-point lead midway through the second half being whittled away in a matter of just two minutes by the determined Glenamaddy side who then took a two points' lead.

With Mary's looking in a very strong position, Paul's earned a free four minutes from time, and Ann Downey struck a fine shot to the top right corner of the net and ended the dreams of the home side.

Despite the fact that Paul's star forward Angela Downey was out because of a stiff, six months' suspension, they

played with great grit and determination all through. Despite that laps of concentration in the second half, they looked in firm control all through.

Downey's goal was the culmination of a dominant performance at midfield all through, and Ann proved her all-round abilities, both from play and frees.

Mary's got off to an impressive start with a goal in the 7th minute from Kathleen Comer and led by 1-2 to 0-3 after the first quarter. Gritty St. Paul's, with points from Breda Holmes and Geraldine Ryan and a goal from Miriam Holland, who collected a Downey free, edged ahead at

half-time by the minimum margin of 1-4 to 1-3.

Wing half-forward Breda Ryan consolidated St. Paul's lead with a goal in the 35th minute when she connected with a Miriam Holland shot.

Holmes added to her tally with another goal, while Downey with a point put St. Paul's six points ahead. But they had to sustain a two-minute onslaught from Glenamaddy when Mary Kelly and Kathleen Comer wiped out the deficit with some fine goals, and Margaret Greally and Ann Gallagher put them in a seemingly comfortable lead.

It was merely a case of the St. Paul's defence collapsing under the pressure, but they fought back from the jaws of defeat to clinch a memorable win.

Bridie McGarry, who was a late inclusion on the team, Ann Downey, Claire Jones, Breda Ryan and Miriam Holland were particularly impressive for Paul's.

St. Paul's: M. Lawlor, C. Neary, S. Russell, B. McGarry, H. Holmes, C. Jones, A. Downey

ST. PAUL'S SAY THANKS

St. Paul's Camogie Club would like to thank all who organised buses, travelled and supported them in Glenamaddy on Sunday last.

Your support was very much appreciated.

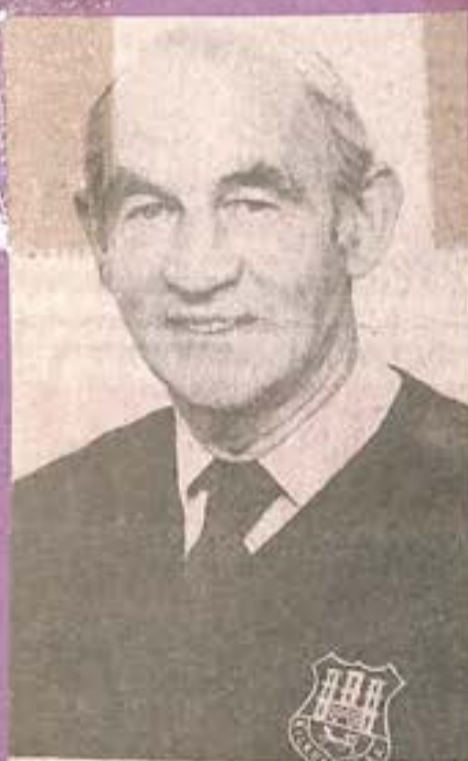
(1-1), C. Holmes, B. Ryan (1-0), B. Holmes (1-3), G. Ryan (0-1), M. Holland (1-0).

St. Mary's: A. Mitchell, K. Gaffney, R. Coen, M. Fahy, C. Wall, A. Baxter, M. Kelly (1-0), T. Raftery, M. Greally (0-1), A. Gallagher (0-6), A. Divilly, K. Comer (2-0).

Camogie fixtures

Annual Camogie Board convention at O'Loughlin's on Sunday (1.30 p.m.).

Under-21 county final at Danesfort on Sunday, Mooncoin v. Lisdowney (11.30 a.m.).



CAMOGIE

The camogie star is TOM RYAN, trainer to Kilkenny's senior camogie team.

He is being honoured for his ability to steer Kilkenny's team to four All-Ireland senior titles in a row. This achievement was boosted by the fact that the team also won three National League titles in the same period. Our star's ability in motivating the team to give of their best has won him the camogie award.

CAMOGIE — All Ireland Clubs Championship Final — St. Paul's (Kilkenny) 4-5, St. Mary's, Glenamaddy (Galway) 3-7. Leinster J.L. — Meath 3-8, Offaly 3-1. Dublin League S. 'A' — Marina 2-4, Cumann Uí Chonaill 1-4. S. 'B' — Na Fianna 3-3, Clan na Gael 1-3. I. 'B' — Portobello 4-4, Naomh Aoife 2-4.



SQUASH

The squash star — also a former Kilkenny Sports Star winner for camogie — is ANN DOWNEY of Ballyragget.

She was selected to the Irish International senior team this year and played in all three international matches. Winning against Scotland and Wales, she is now in training for the World Championships at Helsinki in March of next year. Ann has represented Munster at interprovincial senior level for the past seven years and has been a member of the winning team in the Senior Ladies All-Ireland Club Championship for the past three years.

Fair play

Sir—The recent football game — Dublin v Meath — produced a media furore and rightly so.

On the same day and All-Ireland Camogie Final was held — Kilkenny v Galway — after both teams were held to ransom by the Camogie Association.

The game was originally fixed for last Sunday fortnight in Glenamaddy, but at 24 hours' notice it was postponed leaving reception preparations in a mess.

However, the unkindest cut of all concerned the barring of an already suspended player from the reception, adding to the trauma of a six months' suspension.

A poor advertisement for the G.A.A. in both games.

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Convention time

On Sunday next the annual general meeting of Cumann Camogaíochta Chontae Chorcaí will be held at Pairc Uí Chaoimh starting at 2 o'clock. Because of this there are only two games listed, one of which is the Under-16 Championship Final between Bishopstown and Aghabullogue and this game is scheduled for Ballinlough on Sunday morning at 11.30. In the only other game listed St. Finbarrs and Ballinlough clash in the Intermediate League at Togher.

In a report of last year's final Bishopstown and Aghabullogue will once again battle it out for Under-16 honours this season, but this time the city girls will be fancied to do well. Despite Bishopstown's very successful run at underage level in recent years the Under-16 Championship has been the one title that has eluded them and no doubt they will be very anxious to rectify this situation on Sunday. In route to this year's final they have looked a very impressive side with fine victories over Ballincollig, Fr. O'Neills and Inniscarra. Their line-out for Sunday will include no fewer than five Cork minors including such fine performers as goalkeeper Aisling O'Leary, Clare Murphy, Bláithín Keating, Edel Ryan and Eithne Duggan, and with this sort of talent available to them it is difficult to see them being halted on this occasion.

On the other side of the coin Aghabullogue's path to the final has been equally impressive. In earlier rounds they defeated Barryroe and Glen Rovers and then went on to defeat a fancied Cloughduv side in the semi-final. Like their opponents they too have been very successful at underage level in recent years and being the present holders will not relinquish their title too easily. They have fine players in the Buckleys Sinead and Sheila, Fionnuala

Tyrell and Mary Kelleher, and if these girls produce the goods it could be neck and neck to the final whistle. Whatever the outcome it promises to be a cracking contest.

There will be only one contest at Convention on Sunday for Officership and that will be for the position of Vice-Chairperson where the present officer Marie Kearney from Sarsfields will be opposed by Ann Healy from Blackrock. The present secretary Mary Maher is not seeking re-election and Bishopstown's Rose Desmond being the only nominee, will be taking over this position. All the remaining officers are being returned unopposed and these are Chairperson Sheila Golden (Inniscarra); Treasurer Kay Dunne (Ballincollig); Registrar Lily O'Sullivan (Ballincollig); PRO Mary Newman-McCarthy (Glen Rovers). There is no nomination for the position of Fixtures Secretary.

There are eight nominees for Seniors Selectors, Mary Newman-McCarthy, Glen Rovers; Rose Malone, Eire Og; Nuala Dunlea, Cloughduv; Marie Kearney, Sarsfields; Brenda McDonnell, Na Piarsaigh; Sheila Spillane, Killeagh, Mary Nott, Glen Rovers, Bridie Ahern, Inniscarra. Four people will be chosen and these will be joined by a rep from the County Champions Killeagh.

FIXTURES

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11,

Under-16 Championship Final: Bishopstown "A" v Aghabullogue at Ballinlough at 11.30. (Referee: June Hamill).

Intermediate League: St. Finbarrs v Ballinora at St. Finbarrs at 12 noon. (Referee: Douglas).



At the Cork County Camogie Convention in Pairc Uí Chaoimh. (Front): Nora Newman, President; Sheila Golden, Chairman; Lillie O'Sullivan, Registrar. (Back): Mary Maher, outgoing Secretary; Mary Newman-McCarthy, PRO; Marie Kearney, Vice Chairman.



Rose Desmond, Bishopstown, newly elected Secretary Cork County Camogie Board.

Grounds for complaint!

IN her address to the Cork County Camogie Convention held at Pairc Uí Chaoimh on Sunday last the Chairperson, Sheila Golden, who was re-elected, expressed her disappointment that another year had gone by and camogie in Cork still had no grounds of its own. At this point she thanked the GAA at all levels for both their financial help and for the use of their pitches.

She also expressed disappointment at the performance of our inter-county teams this season but felt there is potential within the county to bring All-Ireland honours in the very near future.

On a brighter note she said "we had some wonderful games of camogie in Cork over the past year" and she congratulated all who competed.

During the year a number of new clubs had formed mainly in the South/East and South/West Divisions and this indeed was most encouraging.

Officers elected for the coming year were President, Nora Newman; Chairperson, Sheila Golden; Vice Chairperson, Marie Kearney; Secretary, Rose Desmond; Treasurer, Kay Dunne; Registrar, Lily O'Sullivan; PRO, Mary Newman McCarthy.

Senior selectors: Rose Malone, Eire Og, Ann Delaney O'Donovan, Glen Rovers, Nuala Dunlea, Cloughduv, Marie Kearney, Sarsfields. These will be joined by a representative from the County champions Killeagh.

Junior selectors: Mary Newman McCarthy, Glen Rovers, Pat Kirby, Killeagh. These will be joined by a representative from the intermediate champions Glen Rovers and the junior champions Bishopstown.

Minor selectors: Mary Moran, St. Finbarrs, Mary Maher, Douglas, Betty Joyce, Killeagh, Nuala Dunlea, Cloughduv. These will be joined

by a representative from the county champions Bishopstown.

Under-18 selectors: Mairead O'Donovan, Ballincollig, Sheila Harrington, Bishopstown, Mrs. Goggins, Na Piarsaigh, Mrs. Barry, Brian Dillons.

Motions passed included one from St. Finbarrs asking for the senior selection committee to be reduced to three members but all other selection committees are to remain as before with five members.

With the Christmas holiday period fast approaching games are at a minimum but there are just a few outstanding league games down for decision over the coming weekend and these will see Ballinora and Brian Dillons in action in the Intermediate League at Ballinora on Sunday morning while in the Under-16 League Inniscarra and Aghabullogue clash at Ballyanly and Killeagh and St. Catherine's meet at St. Catherine's.

FIXTURES

Sunday, December 18:

Intermediate League 88, Ballinora v Brian Dillons at Ballinora at 12 noon. Ref., Bishopstown.

Under 16 League 88, Inniscarra v Aghabullogue at Inniscarra at 12 noon. Ref., Grenagh. Killeagh v St. Catherine's at St. Catherine's at 12 noon. Ref., Midleton.

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Tyrone in need of more consistency

THE halfway stage has been reached in the National Junior Camogie League and as activity ceases on the inter-county front until next March, the various sections of the competition are already taking shape.

Offaly are well placed in Division Four. With full points to their credit from fixtures against Donegal, Fermanagh and Westmeath, they have reason to be pleased. But the real test will come on March 19 when they face unbeaten Tyrone



Tyrone would belong to a higher division if they could eliminate inconsistency in their performance. At times they play like potential champions and then undo the good work with below par displays.

Donegal, Sligo and Fermanagh seem destined to remain in the bottom section for another season at least.

UCD set to dominate in 'Ashbourne'

THE DRAW for the Ashbourne Cup, the inter-varsity camogie championship, gives the holders UCD every opportunity of extending their dominance. The preliminary round on January 28 sees UCD at home to Trinity.

Trinity have always been considered an easy draw for the universities with a greater selection. However, the outstanding goalkeeping of Pauline O'Brien drew complimentary notice to Trinity at last year's Ashbourne.

Should UCD advance as expected, they will meet the winners of the Queens v Maynooth clash. The Belfast college, holders of the Losers Plate, should account for Maynooth and give UCD a lively hour.

University of Ulster, Jordanstown, host the Ashbourne proper in early February. However, they face a tall order in the preliminary round. They have to travel the length of the country and defeat UCC if they are to secure a semi-final spot.

UCG who put up a great show in the 1988 Ashbourne final, play Coleraine in the preliminary round.



To date, the Ashbourne Cup has rested between the three national universities. Will a newcomer emerge in 1989?

The established colleges had to take a back seat at the recent Freshers championship. A fine team from Waterford RTC left the more fancied names well down the list.

Gaye Moran (UCD) has retired following a number of years as an administrator at third level. Dublin forward Anne Copper has joined the CCIA top table as registrar. Anne Higgins (St. Marys, Belfast) moves into the vacant treasurer's job. Bernie McNally, Mary Rose O'Connor and Brid Kilpatrick continue in the leading posts.

Rose Desmond, who organised the 1988 Ashbourne Cup in Cork, is the new secretary of the Cork County Board. She replaces Mary Maher who has stepped down. Former Cork defender, Sheila Golden remains in the chair.

Plea to GAA clubs

GAA clubs throughout Cork will have to do more to promote camogie, the Cork County Camogie Convention at Pairc Uí Chaoimh was told yesterday.

Chairperson, Sheila Golden expressed concern that many GAA clubs still fielded no camogie teams and she urged the GAA officials to rectify the situation.

She was also deeply concerned that the County Camogie Board still did not possess their own grounds and had to rely on the GAA for facilities. However, Ms. Golden thanked the GAA for the use of their

pitches and their financial support.

During her address to the Convention she appealed to the various camogie clubs in Cork to send representatives to the referee courses provided by the board.

Reporting that all competitions in the county were now up to date, she congratulated all the Cork teams for their performances both on and off the field during the year, despite the fact that they failed to win an All-Ireland title.

A number of motions were passed by Convention, the most significant being a

proposal from St. Finbarr's reducing the senior selection committee from five to three. From 1990 the committee will be made up of a representative of the senior county champions and two elected members.

Another motion, put by Eire Og, will, if ratified by Central Council, bring Newtownshandrum Camogie Club under the Cork County Board. The club currently plays under Limerick County Board.

A second Eire Og motion adopted by Convention called for the setting up of committee

to organise and promote camogie in North Cork.

The officership of the County Board remains the same with the exception of Mary Maher, outgoing secretary.

Officers: President, Nora Newman, Glen Rovers; Chairperson, Sheila Golden, Inniscarra; Vice — Chairperson, Marie Kearney, Sarsfields; Secretary, Rose Desmond, Bishopstown; Treasurer, Kay Dunne, Ballincollig; Registrar, Lily O'Sullivan, Ballincollig; PRO, Mary Newman McCarthy, Glen Rovers.

Selections committees

Senior: Marie Kearney, Sarsfields; Rose Malone, Eire Og; Ann Delaney O'Donovan, Glen Rovers; Nuala Dunlea, Cloughduv.

Junior: Lily O'Sullivan, Ballincollig; Pat Kirby, Killeagh; Mary Newman McCarthy, Glen Rovers.

Minor: Mary Moran, St. Finbarrs; Mary Maher, Douglas; Betty Joyce, Killeagh; Nuala Dunlea, Cloughduv.

Under 18: Mairead O'Donovan, Ballincollig; Sheila Harrington, Bishopstown; Siobhan Goggan, Na Piarsaigh; Mrs. Barry, Brian Dillons.

Bishopstown camogie girls take title this time

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THE BISHOPSTOWN under 16 camogie team, coached by local independent Cork Corporation councillor, Pat Murray made history on Sunday last when they won the Cork County Under 16 Championship for the first time in the club's history.

The final, which proved to be a very exciting and closely contested affair, was played against Aghabullogue, who won last year's title at the expense of Bishopstown, but this time round Bishopstown proved to be the superior outfit.

A goal after 40 seconds by Edel Kearney gave Bishopstown a lead which they never lost despite some great camogie by Aghabullogue. At the interval Bishopstown led by one goal and three points to nil and eventually won by two goals and four points to two points.

Sheila Golden, chairperson of the Cork County Camogie Board presented the Majella O'Callaghan Cup to the jubilant Bishopstown captain, Claire Murphy amidst scenes of great enthusiasm from the Bishopstown supporters.

The victorious Bishopstown squad, who in earlier rounds defeated Ballincollig, Inniscarra and Fr. O'Neills, was Claire Murphy (captain), Aine White, Blathin Keating, Orla Higgins, Patricia Horgan, Moira Harrington,

ton, Eithne Duggan, Elaine O'Connor, Siobhan Barry, Edel Ryan, Edel Kearney, Gillian Conlon, Ailish O'Reilly and Grainne Sugrue.

A special award for player of the match was won by Siobhan Barry. As a consequence of this victory, Bishopstown will have the right to nominate the Cork under 16 captain and also a member of the Cork selection committee at this level.

The future seems bright for the Bishopstown Camogie Club with so many good young players on the way up.

'Town take first title

Bishopstown 2-4
Aghabullogue 0-2

BISHOPSTOWN captured their first Cork County Under 16 camogie title at Ballinlough yesterday when they defeated Aghabullogue in a very competitive game.

The winners got off to a dream start with a goal from Edel Kearney after only 40 seconds but after that, despite having the majority of the play, found it hard to score. However, they still turned over leading by 1-4 to nil.

In the second-half both

sides were off target with some good chances and it took until the 10th minute for Bishopstown to increase their lead with a point from Kearney. Aghabullogue, who played much better in this half, found the Bishopstown defence in excellent form and their only reward was two points, one from Jo O'Callaghan after 12 minutes and another from Margaret Twomey after 19 minutes. However, the game was put out of their reach three minutes before the end when Edel Ryan shot through a crowded defence for a goal.

For the winners Patricia Horgan at centre-back Elaine O'Connor, Siobhan Barry and Eithne Duggan at midfield, and Edel Ryan in the half-forward line were outstanding. Patsy Walsh at full-back for Aghabullogue had a tremendous game and got great support from Elaine Henchion, at half-back, Jo O'Callaghan at midfield and Nora Twomey in the half-forward line.

In was an eventful day for two of the Bishopstown squad, Edel Ryan and Eithne Duggan, who travelled from Limerick to collect

their third medal of the season. They were members of the Cork Minor team who won the Munster Championship and also collected Junior "A" medals with Bishopstown this season.

BISHOPSTOWN: A.White; B.Keating; O.Higgins, P.Horgan, M.Harrington; S.Barry, E.O'Connor (0-1), E.Duggan; E.Ryan (1-2), C.Murphy (0-1 "35"), G.Condon; E.Kearney (1-0).

AGHABULLOGUE: F.Tyrell; P.Walsh; S.Buckley, E.Henchion, M.McSweeney; M.Kelleher, J.O'Callaghan (0-1), S.Buckley; E.Kelleher, N.Twomey (0-1), A.Murphy; M.Twomey. Referee: J.Hamill (Glen Rovers).

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Fr. O'Neills celebrate

THE winning of three titles, which included the East Cork Junior 'B' Football Championship and League, plus the East Cork section of the Cork Co. 'B' Football Championship, is testimony of what can be achieved by dedication and co-operation.

This was highlighted in fine style when the Fr. O'Neills Camogie and GAA clubs held a joint function recently.

For the ladies, it may not have been a success on the playing field but the publication of their

history was a magnificent achievement, according to Mary Moran, National PRO of camogie.

Miss Moran stated that camogie clubs seem to build a wall and seldom embark on writing their history, so Fr. O'Neills had done a fantastic job in completing what they did.

Maurice Conway, chairman of Fr. O'Neills Hurling and Football Club, stated that they had high hopes of winning the East Cork Hurling Championship but

history will recall how they lost out, in the final minute, to the eventual winners, Killeagh.

"We had some compensation by winning our first ever Junior 'B' football title and here credit goes to the trainer, Seamus Coughlan, the former Nemo Rangers and Cork star, plus the efforts of the selection committee of Michael Keane, Brendan Aherne and Haulie Donnelly," said Mr. Conway.

The chairman of the East Cork Board, Mr. John Hennessy, stated that Fr. O'Neills were unlucky in the hurling but crowned themselves in glory by winning the 'B' treble in football.

Mr. Hennessy said that when he was involved in playing, very few had any interest in football but in recent times East Cork had shown they can play football with the winning of two county senior titles. In addition, East Cork teams showed they can match the best when they play outside their division.

In the GAA section, there were presentations to Mr. Coughlan, their trainer; Timothy Hurley, the Cork minor star; Bobby Lee, "Clubman of the Year," Neilus Aherne, Michael Coleman, Eddie O'Brien, Thomas Harrington on the occasion of their marriages during the past year.

A young Midleton lady, Sharon Meade, playing senior camogie with Fr. O'Neills, won the club's "Player of the Year."

Miss Carri Shanahan, club chairperson, stated that during the past year



Denis O'Flynn, secretary of Fr. O'Neills G.A.A. club presents the Clubman of the Year trophy to Bobby Lee at Fr. O'Neill's G.A.A. and Camogie Dinner.



Karrie Shanahan, chairperson, Fr. O'Neill's Camogie Club, presents their "Player of the Year" award to Sharon Meade at the joint dinner of Fr. O'Neill's GAA and Camogie Clubs.

two members of their club, Fiona O'Driscoll and Margaret Finn, had the honour of captaining Cork teams — Fiona, the minor and Margaret the junior side. Two others, Mary Kennefick and Denise Hayes, also played for Cork. She paid tribute to their coach, Aidan Swayne, for his untiring work for the club and to those who had done so much for the publication of their book,

On The Road To Success. As Miss Shanahan stated, it would make an ideal gift for Christmas to send to people from the parish abroad and to camogie clubs in general. Sheila Golden, chairperson, Cork Co. Camogie Board; Mary Moran, National PRO; Fr. Martin O'Riordan, Donal Flavin, captain of the victorious Junior 'B' side, and Seamus Coughlan also spoke.

Easy passage for St Marys

St. Marys High School, Midleton 5-1

St. Aidans, Cork 0-0

ST. MARY'S High School, coasted to a comfortable victory over St. Aidan's, in the first round of the Munster Colleges Junior Camogie Plate at St. Coleman's Community College Grounds.

Having bowed out of the championship to St. Patrick's, Cork, the midleton side left no doubt about this contest and led at the break by three goals to nil.

Scorers for Midleton—A. O'Regan 2 goals, S. Callaghan 1-1, O' Barry and A. O'Connor 1-0 each.

Midleton: T. Aherne, H. Walsh, M. Moore, S. O'Sullivan, A. Murphy, S. Callaghan, H. Walsh, M. Barrett, A. O'Connor, O. Barry, F. Murphy, U. O'Doherty, A. O'Regan. St. Aidan's—J. O'Neill, O. McSweeney, C. O'Flynn, M. Cronin, A. Creenan, A. Conway, M. Murray, D. Murphy, P. Barry, K. Roche, K. Hickey, B. Hyde.

Referee: F. O'Driscoll (Father O'Neills).



Patricia Fitzgibbons, captain of Killeagh camogie team with the Cork County and Munster Club Championship cups at the club's dinner.

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• Cathy Landers-Harnedy (Cork) ... gets in her clearance in the Camogie Final.



• Limerick history-makers in junior camogie.

CAMOGIE AND HANDBALL SET STANDARD

A unique win in camogie, and All-Ireland title trebles in handball are among the best features of the year that was 1988 in Gaelic Games for Limerick.

The county's junior camogie team chalked up the unique success, and with it ushered in a bright new chapter in the annals of the national women's game when they met championship newcomers London in an All-Ireland quarter-final.

London competed for a number of years in the All-Ireland senior championship, but failed to qualify for a final. It is a long time, however, since a London side took part in the premier grade.

But championship links were renewed again last July when London, sporting the colours of the four provinces, made their debut in the junior grade against Limerick at Newtownshandrum. The

Shannonsiders came out on top by 2-6 to 0-3.

Next time out Limerick, with Pauline McCarthy, of Star Rovers, in tremendous form, surprised holders Kildare. The Bruff player contributed a splendid 1-8 to the win — all but two points of her team total. May Lenihan and Ida Quaid were the other scorers for Limerick.

Pauline McCarthy was again prominent in the scoring line in the county's first All-Ireland junior final appearance since 1977. She hit five points, but despite her best efforts and those of her capable colleagues, Galway still came out on top at Croke Park. The Limerick girls made a brave come-back in the second half, and provided their opponents with some testing problems, but in the end went down by 3-4 to 1-5. Still, it was an encouraging return to All-Ireland final action.

Team captain Marguerite Guiry (Croagh-Kilfinny), full back, Mairead Treacy (Granagh-Ballingarry), centre half back, Elizabeth O'Sullivan (Star Rovers) at midfield, Pauline McCarthy, centre half forward, and Ida Quaid (Granagh-Ballingarry), left wing, and their colleagues can feel well pleased with their gallant, if unsuccessful, bid to capture Limerick's second All-Ireland title in the grade.

Incidentally, O'Sullivan has the distinction of having won county senior championship medals in Dublin and Limerick. She won the Metropolitan award with Crumlin, and the Shannon-side trophy with St. Oliver's.

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ALL-IRELAND FINALS

Senior: September 25, Croke Park: Kilkenny 4-11; Cork 3-8.
Junior: September 25, Croke Park: Galway 3-4; Limerick 1-5.
Minor: August 7, An Port Mor, Armagh: Kilkenny (5-6); Armagh 2-5.

SEMI-FINALS

Senior: August 14, Ballinlough: Cork 2-9; Wexford 2-2. August 29, Glenamaddy: Kilkenny 3-19; Galway 1-4.
Junior: August 21, Ballybrown: Limerick 1-10; Kildare 2-6. Ballyholland: Galway 4-8; Down 1-5.
Minor: July 17, Portmor, Blackwaterstown: Armagh 4-7; Galway 1-3. Nowlan Park: Kilkenny 3-3; Cork 1-8.

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP TO SEMI-FINALS

July 10, Adare: Cork 4-18; Limerick 1-1.
Monamolin: Wexford 7-11; Clare 4-6. July 24, Lisdowney: Kilkenny 2-11; Dublin 1-1.

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QUARTER FINAL

Junior: July 31, Newtownshandrum: Limerick 2-6; London 0-3.

NATIONAL LEAGUES

FINALS

Senior: June 12, Dublin: Kilkenny 3-1; Dublin 2-4.
Junior: July 3, Leitrim, Co. Down: Armagh 1-9; Down 0-6.

SEMI-FINALS

Senior: May 29, Blanchardstown, Dublin: Dublin 3-17; Galway 0-3. Lisdowney: Kilkenny 4-13; Clare 0-8.
Junior: June 5, Derrymacash: Armagh 1-9; Roscommon 2-3. June 19, Ballyholland: Down 1-7; Galway 2-3.

Lisdowney supreme

Lisdowney 4-12
Mooncoin 1-2

LISDOWNEY indicated they are a rising camogie power in Kilkenny when they scored an easy win over Mooncoin in the under-21 county final at Danesfort on Sunday.

The winners were commanding in the opening half, and at the break led by 2-7 to no score. A feature of the play was the excellent contribution of 14-year-old, Aine Dunne, who was very lively in attack.

Mooncoin pulled back a goal early in the second half, but Lisdowney responded with points from Marina Downey and Catherine O'Loughlin (3) to take firm control again. Others who stood out for the winners were Bridget Sharkey, Catherine Dunne, Lizzy Fogarty and Eithne Downey.

Mooncoin had fine players in Frances Rothwell, Ann Walsh, Ann Moran and Helen Doyle.

Lisdowney: V. Wall, B. Barnaville, A. Cody (Capt.), G. Glendon, B. Wall, B. Sharkey, M. Downey, C. O'Loughlin, C. Dunne, A. Dunne, L. Fogarty, E. Downey. Subs: A. Brennan, A. Kenny, J. Kenny.

Mooncoin: A. Moran, E. Kirwan, H. Grant, F. Rothwell, J. Dunphy, C. Fitzpatrick, P. Morahan, S. Dunphy, D. Doyle, A. Walsh, N. Rothwell, D. McCarthy.

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Four in a row for Kilkenny Camogie

By: MARY MORAN

THIRD place and climbing is Kilkenny's position on the ladder of All-Ireland senior winners. Cork put Kilkenny under pressure in the All-Ireland Final but their own ineptitude at scoring left the champions off the hook.

Kilkenny won as they pleased in all their other fixtures. The season opening with the news that key players Bridie McGarry and Liz Neary would not be available. One of the most pleasing aspects of the year from the Kilkenny point of view was the showing of the newcomers.

Frances Rothwell indicated that a bright future lies ahead for her second half performance in the final. While teenager Marina Downey was not named in the starting twelve for Croke Park, it will not be long until she is a first team regular.

Angela Downey had another great season. Her sister Ann frequently did the work of two or three in midfield. Breda Holmes caused opposing defences to panic as she raced through

with the ball under control. Clare Jones picked off some glorious points from the right wing and the great hearted Biddy O'Sullivan inspired her team-mates with fine catching and driving from the edge of the square.

Cork played with spirit and enthusiasm in the final and created many chances. A total of seventeen wides tells the tale of how golden opportunities were frittered away. Cork will have to improve on this aspect of their play. If they can get it right in this vital aspect of the game, they will be a match for the best.

The Dublin Millenium Exhibition brought together the cream of camogie stars under the banner of The Rest of Ireland team. Despite ideal conditions,

the players had difficulty coming to terms with the fifteen aside game and the fullsize hurling pitch. Consequently, scoring was lower than expected. Lack of action while the play was out of range disappointed some participants.

TWO GOALS

The reappearance of a London team added interest to the junior championship. The colourful emigrants ran Limerick into the ground for forty minutes. The effect of long travelling told in the end and the experienced Limerick players came through in the end.

Imelda Hobbins cracked two goals to the Limerick net to send Galway on their way to a second All-Ireland Junior title in four years. It was a great season for brother and sister, Michael and Ann Coleman. They both hurled



Kilkenny All-Ireland Champions. Back Row (l. to r.): Breda Holmes, Ann Downey, Biddy O'Sullivan, Frances Rothwell, Deirdre Malone, Tam Ryan (Trainer). Front Row (l. to r.): Jo Dunne, Anna Whelan, Marie Fitzpatrick, Angela Downey, Clare Jones, Helen Holmes, Breda Cahill.

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their way to All-Ireland honours in the Galway colours.

The All-Ireland Minor championship commenced. Up to 1988, Kilkenny failed to reach a final. Careful work at under fourteen level paved the way for their breakthrough. Veronica Wall, Esther Kennedy, Tracey Millea, Deirdre Lannon, Mary McGrath and Bridget Mullally made history and will be seen again as they move up the grade.

In what must have been one of the most accomplished displays seen at colleges level, St. Raphaels, Loughrea recorded a four-in-a-row in the All-Ireland Colleges senior final. Parading an abundance of skill, St. Raphaels controlled the game from start to finish. Captain Imelda Hobbins picked off points from all angles and finished with a personal tally of 1-10.

The ease with which St. Raphael's won the All-Ireland junior colleges championship suggests that the school will be to the forefront for several years to come. A star to watch out for in the future is the small frail-looking Clare Lynch. The red-headed first year registered 4-1 in her first final.

Individual performances of a very high standard during the season include Sharon Glynn for Pearces in the Feile; Clare O'Callaghan in the colours of St. Mary's, Charleville in the Colleges Sevens; Bridget Mullally when winning the Feile Skills; Pauline

O'Brien in goal for Trinity and U.C.D.'s Joan Tobin at the Ashbourne Cup.

RESULTS

CAMOGIE

Kilkenny 4-11; **Cork** 3-8.

Scorers: Kilkenny: B. Holmes 2-1, Angela Downey 1-3, C. Jones 1-1, Ann Downey 0-4, J. Dunne 0-1, Marina Downey 0-1. **Cork:** M. Geaney 1-3, M. Spillane 1-0, A. Leahy 1-0, L. Mellerick 0-3, C. O'Mahony 0-1.

Kilkenny: M. Fitzpatrick; B. O'Sullivan; H. Holmes, D. Malone, F. Rothwell; C. Jones, Ann Downey, A. Whelan; B. Cahill, Breda Holmes, Angela Downey, J. Dunne.

Substitute: Marina Downey for Helen Holmes.

Cork: M. McCarthy; M. Ring; M. Spillane, C. Landers-Harnedy, A. Delaney-O'Donovan; S. Fitzgibbon, C. Cronin, C. O'Mahony; A. Leahy, L. Mellerick, I. O'Leary; M. Geaney.

Substitutes: L. Dunphy for O'Leary; L. O'Neill for Spillane.

Referee: B. O'Loughlin (Down).

JUNIOR

Galway 3-4; **Limerick** 1-5.

Scorers: Galway: I. Hobbins 2-2, A. Coleman 1-1, M. Morrissey 0-1. **Limerick:** P. McCarthy 0-5, I. Quaid 1-0.

Galway: J. Whiskey; R. Devilly-Coen; T. Dolphin, G. Heavey, G.

Fahy; S. Bourke, A. Carty, A. Coleman; M. Greally, M. Treacy, H. Flannery; I. Hobbins.

Substitute: M. Morrissey for Flannery.

Limerick: H. Sheedy; M. Guiry; E. O'Grady, M. Treacy, H. Clifford; M. Lenihan, F. Broderick, E. O'Sullivan; A. Lenehan, P. McCarthy, I. Quaid; A. O'Sullivan.

Substitutes: A. Sheehy for M. Lenihan; N. Clifford for Guiry; H. Cagney for A. Lenihan.

MINOR

Kilkenny 3-15; **Armagh** 2-5.

NATIONAL LEAGUES

Kilkenny 3-10; **Dublin** 2-4.

Scorers: Angela Downey 2-5, B. Holmes 1-1, Marina Downey 0-2, J. Dunne 0-1, Ann Downey 0-1. **Dublin:** E. Murphy 1-3, L. Lynch 1-0, A. Cooper 0-1.

Kilkenny: M. Fitzpatrick; R. Weymes; Helen Holmes, Ann Downey, B. O'Sullivan; C. Jones, D. Malone, A. Whelan; Marina Downey, Breda Holmes, Angela Downey, J. Dunne.

Dublin: A. Byrne, M. Cronin; C. Walsh, D. O'Leary, C. Gray; M. Donnelly, E. Murphy, G. Noonan; L. Lynch, M. Keane, A. Cooper J. Gormly.

Referee: K. Quinn (Galway).

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Armagh 1-9; **Down** 0-6.



Linda Mellerick (Cork) solos towards goal followed by Ann Downey.

The A.B.C. of '88

Performances tinged with gold

The brilliance of Angela Downey in camogie . . . Harry Keegan's retirement from inter-county football. A successful switch for Pat Delaney . . . Brian Stafford's scoring expertise . . . And a rare provincial medals double for Stefan White.

These are some of the memories from 1988 on the individual front in Gaelic Games that are recalled in our unique ABC of the Year that was the Year in Gaelic sports.

The emphasis is on personalities, and so many turned in top-class performances over the past twelve months there is not room to cover them all. Our selection is an individual choice, and many will feel that other players should be included in the review.

Individuals like long-serving Joe Cassells, who a day before his 34th birthday marked his recall to the Meath team by leading the Royal County to their first All-Ireland senior football titles double. The distinction also earned the Navan O'Mahony's clubman ranking as the first to receive the new Sam Maguire Cup, presented by John Dowling, President of the G.A.A., after the hard-earned win over Cork last September.

Cassells was recalled to centre-half-forward for that game in one of a number of surprise moves by Meath, all of which paid off.

In that final, too, we saw another of the year's top individual performances — Martin O'Connell's exciting showing for Meath. That finds favour in our review.

ANGELA DOWNEY . . . Confirmed her status as one of the all-time greats of camogie with some outstanding displays with Kilkenny. Last September she led the county for the second time to the All-Ireland senior title — she was first captain in a winning final team in 1977. She also



Angela Downey . . . led Kilkenny to the big camogie double of the National League and All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship.

took her place in the elite of Gaelic Games as one of a select company to play in eight All-Ireland final winning teams at senior.

Angela was again in sharp-shooting form during the year.



Miriam Malone (Kildare) who joined the ranks of Gaelic Stars/Allied Irish Banks Camogie Player of the Year award winners, receiving trophy from Morgan Powderly, Manager, Kilcock Branch A.I.B. Miriam, one of the outstanding exponents of the game, won the award in 1987 and had a good year again in 1988. Who will be the 1988 award winner? Watch out for the next issue of Gaelic Stars!

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BY MARY MORAN

THE most exciting and memorable moments of the 1988 season were packed into the second half of the Cork County Senior Final at Caherlag. A one-sided first half left a confident Glen Rovers side 4-4 to 1-4 ahead. Visitors from Kilkenny, Dublin, Clare and Limerick wondered if their journey was worthwhile as they awaited the resumption of play.

But the Killeagh players had other ideas. They re-grouped their forces by moving Marion Sweeney to fullback to steady a shaky defence. Displaying great determination and verve, Killeagh picked themselves off the ground and whittled away at the Glen lead.

Betty Joyce's accuracy from placed balls, the craft of Pat Lenihan and the spirited play of Marion Sweeney were key factors in the Killeagh revival. The younger players responded and lifted their game. A shocked Glen team had no answer as Killeagh drew level and went ahead to clinch a celebrated victory.

Marion Sweeney collected her tenth Cork County Senior medal equalling the long-standing record of Mary Fitzgerald (Old Aloysians). The depth of talent in the Killeagh Club was unveiled when the under fourteen panel won the Cork Feile and worked their way to the final of division one in Birr.



KILLEAGH - Cork County Senior Champions, 1988

Honour for Dripsey

1988 opened with former Cork defender, Sheila Golden, filling the vacancy at the helm of Cork camogie. She quickly set about tackling the fixtures backlog and made significant inroads. Dripsey lady, Mary O'Callaghan was elected Uachtaran at Congress in Monaghan and has covered much of the country in the meantime.

Cork achieved little on the inter-county scene. The seniors opened and closed their programme with fixtures against Kilkenny. The Noresiders won both and retained the major national honours.

Under new trainer, Con Malone, the senior panel worked diligently. An easy victory over Limerick and what should have been a comfortable win over Wexford, gave Cork a place in the final. Inability to convert scores from play and placed balls cost dearly. Cork matched Kilkenny in most aspects of the game, but any side with All-Ireland ambitions must be able to take their chances.

The Cork junior team disappointed. With the majority of the side which won the Munster title in 1987 available, they went down in the first round to Limerick. Fielding eight newcomers, the Cork minors escaped from an unexpectedly



CORK - Munster champions and All-Ireland finalists - Back: Irene O'Leary, Cathy Landers-Harney, Linda Mellerick, Colette O'Mahony, Clare Cronin and Sandie Fitzgibbon. Front: Mary Spillane, Anne Delaney-O'Donovan, Mary Ring (Capt.), Marion McCarthy, Mary Geaney and Anne Leahy.

good Tipperary side at Cashel. They improved to defeat Clare and Limerick.

Plenty of talent

Cork led from start to the dying moments of a very exciting All-Ireland semi-final. In typical fashion, Kilkenny snatched a late winner to end Cork's run. Hilda Kenneally, Fiona O'Driscoll, Imelda Leahy, Catherine Monahan and Claire Murphy are among those leaving the minor ranks. These girls have plenty of talent and their future progress will be monitored by Cork selectors.

Years of hard work by Angela Sheehan at St. Mary's, Macroom was at last rewarded. Led by Lyn Dunlea, daughter of former Cork and Glen player, Nuala Humphries, the Macroom school won the Munster Colleges Junior championship. Lyn soloed through in extra time in far-away Bunclody to palm the ball to the F.C.J. net. St. Raphael's, Loughrea proved to be in a different class in the final.

A disturbing feature of the colleges scene is the absence of Cork City schools from the Munster Colleges Senior Championship. Schools which supplied a steady stream of players to the Cork scene including St. Aloysius,

North Presentation, Immaculate Heart, Sacred Heart and Mount Mercy, were absentees when the 1988/89 draw was made.

Clare Cronin, Sandie Fitzgibbon and Linda Mellerick were selected to play on the first Rest of Ireland team in the Dublin Millennium Exhibition. The Glen Rovers Sevens added interest to the usually slack Whit weekend. Fr. O'Neill's gave a headline to the longer established clubs by publishing the history of their club and surrounding area.



Cork captain, Mary Ring, shakes hands with Kilkenny captain, Angela Downey, at the start of the All-Ireland Senior Final. Referee Bel O'Loughlin (Down) is in the centre.

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CAMOGIE COLUMN

As 1988 concludes, Mary Moran tells us why Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael can stand favourably in comparison with most other sports

NINETEEN eighty-eight was a particularly busy year in administrative circles. With the election of a new President, the Report of the Special Commission and a review of playing rules on the agenda for Annual Congress in addition to the routine business, it was feared that the weekend gathering in Monaghan would be insufficient to complete the task.

Indeed, delegates had to travel for a third time before tackling the recommendations of the Special Commission. The committee of eight, under the leadership of Eithne Neville, concluded that Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael can stand favourably in comparison with most other sports.

While recognising the tremendous work which has been done and is being done at all levels, a still greater effort would help the Association to realise its full potential. An obvious weakness of administration from Ard Chomhairle to County Board level was identified. Development and promotion suffered as a consequence of the time taken up with routine matters.

An effort was made to stream-

line the workings of these bodies. Routine matters such as fixtures, appeals, transfers and grading, should be dealt with by sub-committees. Planning for the future, training of administrators, fund-raising on an on-going basis and greater attention to detail of all facets of organisation deserved priority.

The delegates welcomed the new sub-committee structure of Ard Chomhairle. The old finance committee has merged with the re-structured Management Committee. The members have been increased to nine with the inclusion of the four provincial cathaoirleach. Their terms of reference include a key role in future planning and development.

The special congress would not run with the idea of the Games Committee hearing appeals and objections. Opposition was raised to the idea of the Games Committee handling grading. This was strange as one would expect the provincial secretaries, who were ear-marked for the Games Committee, to

have their fingers on the pulse in this area.

The meeting appreciated the need for training future administrators and approved the training structure outlined. Proposals to improve communication links up and down the line were passed unanimously. A once-off examination of the Association by a Public Relations Consultant was suggested and accepted.

Despite the falling off in interest in the Gael-Linn Senior Interprovincial series, delegates voted to retain the competition. Therefore, the planned replacement, an annual fixture between the All-Ireland champions and the Rest of Ireland, fell by the wayside.

The Commission proposed an All-Ireland Intermediate Championship on an open draw basis to bridge the yawning gap between junior and senior grades. The meeting recognised the problem but felt that the idea merited further examination before a decision is made.

On the playing fields, 1988 threw up few surprises. Kilkenny remain on top in the senior grade and stretched their run of All-Ireland titles to four. A good Galway team with plenty of skill carried off the All-Ireland junior crown and boosted their county's hopes of a senior breakthrough in the near future.

The Kilkenny minors came good with Armagh and Cork in close pursuit. St. Raphaels, Loughrea broke all sorts of records in colleges camogie. London were novel and welcome visitors in the junior championship. There was no change at interprovincial level. Leinster retained the senior cup with ease while Munster had to pull out all stops to hold the junior trophy.



• Pictured above is Galway captain Geraldine Heavey with the New Ireland Cup, following her team's victory in the All-Ireland Junior Championship.



St. Brigid's Vocational School, Loughrea, winners of the First Year Camogie blitz. Front row, left to right: Caroline Geraghty, Siobhan Mitchell, Helen Ryan (Captain), Sinead Brien, Lucy Carty, Gretta Murray, Olive Kinsella. Back row, left to right: Breda Brady, Fiona Ryan, Edel Kelly, Carmel Healy, Triona Horan, Yvonne Barrett, Mary Hughes.

Disappointment at inter-county level

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THERE were some notable achievements both on and off the field on the camogie front this past year, but the biggest disappointment must surely be the failure of our county teams to bring a National title to the Leaside for the second year in a row.

At the start of this season, two members of the Inniscarra Camogie Club took on vital roles within the Association. Sheila Golden a former Cork player was elected Chairperson of the Cork County Board, while Máire Ní Cheallacháin was elected Uachtarán of Cumann Camogaíochta Na nGael at Congress held in Monaghan.

The elected Chairperson's (Sheila Golden) main ambition was to put an end to the backlog of fixtures, and this indeed has been achieved. With the aid of acting Fixtures Secretary Mary McCarthy, the backlog was tackled and now almost all of the '88 competitions have been completed or are nearing final stage.

At inter-county level, it was a disappointing year. True Cork retained the Munster Senior and Minor Championships, but to a county like Cork where camogie is well established this is not enough.

NO ANSWER

After defeating Limerick and Wexford in earlier rounds the Cork senior team once again travelled to Croke Park in September for another meeting with old rivals Kilkenny. This year Cork had trained very hard under coach Con Malone and hopes were high, but on the day, while Cork played with great spirit and stayed well in contention up to the final quarter, they still had no answer. Kilkenny got the all important scores and the Cork girls came away once again wondering what it takes to deny this great Kilkenny side of honours.

The Cork minors were again victims of the Kilkenny girls. In Munster

they recorded fine victories over Tipperary, Clare and Limerick, but a typical last minute goal by Kilkenny in the dying minutes deprived them of a place in the All-Ireland Final.

Both the Cork junior and minor teams failed to come out of Munster. The Cork juniors made an early exit, when they were defeated by Limerick in the opening round of the Munster Championship; while the Cork Under-18 team also went under to Limerick in the Munster Final.

GREATEST VICTORY

At club level, pick of the games must surely be the County Senior Final between Glen Rovers and Killeagh. Glen were firm favourites to retain the title and this indeed seemed achieved when they led 4-4 to 1-4 at half time, but the Killeagh girls showed how championships are won.

They rearranged their team and in the second half the city girls had no answer to the sheer determination and spirit of the East Cork side. With

only minutes remaining, Killeagh got the winning goal and as the final whistle sounded spectators were still stunned as Killeagh celebrated what surely must be their greatest victory ever.

This really put the icing on the cake for this famed club as earlier in the year their Under-14 team won the Cork Féile Na nGael title and later this same team added the Under-14 League.

Glen were not dispirited by this defeat and later in the year their efforts were rewarded, when captained by Helena Mullins they took the Intermediate Championship at the expense of Ballinora. Earlier in the season, they won the '87 Under-18 Championship and Under-16 League, thus completing a very successful year for them.

At the start of this year, Brian Dillons were justifiably rewarded for their efforts of the past, when they took the Junior "A" Championship and League titles of 1987.

Bishopstown had one of their most successful

years ever. At the start of the season they won the '87 Junior "B" Championship and League titles and then went on to add the Junior "A" Championship and League titles of '88 to their collection. In the past few weeks they won the Under-16 Championship for the first time ever.

At junior B2 level the honours were shared. Eire Og once again did not leave a year go by without a victory to celebrate and this they achieved with a fine victory over Newcestown in the Junior "B" Championship Final.

After many years of competing, St. Fanahans finally reaped the rewards with a well-deserved victory over Inniscarra in the junior "B" League Final.

St. Finbarrs and Aghabullogue were not without their successes either. The Barrs won the Intermediate League title for the third year in a row with a fine victory over Glen Rovers while Aghabullogue took the '87 Under-16 Championship at the expense of Bishopstown.

Kilmacud Crokes All-Ireland Sevens *The success story continues*

THE CONCEPT of the All-Ireland 'Sevens' came when the hurling committee of 1973 was faced with the problem of keeping hurling interest alive in the club following an early exit from the senior hurling championship. A group consisting of the late John Maher, Paudge Fitzgerald, John Dunleavy, Gerry Hanley, Larry Ryan, Con Hogan, Paddy Leavy (R.I.P.), Brendan Power and Joe McDonald looked at various options and it was with some misgivings that they opted for an All-Ireland Sevens.

The football committee, under the chairmanship of Seán Donnelly, had already studied the football sevens organised by U.C.D. at Belfield, and decided to run a similar competition on the eve of the football final. In addition to Seán, the first organising group consisted of John and Pat Sheridan, Charlie Farrell, Seamus McCann, Gearoid MacGabhann, "Hank" Fogarty, Des Kernan and Mick Carolan.

The Sunday World, thanks to Pat Quigley, agreed to sponsorship of £80 for the hurling sevens. Twenty teams entered and the competition was an unqualified success, with Buffers Alley and St. Finbarrs, after some epic contests, qualifying for the final. Both teams gave their all in pursuit of victory and I can still recall Tony Doran pointing a touchline free in the closing seconds to leave the 'Alley winners by the narrowest of margins. The first sevens yielded a profit of £1.

Pat Quinn gave sponsorship of £50 for the football. Sixteen teams entered and U.C.D., managed by Eugene McGee, and with Kevin Kilmurray in brilliant form, defeated Shannon Rangers of the O'Donoghues in the final.

The camogie sevens were launched in 1974 with Eileen Hogan, Carmel Hanley and Bunny Whelan principal organisers.

Over the years, the top players and teams have graced the competition. Names like St. Paul's, Buffers Alley, An Rioche, Swatragh, Athenry, Crumlin, Killeagh, Glen Rovers, Marino, Fr. O'Neills, Croagh-Kilfinny and Eire Og spring readily to mind whilst Ardkeen of Waterford have been ever present. The 1987 final, in which Celtic, Dublin defeated St. Mary's of Glenamaddy on penalties, after extra time, is a memory to be treasured by those fortunate enough to have been present. Fannin Ireland sponsor the camogie sevens.

ROLL OF HONOUR

CAMOGIE

1974	Buffers Alley (Wexford)
1975	St. Paul's (Kilkenny)
1976	Celtic (Dublin)
1977	Drom & Inch (Tipperary)
1978	St. Paul's
1979	St. Paul's
1980	St. Paul's
1981	Killeagh (Cork)
1982	St. Paul's
1983	St. Paul's
1984	Buffers Alley
1985	Buffers Alley
1986	Buffers Alley
1987	Celtic
1988	Buffers Alley

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Kilkenny are the top cats!

A GLANCE at the winners' list for 1988 underlines the assertion that Kilkenny remains the top camogie county. Their senior team retained the All-Ireland Championship and National Senior League without any undue worry.

A major plus for the Noreiders was the victory of their minors in the All-Ireland Minor Championship. Everyone acknowledged that the players who fielded for the county in the senior ranks in recent years have been of a very high standard. But the back up has been poor. Kilkenny junior and minor teams did not feature.

Now the county has the makings of another great side on the way up. In addition, the showing of Frances Rothwell and Marina Downey, newcomers to the senior team, has been very promising.

The All-Ireland Club Championship was retained by St. Paul's Kilkenny. Ann Downey was the key figure in this success. Kilkenny players were the backbone of the Leinster team which held on to the Gael-Linn Cup.

Galway is another county which may reflect on 1988 with pride. Three years after their 1985 All-Ireland Junior victory, they succeeded in rebuilding a team good enough to win again. Imelda Hobbins, Joan Whiriskey and Ann Coleman seem destined for promotion.

Imelda Hobbins rose to great heights earlier in the season in the colours of St. Raphael's, Loughrea. Scor-

Camogie

ing 1-10 she inspired her side to victory in the All-Ireland Colleges Senior Championship. The school registered a great double when Emer Hardiman, Claire Lynch and Olive Costello engineered a win for their juniors.

The Galway team, wearing their provincial colours, gave Leinster a great run in the Gael-Linn final. They showed great commitment and no little skill. If the side is well managed, they can make a real impact on the 1989 Open Draw.

London were novel visitors to the Championship scene. At Newtownshandrum, they made all the early running against Limerick, but tired legs let them down in the final quarter. The Millennium Exhibition provided an opportunity of talented players to display their skill in the colours of the Rest of Ireland.

UCD were pressed hard by UCG before retaining their Ashbourne Cup title. Joan Tobin, Anne Cooper, Anne Marie Brennan and Marie Connell were prominent in the 34th win for UCD.

1988 WINNERS

All-Ireland Championships — Senior — Kilkenny. Junior — Galway. Minor — Kilkenny. Club — St. Paul's. National Leagues — Senior — Kilkenny. Junior — Armagh. Interprovincials — Senior — Leinster. Junior — Munster. Ashbourne Cup — UCD. All-Ireland Colleges — Senior and Junior — St. Raphael's, Loughrea. Parcell Cup — Thomond. Felle na nGael — Pearises (Div. 1); Wolfe Tones (Div. 2); Burgess (Div. 3) and Ardagh (Div. 4).

CAMOGIE

By: RITA WHITE

DUBLIN teams fared badly in the inter-county fields last season. For the second year in succession the seniors fell at the hands of Kilkenny in both the championship and league. They had started off with such high hopes when they held the All-Ireland champions to a draw in the first round of the league and followed this with another draw against Cork and a win over Wexford to qualify for the semi-final against Galway.

In the meantime Kilkenny were coming through on the other side with victories over Wexford and Cork and their semi-final opponents were Clare. Dublin had an easy victory over Galway while Kilkenny did likewise against Clare and so the top two teams in the country qualified once again to meet in a league final. Unfortunately for Dublin they chose that day to give what was their worst display of the season.

Kilkenny were superior in every department and easily brushed aside the metropolitan's challenge. This was a big blow to Dublin's pride as they had promised so much in the earlier stages of the league. To make matters worse the open draw championship had ordained that these two same counties should meet in the semi-final.

On a beautiful Sunday in July down in Lisdowney Dublin were again to fall victims to Kilkenny's power. Throughout the league and championship campaign Dublin had lost such strong players as Breda Kenny (emigrated to America), Ann Colgan (injured in the millennium exhibition in Croke Park), Patricia Clinton and Carmel O'Byrne (summer holidays in America) and Una Crowley (unavailable for personal reasons).

The loss of these experienced players proved too big a handicap and so the seniors, who had trained so hard and so diligently wondered if they would ever beat Kilkenny in a national competition.

The juniors were disappointing in their league campaign. Two defeats before Christmas put paid to their title hopes and when they faced Kildare in the Leinster final their forwards failed to turn possession into scores and so just like the seniors they made their exit to the same opponents two years running.

The minor side made a great start in

their bid for Leinster and All-Ireland honours. They travelled the short journey to close neighbours Meath, and came away, after a very convincing performance, with their ticket into the second round. However, they came a cropper when they met up with Kilkenny and so Dublin's hopes for an All-Ireland title in this millennium year were well and truly dashed.

DRAMATIC CLIMAX

On the club scene Celtic returned to their winning ways of former years when they captured the championship and league for the first time since 1984. In a dramatic climax to the championship decider Celtic looked a well beaten side when they trailed their northside rivals Marino by 4 points with 6 minutes left for play. Then Una Crowley scored a point from a 30 yard free and a minute later Adele Campbell sent over a minor score that left 2 points between the sides.

Celtic were then awarded a free some 30 yards and when a Marino defender questioned the referees decision the referee promptly brought the ball 10 yards nearer the goal. Captain Una Crowley took the responsibility on herself with this vital puck and calmly she sent the ball straight to the Marino net. Marino were devastated.

This was their second successive defeat in a county final and when they look back on this game they will rue all the chances they missed. Undoubtedly they were the better side on the night and for players like Gerry Henry, Patsy Murphy, Patricia Clinton, Carmel O'Byrne and Geramine Noonan along with Mary Kavanagh and Patricia Hale it was a bitter pill to swallow. Celtic went on to represent Dublin in the Leinster club championship but against the powerfully led Angela Downey side, St. Paul's from Kilkenny they succumbed to their undoubted superiority.

In the senior 'B' division St. Monica's and Ballyboden matched one another game for game throughout the season.

Justice was done in the final weeks when they shared the league and championship between them ensuring senior 'A' status for both clubs the following season. In the lower grades honours were evenly divided among the clubs.

Where the trophies went in 1988:

	Championship	League
Senior 'A'	Celtic	Celtic
Senior 'B'	St. Monica's	Ballyboden St. Enda's
Inter	Good Counsel	Thomas Davis
Junior 'A'	St. Monica's	Naomh Bríd
Junior 'B'	Naomh Maur	Ballyboden St. Enda's
Junior 'C' 1	Cumann Setanta	Trinity Gaels
Junior 'C' 2	Good Counsel	Clontarf

Top under-18 game: Glen v Bishopstown

THERE is plenty of activity, both on and off the field on the camogie front this coming weekend. On Sunday the Under-18 Championship continues with four interesting clashes down for decision; while also on Sunday, Munster convention takes place in Limerick.

Pick of the Under-18 Championship games on Sunday will be the clash of the holders Glen Rovers and Bishopstown at Bishopstown. In their first round outings last weekend Glen had a comprehensive victory over Newcestown, but Bishopstown had to fight very hard to overcome a very determined Inniscarra side so the outcome of Sunday's game is difficult to predict.

Glen have very experienced performers in Denise Cronin, Tracy Riordan, Catherine Monahan and Patricia Murphy and if these girls play to form they could just edge it, but they would not want to underestimate a Bishopstown side who can call on such fine performers as Sheenagh Morley, Edel Ryan, Karen Higgins and Eithne Duggan.

In the remaining games, Eire Og travel to Ballymacoda to play the home side and here the Mid-Cork side will be expected to advance.

In the final games, Aghabullogue, who will be looking to their ace player Eileen Buckley to carry them through, should prove too strong for Blackrock, when they clash at the latter's venue;

while at Na Piarsaigh grounds, Cloughduv should have the edge on the home side when they clash in a re-fixed first round.

On Sunday next at a Limerick venue, Munster Convention will be held commencing at 2.30. All officers with the exception of the P.R.O. are returned unopposed and are as follows: chairlady, Brid Stokes, Limerick; vice-chairlady, Flan McInerney, Clare; secretary, Eithne Neville, Limerick; treasurer, Mary Casey, Cork; registrar, Rose Malone, Cork.

The outgoing P.R.O., Marie Kearney, Cork, is not seeking re-election and she will be replaced by Kitty McNicholas from Clare.

Clubs are reminded that the first Board meeting of 1989 will be held on Monday night next, Jan. 23.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, UNDER-18 CHAMPIONSHIP

Na Piarsaigh v Cloughduv at Na Piarsaigh at 12 noon (Ref. E. Hackett); Fr. O'Neill's v Eire Og at Fr. O'Neills at 2.30 (Ref. Killeagh); Aghabullogue v Blackrock at Blackrock at 2.30 (Ref. Ballinure); Glen Rovers v Bishopstown at Bishopstown at 11.30.

UCD LOOK STRONG

THE curtain rises on Saturday on the national senior camogie year with four quarter-finals in the Universities' championship for the Ashbourne Cup, one of the oldest competitions in the sport.

The series invariably provides entertaining and competitive fare, and this should again be the case this season.

Inevitably, most interest will centre on the showing of U.C.D., who are not only the holders, but who have by far the best record of any college with 34 titles.

The defending champions have ten of last year's squad, including Joan Tobin, (Tipperary), who scored 2-2 in the final, Marie Connell (Dublin), Graine O'Meara, and Maeve Stokes (Tipperary). They visit Trinity, and although the hosts are reported to have a good side, the odds must be firmly on a winning start by U.C.D.

U.U. Jordanstown will stage the semi-finals and finals next month, and will be extra keen to be represented in the concluding programme. However, they face both a long trip and an outside task in taking on U.C.C. in Cork.

Cork should advance their hopes of regaining a trophy last won in 1985.

However, Queen's, Belfast, may ensure a Northern interest next month when they entertain Maynooth.

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Ashbourne Cup — U.C.C. 4-7 (P. Carey 2-5 (1-1 free), V. Twomey 1-1, D. Cronin 1-1); U.U. J. 1-2 (E. Carmole 1-0, U. McGivern 0-2); U.C.G. 3-8 (A. Lenihan 1-5, D. Denedette 1-3); ULSTER U.C. 0-1 (E. Cooley 1-0).

CAMOGIE RESULTS

U-18 Championship—Bishopstown 2-2, Inniscarra 2-0; Eire Og 3-4, Killa 0-1; Glen Rovers 3-1, Newcestown 1-1; Father O'Neills 1-0, St. Finbarrs Nil.
U-18 Championship—Cloughduv 5-5, Na Piarsaigh 0-1; Bishopstown 1-4, Glen Rovers nil.

UCC make sure of place

UCC 4-7 UUJ 1-2

THE UCC camogie team advanced to the Ashbourne Cup proper at the Mardyke, Cork on Saturday when they defeated Ulster University, Jordanstown in a preliminary round having led at the interval 3-4 to 0-2.

In the second-half, UCC began to fire and although UUJ came more into the game they could not get the better of a very solid UCC defence and their only reward was a goal from Evelyn Carnegie, following a free, midway through the half.

UCC: M. Kingston; C. Cunningham; C. Collins, M. Sheedy, N. O'Connell; T. Walsh, G. Sexton, P. Noonan; V. Twomey, P. Carey, D. Cremin; R. Fahy. Subs. A. Downey for R. Fahy.

UUJ: F. Quigley; C. Mulholland; P. Gall, N. McCusker, U. McConville; S. Steele, D. Brown, H. Loughran; U. McGivern, E. Carnegie, J. Clarke; G. Carr.

Referee, B. Joyce (Killeagh).

Dublin and Kilkenny in forefront

THE quarter-finals of the Leinster Colleges' Senior Camogie Championship on Saturday should provide a fair indication of the standard prevailing within the province. Up to now, the schools compete within their own zones with little knowledge of future opponents from other areas.

Dublin and Kilkenny are strongly represented in the last eight. As All-Ireland minor champions, it is no surprise to see Presentation, Kilkenny, Vocational, Thomastown and Loreto (Kilkenny) keeping Kilkenny to the fore. Colaiste Bride (Clondalkin), Assumption (Walkinstown) and Donaghies Community School keep Dublin's interest alive.

Vocational, Longwood, may be considered an underdog but the remaining team, F.C.J., Buncloody, will be expected to make a real



impact. Holders for the past four years, Buncloody will be the side to watch.

In the Leinster Junior Championship, Loreto (Kilkenny) and St. Mary's (Edenderry) are through to the semi-finals. St. Brigids (Callan) and Mercy (Trim) have qualified for the quarter-finals. F.C.J., Buncloody, and Donaghies Community are expected to join them.

The names which have been prominent in Ulster Colleges over the past five or six years are included in the quarter-final line-up in the senior championship. These include St. Patrick's (Maghera), Loreto (Letterkenny) and St. Patrick's (Dungiven).

They are joined by St. Catherine's (Armagh), St.

Patrick's (Keady), Assumption (Ballinahinch), Scoil Mhuire (Buncrana) and the winners of the Coleraine v Ballycastle play-off. In the junior championship, Armagh, Dungiven, Maghera, Cavan, Letterkenny and Buncrana have qualified. Sacred Heart (Newry) and St. Mary's (Clady) remain in contention for junior honours while their seniors have fallen by the wayside.

The top school of the present era, St. Raphaels (Loughrea), seem set for another great season. Their senior and junior teams have reached the Connacht Colleges' finals.

Portumna College played a draw with Moneenagesha C.S. in the semi-final.

The winners of the replay will face St. Raphaels in the Connacht

senior final. Deirdre Costello, Caroline Loughnane, Geraldine Fahy and Cora Curley will be missing from St. Raphael's All-Ireland team. Imelda Hobbins, recently voted Galway's Player of the Year, will be in the St. Raphael's attack.

St. Raphaels will meet Holy Rosary (Mountbellew) in the Connacht junior final. Two of the stars of last year's All-Ireland final, Emer Hardiman and Olive Costello, are among the players who have passed the age limit. However, with Clare Lynch and Hardiman available, St. Raphael's will field a good side.

The scene is set for the Munster Colleges' finals. St. Mary's (Charleville) will defend their senior crown against former champions, Scoil Mhuire (Cashel). The same schools will contest the junior final.

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Cloughduv (top) who played Sarsfields in the Cork County Under-18 Camogie Championship quarter-final at Cloughduv.



St. Marys, Charleville, who meet Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, in the Munster Colleges junior final.

MHUIRE BACK ON 'CROKER' TRAIL ?

IT IS ten years since the blue and gold colours of Scoil Mhuire, Cashel bedecked Croke Park when Eithne Bonnar, Regina Mulligan, Majella Hallinan and Caroline Kelly with their exciting brand of first time Camogie brought both All-Ireland Colleges cups to the Co. Tipperary school.

The intervening years have been lean for Scoil Mhuire, nevertheless, coach Martin Quirke kept plugging away. His efforts have been rewarded by a new batch of players who are poised to see a return to the good old days.

Scoil Mhuire will contest the Munster Colleges senior and junior finals against St. Marys Charleville. The junior final is scheduled for Buttevant on Saturday and the senior final will go

ahead at Cashel on 11th February.

Jovita Delaney captains Scoil Mhuire in their quest for the junior title. She will be strongly supported by Maressa Tobin, Neasy O'Dwyer and Roisin Nash. Cashel were prominent in the 1988 First Year competition and were just pipped in last season's junior championship.

Cashel fully appreciated the ability and expertise of the Charleville set up. St. Marys have proved themselves to be Munster's top school in recent years.

The semi-finals of the Leinster Colleges senior championship are scheduled for Saturday. In an all Kilkenny tie, Vocational, Thomastown meet presentation, Kilkenny.

Easy for St. Mary's

St. Mary's, Middleton 3-5
St. Calmins, Shannon 0-1

Three well taken goals, one each from Sinead Cahalane, Rachel Creswell and cork Minor star Fiona O'Driscoll in the second half gave St. Mary's High School a valuable brace of points over St. Calmins, Shannon, in the Munster Senior Schools Camogie League, at Shannon yesterday.

The Middleton girls proved too clever and too strong for the opposition and powered by O'Driscoll who was in sparkling form, they led at the break by 0-5 to 0-1. St. Calmins only score came from Clare minor Maire McMahon.

On the resumption Middleton took control and the goals killed any aspirations the Shannon girls had of coming to grips with St. Mary's.

In addition to Fiona O'Driscoll, Carol Bailey, Maria Flavin and Sinead Cahalane were best for the winners.

Scorers: Middleton—F. O'Driscoll 1-5 (0-3 frees), S. Cahalane 1-0, R. Creswell 1-0.

St. Calmins—M. McMahon 0-1.

St. Mary's Middleton—M. Flavin, B. Cotter, M. Fitzgerald, C. Bailey, J. Linehan, F. Hennessey, M. Barrett, S. Cahalane, F. O'Driscoll, M. O'Regan, R. Creswell, T. Ahearne, Subs. D. Hayes for Ahearne, M. Fitzgerald for M. Barrett.

St. Calmins—J. Nicholls, H. Fitzgerald, D. McDonagh, D. Kelly, A. Keane, M. McMahon, K. Lally, S. McDonagh, J. Meehan, N. Cleary, S. Quane, M. McInerney.

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Schools clash should be a close affair

THERE are two vital camogie games down for decision this weekend. In the first of these, Scoil Mhuire, Cashel and St. Mary's, Charleville, clash in the Munster Junior Colleges Final at Buttevant on Saturday while on Sunday Eire Og and Cloughduv will battle it out in an all mid-Cork under-18 championship semi-final.

In the only other game listed, Glen Rovers and Aghabullogue are in action in the intermediate league.

In what is expected to be a close affair, Scoil Mhuire, Cashel and St. Mary's, Charleville will battle it out for Munster junior honours. On form, St. Mary's, will probably be slightly favoured but Cashel showed real signs of a comeback in 1988 and no doubt will be very anxious to do well.

St. Mary's, Munster and All-Ireland junior champions in 1986 and 1987, looked good in ousting Scoil Pol. Hospital and reigning champions Macroom in earlier rounds. They are a strong all round side with fine performers in Helen Kelleher, Elaine O'Connor, Caroline Hartnett, Joanne Egan and Noreen Bluett.

En route to the final, Cashel recorded fine victories over Clonmel, Charleville's second side, Nenagh and Mount Mercy and looked an impressive side. They will be hoping for top class performances

from Jovita Delaney, Maressa Tobin, Neasy O'Dwyer and Roisin Nash.

The clash of near neighbours Eire Og and Cloughduv in Sunday's U-18 championship semi-final promises to be a very keenly contested affair. On form, Eire Og should advance but Cloughduv have shown good form of late and will certainly not make things easy for the Owens girls.

In earlier rounds, Eire Og looked a strong and well balanced side in defeating Killeagh and Fr. O'Neills. They have fine performers in Claire O'Regan, Suzanne O'Brien, Helena Kiely, Una Murphy and Valerie Ellis and if these girls play to form they should just shade it.

On the other side of the coin, Cloughduv too looked in good shape when defeating Na Piarsaigh and Sarsfields and if the Dunlea sisters Lyn and Stephanie produce the goods we could have a very close game on the cards.

In the only other game listed, Glen Rovers should have the edge on Aghabullogue when they clash in the intermediate league.

Fixtures, Saturday, Munster Colleges Junior Final: Scoil Mhuire, Cashel v St. Mary's, Charleville at Buttevant at 2.30.

Sunday, under-18 championship semi-final: Eire Og v Cloughduv at Owens at 2.30. Intermediate League '88: Glen Rovers v Aghabullogue at St. Aidans Community, College, at 2 p.m. Ref. Deirdre O'Shea.



Greenside 'C' winners.



Deanrock 'C' runners-up.

Camogie street league a great success

ST. FINBARR'S camogie club have just completed their first 7-a-side street league competition for under-age teams.

It was a huge success due mainly to the dedication and hard work of the camogie committee comprising of Marian McCarthy, Catherine O'Brien, Eleanor Twomey, Marie Santry, Mary Moran, Mary Barry, Fiona O'Donovan, Claire Cronin, Delores Duffy, and Collette O'Mahony.

The various teams played matches on Saturday afternoons during the months of October, November and December. These highly entertaining games, watched by family and friends, culminated with three finals.

In the 'A' final, Ardmanning,

captained by Teresa Murphy, defeated Southside, captained by Niamh Clarke. In the 'B' final, Dyfield, captained by Yvonne

Coveney, were victorious over Togher while in the 'C' final Greenside, captained by Susan Walsh, had a narrow

win over Deanrock captained by Joanne Barry.

Trophies were presented to the victorious and



Ardmanning 'A' winners.

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Junior title for Cashel

Scoil Mhuire, Cashel 1-0; St. Mary's, Charleville 0-0

SCOIL MHUIRE, Cashel, won the Munster schools' junior camogie title when they defeated St. Mary's, Charleville, by the only score of the match — a solitary goal — in final played in atrocious weather conditions at Buttevant on Saturday afternoon.

So bad were the weather conditions, it was a tribute to both teams that they managed to play as they did and while girls like Aine Rothwell, Neasa O'Dwyer, Jackie Keating, Jovida Delaney and Roisin Nash caught the eye most frequently for the winners, each one gave of her best.

Deirdre Morrissey, at the back, was outstanding for Charleville throughout, while Elaine O'Connor, Helen Kelleher, Joanne Egan and Noreen Bluett won plenty of possession.

Eight minutes into the second half, Jackie Keating and Neasa O'Dwyer put a move together which was finished to the net by Aine Rothwell and this score was eventually to decide the match.

Charleville launched a series of attacks in the closing stages but were denied by some superb saves by Carol Dunne in the Cashel goal.

Next Saturday the same schools are set to meet in the senior decider.

Scoil Mhuire, Cashel: C. Dunne, J. Delaney, A. M. Quinn, T. Bargar, R. Nash, R. Tobin, S. Ryan, J. Keating, C. Redmond, A. Rothwell, M. Bulfin, N. O'Dwyer. Sub: M. Hayden for C. Redmond.
St. Mary's, Charleville: U. Troy, D. Morrissey, N. Biggane, U. Sheehy, H. Kelleher, C. Harnett, A. O'Connor, E. O'Connor, N. Bluett, S. Cotter, J. Egan, M. O'Sullivan.
Referee: Rose Desmond (Bishopstown).



CAMOGIE

HELEN CAGNEY

(Ballyagran, Limerick)
ST. MARY'S, Charleville, have emerged as a powerful force in Irish schools camogie and 1988 brought them another Munster colleges title. Helen Cagney from Ballyagran was a key figure in that success as she has been in most of the school's other achievements.

Indeed her talents have not been reserved exclusively for schools camogie. She is a former winner of the National Skills Competition and last year helped Limerick to win the Munster junior camogie championship.



Helen Cagney

She also won a Munster under-18 medal with Limerick, a Munster Gael Linn medal and was a member of the Limerick junior county panel beaten in the All-Ireland final.

Camogie defeat

THERE was disappointment for the junior camogie players of St. Marys school Charleville when they lost to scoil Mhuire Cashel in the Munster Junior camogie final on Saturday. The game was played in high winds and a continuous downpour and the atrocious conditions prevented the teams from playing to their full potential. A measure of the part the elements played can be gauged from the fact that the first half play yielded no score for either side, though the Cashel had the ball in the Charleville net only to have the score disallowed.

The deciding score came mid-way through the second half when the Cashel forwards breached the St. Marys defence to notch the only goal of the game. The stronger Scoil Mhuire girls weathered the inclement conditions better than the locals and emerged the eventual winners of a most disappointing Munster decider.

The St. Marys team was: Ursula Troy, Deirdre Morrissey, Noreen Biggane, Una Sheehy, Helen Kelleher, Elaine O'Connor, Aisling O'Connor, Caroline Hartnett, Michelle O'Sullivan, Sheila Cotter, Noreen Bluett, Joanne Egan. Subs: Marie Lake, Carmel Cotter, Siobhan Galvin, Norma O'Brien, Yvonne Foley, Deirdre Reidy and Eilish Brosnan.

CAMOGIE SUCCESS

Nenagh vocational school's camogie team had no problems in accounting for Templemore on Friday. of the North Tipperary V.S. championships tie in Templemore in Friday. Nenagh's victory was no surprise as seven members of the squad were on the beaten team in last year's all-Ireland final.

Panel: Nora Dwan, Toomevara; Antoinette Kennedy, Portroe; Siobhan O'Brien, Newtown; Patricia Carmody, Newtown; Siobhan Cusack, Eire Og; Sile Donnellan, Portroe; Deirdre Hughes, Toomevara; Patricia Clarke, do.; Nuala Nealon, Burgess; Caroline Power, Portroe; Sinead Nealon, Burgess; Christine Spaight, Portroe; Elizabeth Keane, Shannon; Audrey Ryan, Toomevara; Margaret Ryan, Kilruane; Sheila Bergin, Toomevara; Valerie Tynan, Burgess; Fiona Murtagh, Nenagh, and Lorraine Madden, Portroe.

Focus on colleges

Focus this coming weekend is mainly on colleges camogie. On Saturday UCC play UCG in the Ashbourne Cup Semi-final at Jordanstown, while on the same day Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, and St. Mary's, Charleville, clash in the Munster Colleges Senior Final at Cashel. On Sunday camogie players will display their talents in a different manner when they take to the stage for the Munster Finals of the Ceol, Caint agus Damhsa competitions which are being held in Tramore, Co. Waterford. There is just one game listed for Sunday and will see Glen Rovers and Brian Dillons clash in a vital Under-16 League game.

On Friday next UCC make the long journey to Belfast for the Ashbourne Cup competition where on Saturday they play UCG in the semi-final. UCG were beaten in last year's final and are strongly fancied to do well this season. They are a strong all round side and in a position to call on such fine performers as Deirdre Feeney, Galway, Ann Lennihan, Limerick and Deirdre Nagle from Clare.

In the preliminary round the Cork girls had a fine win over UUJ and looked an impressive side, but the fact that they have such a long journey to travel is certain to prove a big disadvantage to them. However they have fine players in Patricia Noonan, Theresa Walsh, Paula Carey, Claire Barry, Valerie Twomey and Mary Sheedy, and if these girls play to form they could be in there with a real chance at the end.

In the second semi-final UCD play Queens University and here UCD are expected to advance. They have won the competition every year so far in the 80's with the exception of 1985 when UCC were successful.

On Saturday there should be plenty of excitement in the Munster Colleges Senior Final when Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, and St. Mary's Charleville, meet for the second week in a row. Last Saturday both these schools met in the Junior Final when Cashel had the narrowest of victories in a game that was played in very bad weather conditions, so no doubt, this should result in very keen rivalry for Saturday's game.

In the only other game listed for the weekend Glen Rovers who have fine players in Catherine Monahan, Patricia Murphy and Mandy Kennefick, should prove too strong for Brian Dillons when they clash in the Under-16 League on Sunday.

On Sunday at the Stella Maris School Hall, Tramore, the Munster Finals of the CCD Competitions will be held. The Cork representatives are as follows:

Figure Dancing: Grenagh.
Solo Singing: Noreen Rahilly, Castlemagner.
Recitation: Claire McSweeney, Aghabullogue.
Question Time: Inniscarra.
Novelty Act: Aghabullogue.
Solo Instrumental: Castlemagner.
Ballad Group: Castlemagner.
Set Dancing: Grenagh.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11,

Ashbourne Cup Semi-final: UCC v UCG at Jordanstown.

Munster Colleges Senior Final: Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, v St. Mary's Charleville, at Leahy Park, Cashel, at 1 o'clock. (Referee: Betty Joyce).

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12,

Under-16 League: Glen Rovers v Brian Dillons at Glen Rovers at 12.45. (Referee: Bishopstown).

Munster CCD Finals: At Stella Maris School Hall, Tramore, at 2.30.

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UCD's GRIP ON 'ASHBOURNE' MAY LOOSEN

AS THE visiting university teams converge on Jordanstown this weekend, there is an air of expectancy that UCD's grip on the Ashbourne Camogie Cup may be loosened.

The side best equipped to challenge the supremacy of the champions is UCG. The Galway girls had UCD under severe pressure at The Mardyke last February. Had one or two of the scoring chances created been converted, the outcome would have been different.

For players like Deirdre Feeney and Karine McDonnell, it is the last hope of an Ashbourne Cup medal. They will not be found wanting for lack of effort. Anne Lennihan, Geraldine Meehan, Cathy Hannigan and Evelyn Cooley are vital cogs in the Galway machine.

Queen's, without the handicap of travel, should make their presence felt. Winners of the Ashbourne Plate in 1988, the Belfast side have a tough semi-final in UCD, but Siobhán McErlain, Lorraine Devlin, Martina Dunne and Bronagh McCann will be prepared to give everything.

UCG showed something of an improvement when scoring a clearcut win over UCC. Paula Carey and fresher Val Twomey have added scoring power to the attack. Captain Patricia Noonan, Mary Sheedy, Teresa Walsh and Deirdre Cremin are hard workers. But they will have to be at their best to oust Galway in the semi-final.

The holders, UCD, contain a sprinkling of inter-county players. Joan Tobin, Anne Cooper, Anne Marie Brennan and Teresa English will be keen to stretch their record. A Galway v Dublin final seems on the cards. Maynooth, Coleraine, Jordantown and Trinity will contest the Ashbourne Plate in the secondary competition.

Boosted by the success of the juniors in the Munster Colleges' junior trial, Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, eagerly await next Saturday's senior final. In their quest for a double, they renew acquaintance with St. Mary's, Charleville, at Leahy Park, Cashel.



Scoil Mhuire captain Annmarie Fitzgerald holding the Munster Schools' Camogie Cup.

FIXTURES
TOMORROW
CONNACHT COLLEGES
JUNIOR FINAL
At Ballymacward — St. Raphaels, Loughrea v Holy Rosary, Mountbellew, 2.0.
SATURDAY
MUNSTER COLLEGES
SENIOR FINAL
At Leahy Park, Cashel — Scoil Mhuire, Cashel v St. Marys, Charleville, 1.0.
ASHBOURNE CUP
SEMI-FINALS
At Jordanstown — UCG v UCC, Queens v UCD.
SUNDAY
ASHBOURNE CUP FINAL

Ashbourne cracker on cards

ASHBOURNE CUP specialists UCD have tasted defeat only once in the 80s. Against that background they make the trip to Jordanstown confident of retaining camogie's most impressive piece of silverware.

If any team can upset their plans it must be UCG. At the Mardyke last February, the Galway girls had victory in their grasp but failed to convert some good scoring chances. Assuming that they have come to grips with that, a great Ashbourne is in prospect.

The first semi-final match is Queens with UCD. Queens have been part and parcel of the Ashbourne for many years. They have engraved their name on the Duthracht Shield on a number of occasions but the big prize has eluded them. With the advantage of playing in Belfast, they must have a good chance of upsetting the odds.

Queens have never been lacking in spirit and determination, but Siobhán McErlain, Lorraine Devlin, Martina Dunne and Bronagh McCann know that they will



need to rise to the occasion to oust the fancied Dubliners.

UCD retain the core of the team which won in Cork last year. Ann Marie Brennan, Joan Tobin, Anne Cooper, Marie Connell and Teresa English will dictate the trend of the game if they're allowed any room.

The second semi-final pairs UCG with UCC. While Cork showed some

improvement in their match with Jordanstown they will need to move up yet another gear to beat Galway. Paula Carey and Val Twomey worked well in the Cork attack. Patricia Noonan, Mary Sheedy and Teresa Walsh impressed out the field.

SWEET SUCCESS

Following many years among the also-rans, success tasted sweet to Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, last Saturday. The junior team endured atrocious weather conditions to pip St. Marys,

Charleville by a single goal. Now with their confidence boosted, they eagerly await the senior final at Cashel.

Ann Marie Fitzgerald, Sinead Ryan, Cathy Moloney and Yvonne O'Dwyer carry Cashel's hopes of a Munster double. However, their opponents have a number of girls with All-Ireland medals. Fiona Kelleher, Aine O'Sullivan, Tracey Watson, Bernie O'Brien, and Ann Mulcahy will be determined to keep the Dripsey Cup in Charleville.

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UCC girls cup quest

TODAY is a big day on the colleges camogie front, as it will see the semi-finals and final of the Ashbourne Cup, Inter-Varsity competition, in Jordanstown, Belfast and the Munster Senior Colleges decider will be contested between Scoil Mhuire, Cashel and St. Mary's, Charleville at Cashel.

At club level, there is just one game tomorrow, with Glen Rovers and Brian Dillons in action in a vital U-16 League game.

The reason for the light schedule tomorrow is because a number of Cork clubs will be representing their county in the Munster

finals of the Ceol, Caint agus Damhsa competitions in Tramore Co. Waterford commencing at 2.30 p.m.

The Ashbourne Cup always creates great interest and the rivalry seems to get more intense each year. This year U.U.J., Belfast are the hosts and this involves a very long journey for the Cork girls. They play U.C.G. today in the semi-final and here U.C.G. will be favourites. But the Cork girls will give it all and could be in there with a real chance of qualifying for the final.

In the preliminary round against U.U.J. they had a fine victory and if players like

Patricia Noonan, Paula Carey, Theresa Walsh, Claire Barry and Valerie Twomey play to form they could prove very tough opposition for the Galway side who can call on experienced performers like Deirdre Feeney, Ann Lennihan and Deirdre Nagle.

At Cashel, St. Mary's, Charleville and Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, meet to decide the destination of the senior colleges title. Last Saturday, both schools met in the junior final when the Cashel girls had the narrowest of victories so today's game promises to be a real thriller.

Cashel have been out of the winners' list for the past 10 years and

what a comeback it would be if they were to make it a double. St. Marys have been Munster senior champions for the past two years and, even though they have lost a number of their key players, they are still a strong force to be reckoned with.

They will be captained by Bernie O'Brien and have other fine performers in Tracey Watson, Ann Mulcahy, Roisin Daly and Aine O'Sullivan and if they produce the goods they could prove too strong for Cashel, who will be hoping for top-class performances from Ann Marie Fitzgerald, Sinead Ryan, Cathy Moloney

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MUNSTER SCHOOLS SENIOR CUP
Final — At Leashy Park, Cashel: Scoil Mhuire, Cashel 4-5 (S. Ryan 2-1, N. O'Dwyer, K. Moloney 1-0), A. Fitzgerald, A. Ryan 0-2; St. Mary's, Rathlaire 1-2 (R. Daly 1-0, B. O'Brien 0-2).

ASHBOURNE CUP: Semi-final — UCG 2-6, UCC 1-2; UCD 2-4, Queens 0-4. Shield Semi-finals — Trinity 2-3, Coleraine 1-1; UUJ 2-4, Maynooth 2-2.

CAMOGIE

Ashbourne Cup Final: UCG 1-2, UCC 0-2. Shield Semi-finals: Trinity 2-3, Coleraine 1-1.



The U.C.C., Ashbourne Cup camogie squad pictured at their training camp at the Mardyke, Cork.

and Yvonne O'Dwyer. Glen Rovers will be expected to qualify for the quarter-finals of the U-16 League when they meet Brian Dillons at the

Glen Field.

FIXTURES

Today — Ashbourne Cup semi-final: UCC v.

UCG at Jordanstown. Munster Colleges Senior final: Scoil Mhuire (Cashel v. St. Mary's (Charleville) at Leashy

Park, Cashel, 1 p.m. (ref. Betty Joyce). Tomorrow — U-16 League: Glen Rovers v. Brian Dillons at Glen

Rovers at 12.45 (ref. Bishopstown). Munster C.C.D. Finals at Stella Maris School Hall, Tramore, at 2.30.

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Ashbourne Cup girls

Patricia Noonan (left) captain of the U.C.C. camogie team for their Ashbourne Cup match. Also included: Theresa Walsh and Mags Kingston. Preview of the competition is featured tonight on Page 13.

—(Picture: Dan Linehan)



Vaerie Twomey and Pauline Nagle, members of the U.C.C. camogie squad for the Ashbourne Cup.

—(Picture: Dan Linehan)

Cashel girls on the double

Scoil Mhuire, Cashel 4-5, St. Marys, Rathluirc, 1-2

and the Cashel captain, Ann Marie Fitzgerald held sway at midfield and provided their nippy forwards with an abundance of service. With better teamwork and positional play they led 2-4 to 0-2 at the interval.

Scoil Mhuire, playing with greater confidence and determination, took complete control in the second-half and goals from Moroney and Sinead Ryan wrapped it up for the winners. Cashel now qualify for the All-Ireland semi-final against formidable opponents, St. Raphaels, Loughrea.

An interested spectator at the game was Cyril

Farrell, the Galway hurling manager, who is also associated with St. Raphaels.

Scorers for Scoil Mhuire: S. Ryan 2-1, N. O'Dwyer, K. Moloney 1-0 ea. A. Ryan 0-2, A. M. Fitzgerald 0-2, ea. St. Marys: R. Daly 1-0, B. O'Brien 0-2.

SCOIL MHUIRE: C. Dunne, J. Delaney, R. Gleeson, E. O'Dwyer, R. Nash, A. Fitzgerald (Capt), M. Tobin, N. O'Dwyer, S. O'Dwyer, A. Ryan, K. Moloney, S. Ryan, Subs H. O'Leary, A. Rothwell, S. O'Sullivan, B. Breen, M. Barron not used.

ST. MARYS: F. Kelleher, A. O'Sullivan, M. O'Sullivan, R. Kelleher, T. Sheehan (Capt), B. O'Brien, T. Watson, F. Cremins, P. Reidy, R. Daly, A. Mulcahy, H. Galvin. Subs: G. Cotter, M. Morrissey, D. Morrissey, J. Egan, M. Galvin not used.

Referee: Betty Joyce, Killeagh.

TWO brilliant goals by Sinead Ryan and Annette O'Dwyer nearing half-time set Scoil Mhuire on the road to a clearcut victory over St. Marys in the final of the Munster Colleges Senior camogie championship at Leahy Park, Cashel on Saturday.

In doing so Scoil Mhuire regained the title they last held in 1979 and also completed a notable double for the Cashel school as the juniors had narrowly defeated St. Marys in the recent Munster final.

Up to the time Scoil Mhuire got their brace of goals, St. Marys had held their own. Bernie O'Brien, their strongest player, did everything to rally her team, but received poor enough support. Marita Tobin

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YOUNG sports people travelled from every county in the province last night to receive coveted recognition at the annual *Cork Examiner* Munster Youths Sports Star Awards function at the Imperial Hotel in the city.

Photographer Des Barry was there for the *Evening Echo*.

TOP. John O'Halloran accepted the Cycling Award on behalf of his son Donal who could not attend because he is doing examinations. Included are Ken O'Callaghan, Director, *Cork Examiner* Publications, Mrs Theresa O'Halloran, Tony and Peggy Ryan.

(SECOND) Sandra Keane, Charleville G.C., who received the golf award pictured with Mark and Anne Keane, Eileen White and George O'Mahony, Director, *Cork Examiner* Publications.

(THIRD) Brian O'Connor, who received the swimming award pictured with Dermot Russell, Editor, *Evening Echo*, Tony O'Connor and his wife Margaret, Eddie Campion and Fergus O'Callaghan, Editor, *Cork Examiner*.

(FOURTH) Gina Niland, Limerick L.T.C., who received the tennis award. Included are: Ray Niland, Dick Quinn, Ruth O'Mahony, Tennis Correspondent, *Cork Examiner*.

(ABOVE) Helen Cagney, Ballygran, Co Limerick, who received the camogie award. Included are William and Joan Cagney with Maureen O'Leary.

Scarriff girls finish strongly

Scarriff Community School 5-9, St. Mary's High School, Middleton 2-7

A brilliant last quarter gave Community College, Scarriff a well deserved victory over St. Mary's High School, Middleton in the semi-final of the Munster Colleges Senior Camogie League at Middleton yesterday.

St. Mary's led at the interval by 1-4 to 1-1 but inside a minute of the resumption Ann O'Dwyer had the sides level with her second goal. St. Mary's were quick to retaliate and after six minutes they led by 2-5 to 2-1. Denise Hayes added a point for the East Cork girls and it looked as if a surprise was in store.

However, Scarriff had other ideas and picked off some magnificent long range points and also added three goals, two from Sinead O'Brien and one from Ann O'Dwyer.

Scorers for Scarriff: S. O'Brien 2-4, A. O'Dwyer 2-0, U. Kavanagh 0-4, A. McGrath 0-1.

St. Mary's: R. Crewell 1-4, M. O'Regan 1-4, F. O'Driscoll 0-5, D. Hayes, F. Hennessey 0-1 each.

Munster Title for Cashel Girls

Scoil Mhuire 4-5
St. Mary's, Rathluire 1-2

Two brilliant goals by Sinead Ryan and Nessa O'Dwyer nearing half-time set Scoil Mhuire, Cashel on the road to a highly deserved victory over St. Mary's Rathluire in the final of the Munster Colleges senior camogie championship at Leahy Park, Cashel on Saturday.

In so doing, Scoil Mhuire regained the title they last held ten years ago, and also completed a notable double for the Cashel school as the juniors had narrowly defeated St. Mary's in the Munster Final the previous Saturday.

Up to the time Scoil Mhuire got their brace of goals, St. Mary's had more than held their own. Bernie O'Brien, their strongest player did everything to rally her team, but did not receive the best support. However, Cashel's trump card lay at centre-field where Ann Marie Fitzgerald (captain), Marita Tobin and Angela Ryan proved a tower of strength.

Indeed, there were no weak points in the Cashel outfit and the difference between the sides really was the performance of Scoil Mhuire as a unit, with their better teamwork a hallmark. The winners led by 2-4 to 0-2 after an evenly contested first half.

Shortly after the resumption, however, Scoil Mhuire began to show their strength and displayed the greater hurling ability. Cashel took complete control as they played with great confidence and determination.

Nessa O'Dwyer and Sinead Ryan were in devastating form and were in the thick of everything. J. Delaney and Carol Dunne in goal were also prominent, while others who played excellently included Roisin Nash, Ruth Gleeson, Siobhan O'Dwyer, Kaiffie Moloney and Yvonne O'Dwyer.

Scoil Mhuire scorers: Sinead Ryan (2-1), Nessa O'Dwyer and Kaiffie Moloney (1-0 each), Ann Marie Fitzgerald and Angela Ryan (2-0) each.

St. Mary's scorers: Roisin Daly (1-0), Bernie O'Brien (0-2).

Scoil Mhuire: Carol Dunne, Jovita Delaney, Ruth Gleeson, Roisin Nash, Yvonne O'Dwyer, Nessa O'Dwyer, Angela Ryan, Ann Marie Fitzgerald (captain), Marita Tobin, Siobhan O'Dwyer, Sinead Ryan, Kaiffie Moloney. Subs. Helen O'Leary, Aine Rothwell, Sinead McGrath, Siobhan O'Sullivan, Bernie Breen, Marie Barron.

Referee: Betty Joyce (Killeagh).

Lynch shines for Raphael's

St. Raphael's 4-2
Holy Rosary
College, Mountbellew 1-0

ST. Raphael's Loughrea Junior Camogie team won their sixth Connacht title in-a-row last Friday when they had an emphatic victory over Holy Rosary Mountbellew who were bidding for their first title. The game was much closer than the final score might suggest.

Raphael's had an outstanding full forward in Clare Lynch whose prowess in front of goal underpinned a very comprehensive victory.

But for the good work of Mountbellew goalkeeper, Anita Kelly and full back Michelle Donnelly, Raphael's who led at half time by 4-1 to 1-0, would have been further ahead.

Raphael's team now go on to meet the Munster Champions, Presentation College Cashel, co. Tipperary in the All-Ireland semi-final in Loughrea on 4th March.

Mountbellew were best served by a plucky goalkeeper Anita Kelly, four balls may have beaten her but she saved as many more. Others to do well for Mountbellew were Sinead Connaughton, Catherine Gavin, Martina Harkin, Mary Cuniffe. Best for Raphael's were Clare Lynch, Helen Connaughton, Pamela Nevin, Deirdre Hardiman and Olivia Broderick in defence.

Camogie

Juniors on show

THE juniors take the stage on March 4 for the All-Ireland colleges semi-finals with St. Raphael's hosting Scoil Mhuire, Cashel and St. Brigids, Callan, travelling to Mahera to play St. Patricks.

St. Patricks, Keady, face a tough assignment in F.C.J. Bunclody in the senior semi-final on March 11th, while St. Raphael's and Scoil Mhuire, Cashel face each other in the second semi-final on the same day.

Staging the annual Combined Universities v. Combined Colleges match in conjunction with The Fitzgibbon weekend, has provided the fixture with a new lease of life. The Colleges side ran the Universities team to a single point last year but it will be a younger and less experienced side on duty for the Colleges on Sunday.

Niamh Bonnar, Brid Kelleher, Nuala Halpin and Paula Rankin will attempt to go one better for the Colleges side. With a generous sprinkling of inter-county players, the Universities' team looks more convincing.

Deirdre Feeney, Ursula McGivern, Maria O'Connell, Joan Tobin and Player of the Ashbourne, Pauline O'Brien should see that Corn Uí Mhaolagáin is retained on the universities' side of the divide.

FIXTURE SATURDAY

Corn Uí Mhaolagáin at Belfield at 11.00 — Combined Universities v Combined Colleges.

Bunclody bank on more fame

F.C.J. Bunclody discovered the art of winning Leinster Colleges championships in 1985. The successful formula has brought four senior and three junior titles to the north Wexford school.

They plan to extend their run of success when they meet Vocational, Thomastown in the provincial senior final on Saturday. F.C.J. Bunclody retain the majority of the players who fielded in the 1988 All-Ireland final against St. Raphael's. The experience of Ann Marie O'Connor, Jackie Jordan, Deirdre Byrne, Orla O'Leary and Charmaine Gibson will be hard to beat.

The Leinster Colleges junior trophy will find a new home on Saturday. St. Brigid's, Callan, meet Presentation, Bagenalstown, in a novel pairing. Callan are, of course, previous winners of the senior cup. They impressed in ousting the holders, Bunclody, and will



take the field as favourites.

It falls to Portumna College to attempt to break the monopoly of St. Raphael's, Loughrea, in the Connacht Colleges senior championship. The task is a huge one. Portumna qualified for the All-Ireland Colleges Sevens last April and many of those girls, including Geraldine Conroy, Nollaig McDonagh, Majella Treacy, Catriona Finnegan and Pamela Dagg, will be in action.

FIXTURES

FRIDAY — Connacht Senior Final — At Ballinasloe (2.0) — St. Raphael's, Loughrea v Portumna College.

SATURDAY — Ulster Colleges Finals — At Armagh (1.30) — Junior: St. Patrick's, Maghera v Loreto, Cavan; (3.0) — Senior: St. Patrick's, Keady v St. Catherine's, Armagh. Leinster Colleges Finals — At Nowlan Park (2.0) — Junior: St. Brigid's, Callan v Pres. Bagenalstown; (3.0) — Senior: F.C.J. Bunclody v Voc. Thomastown.

AGM of Camogie Board

The AGM of the County Camogie Board was held on January 30 in Munster Hotel, Thurles. It was a very well attended meeting with 17 clubs represented plus Nenagh, who intend to affiliate under-age teams this year. Welcome to them.

The secretary's report was read and adopted. This was followed by the election of officers for 1989. Chairperson: Geraldine Ryan; Vice-Chairperson: Eamon Browne; Secretary: Marian Graham; Treasurer: Biddy Philips; Registrar: Biddy Philips; PROs: Liam Hogan and Mary O'Dwyer.

The following motions were passed: That a fixtures committee be formed for 1989. That a camogie Person of the Year be elected at the end of the year. That a camogie Club of the Year

be chosen. That a social night be held at the end of the year where presentations take place to county champions, cup winners and award winners.

As time ran out, it was decided to hold an adjourned AGM on Tuesday, February 21, 1989, in Munster Hotel, Thurles, at 8 pm.



AT a reception in Wards, Ballyfa, Mr. Michael Chambers, Manager AIB, Loughrea, presents the "Young Camogie Player of the Year Award" to Imelda Hobbins, Mullagh Camogie Club for her outstanding displays for Galway in 1988.

BISHOPSTOWN THE SLIGHT FANCIES

THE big game on the camogie front this weekend is the 1988 U-18 Championship final between Bishopstown and Cloughduv.

Bishopstown will probably start slight favourites, but they would not want to underestimate this Cloughduv side who have shown great promise of late.

Bishopstown, who have already won the Junior 'A' and U-16 Championships, would complete a marvellous year on Sunday should they be successful and no doubt they will be very determined to do so.

In earlier rounds they had fine victories over Inniscarra, Glen Rovers and Aghabullogue and looked an impressive side.

They have very experienced performers in Aine Buckley, Sheenagh Morley, Karen Higgins and Moyra Harrington and these together with the younger members of the side Bláithín Keating, Edel Ryan, Clare Murphy and Eithne Duggan must surely combine to form a very strong outfit.

Cloughduv have not experienced as much success as their opposition, winning only one major trophy since their reformation some years back, this victory being over Bishopstown two years ago in the U-14 League Final.

In earlier rounds, they too looked a strong all round side recording fine victories over Na Piar-saigh, Sarsfields and a fancied Eire Og side. They will be powered on Sunday by the Dunlea sisters Jackie, Lyn and Stephanie, Jackie Howard, Bernadette O'Connor, Margaret Bradley and Louise Aherne, and if these girls produce the goods it could be a very close finish.

In the Senior League, St. Finbarrs and Fr. O'Neills will be in action at Togher and here the Barrs could find the going tough against an ever improving Fr. O'Neills side, while in the remaining senior games Na Piar-saigh should prove too strong for Blackrock and Killeagh should take the points at the expense of Sarsfields.

Fixtures: Sunday, U-18 Championship Final 1988: Bishopstown v Cloughduv at Ballinlough (Provisionally) at 2.30. Senior League 1987: St. Finbarrs v Fr. O'Neills at St. Finbarrs at 11.30. Senior League 1988: Na Piar-saigh v Blackrock at Nashs at 2.30; Sarsfields v Killeagh at Killeagh at 12 noon.

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Action from the Cork Co. Camogie U-18 Final between Bishopstown and Cloughduv at Crosshaven. Bishopstown 3-5, Cloughduv 0-0.



The Bishopstown team (top) which defeated Cloughduv in the Cork County u-18 Championship final, at Crosshaven.
(Picture: Maurice O'Mahony)

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KILKENNY'S SUPER DOUBLE



Biddu O'Sullivan . . . won B and I camogie award.

KILKENNY had double cause for celebration yesterday when Biddu O'Sullivan was named as Camogie Player of the Year and Michael "Duxie" Walsh won the Handballer of the Year award in the B and I awards.

Biddu O'Sullivan, who plays her club camogie with the Shamrock's club, is a versatile performer and has played in a variety of positions since she came on to the county team in 1982. She is now firmly established as an outstanding full-back and helped Kilkenny win their fourth All-Ireland in a row last year.

That victory brought Biddu's total of All-Ireland medals to five and she has also won five National

League medals and six Gael-Linn medals.

Michael "Duxie" Walsh is the outstanding handballer in the country at present. Since he won his first All-Ireland medal in the under-12's doubles championship in 1977, he has collected top honours in all grades.

1988 was an exceptional year for him. Highlights include wins in the Coca-Cola national singles and doubles championships. Walsh was a previous winner of the award in 1985.

B and I also made a special presentation at yesterday's lunch to Joe Lynch, who recently retired as administrator of the National Handball Council.



'Duxie' Walsh . . . handball award winner.

B & I Camogie and Handball Award winners



IT was a Kilkenny day in Dublin yesterday.

Biddu O'Sullivan, of the Shamrocks club, one of the outstanding players in Kilkenny's fourth in a row All-Ireland victory was named as "Camogie Player of the Year."

And Michael "Duxie" Walsh, also of Kilkenny and the dominating personality of the sport last year, was named as "Handballer of the Year."

The selection of Biddu O'Sullivan now brings to eight, Kilkenny's total of B & I Camogie awards since 1975 and Michael Walsh was a previous winner of the award in 1985.

Recent winners of the B & I Camogie Awards: 1983

Claire Cronin (Cork), 1984 Yvonne Redmond (Dublin), 1985 Angela Downey (Kilkenny), 1986 Ann and Angela Downey (Kilkenny), 1987 Breda Holmes (Kilkenny), 1988 Biddu O'Sullivan (Kilkenny).

And Handball winners: 1983 Peadar McGee (Mayo), 1984 Tom O'Rourke (Kildare), 1985 Michael Walsh (Kilkenny), 1986 Tom and John Quish (Limerick), 1987 Michael Ryan (Roscommon), 1988 Michael Walsh (Kilkenny).

At the presentation in the Gresham Hotel yesterday were (from left): Michael Walsh (Handball), Biddu O'Sullivan (Camogie) and Victor Williams, B & I Line, who presented the awards.

Picture by Dara Mac Donail

Students close contest

The annual camogie fixture between the Combined Colleges and the Combined Universities was given a new lease of life by staging it in conjunction with the Fitzgibbon weekend. The selected teams are happy to turn up and enjoy the atmosphere of the hurling championship.

In one of the closest contests in years, the Universities had to draw on their reserves to pip the Colleges side by a point in 1988. However, the Combined Universities team contains several names who are familiar on the inter-county scene.

Deirdre Feeney, Pauline O'Brien (Player of the Ashbourne), Joan Tobin, Noreen McCusker and Carmel Coyne should dictate the trend of the game. Many of the stars of last season's Colleges team have graduated. Niamh Bonnar, Brid Kelleher, Mairead Twomey, and Paula Rankin will try to capture Corn Uí Mhaolagáin.

Colleges finals in Ulster and Leinster last Saturday have paved the way for the semi-finals of the All-Ireland Colleges championships. On the 4th March, the junior semi-finals will take place. Powered by the Millea sisters, St. Brigids, Callan, eased their way through Leinster. They now face St. Patrick's, Maghera.

ST. PATRICKS, Keady sample the demands and pressures of the All-Ireland Colleges Senior Championship for the first time on Saturday. The newly crowned Ulster champions make the trip to Bunclody to face long-standing Leinster title holders, F.C.J. The second semi-final brings together St. Raphaels, Loughrea and Scoil Mhuire, Cashel at Cashel.

Ulster junior winners in 1988, Keady have made steady progress in twelve months. They ousted experienced sides including Maghera, Milford and Letterkenny enroute to taking the Ulster senior title.

However, aspirations to win an All-Ireland title are deeply rooted in the hearts of the Bunclody players. Five times Leinster champions in as many years, they have yet to realise their ambition. F.C.J. field a team very close to that

Camogie

Cashel and Bunclody for final

THE semi-finals of the All-Ireland Colleges Senior Camogie Championship take place on Saturday when former winners Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, and St. Raphaels, Loughrea, clash at Cashel and F.C.J. take on St. Patrick's, Keady, at Bunclody.

Scoil Mhuire looked to last Saturday's junior clash with St. Raphael's for a boost to their senior hopes. But it was not to be as the greater scoring ability of the Loughrea forwards ensured that the Galway school will be represented on All-Ireland day.

It will take great commitment from the Cashel players to earn a ticket to the senior final. They won their way through Munster with some great performances but they don't seem equipped to halt the advance of the All-Ireland champions.

St. Raphaels can call on two girls, Imelda Hobbins and Triona Dolphin, who won All-Ireland junior honours with Galway.

F.C.J. Bunclody, who have won the Leinster senior title for the past five seasons, have yet to win an All-Ireland but, with their 1988 team practically intact, this could be their year.

Keady have been progressing nicely in recent years but, even the best efforts of Olive Leonard, Donna McCusker, Catherine Brown, Colette Conway, Helena Murray and Patricia Grimley, may not be good enough.

SATURDAY

All-Ireland Colleges S.C. Semi-finals — At Cashel — Scoil Mhuire, Cashel v St. Raphaels Loughrea, (2.0). At Bunclody — F.C.J. Bunclody v St. Patrick's, Keady (1.30).

Keady take on FCJ

which played St. Raphaels in the 1988 decider.

St. Raphaels won round one of the Loughrea v Cashel double last Saturday. The ability of St. Raphaels forwards to convert their chances was the difference between the teams. Now it is the turn of the senior players from these traditional strongholds of the game.

The depth of talent and experience on the St. Raphaels team puts the Galway school on course for an unbelievable five All-Irelands in a row.

CAMOGIE

ALL-IRELAND S. SCHOOLS
AT CASHEL — St. Raphaels
Loughrea 1-8 (E. Hardiman 1-0, J. Hobbins 0-4, A. Murphy 0-2, Alice Murphy, T. Dolphin 0-1 each); **Scoil Mhuire Cashel** 1-3 (H. O'Leary 1-0, A. Ryan 0-2, S. Ryan 0-1).

AT BUNCLODY — St. Patrick's
Keady 1-9 (D. Connolly 1-1, H. Murray 0-7, P. McEvoy 0-1); **F.C.J. Bunclody** 0-5 (A.M. O'Connor 0-4, D. Byrne 0-1).

UNIVERSITIES CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL
AT BELFAST — Queens 5-3 (M. Dunne 3-3, D. Lennon and B. McCann 1-0 each); **Maynooth** 1-2 (S. Dooley 1-0, M. O'Keefe and P. Doran 0-1 each).

CAMOGIE

All-Ireland Junior Colleges semi-final — St. Patrick's, Maghera 4-1, Scoil Brn. Callan 0-2, St. Raphael's, Loughrea 0-2, Scoil Mhuire, Cashel 1-5, Dublin Senior B League — U.C.D. 3-7, An Caisleán 2-0.

CAMOGIE: Championship final—Bishopstown 3-5, Cloughduv 0-0.

CAMOGIE

Despite the great efforts of Antoinette Kennedy (Portroe), Susan O'Brien (Portroe), Deirdre Hughes (Toomevara) and Nuala Nealon (Burgess), Nenagh Vocational School's senior camogie team was beaten 5-6 to 4-5 by Roscrea in the North Tipperary final on Wednesday of last week. Nenagh were disappointed not to hold onto their county title but have still a chance to defend their provincial title.

Team: Nora Dwan, Toomevara; Susan O'Brien, Portroe; Sheila Donnellan, do.; Antoinette Kennedy, do.; Elizabeth Keane, Shannon; Caroline Power, Portroe; Deirdre Hughes, Toomevara; Patricia Clarke, Toomevara; Nuala Nealon, Burgess; Valerie Tyanan, do., and Sinead Nealon, do.

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CORN UI MHAOLAGAIN — At Belfast — Combined Universities 3-10 (J. Tobin 0-5, C. Coyne 1-1, A. Lenihan 1-1, M. Connard 1-1, P. O'Brien 0-2); Combined Colleges 2-3 (D. Cunningham 1-0, B. Kelleher 1-0, E. Traynor 0-1, G. Kenny 0-2).

CAMOGIE

ST. PATRICKS, KEADY.....1-9
F.C.J. BUNCLODY.....0-5

ULSTER camogie champions St. Patrick's (Keady) had a rewarding visit to Wexford when they defeated the Leinster champions, F.C.J. Bunclody, by 1-9 to 0-5, at Bunclody. The opening half was very keenly contested and the scores were level four times but the visitors snatched the lead just on the half-time whistle to leave the score 0-5 to 0-4 in their favour.

With the advantage of a strong wind in the second half, Keady set the pace. They defended strongly and added 1-4 to 0-1 for the home side.

SCORERS: KEADY — D. Connolly 1-0, H. Murray 0-5, P. McEvoy, O. Leonard 0-2 each; **Bunclody** — A. M. O'Connor 0-4, D. Byrne 0-1.

All Ireland Senior Colleges Semi-Final — St. Raphaels (Loughrea) 1-8, St. Mary's (Cashel) 1-3. **National Junior League** — Carr 2-7, Kilkenny 0-5. **Dublin Junior League** — Erins Isle 7-7, Crumlin 0-1, Trinity Gals 4-0, Raheny 1-1.

Queens title

QUEENS, BELFAST.....5-3
MAYNOOTH.....1-2

LAOIS girl Martina Dunne was the star player for Queens when they won the Universities Camogie Championship at Belfast. She scored 3-3 to give the club their first ever victory in the University Trophy.

SCORERS — Queens: M. Dunne (3-3), E. Lennon and B. McCann (1-0 each). **Maynooth** — S. Dooley (1-0), M. O'Keefe and P. Doran (0-1 each).

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Hobbins stars as Raphael's complete a camogie double

IN cold, damp and blustery conditions, St. Raphael's won their sixth Connacht Schools and Colleges Senior Camogie title in succession at Duggan Park last Friday.

This year, for a change, their opponents were a hard-trying Portumna College team who were making their first appearance in the final.

It may be now, have become something of a cliché to write that Portumna were a better side than the final scoreline might suggest. But in Portumna's case, it would certainly be true.

They have some excellent players but, sadly, for their chances, that strength, as yet, does not manifest itself throughout the team. When you are up against an experienced side like St. Raphael's, all guns must be of the heaviest calibre.

St. Raphael's should not feel overlooked but when you can rack up six Camogie titles in a row and a few of them by fairly wide margins, their strengths have been well established by now and the fact that their Junior team took the Connacht Junior Camogie title for the sixth year in succession says a great deal for the coaching system in the school.

St. Raphael's went into an early lead after two minutes with a point from a free by their full forward, Imelda Hobbins. By the sixth minute, the full forward who was having things much her own way in that sector, had added two more points and placed a forward colleague, Emer Hardiman, for another. Portumna got moving but poor finishing cost them the chance of raising a flag.

In the tenth minute, Portumna broke through for a goal by the full-forward Miriam Lynch. Chastened somewhat by that goal, St. Raphael's lifted their game and by the fifteenth

minute, when Caitriona Finnegan put on a point for Portumna, the Loughrea girls score stood at 2 goals and 5 points.

Portumna managed to make the odd break but the St. Raphael's defence was solid and their goalkeeper, Deirdre Hardiman was seldom troubled. In the 20th minute Miriam Lynch broke through for a second Portumna point but before the half time whistle sounded, Emer Hardiman scored a third goal and, at the break, the score stood at 3-5 to 1-2 in favour of St. Raphael's.

St. Raphael's started the second half with a point scored by Emer Hardiman. They continued to press and had a goal disallowed and this was followed by a splendid save by

a hard-pressed Portumna goalkeeper.

After that early flurry, St. Raphael's appeared to take things easy and contented themselves with a further point and goal, both scored by Imelda Hobbins. Just before the final whistle, Mary Treacy who had impressed all through scored a third point for a game Portumna side.

Imelda Hobbins was outstanding for Loughrea and she got excellent support from Emer Hardiman and her captain and centrefielder, Triona Dolphin. The entire team was secure and solid in all departments and should give quite a good account of itself in the game against Presentation College, Cashel when they meet in the semi-final which will take place on Saturday March 11.

Portumna fought gallantly all through the game and certainly were deserving of much better things. They had a brave goalkeeper in Collette Callagy, Margaret Burke and Deirdre Canning also did well in defence. Caitriona Finnegan did well in midfield while Mary Treacy had an outstanding game.

St. Raphael's: D. Hardiman, O. Costello, P. Nevin, a. Bugler, T. Dolphin, I. Maher, F. Keane, B. Fahy, A. Murphy 0-1, E. Hardiman 1-2, I. Hobbins 3-4.

Portumna College: C. Callagy, Michelle Carnoy, M. Burke, D. Canning, P. Dagg, C. Finnegan 0-1, G. Conroy, L. Malone, S. Cunniffe, M. Treacy 0-1, N. McDonagh, M. Lynch 1-1.

Referee: Kathleen Quinn.

Four Talented Ladies

By Tom Higgins

FOUR young ladies who can feel justly proud of their achievements on the sports field during the past few months are Blaithin Keating, Edel Ryan, Claire Murphy and Eithne Duggan all members of the Bishopstown Camogie Club.

They started off the season by helping their club win the Pan Celtic title in Killarney and then were picked, with another member of the club Aisling O'Leary, on the Cork Minor side who won the Munster title but were beaten narrowly by the eventual winners Kilkenny in the All-Ireland semi-final.

Following this success they were on the Junior "A" panel for the League and Championship and once more collected medals in both when Bishopstown took both titles for the first time.

Bishopstown also won the Under 16 and Under 18 Championships this year to make it the best year ever for the club and the quartet were on both teams, as was Aisling O'Leary.

But it was not at camogie alone that Blaithin Keating, Clare Murphy, Eithne Duggan and Aisling O'Leary

excelled as this quartet figured on the Bishopstown hockey team which won the Cork section of the Community games and went on to take the All-Ireland title at Mosney for the second year in succession. They were joined on that team by Orla Higgins, who was also a member of the Under 16 and Under 18 winning camogie sides.

Great tribute however must be paid to Eithne Duggan, who is a daughter of former Cork hurler

Phil Duggan. Phil was transferred to Limerick last September so Eithne had to change schools from Mount Mercy to Crescent Comprehensive School. This meant that she had to travel from Limerick regularly whenever Bishopstown were engaged in a match where she was selected on the panel. But such trips were not in vain as can be gleaned from her collection of medals.

Eithne was a member of the Mount Mercy

schools panel before she left for Limerick and no doubt would have joined Blaithin Keating and Aisling O'Leary on the school side this year had she remained in Cork. The other pair went on to help their school to reach the final of the Schoolgirls Munster Senior Cup against U.C.B. but unfortunately they were denied a first title when they went under the Blackrock side, 2-1, in the final at Grange, Cork, recently.



The talented young ladies Blaithin Keating, Edel Ryan, Claire Murphy and Eithne Duggan.

CAMOGIE COLUMN

Mary Moran takes a look behind the scenes at the people who strive to promote the Association

THE 1989 camogie season is still in its infancy. It is too early to identify who the frontrunners will be in the various championships. The time is opportune, however, to look behind the scene and recognise the officials who strive to promote the Association.

Sheila Wallace, camogie's only full-time officer, combines the roles of Ard Runai and Development Officer. The former Dublin captain is based in Croke Park. Now with three years experience behind her, she really has her finger on the pulse of the Association.

Jo Golden, a most able administrator, monitors the Association's finances. The former Kilkenny goal-

keeper combines her onerous camogie duties with the demanding role of vice-principal of Scoil Caitriona. Maire Ni Cheallachan, well-known in gaelic and farming circles in mid-Cork, is the current Uachtarán.

Two vastly experienced ladies, Sheila McAnulty and Ini Leonard, keep a watchful eye over the Association from their position as Trustees. Presently engaged in putting the final touches to her history of County Down G.A.A., the ever-active Sheila guides the Administration Committee and the Primary Schools Council.

Ini chairs the History Committee which is currently accumulating material and putting their findings to paper. Assisting her in this important work are Eilish Redmond, Mary Walsh, Nell McCarthy and Kathleen O'Duffy, each of whom has given a lifetime of service to the game.

Moving away from the Ard Chomhairle scene we find Eithne Neville keeping the wheels moving smoothly in Munster. Like her father, the late Mick Neville, Eithne brought back an All-Ireland medal to Limerick which was won in the colours of Dublin. Flanking Eithne at the top table of the Munster Council are Brid Stokes, Mary Casey, Flan McInerney, Rose Malone and Kitty McNicholas.

The position in Leinster is quite unique. The husband and wife team of P.J. and Maureen Fulham from Rathowen outside Mullingar fill the key posts. Miriam O'Callaghan, Marie Woods, Sophie Brack and Kathleen O'Duffy provide the back-up.

Warrenpoint official, Bel O'Loughlin, who refereed the 1988 All-Ireland senior final, serves Ulster Council. Mary Lynch (Carrickmacross), Bernie Byrne (Culloville), Helen McAleavey (Newry), Mary Magnier (Loughgall) and Joe Fulham (Tassagh) work alongside her.

The C.C.I.A. which takes responsibility for the development of the game at Third Level is served by

recent graduates. Bernie McNally (Queens), Mary Rose O'Connor (Maynooth), Brid Kilpatrick (U.U.J.), Anne Higgins (St. Marys, Belfast) and Anne Cooper (U.C.D.) keep the show going.

Sr. Mairead of Keady, daughter of famous Armagh Gael, the late "Poppy" Fearon, leads the Post-Primary Schools Council. Lily Spence, Rosina McManus, Sr. Catherine, Germaine Noonan, Paddy Maher, Sr. Patricia and Kathleen O'Duffy are key colleges personnel.

A vital wing of the Association is the Referees Committee. Gaye Moran pilots the current group which is working on a new package to improve this area. The top string of referees includes Betty Joyce, Aine Derham, Kathleen Quinn, Rose Merriman, Miriam Higgins, Miriam O'Callaghan, Helen Sheehy, Bridie McGarry and Colette Kennedy.

The county boards include a mix of knowledgeable officials, well versed in the duties of the job, and relative newcomers. The latter group contains many active players including Bernie Quinn, Breda Ryan, Mary Lenihan and Rose Desmond. They are sure to make a significant impact on the Association in the years ahead.



• Pictured above is Sr. Mairead of Keady, who is President of the All-Ireland Post Primary Schools Council.



Bishopstown camogie club committee, photographed with trophies won during the year. Included are Mrs. Maud O'Brien, President, GAA Club; Liz O'Neill (chairperson), Vice-Chair Anne O'Connor, Hon. Sec; Rose Desmond (who is also Sec. of Cork Co. Board); PRO Neil De Faoite; Treasurer Theresa Geary; Asst. Treasurer Carmel O'Flynn; Registrar Pat Ryan; and Vice President Sheila Harrington; committee members — Breda Ryan, Irene Higgins, Bláithín Keating and Claire Murphy.

A double for Ulster colleges?

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C.A.M.O.G.I.E

St Patrick's High School, Keady, by defeating Leinster champions, FCJ Bunclody, have qualified for the 1989 All Ireland Colleges senior camogie final. They join St Patrick's, Maghera, who have already qualified for a place in the junior All Ireland final by defeating Leinster U-15 champions, St Brigid's Callan.

Traditional rivals on the camogie fields of Ulster, Maghera and Keady will take on St Raphael's Loughrea, Connacht champions, at both junior and senior level. Loughrea, to get to the final, defeated Scoil Mhuire Cashel at both junior and senior levels.

It is indeed with great delight and enthusiasm that both Maghera and Keady look forward to all Ireland day on April 15, hoping to make it a double for Ulster and to bring back Corn Naomh Gobait and Corn Sceilge. No Ulster college as yet has won the junior trophy, Corn Naomh Gobait. Only once has any Ulster college, Sacred Heart Grammar School, Newry, won Corn Sceilge, though both St Louis, Kilkeel and Loreto, Coleraine, have played in the final at senior level.

The sun shone brilliantly as the Keady callini set off for Bunclody, 150 miles from home. Next day was just as fine when the girls, togged out in the orange and white of Armagh, sprinted out on to the green springy pitch at the foot of majestic Mount Leinster at 2 pm ready to do or die for Keady, Armagh and Ulster. They knew their speed, skill and expertise was to be tested as never before by a much older and more experienced Bunclody side.

Bunclody took the field as definite favourites having this year won the Leinster senior title for the fifth year in a row. Indeed Bunclody opened the scoring with a point after four minutes of play and two Keady wides. Four minutes later Keady equalised with a point from Helena Murray.

Two minutes later Bunclody were in the attack, this time going for a goal with a hard, low shot. A brilliant save by Brenda Hughes in the Keady goal put a stop to that, fired Keady's spirits and sent them on the attack again but it was Bunclody who countered the attack and came back to score a point.

Two more points by Helena Murray brought Keady level again and into the lead. A quick point by each side in the last two minutes of the first half left Keady in the lead at half time by just one point — 0-5 to 0-4.

Play resumed and with sun and wind behind them, Keady soon added another point. About 10 minutes into the second half, after a hectic and anxious tackle in the goalmouth, Deirdre Connolly got the ball across the line to make the score Keady 1-6 Bunclody 0-4.

With the security of a five point lead, Keady got into their usual gear and gave a further display of skill and teamwork for which Bunclody had no answer. Further points, two from Colette Conway and one from Patricia McEvoy, with only one point for Bunclody assured an ecstatic Keady squad of a place in the All-Ireland Colleges senior final.

Replacements Patricia Grimley, Brenda Hughes in goal and Brenda McCusker proved themselves to be super-subs indeed. Donna McCusker moved to centre half back, did great work in what was for her a most unusual role. Brenda, replacing her sister in the forward line, looked and harried her player and with "passing" forwards Coleen Conway and Patricia McEvoy made life generally insecure for the Bunclody backs.

While player of the match must be Helena Murray, the award for perseverance in the midst of all obstacles and adversity must go to Olive Leonard who, though closely marked, guarded and hounded by Bunclody midfielders, still played her own game and, as captain inspired the same perseverance in her team.

KEADY: Olive Leonard (captain) Brenda Hughes, Catherine Brown, Bernadette McBride, Patricia Grimley, Donna McCusker, Colette Conway, Helena Murray, Deirdre Connolly, Coleen Conway, Brenda McCusker, Patricia McEvoy, Subs: Michelle McNulty, Denise Hagan, Majella Loughran, Tracey Hughes, Shauna Woods.

Bunclody: Margaret Keogh, Ann Kelly, Mairead Mahon, Deirdre Atkinson, Mary Fitzhenry, Charmaine Gibson, Deirdre Byrne, Ann Marie Fenlon, Jacqueline Jordan, Maura O'Donovan, Ann Marie O'Connor, Tina Tobin.

Subs: Orla O'Leary, Melanie Dunne.

Ref: Aine Derham (Dublin).

Glen too good for Barrs

Glen Rovers 1-11
St. Finbarrs 0-3

GLEN ROVERS, inspired by the brilliance of Mary Ring at full-back, proved too strong for St. Finbarrs in the final of the Cork County Board camogie Club tournament at Togher.

The Glen led by 1-6 to 0-3 at half-time with full-forward June Hamill grabbing the only goal. The Glen would have won by an even bigger margin but for some fine goalkeeping by Brid Walsh.

Ger McCarthy was the best forward on view, scoring 0-6 while Fiona Twomey also made a major contribution.

The winners received a walk-over in their semi-final while the Barrs beat Sarsfields by a point in a rip roaring semi-final.

Scorers for Glen Rovers: J. McCarthy 0-6, J. Hamill 1-1, L. Mellerick 0-2, F. Twomey, S. Fitzgibbon 0-1 each.

St. Finbarrs: P. Carey, D. O'Sullivan, C. O'Leary 0-1 each.

British boom turns screw on home game

CONTRARY to what is popular belief in many quarters, camogie players are not members of the Gaelic Athletic Association. While maintaining close links with the GAA, Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael retains its own identity and autonomy.

In her fourth annual report to Congress, Ard Runai Sheila Wallace raised the question of official affiliation. The two associations have enjoyed an excellent relationship over the years. Sheila sees signs of them drawing closer together. Many camogie clubs are now an integral part of GAA clubs.

From her position she is aware that there are those in both associations of the opinion that Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael should affiliate to Cumann Luthchleas Gael and move forward together as a stronger force in the promotion of Gaelic games.

Such a course of action would be a major step for the association. The answers to certain vital questions would have to be studied before it became evident whether such a step would be in the right direction. The benefits to accrue from the link-up would have to be weighed against possible loss of autonomy in our own affairs.

Sheila was very encouraged with the response to the first Regional Administration Seminar held in Limerick recently. Considering the amount of preparation put into the agenda by Sheila

herself, Jo Golden, Donal Murphy and Sheila McNulty, it is no surprise that the large attendance was complimentary in response to the programme.

Camogie is facing challenges from other activities, particularly indoor games. Sheila believes that we must face up to this challenge and gives details of mini camogie which is an exciting and enjoyable game. This modified version of the field game can be adapted to any hall or gym with very satisfying results for the participants.

The most marked expansion of camogie is taking place in the UK. While it is good to see our emigrants enjoying their native game and using camogie as a way of making friends, this growth is at the expense of the game back home. Indeed, some counties and clubs are finding difficulty in fielding teams.

While Sheila hands out bouquets to those who deserve them, she has hard words for those who, she feels, are not creating a good image for the sport. Players who are careless in their dress or sneak banded sticks on to the field, come in for criticism. Counties who ignore Congress or other activities like CCD, Gradam Tailte or Coisde na nOg receive unfavourable comments.

The Camogie Congress is traditionally held on the last weekend of March. However, this year Easter falls on that weekend. Congress will be held in Tully's Hotel, Castlereagh, on April 1 and 2.

CAMOGIE: U-16

League Semi Final
Glen Rovers 1-4, Aghabullogue 2-1

Junior B Leagues
St. Finbarrs 8-3, Youghal 0
Kilbrittain 4-6, Coursey Rovers 1

St. Finbarrs 8-7, Middleton 0
Fermoy 5-1, Youghal 4-0
Fermoy 5-3, Ballinure (2) 0

Junior A League
Cloughduv 3-11, Inniscarra 2-3
Intermediate League
Brian Dillons 3-4, Glen Rovers 1-5

Brians Dillons 4-1, Ballinora 1-1

Senior League
St. Finbarrs 1-3, Na Piar-saigh 1-1

Glen Rovers 4-8, Sarsfield 3-0
Killeagh 3-6, Fr. O'Neills 1-5

Club Tournament Final
Glen Rovers 1-11, St. Finbarrs 0-3

Cork in action 'on the double'

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THE County teams go back into action this coming weekend with a double header scheduled for Monamolin, Co. Wexford on Sunday. In the first game the Cork Juniors play Wexford at 2 o'clock while the Cork Seniors will be in action at 3.15 also against Wexford. On the local front there is a full programme of games listed for the coming week.

A new look Cork Senior team will go into action on Sunday next for the first round of the National Senior League against Wexford. Only six players remain from the side which lined out in Croke Park last September against Kilkenny in the All-Ireland final. They are goalkeeper Marian McCarthy, Centre Back Cathy Landers, Midfielders Colette O'Mahony and Sandy Fitzgibbon, Centre Forward Lynda Mellerick and full-forward Mary Spillane. The remainder of the line out will see Liz Dunphy take on a new role at full back with Bishopstown's Liz O'Neill and Margaret Finn from Fr. O'Neill's completing what is a completely new full back line. Killeagh's Betty Joyce comes back into reckoning at midfield while club mate Pat Linehan is named at right corner forward and will also captain the side. Glen Rovers' Ger McCarthy also comes back into favour and is named at left corner forward.

Wexford's team is expected to be similar to the side which were only narrowly defeated by Cork in last year's championship semi-final and should include regulars Tina Fitzhenry, Gertrude O'Leary, Elsie Coady, Ailish Kavanagh and Ann Reddy. All these girls are very accomplished players and if last year's semi-final clash is anything to go on these girls could prove very tough opposition for Cork, particularly on home ground.

The Cork junior team who are participating in the National League for the first time ever will be playing their third game on Sunday. They won their first game against Galway but were defeated by Down in their last outing, so victory on Sunday is vitally important if they are to be involved in the final stages of the League. Sunday's team will see Maria O'Brien once again between the posts, Denise Cronin is named at full back with Eileen Buckley and Una O'Connor, filling the corner back positions. Evelyn Healy is at centre back with the midfield positions going to Mary Currid, Liz O'Sullivan and Therese O'Callaghan. Paula Carey is at centre forward with Edel Ryan who comes onto the side for the first time, Rose Desmond and Irene O'Keeffe completing the full forward line.

At club level pick of the

games should be the clash of Aghabullogue and Glen Rovers in the Under-16 League Semi-Final. Both these sides met in the Championship semi-final when Aghabullogue came out on top, but the Glen are favoured with a home venue on this occasion and could trouble the Mid Cork side.

Junior "B" League '89

Ballinure (1) v Fermoy at Ballinure at 3.30. (Referee: Douglas).
Ballinora v Barryroe at Barryroe at 3.30. (Referee: Valley Rovers).
Aghabullogue v Ballinhassig at Aghabullogue at 3.30. (Referee: Inniscarra).
Kilbrittain v Courcy Rovers at Courcy Rovers at 3.30. (Referee: Newcestown).

TUESDAY, APRIL 11,

Senior League '88

Glen Rovers v Sarsfields at Sarsfields at 6.45. (Referee: Grenagh).
Na Piarasigh v St. Finbarrs at Na Piarasigh at 6.45. (Referee: E. Hackett).
Eire Og v Blackrock at Blackrock at 6.45. (Referee: C. O'Neill, Ballinure).

Intermediate League '89:
Aghabullogue v Brian Dillons at Aghabullogue at 7 p.m. (Referee: Cloughduv).

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12,

Junior "A" League '89

Bishopstown v Douglas at Bishopstown at 6.45. (Referee: Na Piarasigh).
Inniscarra v Na Piarasigh at Na Piarasigh at 6.45. (Referee: Glen Rovers).

Junior "B" League '89

Grenagh v Ballinora at Ballinora at 6.45. (Referee: Bishopstown).
Newcestown v Aghabullogue at Aghabullogue at 6.45. (Referee: Cloughduv).

THURSDAY, APRIL 13,

Senior League '88: Fr. O'Neills v Killeagh at Fr. O'Neills at 6.45. (Referee: Midleton).

Cork double

Cork junior and senior camogie teams scored a National League double over Wexford at Rathnure yesterday. The games were scheduled for Monamolin but were transferred because of an unplayable pitch.

Junior: Cork 6-13 Wexford 0-2. Senior: Cork 2-4 Wexford 0-2.

Clare Camogie Teams Play Galway

The Clare senior and junior camogie teams will be in action in Loughrea on Sunday when they play Galway. The seniors play in the national league while the juniors will be in action in a challenge.

The seniors will train in Newmarket on Saturday at 2 p.m. and the following are asked to attend. P. O'Brien, C. O'Loughlin, C. Molloy, H. Cusack, C. Wall, M. Nagle, T. O'Connell, C. Fahy, C. O'Dea, L. Flynn, S. Reidy, N. Quinn, M. Twomey, A. Fahy, V. McMahon, L. Quinlan, F. Phelan, E. Drysdale, N. Conyns, P. Rynne, M. Bergin, M. Sheedy.

The senior game on Sunday will be at 3 p.m. with the junior served win over Eire Og in this tie at 4 p.m. A bus taking division 3 tie in which they led players to the games will leave by 2-2 to nil at the break.

Scariff-Ogonnellloe.....3-3
Ennistymon.....2-0

Scariff Ogonnellloe had a good win over Ennistymon at Ennistymon in this Div. 3 league tie last week-end. The home side led at the break on the score of 2-0 to 1-2. M. Collins, U. Kavanagh and M. Myles each scored 1-1 for the winners.

Sixmilebridge.....3-5
Eire Og.....0-1

Sixmilebridge scored a deserved win over Eire Og in this tie at 4 p.m. A bus taking division 3 tie in which they led players to the games will leave by 2-2 to nil at the break.

Demand to expedite Congress business

A 132-PAGE Agenda calls for a business like approach when delegates gather in Castlereagh this weekend for the 1989 Annual Congress. A plethora of reports, 24 motions and the latter half of the 1986 Commission Report are time consuming. But delegates will not be happy to see Congress drag on as it did in 1988.

Traditionally, Antrim have been conservative in their views. Their motion to accept sponsorship from alcoholic drink companies will engender lively debate. Up to now the Camogie Association has taken a hard line on this subject



and this motion will not slip through easily.

Ulster Council are not satisfied with C.C.D. in its present format. An examination in depth followed by a restructure of the talent competitions is called for. Connacht seek some minor changes in this area but may withdraw if the Ulster motion is carried.

Ard Comhairle made many attempts in the past decade to set up an insurance scheme for players. A

variety of schemes failed to attract the necessary support to get it on ground. Roscommon for the setting up of a 'bers' accident fund. Their views as how such a system running successfully will be awaited.

Lengthy suspension exceptional in camogie. However, the official at present does not for an appeal for a tabled a motion such an appeal was considered where the suspension exacted months.

Clare v Antrim Camogie Game

A CHARA—Please allow me space in your newspaper to make a few comments after my visit to your beautiful county at the week-end.

I was there in my capacity as chairperson of the Antrim County Camogie Board. Our senior county team were scheduled to play Clare in the national league on Sunday, April 9th, at 1 p.m. in Newmarket-on-Fergus. We arrived in Ennis late on Saturday evening and had a most enjoyable stay at Keary's guest home in the town. Antrim requested the game for one o'clock to enable us to travel north as early as possible. The game did not begin until 1.50 p.m. - no fault of the referee or indeed the Clare county Board. Two under-age hurling games were being played on the pitch when we arrived there. With the wet weather the pitch was a mud-wash by the time the camogie match got under-way.

The ladies of Clare and Antrim were subjected to play-

ing in the most disgusting conditions I have ever seen in my life. One lady from a neighbouring county made the comment, that you wouldn't put a horse on its. I can assure you, our team would not have played in such conditions, had we not travelled such a distance, and at such expense.

My complaint is not with the Clare board but with the organising committee of the two hurling matches, and the local GAA club. Don't tell me they own the pitches - I know that. But surely it would have been manners to have played the hurling (which was between two local teams) on a week-night or even after the camogie game.

One Clare player told me the game of Camogie was very secondary in Clare. Is camogie not a Gaelic game? I ask the Gaels of County Clare, or are Gaelic Games just for the boys not the girls? I can assure you that parents here in County Antrim appreciate the camogie association and the GAA for the interest that our national games have given their children.

I'm sure when that great Clare-man, Michael Cusack, helped form the GAA, he didn't intend that those of us who play camogie (the female version of hurling) should be treated as 'secondary'.

The way the camogie players of Antrim and Clare were treated this week-end contradicts many of the reasons, why the GAA was formed in the first

place. The GAA is for the people of this country both men and women, and each should be treated with the respect they deserve. Maybe, we were

there on a bad week-end, lets hope the camogie players of Co. Clare are not always 'secondary'.

P.S.: The Clare Board were told during the week the pitch was free.

Is mise, Marie Doherty, Chairperson, Antrim County Board.

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Leesiders on talent trail



PAT LINEHAN, who captained Cork to All-Ireland honours in 1982, will lead her county this season. Cork failed to Kilkenny in Croke Park last September. Five of the panel are unavailable and Cork attempt to rebuild their team.

Mary Geaney and Ann O'Donovan have retired. Anne Leahy and Val Fitzpatrick are abroad. Clare Cronin is not playing at the moment and Noelle O'Driscoll has transferred to St. Paul's, Kilkenny.

This makes way for many new names on the panel. Some of these will be tried out against Wexford on Sunday. In contrast Wexford have their 1988 panel available. Cork were fortunate in accounting for Wexford in the championship and may not find it so easy at Monamolin.

Dublin play Kilkenny, the side which has come between them and victory so often in recent years. Germaine Noonan has taken over as captain. Edel Murphy is unavailable but the selectors are happy to welcome back Una Crowley and Patricia Clinton.

Dublin are likely to be in better shape at this early stage of the season. Kilkenny will field without star forward Angela Downey, but will look to her sister Ann, Biddy O'Sullivan, Marie Fitzpatrick, Anna Whelan and Clare Jones to

keep their excellent record intact.

Clare will miss Liz Condron, who is on her honeymoon, and Patricia O'Grady (injured) for their home clash with Antrim. On the other hand, Leslie O'Flynn has returned from the States and will join Pauline O'Brien, Mairead Twomey, Catherine Molloy and Catherine O'Loughlin.

Antrim have added a number of new names to their senior panel. Replacements will have to be found for Brigid McAteer and Geraldine McCann. The panel contains experienced players like Mary Lundy, Mary McMullan, Siobhan McErlain, Anne McGlue and Joan Campbell who will help the newcomers fit in.

Kildare have rearranged the team. The most notable moves see Rose Merriman at full-forward and Anna Dargan dropping into goal. The core of the team has been together for several seasons and should prove too strong for a Galway side which is tasting junior competition for the first time.

SUNDAY

National Leagues — Senior — Dublin v Kilkenny, Junior — Dublin v Down, Senior — Clare v Antrim, Junior — Clare v Tipperary, Senior — Wexford v Cork, Junior — Wexford v Cork, Junior — Galway v Kildare.

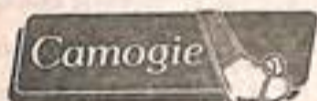
Kilkenny likely to succeed

THE pick of the opening round of the National Senior League, the clash of Dublin and Kilkenny fell victim to the bad weather recently. On Sunday, both counties will try again but against different opposition.

The dual champions, Kilkenny will be at home to their Leinster neighbours, Wexford. The good drainage of the Rathnure pitch enabled their match with Cork to go ahead. But Wexford went down heavily 2-6 to 0-2.

Kilkenny's 1989 form remains to be revealed. But as their rating last season was a couple of pegs above the rest, a win is expected as they open the defence of their title.

The Cork selectors ran their eye over a few newcomers in the Wexford game. A few more from the large panel should get the chance to show what they are made of in the Dublin game. Flu victim, Pat Linehan should be back in action to captain the team.



The defeat of champions Celtic by Crumlin in the Dublin Senior Championship may encourage the

Dublin selectors to take a second look.

SUNDAY

National Leagues, Senior — Galway v Clare; Cork v Dublin; Kilkenny v Wexford, Junior — Sligo v Offaly; Kilkenny v Armagh; Cork v Dublin.

**Cluichí Ceannais na gColáistí
sa Chamógaíocht**



An Domhnach
Co. Fhear Manach
15ú Aibreán, 1989
Sóisear: 2.00 p.m.
Sinsear: 3.15 p.m.

Máire Ní Mhóráin

Luach 30p

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CLÁR AN LAE

SÓISEAR
2.00 p.m.

**SCOIL SAN RAFAEL,
Baile Locha Riach**

(St. Raphael's, Loughrea)

v.

**COLÁISTE PHÁDRAIG,
Machaire Rátha**

(St. Patrick's, Maghera)

Réiteoir: Áine Nic Réamoinn

SINSEAR
3.15 p.m.

**SCOIL SAN RAFAEL,
Baile Locha Riach**

(St. Raphael's, Loughrea)

v.

**ARDSCOIL PHÁDRAIG,
An Céide**

(St. Patrick's, Keady)

Réiteoir: Áine Derham

APRIL 1989



Céad míle fáilte romhaibh, idir imreoirí, oifigí agus lucht leanúna. Tá an-áthas orm go bhfuil sibh anseo inniu, páirteach in imeachtaí an lae speisialta seo — Lá Camogaíochta na gColáistí.

Is lá mór dúinne é cinnte, ach is lá an-mhór é dár fóirne, do chailíní Mhachaire Rátha Lúraigh, do chailíní Bhaile Locha Riach, do chailíní an Chéide, mar is acusan an onóir bheith amuigh ansin ar an bpáirc ar thóir na glóire.

It takes much practice, training, encouragement, dedication and, often, sheer determination, to reach and to win a Provincial Final, not to mention an All-Ireland semi-Final. We have players here today who have done just that and whose Colleges' tradition is in turn enriched by their achievement.

A chailíní, you have gained something which no one can take away from you. The "old" of Colleges are proud of you and pleased to have you. The "new", the young of Colleges look up to you with admiration. Their camogie ambition is to join you—they almost ache for a place on the team.

Camogie pain can be very real, too. We all know the hurt of losing a game, of being left on the sideline, of losing a place on the team. Can we always look at this from the point of view of another's joy in getting a chance to play? It hurts, too, when we receive little or no acknowledgement of our achievement from those from whom we have a right to expect it.

So today we have a Féile, a festival, a celebration of Camogie. Is anyone a mere spectator? Today we live our Camogie story. The force of it captures all of us, for our story is a living one. The everyday ritual of hitting a sliotar with a camóg takes on a life of its own, we get caught up in it and then we go back to our daily life with a sense of refreshment and purpose. It's good to be alive! "Festivity picks us off our feet and returns us to everyday life with new eyes". We need times like today.

The final scores may send one team in each final home with the cup, the other with sore hearts. Honourable and gracious acceptance of defeat, sincere appreciation of the other team's victory is not always something which comes naturally, but it is something which shows that a team's greatness goes beyond the boundaries of the pitch.

A word to all those Colleges' players who play our game and never seem to get anywhere. Yes, it's great to win, but we would have no game if only winners mattered. Playing Camogie, enjoying the game, being part of a team are the important things. ALL of our players are important—together we are the Camogie Association. Isn't there something special about the young team which went out to play a match, were beaten by ten goals to one goal and came home in great delight, announcing, "It was great! We scored a goal!"

Mar sin, ar aghaidh leis na cluichí! Go mbaine chuile dhuine anseo taitneamh agus tairbhe as imeachtaí an lae agus sinn ag cur le traidisiún fiúntach bheo na Camogaíochta. Fíor-bhuíochas leis an mhuintir a chuir an pháirc agus na haiseanna leis ar fáil dúinn i anseo inniu do Lá mór Camogaíochta na gColáistí.

An tSr. Máiréad Nic Fhearáin
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JUNIOR ARDSCOIL PHÁDRAIG, Machaire Rátha

St. Patrick's High School, Maghera.

- (1) Máiréad Nic an Tiompánaigh
Margaret McAtamney
 - (2) Bernadette Ni Fhrí
Bernadette Friel
 - (3) Siobhán Ni Chionnaoith
Siobhan McKenna
 - (4) Aine Diolún
Anne Dillon
 - (5) Póilín Ni Scolláin
Paula Scullin
 - (6) Eilis Ni Chaiside
Elizabeth Cassidy
 - (7) Siobhán Ni Fhirléinn
Susan McElean
 - (8) Pádraigin Ni Dhabhóc
Patricia Cooke
 - (9) Movita Ni Dhúghaill
Movita Doyle
 - (10) Máire Ni Mhaoláin
Marie Mullan
 - (11) Clár Ni Scolláin
Clare Scullin
 - (12) Dolores Ni Mhuireartaigh
Dolores Murtagh
- Ionadaithe:
- (18) Brid Nic an Fhailli (Briege McNally)
 - (17) Sinéad Ni Thuathail (Jane Tohill)
 - (16) Máire Ni Chaiside (Moirá Cassidy)
 - (15) Diane Ni Sheáin (Diane Johnston)
 - (14) Roberta Ni Sheáin (Roberta Johnston)
 - (13) Proinséas Ni Mhurchú (Frances Murphy)
 - (20) Bernadette Ni Eocháin (Bernadette McGuckin)
 - (19) Donna Ni Ghiolla Dhomhnaigh (Donna McEldowney)

TODAY'S CONTESTANTS

St. Raphael's, Loughrea:

In 1982 a new name was engraved on the Connacht Colleges Senior and Junior Championship Cups. Before the decade drew to a close, St. Raphael's had become the most talked of school in colleges camogie.

Apart from a minor hic-cup in 1983, St. Raphael's have made the Connacht Senior and Junior Championships their own. Deirdre Costello gave a tremendous display of skilful camogie in leading St. Raphael's to their first All-Ireland in 1984. The following season she captained the Senior team to take the first of their four titles.

St. Raphael's have produced many top quality players. In addition to Deirdre, Brid Stratford, Anne Fahy, Angela Cooney, Triona Dolphin and Imelda Hobbins have worn the red and black with great distinction.

St. Raphael's are fortunate to be situated in a camogie stronghold. Clubs like Mullagh, Davitts and Pearses do excellent work in teaching the basic skills to youngsters. St. Raphael's benefit from this. Like with the Galway hurlers, coach Cyril Farrell is able to turn this outstanding material into All-Ireland champions.

St. Patrick's, Keady:

A relatively new school, St. Patrick's opened its doors in 1970. Coach to the present team, Lily Clifford was a pupil on day one.

St. Patrick's players enjoyed their camogie over the years but had to wait until 1985 for their first Ulster title. They retained the Under-14 Championship in 1986 and added the First Year Cup.

1988 saw St. Patrick's carry off the Ulster Junior Championship and reach the All-Ireland Sevens. Irrespective of the outcome of today's game, 1989 will linger forever in their memory. Olive Leonard proudly lead Keady to their first Ulster senior title and the never to be forgotten display against F.C.J. Bunclody.

St. Patrick's are well served by the local club sides, particularly Madden, Derrynoose, Ballymacnab and Keady.

St. Patrick's, Maghera:

Coached by Ann Kelly, St. Patrick's College has been one of the prominent Ulster schools of the past decade. In 1980 St. Patrick's won the Ulster Junior Championship.

They enjoyed their greatest season in 1987 when they swept the boards in Ulster. In recent years, Maghera have won the entire range of Ulster trophies—First Year, U-14, Junior, Sevens and Senior.

The school draws players from the Swatragh, Glen, Lavey and Slaughtneil clubs. In 1989 St. Patrick's College celebrate their Silver Jubilee. Playing in their first All-Ireland Final, the girls plan to make it a memorable day.

JUNIOR SCOIL NAOMH RAFAEL, Baile Locha Riach

ST. RAPHAEL'S, Loughrea

Black and Red

- (1) Áine Ni Bhruadair
Anne Broderick
- (2) Deirdre Nic Airgeadáin
Deirdre Hardiman
- (3) Fiona Ni Chionnacháin
Fiona Connaughton
- (4) Pamela Ni Naodhain (Capt)
Pamela Nevin
- (5) Lisa Ni Cheannáin
Lisa Cannon
- (6) Máire Ni Mheachair
Mary Maher
- (7) Olivia Ni Bhruadair
Olivia Broderick
- (8) Niamh Ni Ghleannain
Niamh Glennon
- (9) Damhnait Ni Mheachair
Dymphna Maher
- (10) Fiona Ni Bhroitt
Fiona Brett
- (11) Eibhlín Ni Chionnacháin
Helen Connaughton
- (12) Clár Ni Loingsigh
Clare Lynch
- (13) Yvonne Ni Bhruadair (Yvonne Broderick)
- (14) Fiona Stratford
- (15) Edel Slevin
- (16) Máire Ni Ghabhann (Marie Smith)

Pen Pictures: MAGHERA

Margaret McAtamney (13) of Michael Davitt's, Swatragh. Plays in goals for her school. Has won four Under-12 and one Under-14 Derry medals, one Minor League medal, Ulster Colleges' 1st year and Junior medals in 1988 and 1989.

Bernadette Friel (15) is a member of Swatragh club, where she has won Under-12 and Under-14 medals. She too has a Minor league medal and has added an Ulster Colleges' Junior medal this year.

Siobhan McKenna (15) plays for Glen club. She has earned both Under-14 and Junior Ulster Colleges' medals playing for her school team. Her club were Under-14 champions in 1986 and Minor champions in 1987.

Anne Dillon (15) is at present on the Derry County panel and plays for her school at centre half back. Her club is Lavey, who were Minor champions in 1988 and Anne has Under-14 and Junior Ulster Colleges' medals.

Paula Scullin (15) plays for Swatragh, which club has nurtured many great Camogie players. Paula plays in defence, has three Ulster Colleges' Championship medals as well as Under-12, Under-14 and Minor League County medals.

Elizabeth Cassidy (14) whose club is Slaughtneil, plays wing-midfield for her school. She is a member of the team which won the Ulster Colleges' Junior title this year.

Susan McErlean (15) captains her side. She is a Derry county Minor player and was a member of the Derry team which won the Ulster Minor league in 1988. A strong centre mid-field player, Susan hopes to lead Maghera to an All-Ireland Colleges' victory this year.

Patricia Cooke (14) another member of the Derry county Minor panel, Patricia is a strong wing-midfield player. Her club is Dungiven and Patricia hopes to add a 1989 All-Ireland medal to her 1989 Ulster Colleges' Junior medal.

Movita Doyle (14) a very determined and skilful forward who plays for Glen and who is also a member of the Derry county Minor panel. Her club were Minor champions in 1987 and Movita gained an Ulster Colleges' Junior medal this year on the way to the All-Ireland.

Marie Mullan (14) yet another Swatragh player and a good centre-half forward, Marie has numerous medals which she won playing for her club and a Colleges' Junior medal won in this year's Ulster final.

Clare Scullin (12) This young Swatragh player has won a number of medals with her club. A keen wing forward, Clare has won two Ulster Colleges' medals, in 1988 and 1989. An outstanding achievement for a twelve year old.

Dolores Murtagh (14) plays full-forward for her school and intends to notch up as many scores as possible on All-Ireland day. She has won Under-14 and Junior Colleges' medals with her school team. She is a member of Glen club and is on the Derry county Minor panel.

Pen Pictures: ST. RAPHAEL'S JUNIOR

Anne Broderick (Davitts). Won-Primary School medals with Duniry and Galway under age medals with Davitts. Anne will be playing in her first All-Ireland Colleges' final today. Impressed against Cashel in the semi-final.

Deirdre Hardiman (Mullagh). Deirdre has a particularly busy programme this afternoon. She features at full back for the Junior side and later lines out in goal for the Seniors. A sister of Emer, she holds National Feile na nGael and All-Ireland Colleges' Junior medals.

Fiona Connaughton (Mullagh). One of the many Mullagh girls lining out in the colours of St. Raphael's. She was part of their great 1986 team which won the National Feile na nGael. Holds an All-Ireland Colleges' Junior medal.

Pamela Nevin (Mullagh). Pamela captains St. Raphael's today. A lovely striker of the ball, she impressed this season with her high work rate. Pamela featured on the St. Raphael's team which won the 1988 Colleges' Junior championship.

Lisa Cannon (Sarsfields). Lisa was a reserve on the 1988 All-Ireland Colleges' Junior winning side but has deservedly won a place of her own. Her tight marking has made her a very useful defender.

Mary Maher (Davitts). One of three sisters chasing glory with St. Raphael's this afternoon. A newcomer to the team, Mary has settled in well and is performing well on the right wing.

Olivia Broderick (Davitts). Her second year on the team, Olivia has developed into a fine player. Another product of Duniry National School and the Davitts Club, she won an All-Ireland Colleges' Junior medal in 1988.

Niamh Glennon (Mullagh). Niamh brought home a National Feile na nGael, Division One medal from Clare in 1986. Has slotted in very well to the St. Raphael's junior side this season.

Dymphna Maher (Davitts). Another newcomer to the team this season, Dymphna got a fine goal in the semi-final against Cashel. A sister of senior Imelda, Dymphna hopes to follow in her footsteps.

Fiona Brett (Sarsfields). Fiona has played for the Galway Minor team. A strong capable player, she hopes to add to the All-Ireland Colleges' Junior medals which she won last year.

Helen Connaughton (Mullagh). A sister of right-back Fiona, Helen is featuring in her first All-Ireland final. Won a Galway Feila medal and participated in the National finals in Clare. Well able to take her chances.

Clare Lynch (Tynagh). Clare won the Skills Competition at the National feile na nGael finals in 1987. Displayed marvellous scoring ability in 1988 All-Ireland Colleges' Junior final when she registered 3-1. Her tally of 3-2 in the semi-final ended Cashel's hopes.

APRIL 1989

Do You Know . . .

That Dominican Convent, Muckross Park, Dublin was the first school in the country to play camogie?

That famous actress Siobhan McKenna played colleges camogie for Dominican College Taylor's Hill, Galway and later with St. Louis, Monaghan?

That St. Louis, Kilkeel, Sacred Heart, Armagh, St. Michael's, Lurgan and Sacred Heart, Newry were prominent in the early days?

That Presentation, Galway, Dominican, Taylor's Hill and Ursulines, Sligo were the first Connacht schools to play the game?

That Fr. John Murphy, Clonoe, Tyrone was the first President of Ulster Colleges and Maureen Harbinson of Ballinahinch was the first Secretary?

That four girls from Presentation College, Athenry, Bernadette Duffy, Noreen Treacy, Eileen Hynes and Olive Coady won All-Ireland senior and junior medals on the same afternoon in 1974?

That Angela Cooney, who captained St. Raphaels' all-Ireland winning team in 1986 is a sister of All-Ireland hurler, Joe Cooney?

That the list of players who won All-Ireland senior medals and later progressed to win All-Ireland senior medals with the counties includes Liz Neary, Anne Phelan, Teresa O'Neill, Helena O'Neill, Carmel Savage, Clare Cronin, Sandie Fitzgibbon, Martha Kearney, Liz Dunphy, and Carmel O'Byrne?

That Nuala and Eithne Bonnar who won All-Ireland Colleges medals with Scoil Mhuire, Cashel are sisters of Cormac and Colm Bonnar who hurl with Tipperary?

That the first Ulster Colleges final was played between Portstewart and Sacred Heart, Armagh in 1943?

That St. Brigids, Tuam were the first Connacht Colleges Champions?

That St. Raphaels, Loughrea hold 7 Connacht Senior and 7 Connacht Junior titles?

That Corn Sceilg which will be presented to the senior champions today was donated by the O'Kelly family in memory of their late father, J. J. O'Kelly who was a member of the Keating Branch of the Gaelic League which founded the Camogie Association? The shape of the cup is on the lines of the Ardagh Chalice.

That M. O'Kane (Maghera) and M. Hobbins (Loughrea) played for their respective provinces in the special 75th Anniversary colleges Inter-provincial series?

That Sarah Ann Quinn (Loreto, Coleraine), Noreen McCasker (Loreto, Letterkenny), Jackie McAtamney (St. Marys, Clady), Anne Rooney (Sacred Heart, Newry), Pat Crangle (St. Michaels), Anne McCone (Sacred Heart, Newry), Maeve O'Hagen (Rathmore), Marion McGarvey (St. Pauls, Bessbrook), Jackie Phillips (St. Dominics, Belfast), Margaret Moriarity (St. Michaels, Lurgan), Eileen McGeough (St. Eugenes, Rosslea) and Eleanor Hughes (Mercy, Castleblayney) developed into star performers with their counties?

That Connacht colleges top the honours list with 8 senior and 8 junior titles? Munster are in second place, Leinster third and Ulster fourth.

All-Ireland Colleges Junior Championship

Year	Winners	Runners-Up	Score	Winning Captain
1974	Pres. Athenry	North Pres. Cork	3-0 to 0-0	Bernie Duffy
1975	Scoil Mhuire, Cashel	Pres. Terenure	4-0 to 1-0	Teresa O'Dwyer
1976	Pres. Athenry	Scoil Mhuire, Cashel	4-2 to 3-2	Ann Delaney
1977	Pres. Athenry	Sacred Heart, Cork	4-1 to 1-3	Anne Burke
1978	Scoil Mhuire, Cashel	Voc. Bawnboy	2-3 to 0-1	Eithne Bonnar
1979	Mercy, Roscommon	Scoil Pol, Kilfinane	1-2 to 0-1	Pauline O'Connor
1980	Maryfield, Dublin	Pres de la Salle, Hospital	2-3 to 1-5	Siobhan Bryson
1981	St. John of God, Artane	St. Patricks, Cork	4-0 to 0-2	Michelle Sleator
1982	Maryfield, Dublin	St. Raphaels, Loughr.	3-9 to 4-0	Carmel O'Byrne
1983	Mercy, Roscommon	St. Pauls, Kilrea	7-1 to 1-3	Elizabeth Lee
1984	St. Raphaels, Loughr.	St. Patricks, Shannon	6-8 to 2-1	Deidre Costello
1985	St. Raphaels, Loughr.	Colaiste Muire, Ennis	3-4 to 1-0	Mary Dolphin
1986	St. Marys, Charlv.	F.C.J. Bunclody	2-6 to 0-3	Frances Broderick
1987	St. Marys, Charlv.	St. Raphaels, Loughr.	2-3 to 1-4	Maire O'Sullivan
1988	St. Raphaels, Loughr.	St. Marys, Macroom	5-7 to 1-0	Emer Hardiman

All-Ireland Colleges Senior Championship

Year	Winners	Runner-up	Score	Winning Captain
1969	Pres. Kilkenny	St. Aloysius, Cork	3-2 to 1-2	Mary Tallis
1970	Pres. Kilkenny	Sacred Heart, Newry	2-3 to 1-1	Liz Neary
1971	Sacred Heart, Newry	Pres. Mountmellick	3-2 to 2-1	Anne McCone
1972	Pres. Oranmore	St. Louis, Kilkeel	6-1 to 4-4	Marie Murphy
1973	Pres. Mountmellick	Pres. Athenry	4-2 to 1-2	Carmel Cottrell
1974	Pres. Athenry	St. Louis, Kilkeel	3-1 to 1-0	Midge Poniard
1975	Pres. Athenry	St. Brigids, Callan	7-4 to 2-4	Midge Poniard
1976	St. Aloysius, Cork	Pres. Athenry	2-2 to 0-2	Jacinta O'Brien
1977	Scoil Mhuire, Cashel	Pres. Athenry	2-2 to 1-3	Cora Hennessy
1978	Pres. Athenry	Loreto, Coleraine	2-3 to 2-2	Anne Poniard
1979	Scoil Mhuire, Cashel	Pres. Athenry	3-3 to 1-3	Majella Hallinan
1980	North Pres. Cork	Assumption, W'town	4-7 to 1-1	Imelda Cronin
1981	St. Patricks, Cork	Assumption, W'town	1-3 to 0-5	Ann O'Mahony
1982	St. Patricks, Shannon	St. Raphaels, Loughr.	1-7 to 1-4	Caroline O'Meara
1983	St. John of God, Artane	St. Patricks, Cork	2-6 to 2-1	Adele Campbell
1984	Maryfield, Dublin	North Pres. Cork	2-5 to 0-5	Roisin Brady
1985	St. Raphaels, Loughrea	St. Patricks, Cork	4-7 to 3-3	Deidre Costello
1986	St. Raphaels, Loughrea	F.C.J. Bunclody	3-5 to 0-4	Angela Cooney
1987	St. Raphaels, Loughrea	St. Marys, Charlv.	3-8 to 0-4	Brid Stratford
1988	St. Raphaels, Loughrea	F.C.J. Bunclody	2-13 to 1-5	Imelda Hobbins

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Olive Leonard, Captain. Olive is an inspirational figure on the field. She has won four Ulster Colleges medals, Under-16, Under-18, Maguire Cup, National League, County Senior Championship Division I medals. Olive hopes to lead her team to an All-Ireland win for Ulster in this final.

Helen Mone of St. Patrick's Club, Keady, played for the Keady Juveniles who won the two Féile na nGael titles. Has been playing since last year with the County Armagh Minor team. A cool reliable Keeper, who originally was an attack player.

Catherine Brown also of St. Patrick's Club, is the regular full-back at school, club and County Minor level. A member of Keady's winning Féile side, she has won various medals with club and County. Captain of the School's Junior side of 1988 which won that Ulster title.

Donna McCusker of St. Joseph's Club, Madden. Plays either in mid-field or attack and has the ability to take crucial scores. A regular on the County Minor side, she has won medals with this team as well as with Colleges.

Bernadette McBride, St. Mochua's, Derrynoose, is one of the regular half-backs. Plays an effective role in chasing down the opposition attack. Has won Ulster Colleges' medals with the School and is well known as an athlete and cross-country runner.

Geraldine Haughey, St. Mochua's, Derrynoose. Normally plays as a half-back and brings athletic skill to the game. Has won Ulster medals with the school and proved herself a capable palyer.

Collette Conway, St. Patrick's Club, Keady, has played on both of Keady's winning Féile teams. Is a regular member of the County Minor team, with which she has won several Ulster medals. Usually plays in the midfield. A confident free-taker. Has several Colleges' medals.

Colleen Conway, St. Patrick's Club, Keady. Has made the wing forward position her own and taken some great scores. Has played alongside of Collette, her twin sister and won similar awards at County and at Colleges' levels.

Deidre Connolly, St. Patrick's Club, Keady. Played on the winning Féile side and is a member of the County Minor side. A skilful forward who shows ability to 'read' the play. Has taken crucial scores and usually plays wing-forward on the school's Senior side.

Helena Murray, holds the distinction of having played on every school side which has won honours at Ulster level since 1985. A talented, intelligent player who can play in any position. She is a competent free-taker. Captain of the current County Minor side. Helena, too, played on the Féile team.

Patricia McEvoy, of Crossmaglen Rangers, played most of her Colleges Camogie with St. Joseph's High School, Crossmaglen, before transferring to school in Keady. A member of the County Minor side for the past two years and now on the Junior panel.

Karen Rock of St. Patrick's Club, Keady, has recently joined the County Minor team and was on the Féile team. Equally at home in attack or defence, she has generally played centre half-back with the school's senior side.

SENIOR ARDSCOIL PHÁDRAIG, An Céide

ST. PATRICK'S HIGH SCHOOL, KEADY

(1)
Eibhlín Ní Mhócháin
Helen Mone

(2)
Caitríona de Brún
Catherine Brown

(3)
Bernadette Ní Ghiolla Bhride
Bernadette McBride

(4)
Karen Ní Choncharraige
Karen Rock

(5)
Gearóidín Ní Eachaidh
Geraldine Haughey

(6)
Collette Ní Chonbhui
Collette Conway

(7)
Olive Ní Loinín
Olive Leonard

(8)
Donna Ní Oscair
Donna McCusker

(9)
Pádraigín Ní Fhiobhú
Patricia McAvoy

(10)
Eibhlín Ní Mhuiri
Helena Murray

(11)
Colleen Ní Chonbhui
Colleen Conway

(12)
Deirdre Ní Chonghaile
Deirdre Connolly

Ionadaithe:

- (13) Pádraigín Ní Gharmaile (Patricia Grimley)
- (14) Brenda Ní Aodha (Brenda Hughes)
- (15) Tracy Ní Aodha (Tracy Hughes)
- (16) Michelle Nic an Ultaigh (Michelle McNulty)
- (17) Majella Ní Luachráin (Majella Loughran)
- (18) Brenda Ní Oscair (Brenda McCusker)
- (19) Shauna Ní Chonchoille (Shauna Woods)
- (20) Denise Ní Ágáin (Denise Hagan)

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SENIOR
SCOIL SAN RAFAEL,
Baile Locha Riach
ST. RAPHAEL'S, LOUGHREA

Red and Black

(1)
Deirdre Nic Airgeadain
 Deirdre Hardiman

(2)
Olive Ní Choisdealbha
 Olive Costello

(3)
Eilis Ní Ghiolla Choinnigh
 Elish Kilkenny

(4)
Triona Ní Dolfin (Capt.)
 Triona Dolphin

(5)
Aine Ní Bhugléir
 Anne Bugler

(6)
Imelda Ní Mheachair
 Imelda Maher

(7)
Fionnuala Ní Chatháin
 Fionnuala Keane

(8)
Aideen Ní Mhurchú
 Aideen Murphy

(9)
Bríd Ní Fhathaigh
 Brigid Fahy

(10)
Emer Nic Airgeadain
 Emer Hardiman

(11)
Ailis Ní Mhurchú
 Alice Murphy

(12)
Imelda Nic Oibín
 Imelda Hobbins

- (13) **Pamela Ní Naodhain** (Pamela Nevin)
 (14) **Siobhán Ní Chatháin** (Siobhán Keane)
 (15) **Aileen Ní Bhroitt** (Aileen Brett)
 (16) **Pauline Ní Chonghaile** (Pauline Connolly)
 (17) **Imelda Ní Dhálaigh**

Pen Pictures: ST. RAPHAELS SENIOR

Deidre Hardiman (Mullagh). Deidre won a National Feile na nGael, Division One, medal with Mullagh in 1986. She is set for a busy afternoon. Goalkeeper with the senior team, she lines out at fullback for the juniors and hopes to add to the Junior Colleges medal won in 1988.

Olive Costello (Sarsfields). Olive won an All-Ireland Minor medal with Galway in 1987. She helped St. Raphaels to win the Junior Colleges title in 1988 and played in the 1987 final. A skilful player, she is a sister of Galway senior player, Deidre Costello.

Elish Kilkenny (Mullagh). Member of the Galway panel which won the All-Ireland in 1987. A reliable defender, Elish won an all-Ireland senior colleges medal in the same position last season.

Triona Dolphin (Mullagh). Captain of St. Raphaels today, Triona is a very fine player. She holds National Feile na nGael, 2 All-Ireland Minor, All-Ireland Colleges senior and junior, All-Ireland Junior with Galway and has represented Connacht at senior level.

Anne Bugler (Mullagh). A very capable defender, Anne is chasing her third All-Ireland senior medal. She featured on the St. Raphaels team which won the All-Ireland Junior championship in 1985.

Imelda Maher (Davitts). Imelda played for St. Raphaels in both All-Ireland senior and junior finals last season. She collected 2 medals to add to the All-Ireland medal which she won in the colours of Galway.

Fionnuala Keane (Kilconerion). Fionnuala won recognition with the Galway selectors at an early age and proceeded to win All-Ireland Minor medals in 1986 and 1987. Was centre-forward on the St. Raphaels team which won the All-Ireland Colleges senior championship in 1988.

Aideen Murphy (Davitts). This will be Aideen's fifth All-Ireland Colleges final. Along the way she has picked up one junior and three senior medals. An energetic mid-fielder, she is a valuable asset to the team.

Brigid Fahy (Mullagh). Brigid featured on the Mullagh team which won the National Feile na nGael, Division One in 1985. An accurate forward, she has collected both senior and junior All-Ireland College medals.

Emer Hardiman (Mullagh). A lovely ball player, Emer caught the eye at the Feile Finals in Wexford and Clare. She captained Mullagh to win in 1986 and lead St. Raphaels to victory in the 1988 All-Ireland Colleges Junior final. She holds 2 All-Ireland Colleges senior medals.

Alice Murphy (Mullagh). Another member of the great Mullagh teams which won Feile na nGael, Division One in 1985 and 1986. She played in the 1987 All-Ireland Colleges junior final and picked up an All-Ireland Colleges senior medal in 1988.

Imelda Hobbins (Mullagh). Voted Junior Player of the Year for her performances with Galway in 1988. Top scorer in the All-Ireland Junior final against Limerick. A Senior interprovincial with Connacht, Imelda is seeking her fifth colleges senior medal today. St. Raphaels captain in 1988, she also holds a Colleges Junior and an All-Ireland Minor medal.

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All Ireland Colleges Sevens



Eve Watson, captain St. Mary's, Charleville with Corn Una.

The Colleges Council introduced the All-Ireland Colleges Sevens in 1987 to commemorate their former colleague, the late Agnes Purcell. Born in Ballingarry, Co. Limerick, Agnes gave a lifetime of devoted service to Cumann Camogaiachta na nGael.

While a student at U.C.D. she won an all-Ireland medal with Dublin. She married well-known G.A.A. journalist and historian, Padriag Puirseal. Their home in Harold's Cross was an open house to camogie folk.

Agnes used her many talents in a variety of ways. For several decades, she put pen to paper to keep camogie before the public. She had a particular interest in students. A pillar of the U.C.D. Camogie Club, she was instrumental in the setting up of Leinster Colleges Council in 1960 and the C.C.I.A.

She never spared herself in advancing the cause of the sport she loved. In 1976, she was deservedly honoured with the highest post in camogie, Uachtaran. Agnes loved to see young players enjoying the game. She would have been delighted to watch teams from the four provinces enjoy themselves in the Sevens at Belfield.

While the weather was not kind to us, there is no doubt that the teams which participated in 1987 and 1988 thoroughly relished the occasion. St. Mary's, Charleville were quick to recognise the adjustments necessary to play the seven side game. The North Cork School won Corn Una in 1987 with some great individual performances and retained it in 1988 with Claire O'Callaghan in a starring role. St. Raphaels, Loughrea were their opponents in both finals.



JUNIOR TEAM - ST. PATRICK'S MAGHERA, 1989
BACK ROW: (L to R) Fr. R. Devine (Principal), Seamus McAleenan (Coach), Brieghe McNally, Margaret McAtamney, Paula Scullin, Marie Mullin, Bernadette Friel, Donna McEldowney, Geraldine Haughey, Collette Conway, Helen Mone, Michelle McNulty, Majella Loughran, Mr. Patrick G. McAleavey (Principal).
FRONT ROW: (L to R) Helena Murray, Brenda Hughes, Patricia Grimley, Deidre Connolly, Olive Leonard (Capt.), Donna McCusker, Colleen Conway, Catherine Brown, Bernadette McBride.



SENIOR TEAM - ST. PATRICK'S KEADY
BACK ROW: (L to R) Lily Clifford (Coach), Karen Rock, Patricia McAvey, Tracy Hughes, Geraldine Haughey, Collette Conway, Helen Mone, Michelle McNulty, Majella Loughran, Mr. Patrick G. McAleavey (Principal).
FRONT ROW: (L to R) Helena Murray, Brenda Hughes, Patricia Grimley, Deidre Connolly, Olive Leonard (Capt.), Donna McCusker, Colleen Conway, Catherine Brown, Bernadette McBride.



A RECORD? FOUR ALL IRELAND COLLEGES MEDALS
Caroline Loughnane, Deidre Costello, Imelda Hobbins, Geraldine Fahy

Twenty Years A Growing

Lovers of camogie were delighted with the level of skill, flair and enthusiasm exhibited by Presentation, Kilkenny and St. Aloysius, Cork in the first All-Ireland Colleges final at Croke Park in 1969. The competition proved to be an instant success.

The number of participants had grown to sixty five in 1970 when the stylish Pres. Kilkenny side retained their title. Liz Neary, Helena O'Neill, Teresa O'Neill and Ann Phelan, players destined for greatness in the Kilkenny colours, were the stars of the team.

Anne McCone lead Sacred Heart, Newry to a historic win in 1971. Anne Rooney and Helen Lambe went on to wear the Down colours. The first Connacht winners were Presentation, Oranmore who possessed a brilliant individual player in Josie Kelly.

Over a hundred teams set out in search of the honours in 1973. Presentation, Mountmellick had their hour of glory with Geraldine Duggan (Wexford) and Marion Doyle (Limerick) capturing the limelight.

An All-Ireland Colleges Junior Championship was added in 1974. Presentation College, Athenry swept the boards and proceeded to collect three senior and three junior titles in five years. The names of Midge Poniard, Una Jordan, Ann Burke, Ann Morris and Anne Delaney are well remembered.

Scoil Mhuire, Cashel brought the first All-Ireland Colleges trophy to Munster. In 1975 an excellent junior team containing exciting players in Mary Kelly, Majella Hallinan, Regina Mulligan and Nuala Bonnar were convincing winners. The Tipperary school went on to register two senior and two junior victories.

In 1976, Clare Cronin, later to win every honour in the game in the colours of Corlough, powered St. Aloysius School to success in the senior championship. Pauline O'Connor carried the junior cup across the Shannon in 1979 to rest in Mercy, Roscommon. Four years later, Mercy, Roscommon repeated the feat.

Competition increased with the advent of the Eighties and the entry reached the 15 mark. Carmel O'Byrne, Patricia Clinton and Denise O'Leary, present-day regulars of the Dublin senior team, brought Maryfield College two junior and a senior title.

North Presentation, Cork (Martha Kearney, Sandie Fitzgibbon and Imelda Cronin), St. Patricks, Cork (Liz Dunphy, Ann Currid and Ann O'Mahony) and St. Patricks, Shannon (Lourda Fox, Caroline O'Meara and Pat Austin) kept the senior cup in Munster 1980-82.

St. John of God, Kilmore, helped by Ann Cooper, Suzanne Doyle and Adele Campbell, recorded a junior victory in 1981 and a senior win in 1983. Frances Broderick, Helen Cagney, Claire O'Callaghan and Bernie O'Brien launched St. Mary's, Charleville into the limelight and held the junior cup in 1986 and 1987.

Last and by no means least comes the most successful school in the history of the championships, St. Raphaels, Loughrea. The impressive tally of four senior and three junior titles speaks for itself. Deidre Costello, Brid Stratford, Angela Cooney, Imelda Hobbins, Anne Fahy and Triona Dolan have been the stars of the team.

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History is on the horizon for St. Raphael's camogie sides

St Raphaels of Loughrea will be attempting to break college records on Saturday by winning five titles in a row when they meet St Pats of Keady, Armagh, in the All-Ireland Colleges Camogie Final at Dunagh, Co. Fermanagh.

By any standard it is a marvellous record and the fact that they are competing in their eighth consecutive final and that the college's junior team is meeting St Pats of Maghera also in the All-Ireland final at the same venue on Saturday is an indication of the strength of the game in the school.

But then the girls are coached by no less a man than Cyril Farrell, trainer of the county hurling team, whose vast knowledge of the game is an advantage on which no other team can count. Still, no amount of coaching will succeed if the hunger to win is not present and it is a tribute to the girls that they have managed to develop the skill and sustain the hunger to have remained at the top for so long.

"We are entering the final with a confident frame of mind," said Sister Catherine, who has been with the team throughout their campaigns over the past eight years, "and we are hoping to make it the fifth in a row."

But St Pats are an unknown quantity, having qualified for the final for the first time after shocking FCJ of Bunclody, who were favourites to win the competition outright, by six points in the semi-final.

However, with six of last years' players in strategic positions on the team...right down the centre...St Raphaels are looking to experience to see them through. That backbone consists of Olive Costello at fullback, Triona Dolphin, the captain at centrehalf back, Fionnuala Keane at centrefield, Emer Hardiman at centrehalf forward and Imelda Hobbins...who scored 1-10 in last year's final against FCJ and also won the Young Camogie Player of the Year award last year...at full forward.

The one doubt surrounding the full fitness of the team concerns Eilish Kilkenny at right corner back who is recovering from injury. If Eilish is not fully fit her place will be taken by Pamela Nevin, the captain of the junior team.

The juniors, who also completed the double for St Raphaels last year, are confident that they also can overcome their northern opponents, having had a very decisive eleven points win over Cashel in the semi-final.

The senior team is: Deirdre Hardiman; Eilish Kilkenny, Olive Costello, Ann Bugner; Triona Dolphin; Aileen Murphy, Fionnuala Keane, Imelda Maher; Bridget Fahy, Emer Hardiman, Alice Murphy; Imelda Hobbins.

The Junior team is: Ann Broderick; Lisa Cannon, Deirdre Hardiman, Fiona Connaughton; Pamela Nevin (C); Niamh Glennon, Mary Maher, Olivia Broderick; Dymphna Maher, Fiona Brett, Helen Connaughton; Clare Lynch.

ST. RAPHAELS DOUBLE BID

THE scenario for the All-Ireland Colleges finals on Saturday is one of stark contrasts. Dual champions, St. Raphaels, Loughrea seek to extend their dominance of colleges camogie and pursue new records. Standing between them and their ambitions are newcomers to the scene, St. Patricks, Keady (Senior) and St. Patricks, Maghera (Junior).

St. Raphaels have won four All-Ireland senior titles in succession and three junior crowns have come their way in the past five years.

Triona Dolphin will lead the St. Raphaels senior team which contains eight survivors from last season's winning twelve. Right through the field, St. Raphaels have strength and talent. Deirdre Hardiman, Olive Costello, Imelda Maher, Emer Hardiman and Junior Player of the Year, Imelda Hobbins will cause problems for Keady.

It is eighteen years since Sacred Heart, Newry brought an All-Ireland Colleges title to Ulster. If spirit and determination have anything to do with it, Keady intend to record number two.

Based on eight members of the Armagh minor side which were runners-up to Kilkenny, this Keady team is a good one. Olive Leonard, Helena Murray, Cathy Brown, Helen Mone, Deirdre Connolly and Patricia McAvoy can rise to the occasion and make it a great final.

Like their neighbours, Maghera will be experiencing their first All-Ireland final. They have been knocking on the door in recent years. They showed in the semi-final against Callan that they have a well balanced side.

However, St. Raphaels showed against Cashel that they can defend very well and take the scoring chances which come their way.

Raphaels seek record

ST. RAPHAELS, Loughrea, are on the threshold of a remarkable record. On Saturday, their senior team challenge St. Patricks, Keady, in the final of the All-Ireland Colleges Championship. If successful, St. Raphaels will register a staggering five in a row. For good measure, their junior team play St. Patricks, Maghera, in an attempt to take the junior championship for the fourth time in six years.

The most successful school in the history of the All-Ireland Colleges Championships, St. Raphaels have the experience and tradition to claim the favourites tag. Eight of last season's winning team will take the field against Keady. Included are two girls who have reached senior inter-provincial status, Imelda Hobbins and Triona Dolphin.

Each one of the St. Raphaels players has proved herself over and over again. They are used to success. Connaught and All-Ireland medals are plentiful. Olive Costello, Imelda Maher, Emer Hardiman, Fionnuala Keane and Aileen Murphy, in addition to the two senior players, point to a St. Raphaels victory.

In sharp contrast, St. Patricks have reached their first final in their first season of senior competition. They showed scant regard for reputations when they travelled to tackle a fancied F.C.J. Bunclody outfit. Despite fielding short three regulars, their tremendous commitment won the day.

Eight of the Keady side were members of the Armagh team which was pipped by Kilkenny in the dying moments of the All-Ireland Minor final. Captained by Olive Leonard, Keady will not be overawed by the occasion. The team, which contains fine players in Helena Murray, Cathy Brown, Helen Mone, Collette Conway, Deirdre Connolly and Patricia McAvoy, possesses great spirit and determination and is planning to dethrone the champions.

Although St. Patricks, Maghera, have several Ulster titles to their credit, this will be their first All-Ireland final. They certainly have a tough assignment in St. Raphaels, who displayed excellent scoring ability in the semi-final against Cashel.

The champions start with six survivors from last season's winning side. Deirdre Hardiman, Pamela Nevin and Olivia Broderick are great juniors. But it is the St. Raphaels forward line which is likely to cause most trouble to Maghera. Dymphna Maher, Fiona Brett and Helen Connaughton are all capable of converting their chances.

In full forward Clare Lynch St. Raphaels have something special. Maghera will need to pay particular attention to this young star who can make and take scores with ease.

St. Raphaels (Senior) — D. Hardiman, O. Costello, E. Kilkenny, T. Dolphin (capt.), A. Bugler, T. Maher, F. Keane, A. Murphy, B. Fahy, E. Hardiman, A. Murphy and T. Hobbins.

St. Raphaels (Junior) — A. Broderick, D. Hardiman, F. Connaughton, P. Nevin (capt.), L. Cannon, M. Maher, O. Broderick, N. Glennon, D. Maher, F. Brett, H. Connaughton and C. Lynch.

St. Patricks, Keady — H. Mone, C. Brown, B. McBride, K. Rock, G. Haughey, O. Leonard (capt.), D. McCusker, C. Conway, P. McAvoy, H. Murray, C. Conway and D. Connolly.

St. Patricks, Maghera — M. McAtamney, B. Friel, S. McKenna, A. Dillon, T. Scullin, E. Cassidy, S. McErlan (capt.), P. Cooke, M. Doyle, M. Mullan, C. Scullin and D. Murtagh.

FIXTURES

Saturday — All-Ireland Colleges Championship finals — at Donagh, Co. Fermanagh — Junior (2.0) — St. Raphaels, Loughrea v St. Patricks, Maghera; Senior (3.15) — St. Raphaels, Loughrea v St. Patricks, Keady.

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ST. RAPHAEL'S Senior and Junior Camogie Captains Triona Dolphin and Pamela Nevin holding aloft the All-Ireland trophies after the school's great double success on Sunday last.

St. Raphael's maintain their monopoly on schools camogie

THE most successful school in the history of camogie - St. Raphael's College made the long journey to Fermanagh a very rewarding one when they notched up their fifth All-Ireland senior title in a row and completed the double by taking the junior title as well for the second year in succession.

St. Raphael's.....5-0
St. Patrick's Maghera.....0-1
A four goal blitz by Clare Lynch (3), and Dymphna Maher 1-0 put the issue beyond doubt in this junior final early in the first half. But to their credit Maghera

never gave up and as a result the level of excitement was high right up to the final whistle.

That the opposition scored only one point was due mainly to the skill and tenacity of the St. Raphael's girls. Their ability to control and carry the ball on a heavy pitch - to close down the opponent in possession and above all to capitalise on the mistakes of the opposition showed them to be a team of rare talent.

Add to these gifts the individual skill of captain Pamela Nevin, the tireless running of final Brett, the wizardry of Clare Lynch in front of goal and the utter dependability of Deirdre Hardiman at full back and you have a formidable outfit. A comprehensive win such as this was, does not come

about because of four individuals but rather because of strength in depth

Ann Broderick was always cool in goal, while Fiona Connaughton and Lisa Cannon work tirelessly in defence. Olivia Broderick did her best work in defence in the second half when her positional sense and timely deliveries were all important. In her midfield role she was ably assisted by Mary Maher and Niamh Glennon.

Helen Connaughton needed constant attention by her opponent - while the diminutive Dymphna Maher was in no way overawed by stronger opponents and give an all action display. Final Stratford showed the strength of the panel when she replaced the injured Mary Maher.

But the confident Deirdre Hardiman was ever vigilant in goal and with Olive Costello commanding the area in front of her scores were not easy to get. Triona Dolphin once again gave a commanding performance at centre back and was ably assisted by Junior captain Pamela Nevin and Ann Bugler until she retired to be replaced by the tight marking Siobhan Keane.

With the backs giving little away the centre field trio of Imelda Maher, Fionnuala Keane and Aileen Murphy gave expression to their undoubted talents and kept the 'sliotar' flowing freely to their forwards. Imelda Maher showed cool opportunism in grabbing 1-1.

Emer Hardiman showed some delightful touches and her three points were gems. Brigid Fahy was always on hand to punish errors and her goals - one in each half were vital. Alice Murphy's dashing runs caused many problems to her opponents defence.

After a quiet first half Imelda Hobbins took over in front of goal in the second half and her final tally of 2-5 were all scores taken with confidence.

At the final whistle one could not be but in awe of the power of the St. Raphael's performance.

St. Raphael's (Senior Team): D. Hardiman, O. Costello, E. Kilkenny, T. Dolphin, A. Bugler, I. Maher, F. Keane, A. Murphy, B. Fahy, E. Hardiman, A. Murphy, I. Hobbins. Subs. P. Nevin, S. Keane, A. Brett, P. Connolly, I. Daly.

St. Raphael's (Junior Team): A. Broderick, D. Hardiman, F. Connaughton, P. Nevin, L. Cannon, M. Maher, O. Broderick, N. Glennon, D. Maher, F. Brett, H. Connaughton, C. Lynch. Subs: Y. Broderick, F. Stratford, E. Stevin, M. Smith.

St. Raphael's College

Loughrea.....5-9

St. Patrick's High School

Keady.....2-10

With Deirdre Hardiman changing her full backs jersey for the junior team for that of goalkeeper and Pamela Nevin changing from the pivot of the defence to the wing - the seniors did not have the dream start which the juniors had enjoyed.

Keady were first to attack and jumped into an early lead through the accuracy of Olive Leonard. But having accepted the fact that they had fight on their hands the St. Raphael's girls made light of the heavy conditions to give a performance of rare quality to register their fifth All-Ireland success in a row.

The fact that St. Raphael's led 2-3 to 0-3 at half time did not detract from the tenseness of the exchanges as the Keady girls always looked dangerous in attack and against a lesser team would certainly have survived. Keady had players of high standard especially Captain Olive Leonard and the Conway twins.

Loughrea tops

ST. RAPHAEL'S.....5-9
ST. PATRICK'S.....2-10

ST. RAPHAEL'S, Loughrea, defeated St. Patrick's, Keady, in the final of the All-Ireland Senior Colleges' Camogie Championships played at Donagh on Saturday. It was a keenly-contested and highly-competitive game despite the disparity of the scores. St. Raphael's laid the foundation for success in the opening half when they led by 2-3 to 0-3.

SCORERS - St. Raphael's - I. Hobbins (2-5), F. Kearne (1-1), E. Harding (0-3), B. Fahy and M. Murphy (1-0 each). St. Patrick's - P. McEvoy and D. Connolly (1-0 each), H. Murray (0-6), C. Conway (0-4).

CAMOGIE

ST. RAPHAEL'S, LOUGHREA.....5-9
ST. PATRICK'S, KEADY.....2-10

ST. RAPHAEL'S of Loughrea became All-Ireland senior colleges camogie champions for the 5th successive year when they defeated St. Patrick's Keady.

SCORERS - St. Raphael's - Imelda Hobbins (2-5), F. Kearne (1-1), E. Harding (0-3), B. Fahy, M. Murphy (1-0 each). St. Patrick's - P. McEvoy, D. Connolly (1-0 each), H. Murray (0-6), C. Conway (0-4).

● All-Ireland junior colleges championship final: St. Raphael's, Loughrea 5-9, St. Patrick's, Maghera, 0-1.

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DOUBLE-HEADER AT BALLINLOUGH

There will be an interesting double header on Sunday next at Ballinlough when both the Cork senior and junior camogie teams take on Dublin in their respective National Leagues. The junior game is down to start at 1.45, while the seniors go into action at 3 o'clock, so a fine evening's entertainment should be in store for all camogie enthusiasts. On the local front there are

a number of senior, intermediate and junior league games down for decision over the coming week.

The Cork senior team for Sunday's clash with Dublin shows two changes in personnel and two positional switches from the side which defeated Wexford two weeks ago. The line-out will see Marian McCarthy once again between the posts and the full back line of Liz Dunphy, Liz O'Neill and Margaret Finn, also remains unchanged. Killeagh's Cathy Landers retains her place at centre back, while the midfield positions go to Betty Joyce, Sandy Fitzgibbon and Lynda Mellerick, who moves from centre forward to midfield. Newcomer to the side is Patricia Fitzgibbon who comes in at centre forward. Patricia played a few games last year with the seniors and is now given another chance to prove herself on Sunday. Colette O'Mahony moves from centrefield to wing forward, while Karen Mellerick who was a late replacement for the unavailable Pat Lennihan last time out takes over at full forward in place of Mary Spillane.

FIXTURES

FRIDAY, APRIL 21,
Junior "A" League '89: Cloughduv v Na Piarasaigh at Cloughduv at 7 p.m. (Referee: Eire Og).
JUNIOR "B" LEAGUE '89: Ballinora v Courcy Rovers at Ballinora at 7 p.m. (Ballinacollig).
Inniscarra v Aghabullogue at Aghabullogue at 7 p.m. (Cloughduv).
Newcestown v Barryroe at Barryroe at 7 p.m. (Valley Rovers).
Sarsfields v Midleton at Midleton at 7 p.m. (Cloyne).
St Fanahans v Fermoy at Fermoy at 7 p.m. (St. Catherines).

SATURDAY, APRIL 22,
Senior League '88: Eire Og v Na Piarasaigh at Ovens at 7 p.m. (St. Finbarrs).
Intermediate League '89: Bishopstown v Brian Dillon at Bishopstown at 7 p.m. (Ballinora).
Junior "B" League '89: Kilbrittain v Ballinhassig at

Kilbrittain at 7 p.m. (Courcy Rovers).

SUNDAY, APRIL 23,

National Senior League: Cork v Dublin at Ballinlough at 3.00.
National Junior League: Cork v Dublin at Ballinlough at 1.45.

MONDAY, APRIL 24,

JUNIOR "A" LEAGUE '89: Watergrasshill v St. Catherines at Watergrasshill at 7 p.m. (Fr. O'Neills).
Douglas v Cloyne at Douglas at 7 p.m. (St. Finbarrs).

JUNIOR "B" LEAGUE '89

Midleton v Delany's at Delany's at 7 p.m. (Na Piarasaigh).
Courcy Rovers v Barryroe at Courcy Rovers at 7 p.m. (Ballinhassig).
Ballinure (1) v Youghal at Youghal at 7.15 (Killeagh).

TUESDAY, APRIL 25,

JUNIOR "B" LEAGUE '89

Ballinure (2) v Blackrock at Ballinure at 7 p.m. (Delany's).
Newcestown v Grenagh at Grenagh at 7 p.m. (Inniscarra).

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26,

SENIOR LEAGUE '88

Glen Rovers v Killeagh at 7 p.m. (O'Neills).
Eire Og v St. Finbarr at St. Finbarr at 7 p.m. (Sarsfields).
Intermediate League: Bishopstown v Aghabullogue at Bishopstown at 7 p.m. (Ballinora).

THURSDAY, APRIL 27,

Senior League '88: Fr. O'Neills v Na Piarasaigh at Na Piarasaigh at 7.15 (Glen Rovers).

JUNIOR "B" LEAGUE '89

Newcestown v Courcy Rovers at Newcestown at 7 p.m. (Kilbrittain).
Ballinhassig v Ballinora at Ballinhassig at 7 p.m. (Valley Rovers).
Sarsfields v Ballinure (1) at Ballinure at 7 p.m. (Delany's).
Junior "A" League '89: St. Catherines v Cloyne at St. Catherines at 7 p.m. (Fermoy).

CAMOGIE — Senior N.L. — Cork 3-10, Dublin 2-7; Kilkenny 1-0, Wexford 0-2. N.J.L. — Cork 2-6, Dublin 2-6; Offaly 6-3, Sligo 2-2; Armagh 2-5, Kilkenny 2-4. Leinster Colleges I.C. replay — Dominican Wicklow 7-4, St. Joseph's Perbane 0-0. Dublin S.L.C. — Kilmacud Crokes 1-4, UCD 0-0.

Cork girls collect

Cork 3-10, Dublin 2-7

CORK proved too good for Dublin in an entertaining Senior Camogie League tie at Ballinlough yesterday. The home side played against the wind in the opening half but still managed to turn over leading by three points at the interval, 2-5 to 1-5, thanks to two excellent goals from Ger McCarthy.

Cork started the second period in determined fashion and within two minutes had stretched their lead with

a point from Colette O'Mahony. Although this was cancelled out by Adele Campbell after eight minutes, Cork came down the field almost immediately to notch their third goal, and they were never really troubled afterwards.

Cork's Sandy Fitzgibbon was the outstanding player on view, and she got great support from Liz Dunphy and Liz O'Neill in defence, while Colette O'Mahony and Ger McCarthy were the pick of the forwards.

For Dublin, Mairead Cronin and Germaine Noonan played well in defence while Denise O'Leary caught the eye at centrefield and Adele Campbell and Una Crowley tried hard in attack.

Scorers, Cork: G. McCarthy 3-2, B. Joyce 0-3 (free), L. Mellerick 0-2, C. O'Mahony 0-2, K. Mellerick 0-1.
Dublin: M. Connell 1-2, U.C. Rowley 1-1, A. Campbell 0-2, D. O'Leary 0-1, J. Murphy 0-1 (free).

CORK: M. McCarthy; L. Dunphy; L. O'Neill, C. Landers, M. Finn; S. Fitzgibbon, L. Mellerick, B. Joyce; C. O'Mahony, P. Fitzgibbon, G. McCarthy; K. Mellerick. Subs: B. Walsh for P. Fitzgibbon, M. Ring for K. Mellerick.

DUBLIN: T. O'Byrne; M. Cronin; P. Clinton, C. Walsh, G. Noonan; J. Murphy, A. Cooper, D. O'Leary; M. Connell, A. Campbell, U. Crowley; L. Lynch. Subs: M. Donnelly for A. Cooper; C. Grey for J. Murphy.

Referee: B. Stokes (Limerick).

Cork 2-6, Dublin 2-6. THE Junior League tie played before the senior game finished all-square after a most exciting contest.

Cork had the better of the first half, when playing with the wind, and turned over leading by 2-2 to 1-3. They held their advantage until ten minutes from time, when Dublin went ahead with a goal from their outstanding player, Ger Dunne. But Cork were not to be denied and Irene O'Keeffe put grabbed the

equaliser two minutes from time.

Scorers, Cork: R. Desmond 1-1, L. O'Keeffe 1-1, M. Currid 0-2 ('30, free), J. P. Kent 0-1, P. Carey 0-1 (free).

Dublin: G. Dunne 1-4 (0-2 '30, 0-2 frees), C. Grey 1-0, E. Mullin 0-1, V. Trehy 0-1 (free).

CORK: M. O'Brien; E. Healy; U. O'Connor, D. Cronin, E. Buckley; A. Murphy, T. O'Callaghan, M. Currid; L. O'Keeffe, P. Carey, E. Ryan; R. Desmond. Subs: D. Deane for U. O'Connor; J. P. Kent for E. Ryan.

DUBLIN: L. Curry; C. Murphy; J. Shields, T. Walsh, P. Murphy; E. Mullin, V. Trehy, G. O'Connor; G. Dunne, C. Grey, O. Connolly; J. Courtney. Subs: A. Redmond for J. Courtney, A. McGovern for O. Connolly.

Referee: H. Fitzgerald (Limerick).

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IT'S CORK V. KILKENNY

In a repeat of last year's All-Ireland Championship final Cork and Kilkenny clash once again in a National League game at Mooncoin, Co. Kilkenny, on Sunday next. On the local front pick of the games should be the replay of the Under-16 League semi-final between Glen Rovers and Aghabullogue tonight while the remainder of the week will see a number of Senior, Intermediate and Junior League games decided.

On Sunday next the Cork senior team make the journey to Kilkenny to play the home county in the final game of their League section. Cork have already defeated Wexford and Dublin and irrespective of Sunday's result should qualify for the final stages of the League but no doubt they will be very anxious to do well in this game. In their last outing against Dublin on Sunday last Cork were anything but impressive, particularly in attack, where no doubt the selectors have a lot of problems to solve.

The team for next Sunday's game will not be picked until Sunday morning but it is expected to be similar to last Sunday's side and should see Marian McCarthy once again commanding the number one position. The full-back line of Liz Dunphy, Liz O'Neill and Margaret

Finn all played well last Sunday and should retain their positions, while Killeagh's Cathy Landers should be in her usual position at centre-back. Sandy Fitzgibbon, by far the best player on view last Sunday, will undoubtedly be at mid-field and she will probably be partnered by Lynda Mellerick and Betty Joyce. The forward line is certain to include Ger McCarthy and Colette O'Mahony while the two remaining positions will be chosen from Karen Mellerick, Mary Spillane, Irene O'Leary and Patricia Fitzgibbon.

Kilkenny surprisingly only drew with Wexford in their first game of the season last Sunday. They are presently fielding without the services of star corner-forward Angela Downey who is currently under suspension and she is no doubt a huge loss to them but they will have regulars Bidy O'Sullivan, Bridie McGarry, Claire Jones, Ann Downey and Breda Holmes.

In the Under-16 League semi-final Glen Rovers and Aghabullogue meet for the second time to decide who goes forward to meet Bishopstown in the final. The drawn game was an exciting affair and very evenly contested but this time the Mid Cork side are at home which could

prove an advantage. They have fine performers in the Buckley sisters Sinead and Sheila, Fionnuala Tyrell and Mary Kelleher and if these girls play to form the city side could find themselves in trouble despite the efforts of Catherine Monaghan, Patricia Murphy, Mandy Kennefick and Orla Murphy.

FIXTURES

Tonight

Under-16 League semi-final '88: Glen Rovers v Aghabullogue at Aghabullogue at 7.15 (referee Rose Desmond).
Junior 'A' League '89: Cloughduv v Bishopstown at Cloughduv at 7 p.m. (Newcestown).

Tomorrow

Senior League '88: Glen Rovers v Blackrock at Glen Rovers at 7.15 (Na Piar-saigh).
Junior 'B' League '89: Youghal v Midleton at Youghal at 7.15 (Fr. O'Neills).
Fermoy v Delany's at Fermoy at 7.15 (St. Catherine's).

Sunday, April 30

National Senior League: Cork v Kilkenny at Mooncoin at 2.30.
Junior 'B' League '89: Ballinure (2) v St. Fannahans at St. Fannahans at 3 p.m. (Fermoy); Barryroe v Grenagh at Barryroe at 3 p.m. (Courcy Rovers); Ballinora v Kilbrittain at Ballinora at 12 noon (Cloughduv); Ballinhassig v Courcy Rovers at Courcy

Rovers at 12 noon (Ballygarvan).
Junior 'A' League '89: Castlemagner v Cloyne at Cloyne at 3.30 (Killeagh); St. Catherine's v Douglas at St. Catherine's at 3.30 (Sarsfields).

Monday, May 1

Junior 'A' League '89: Cloughduv v Eire Og at Cloughduv at 7.15 (Aghabullogue).

Tuesday, May 2

Senior League '88: Na Piar-saigh v Glen Rovers at Glen Rovers at 7.15 (Eleanor Hackett).
Intermediate League '89: Ballinora v Blackrock at Ballinora at 7.15 (Aghabullogue).

Wednesday, May 3

Senior League '88: Killeagh v St. Finbarrs at Killeagh at 7.15 (Fr. O'Neills).
Junior 'B' League '89: Ballinure 1 v Midleton at Ballinure at 7.15 (Blackrock); Delany's v Youghal at Delany's at 7.15 (Glen Rovers); St. Fannahans v Sarsfields at Sarsfields at 7.15 (Brian Dillons); Grenagh v Courcy Rovers at Grenagh at 7.15 (Inniscarra); Barryroe v Kilbrittain at Kilbrittain at 7.15 (Newcestown).
Senior League '88: Eire Og v Sarsfields at Ovens at 7.15 (Deirdre O'Shea).

Thursday, May 4

Junior 'B' League '89: Newcestown v Ballinhassig at Newcestown at 7.15 (Kilbrittain); Fermoy v Blackrock at Blackrock at 7.15 (Ballinure).
Junior 'A' League '89: Na Piar-saigh v Castlemagner at Na Piar-saigh at 7.15 (Grenagh); Cloughduv v Cloyne at Cloyne (Toss) at 7.15 (Midleton).

CAMOGIE

National S.L. — Dublin, 3-3; Wexford, 3-1; Cork, 3-8; Kilkenny, 3-1.
National J.L. — Dublin, 8-0; Wexford, 0.
U-16 Leinster Championship — Wicklow, 3-1; Lotts, 3-0.
All-Ireland Colleges 7-A-Side — St. Raphael's, Loughrea, 6-10; St. Patrick's, Keady, 1-5.
Dublin S.B.C. Semi-final — An Caislean, 4-4; Erin's Isle, 2-3. Intermediate "A" L. — Curran Uí Chorrail, 3-3; Whitehall Concoile, 0-2. J.A.C. — Naomh Mair, 2-5; Na Fianna, 1-2.

Cork too good for Kilkenny

Cork 3-8, Kilkenny 3-1

IN a repeat of last year's All Ireland camogie final, Cork turned the tables on a depleted Kilkenny side in a League tie at Mooncoin, Co. Kilkenny yesterday.

Kilkenny started strongly and were quickly a goal up. With the advantage of the breeze they were four points ahead (3-0 to 1-2) nearing half-time. But suddenly Cork stormed back for a goal and three points to give them a 2-5 to 3-0 interval lead.

Cork had a dream opening to the second-half when they went another goal up in a matter of seconds.

Overall Cork were a fitter, faster and stronger team who richly deserved their victory.

Kilkenny's three goals came from frees by Ann Downey with the point coming from Jo Dunne.



St. Mary's Secondary School, Macroom, camogie team, winners of Munster seven-a-side competition.

MRS. BELLE O'LOUGHLIN — A PROFILE

In 1988 Belle O'Loughlin refereed her second All-Ireland Senior Camogie Final. In this short article her illustrious camogie career is profiled.



Belle, a native of Newry, one of the Bannan clan from Home Avenue. Member of a great sporting and gaelic family. Her two brothers played (Jim and John) with Newry Mitchels.

A past pupil of Sacred Heart Grammar School, Newry the nursery of Camogie, Belle won many tennis titles there and is still a keen tennis player.

Belle was associated with St. Brigid's Club in Newry and many a good story was told when she along with Bernie McDonald and others travelled to County Board meetings in Killyleagh, Downpatrick and Tyconnett, returning home in the wee hours.

In 1967 Belle was involved in the South Down Committee when Ritchie Crinion was Chairman. Nan Sands and Mary Crennan were also involved. She appeared in Gaels for Down in the Maguire Cup game at Newry against Derry on 11th June, 1967. She played as full forward on the County Junior team in the Ulster Final against Fermanagh in that year of glory but was unavailable for the rest of the series when Down won the All-Ireland Junior title.

Her Years as an Administrator:

County Treasurer — 1969-'72

County Chairman — 1973-'74, 1978-'79, 1987-'88

Vice Chairman — 1986

Ulster Honours:

Ulster Delegate — 1978-'79

Ulster Chairman — 1982-'84

Vice Chairman — 1985-'87

Assistant Treasurer — 1985-'87

Ulster Treasurer — 1988

She has won many other honours. Referee of All-Ireland Junior Final, 1981. All-Ireland Senior Finals 1982 and 1988.

Belle is now with the Betty's Gray Club, Warrenpoint founded in 1925. She has been Secretary of the St. Peter's G.A.A. Club for many years. And as it is their Centenary Year it is fitting that Arthur and herself are celebrating their Silver Jubilee of their marriage in this Centenary Year. Belle is a sportswoman supreme. She was Chairman of the Newry & Mourne Sports Advisory Council and has distinguished herself at the annual sports awards.

She has been the Ulster Council representative on the All-Ireland fixture committee and have kept her province to the forefront in all aspects of the Camogie Association. There is an old saying "If you want anything done, ask a busy person". No doubt, Belle has been busy about many things and aspects of sport. But I am certain Camogie is still her first love.