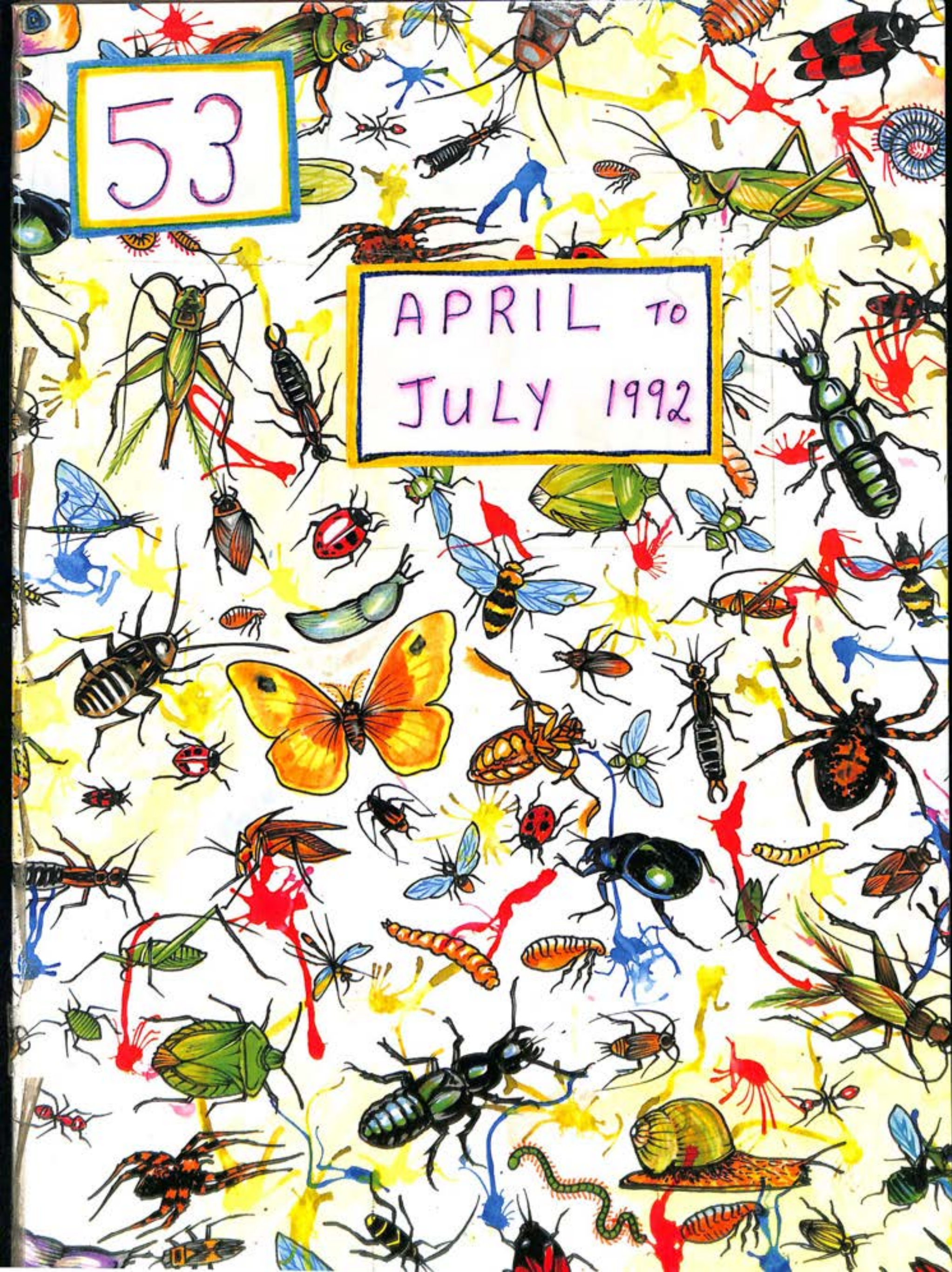


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**Cluichí Ceannais na gColáistí
sa Chamógaíocht**



Tulach Mhór
4ú Aibreán 1992
Sóisear: 2.00 p.m.
Sinsear: 3.15 p.m.

Máire Ní Mhóráin

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CLÁR AN LAE

SÓISEAR

2.00 p.m.

ST. MARY'S MAGHERAFELT

(Clochar Naomh Muire, Machaire Fiolta)

v.

ST. MARY'S, NENAGH

(Scoil Mhuire, An tAonach)

Réiteoir: Colette Ní Chinnéide, An Ghaillimh

SINSEAR

3.15 p.m.

ST. RAPHAEL'S, LOUGHREA

(Scoil San Rafael, Baile Locha Riach)

v.

ST. BRIGID'S CALLAN

(Coláiste Bhríde, Callainn)

Réiteoir: Cáit Mhic Níochlais, An Clár

SENIOR COLÁISTE BHRÍDE. CALLAINN

ST. BRIGID'S, Callan

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Treacy Millea
- (3) Máire Áine de Cléir
Marie-Ann Cleere
- (4) Máire Ní Bhraonáin
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- (5) Cáit Ní Eochaigh
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- (7) Máire Ní Mheachair
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- (8) Ethel Áine Ní Mhaoldhomhnaigh
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- (9) Sinéad Ní Mhaolaotha
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- (10) Máiréad Ní Chomartúin
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Janet Sweeney
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Brenda Ní Mheachair
Brenda Maher

Ionadaithe:

- 13 Eleanor Ní Bhreathneach, (Eleanor Walsh)
- 14 Aingeal Ní Chearrbhaill (Angela O'Carroll)
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- 15 Aoibhlinn Ní Dhonnchadha, (Aoibhlinn Dunphy)
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- 17 Pronsias Ní Uallacháin, (Frances Holohan)
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ST. RAPHAEL'S, Loughrea

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Mareth Fahy
- (2)
Deirdre Nic Airgeadáin
Deirdre Hardiman
- (3) Denise Ní Naodhain
Denise Nevin
- (4) Pamela Ní Naodain (Capt)
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- (5) Máire Ní Mheachair
Mary Maher
- (6) Damhnait Ní Mheachair
Dympna Maher
- (7) Olivia Ní Bhruadair
Olivia Broderick
- (8) Lisa Ní Chanáin
Lisa Cannon
- (9) Niamh Ní Ghlionáin
Niahm Glennon
- (10) Áine Ní Bhruadair
Anne Broderick
- (11) Áine Ní Airgeadáin
Anne Hardiman
- (12)
Clár Ní Loingsigh
Clair Lynch

Ionadaithe:

- 13 Yvonne Ní Bhruadair, (Yvonne Broderick)
- 14 Maire Ní Ghairbheith, (Maura Garvey)
- 15 Edel Ní Shléiblin, (Edel Slevin)
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St. Raphael's Loughrea



St. Brigid's, Callan

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Aine Comerford (Ballycallan). Has won Leinster senior and junior colleges; U14 Leinster and a Senior Club Championship medals.

Mary Brennan (Lisdowney). A versatile defender. Mary holds an All-Ireland Colleges Junior, Leinster Colleges senior, All-Ireland Minor, 2 Leinster minor and an U14 Leinster medals.

Marie-Anne Cleere (Tulloran). Holds Leinster Colleges senior and junior medals and numerous under-age awards.

Tracy Millea (Capt.) (Ballycallan). A very experienced and accomplished player who can perform well in defence or at centre field. Holds All-Ireland senior and minor (2) medals, Leinster minor and U14, Kilkenny senior championship and Leinster Colleges junior medals.

Catherine Kehoe (Ballycallan). Holder of All-Ireland Minor, Leinster senior and junior Colleges and a Kilkenny senior championship medals.

Olive O'Sullivan (Ballycallan). A fast, reliable player, Olive has All-Ireland Colleges Junior, Leinster Colleges senior and junior and a Kilkenny senior championship medals.

Ethel-Anne Moloney (Ballyhale). Has All-Ireland Colleges junior, 2 Leinster Colleges junior and 1 Leinster Colleges senior medals.

Marie Maher (Tullaroan). A strong and skilful player. Has won 2 Leinster U14, All-Ireland Minor, All-Ireland Colleges Junior, Leinster Colleges senior and junior titles.

Sinead Millea. A fast and extremely skilful forward who has won honours at all levels including All-Ireland Senior, 3 All-Ireland Minor, Kilkenny senior championship with Ballycallan, All-Ireland Colleges Junior and 2 Leinster Colleges Junior medals. Honoured with Supreme Award 1991 Hotel Kilkenny/Kilkenny People.

Margaret Comerford Ballycallan. A player with lots of ability. Holds All-Ireland Minor, All-Ireland Colleges junior, 2 Leinster Colleges junior, Leinster U14 and Kilkenny senior championship medals.

Janet Sweeney (Tullaroan). A versatile player who can play equally well in attack or defence. Has won All-Ireland Minor, 2 Leinster Minor, 3 Leinster U14, All-Ireland Colleges Junior and 2 Leinster Colleges Junior medals.

Brenda Maher (Tullaroan). A very nippy full-forward. Holds All-Ireland Colleges Junior, 2 Leinster Colleges Junior and many under-age medals.

Eleanor Walsh (Ballyhale). A newcomer to the senior panel this year. Eleanor holds All-Ireland Colleges Junior and Leinster Colleges Junior medals.

Angela O'Carroll (Lisdowney). A tenacious and reliable young player who joined the senior panel this season. Has won several under-age medals with her club.

Nikki Rice (Ballymurphy). The only non-Kilkenny player on the panel. She hails from Carlow. Nikki has All-Ireland Colleges Junior and 2 Leinster Colleges Junior medals.

Aoibhlinn Dunphy (Thomastown). Has won All-Ireland Colleges Junior and Leinster Colleges Junior Medals.

Frances Holohan (Ballyhale). Winner of All-Ireland College Junior and 2 Leinster Colleges Junior medals.

Caroline Champion (Tullaroan). Caroline has an All-Ireland Colleges Junior, 2 Leinster Colleges Junior and many under-age medals.

Pen Pictures: St. RAPHAEL'S, Loughrea

Mareth Fahy (Davitts). Playing in her favourite position today but she is a multitasking player. She has won an All-Ireland 7-a-side, U16 Pan Celtic and a Senior colleges medal.

Deirdre Hardiman (Mullagh). A great defender and goal keeper. She has won one Féile, Pan Celtic and an All-Ireland Senior Club Championship '91 along with 2 Junior and 3 Senior Colleges and 2 All-Ireland 7-a-side.

Denise Nevin (Cappataggle). A sister of Pamela. A newcomer to the team but a strong defender she holds a Junior & Senior Connaught medal.

Pamela Nevin (Mullagh Capt.). A great all rounder in camogie and music with a keen interest in local bands. She has won Féile, Pan Celtic an All-Ireland Club championship and 3 Senior and 2 Junior as well as an All-Ireland 7-a-side. Pam is a sister of Denise.

Mary Maher (Davitts). Sister of Dymphna. A great player with lots of cheering male fans. She has won 1 Junior & 2 Senior colleges All-Ireland and an U16 Pan Celtic.

Lisa Cannon (Sarsfields). She has won 2 Junior colleges. All-Ireland and is making her comeback this year. She is a solid defender and strong mid-fielder.

Olivia Broderick (Davitts). A sister of Yvonne. She has won 2 Junior & 3 Senior's. 2 7-a-side and 1 U16 pan Celtic. Olivia likes to stroll now and again along the 'Fahy Gardens'.

Dymphna Maher (Davitts). Sister of Mary a very fast and lively player she holds 1 Junior All-Ireland, 2 7's Pan Celtic, 1 Senior All-Ireland Colleges. She is fond of carrots!

Anne Hardiman (Mullagh). A fine young player and cheerie capt of this year's Junior. Defeated in the Connaught final a big hit with the young lads. She holds a 7-a-side All-Ireland Colleges.

Anne Broderick (Davitts). A goal keeper, a defender making her breakthrough in forwards this year. 1 Junior, 3 Senior, 2 7-a-side All-Ireland Colleges and 1 Pan Celtic. Anne has a passion for waltzing.

Niamh Glennon (Mullagh). She holds 1 Junior, 7 Féile na nGael making her comeback this year. A strong forward.

Claire Lynch (Davitts). 2 Junior All-Ireland Colleges, 3 Senior, 2 7-a-side and Pan Celtic. Claire gets a lot of her tips from watching the hurlers. Another lively stepper.

Yvonne Broderick (Davitts). Olivia's Sister. A solid defender and good marker. She holds 1 Junior All-Ireland and Pan Celtic.

Cathy Crowe (Craughwell). A good forward who works well also at centerfield. She has won an All-Ireland 7-a-side '91.

Edel Slevin (Kilconerion). 7-a-side Connaught Junior. A good all rounder on the field with defensive qualities.

Maura Garvey (Mullagh). Anne's Sister, a good player with lots of skill. She is always ready with plasters in case of emergency. She has 2 Junior and 3 Senior All-Ireland.

Anne Garvey (Mullagh). Maura's Sister. Anne is a new comer to the team, A young player that keeps the fans happy.

Helen Connaughton (Mullagh). 1 Junior All-Ireland, a lively forward well capable of taking her own scores. Another reliable first aider.

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TODAY'S FINALISTS

St. Mary's, Nenagh return to Tullamore to defend the All-Ireland Colleges Junior title which they won for the first time last season.

Camogie was introduced to St. Mary's fifteen years ago. Under the guidance of Joe Doran and Ger Dullea, the School captured their first Munster title in 1981 when they proved successful in the Intermediate B Grade. St. Mary's progressed to take their first Munster Colleges Championship title in 1991.

The School has produced many fine exponents of the game including Mary O'Brien, Anne Gleeson, Clare Madden, Orla Hogan and Ciara Burns. The present teams contain some fine young players who will keep up the tradition.

St. Brigid's, Callan adopted camogie as the main competitive sport in the School since its foundation in 1949. In the interim, the School has experienced highs and lows on the playing fields.

St. Brigid's contested the All-Ireland Colleges Senior final in 1975 but lost out to Presentation, Athenry in extra time. 1990 proved to be a most successful year when the School won the All-Ireland Colleges Junior Championship. Many players who played in that final will be in action again today.

St. Brigid's has contributed greatly to Kilkenny's success over the years. Among its past pupils are Ann Carroll, Olive O'Neill, Ann and Angela Downey, Breda Holmes, Deirdre Malone and Breda Cahill. The Millea sisters, Sinead and Tracy, who will feature in this afternoon's final, have already won All-Ireland Senior medals with Kilkenny.

St. Mary's Grammer Sch., Magherafelt affiliated to Ulster Schools Camogie League in 1968. They contested numerous senior and junior Ulster finals from 1970 onwards but, unfortunately, were always on the losing end.

The present squad have been the first School team to win an Ulster title. In 1989, they won a First Year title. They added the Under 14 title in 1991 and this year they were successful in the Ulster Junior Championship.

St. Raphael's Loughrea are the most successful school in the history of the All-Ireland Colleges Championship. Since 1984, they have won four junior and seven All-Ireland titles.

In that period they produced many excellent players including Deirdre Costello, Brid Stratford, Imelda Hobbins, Triona Dolphin, Emer Hardiman and Imelda Maher. A number of today's team are destined to follow in their footsteps.

Great work has been put into teaching the game by Cyril Farrell. The School's record reflects his outstanding ability to bring players to such a high standard season after season.

Today's, St. Raphael's attempt to stretch their phenomenal record in the senior championship to eight consecutive victories.

St Raphael's go for eighth title

O'CONNOR PARK, Tullamore is the venue for the All-Ireland Colleges Camogie final tomorrow (3.15pm), where St Raphael's, Loughrea will be seeking their eighth consecutive All-Ireland title in the championship.

Coached by Sara Farrell, St Raphael's have excellent players in Deirdre Hardiman, Pamela Nevin, Olivia Broderick, Clare Lynch. Their opponents, St Brigid's players include Sinead and Treacy Millea both All-Ireland senior medal holders with Kilkenny, Marie Maher, Margaret Comerford and Janette Sweeney.

St. Mary's, Nenagh are defending the All-Ireland Colleges junior title (2.00pm) which they won for the first time last season.

St Mary's, Magherafelt, who are contesting an All-Ireland colleges final for the first time, have top class performers in Roisin Pickering, Janette McCann, Clare Brown, Fiona Kennedy, Cathy McDonnell.

AT Camogie Congress held in Monaghan last weekend, the following officers were elected: Uachtarán: Bridín Uí Mhaolagáin, Dublin; Cisteoir: Seosaimh Ní Ualláir, Cill Charraigh; PRO: PS O'Fulham, Iarmhí.

FOCAL ÓN UACHTARÁN



Tá an áthas orm fáilte a chur roimh gach éinne to Páirc na Tuláí Móire arís imbliana.

Is oicáid speisialta dúinn go léir i agus táim ag súil le cluichí iontacha ós na ceithre foirne.

The Colleges Finals mark a special day on the camogie calendar. The games are always played in a wonderful sporting manner and the splendid level of skill and fitness is a tribute to the teachers who give so unselfishly of their time in organising and training the teams during the busy school year.

St. Raphael's, Loughrea are hoping to extend their marvellous winning streak in the senior competition. Last year they defeated Vocational School, Thomastown when winning their seventh senior title in a row and this year they are challenged by another Kilkenny side - St. Brigid's Callan. Callan were very impressive when winning the junior final two years ago and though this is their first senior final for many seasons they have some very experienced players on their side.

We are delighted to welcome St. Mary's Magherafelt to their first All-Ireland Colleges final. They meet St. Mary's, Nenagh who played some lovely camogie when winning their first junior championship last year. We look forward to two great games.

To those of us interested in fostering the game of camogie, it is heartening to see each of the four provinces represented here today.

Guíim gach ráth ar na himreoirí uile atá ar pháirc na himeartha inniu agus oraibh go léir.

SÍLE UÍ MHUIREAGÁIN

UACHTARÁN

CAMOGIE

ALL IRELAND COLLEGES FINALS

Tullamore — Senior: St Raphael's 7-7 (C. Lynch 4-5; A. Hardiman 3-0; A. Broderick 0-2); St Brigid's 2-4 (M. Comerford 1-2; E. A. Moloney 1-1; S. Millea 0-1). Junior: St Mary's Nenagh 2-5 (C. Burns 1-2; M. Hayes 1-0; M. Ryan 0-3); St Mary's Magherafelt 2-5 (K. McDonnell 1-5; R. Pickering 1-0).

If Brigid's truly believe, they can do it

A KILKENNY SCHOOL will be bidding to create sporting history this week-end, but to do so they will have to overcome kingpins of the code.

Kilkenny's and Leinster's best, St. Brigid's college, Callan, will be chasing their first title when they take on mighty St. Raphael's (Loughrea) in the All-Ireland colleges senior camogie final in Tullamore on Saturday.

The Connacht champions have made their own of this championship in recent years, and will be aiming to register a fabulous eight win on the trot. "It has been the case that we have played a lot better outside Connaught than inside in recent years, so we are hoping for the same this time", admitted St. Raphael's coach-trainer, Cyril Farrell, the man who master-minded the Galway hurling renaissance during the eighties when they won two senior All-Irelands.

"We know we are up against it, but equally, the girls know they are on the verge of achieving something great, and they are ready to give it all in pursuit of victory", assured St. Brigid's coach, Angela Fitzgerald, who was part of the backroom team when the Callan outfit won their first junior camogie All-Ireland two years ago.

On the way to that junior victory, Brigid's beat St. Raphael's in the semi-final, a point that wasn't lost on Mr. Farrell. As ever, he played down the chances of his side, and suggested that after seven wins they were "nearing the end of the good crop of players".

Flying fit

No matter what way anyone looks at it, the achievements of Raphael's have been magnificent. The school only has in the region of 400 pupils, with the boys/girls numbers split roughly 50-50. The camogie run of victories coincided with the arrival of Mr. Farrell, and, and anyone who knows the man, will tell you any outfit he sends out will be flying fit and determined in the extreme.

Brigid's can expect nothing soft. The road thus far hasn't been that easy. Now the girls find themselves on the verge of an achievement that for the majority only comes along once in a lifetime - the opportunity to win an All-Ireland at under-age level. Some might never be part of a team in a national final ever again, so this could be the principle of their sporting careers.

The Callan girls have grown in stature as the campaign has progressed, and while mindful of the fact they must pay due respect to the opposition, they should not sell themselves short. As a team, they have a nice blend.

The Millea sisters, Tracy and Sinead are the play-makers within the team. Their experience at senior All-Ireland level with Kilkenny will be invaluable. They have steered the team through many a tight situation, but when the demands were most pressing, good solid support was always forthcoming from the likes of Marie Maher, Margaret Comerford, Janet Sweeney, Mary Brennan, Ethel Anne Moloney and company.

Brigid's have been involved in this campaign since October, and in the march to the final left behind Thomastown, Kilkenny and Ballyhale vocational schools, Bunclody F.C.J., the Presentation convent, the Loreto convent after a tense Leinster final, and then Armagh college of Further Education in the All-Ireland semi-final.

"The attitude of the girls has been first class all along", Angela Fitzgerald assured and explained they often trained twice daily, during lunch hour and again after school.

Settled look

Since the Presentation game, the team has taken on a settled look, and has grown steadily in confidence.

"Luck was with us when we beat them at junior level two years ago, so we won't make too much of that", Angela Fitzgerald recalled.

St. Raphael's have seen off St. Cuan's, Woodford, Roscommon C.S. and Portumna C.S. in the provincial final. There were only three or four points between the teams in the provincial final, and the important role of free taker, Claire Lynch, was again highlighted.

The Galway minor star has an uncanny knack of grabbing scores at vital times, and has forged a deadly partnership

with fellow county players, Deirdre Hardiman, Pamela Nevin, Dymphna Maher and Olivia Broderick, who are the 'big guns' on the team.

Records show this All-Ireland championship commenced in 1969. The Presentation convent, Kilkenny, won the inaugural title, and retained it the following year. There have been no Kilkenny victories since.

St. Brigid's did contest the final of 1975 against the Presentation convent (Athlone). The Downey twins, Angela and Ann wore the Callan colours that day, but their team was beaten by 7-4 to 2-4 after extra-time. Among the stars that day were Bernadette Larkin, Kathleen Murphy, Mary Carroll and Breda Coonan.

Attitude

St. Brigid's have waited a long time for a second chance. Against opponents with a distinguished record in the championship, it won't be easy to inscribe a new name on the trophy. But with the right attitude and commitment, Callan can do it.

St. Raphael's panel: Mareth Fahy, Mary Maher, Denise Nevin, Lisa Cannon, Niamh Glenzo, Ann Hardiman, Ann Broderick, Deirdre Hardiman, Pamela Nevin, Olivia Broderick, Dymphna Maher, Claire Lynch, Eddi Slewin, Yvonne Broderick, Cathy Crowe, Maura Garvey, Ann Garvey, Helen Connaughton.

The girls going for glory

Ethel Anne Moloney (16). Height 5' 8½". Club: Shamrocks. Interests: Horses and Gaelic Games. Favourite player: Sinead Millea.

Aolbhlinn Dunphy (16). (16). 5' 4". Thomastown. Interests: Music and sports. Favourite player: Ann Downey.

Frances Holohan (16). 5' 5". Shamrocks. Interests: Sports and music. Favourite player: Ann Downey.

Caroline Campion (16). 5' 6". Tullaroan. Interests: Music and sports. Favourite player: Ann Downey.

Olive O'Sullivan (17). 5' 7½". St. Brigid's (Ballycallan). Interests: Athletics and sports. Favourite player: Deirdre Malone.

Aine Comerford (18). 5' 8". St. Brigid's (Ballycallan). Interests: Sports, public speaking and writing. Favourite player: Marina Downey.

Mary Brennan (16). 5' 5". Lisdowney. Interests: Music and sports. Favourite player: Bridie McGarry.

Tracy Millea (18). 5' 6". St. Brigid's (Ballycallan). Interests: Sports and singing. Favourite player: Sinead Millea.

Marie Maher (16). 5' 6". Tullaroan. Sports and athletics. Favourite player: Breda Holmes.

Sinead Millea (17). 5' 4". St. Brigid's (Ballycallan). Interests: Art, racquet sports. Favourite player: Downey twins.

Margaret Comerford (16). 5' 6". St. Brigid's (Ballycallan). Interests: Music and sports. Favourite player: Sinead Millea.

Catherine Kehoe (18). 5' 4". St. Brigid's (Ballycallan). Interests: horse-riding, sailing and canoeing. Favourite player: Deirdre Malone.

Janet Sweeney (16). 5' 4". Tullaroan. Sports and music. Favourite player: Breda Holmes.

Marie Anne Cleere (19). 5' 5½". Tullaroan. Art, sports, music. Favourite player: Breda Holmes.

Nikki Rice (16). 5' 4". Ballymurphy (Co. Carlow). Interests: Golf, reading, music. Favourite player: Angela Downey.

Brenda Maher (17). 5' 4". Tullaroan. Interests: Music and sports. Favourite player: Breda Holmes.

Angela O'Carroll (15). 5' 4". Lisdowney. Interests: Reading, sports, music. Favourite player: Anne Downey.

Eleanor Walsh (15). 5' 7". Shamrocks. Interests: Reading, music, sports. Favourite player: Una Murphy.

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SUPER CLAIRE LYNCH'S BRIGID'S

ST. RAPHAEL'S..... 7-7
ST. BRIGID'S..... 2-4

SPORT CAN be full of contradictions, even amazing at times, and if anyone ever doubted that, they should have been in Tullamore on Saturday for this mind-boggling All-Ireland colleges senior camogie final.

St. Brigid's college, Callan, entered the fray as outsiders against the dominant force in this grade for the past seven, now eight years, St. Raphael's (Loughrea). The challengers played well, even very well at intervals, but they ended up being soundly beaten.

One witnessed it all unfold on a bright, crisp Spring afternoon, but even bearing in mind that Raphael's were an exceptional team, the dividing margin at the finish was a total contradiction of the comparative worth of the combatants and made a mockery of the spirited efforts of the losers.

With less than 12 minutes of

this high class final remaining, the difference was seven points, and Raphael's were being forced back into a defensive mode. Margaret Comerford and Janet Sweeney were to the fore in a dogged Brigid's assault that was pounding hard in a bid to break down a packed Raphael's defence.

But just as the losers bid looked like getting up a full head of steam, Raphael's burst up the field and delivered a crucial body blow. The brilliant Claire Lynch crossed from the right, and the strong running Anne Hardiman came rushing through from midfield to drive the ball low into the

net. That effort left the difference at 4-7 to 2-3, and from there to the finish the pressure free winners were never going to be caught.

Before the finish Hardiman shot another goal, and Claire Lynch added a brace, in reply to a solitary point for Callan from Olive O'Sullivan, to give a totally false impression of how the exchanges developed.

Remarkable

Raphael's, who have now run-up 8 wins on-the-trot, which is remarkable for a school with 200 or so female pupils, had stars who made all the difference in fur goal heroine, Claire Lynch, Anne Hardiman and Dymphna Maher. The ploy was to play Lynch about 20 yards from goal, and once she got shoulder-to-shoulder in a tackle with an opponent she had the strength to win, and then the speed to carry her clear into a scoring position. She was such a lethal finisher she didn't miss with one effort for a goal.

Apart from that trio there was nothing between the teams in the area of skill, commitment or fitness. But the champions were a bit more physical in the challenge, and this helped them earn an edge in the possession stakes.

After shipping a heavy tackle in her first challenge, Sinead Millea picked herself up off the ground to shoot the winners a point in front in the 6th minute. Claire Lynch equalised, before she raced through for two goals in as many minutes. They were carbon-copy scores as she out-paced defenders before shooting past helpless 'keeper, Aine Comerford (2-1 to 0-1).

A good move in the Brigid's defence, which saw Marie Maher move to full-back, put a temporary halt to Lynch's gallop, and kept her in check until the dying stages. At the other end Sinead Millea revived Callan hopes when she rifled home a goal from 30 yards.

Raphael's enjoyed a slight edge from there to the break, at which stage they led by 3-5 to 1-2.

During the opening 11 minutes after the change of ends, the winners soaked up pressure. After an early foul on Margaret Comerford,

Sinead Millea failed to rise the free. She then knocked a ground stoke into the danger area, and after fierce defensive play, the attack ended with Tracy Millea blasting a low shot wide.

Minutes later Margaret Comerford worked hard for a good point, but its use for lost against two from the unerring Lynch (3-7 to 1-3). In the 35th minute Sinead Millea tried for a goal from a 30, but following yet another determined bout of defending, the ball was cleared after a second 30 was conceded.

Beyond redemption

Seconds later the big hearted Comerford forced her way through the winners defence and palmed a goal (3-7 to 2-3), that edged the door open for that first title for the challengers. But only seconds later Hardiman blazed through for a Raphael's goal, and afterwards, despite a wholehearted effort to the end, the match was beyond redemption for the Noreiders.

If it is any consolation to the losers, Raphael's officials suggested afterwards that this was the best final they had contested. That might be some consolation to Brigid's but particularly Comerford and Sweeney, not to mention Marie Maher, Catherine Kehoe, Mary Brennan and Tracy Millea late in the game, all of whom turned in top class performances.

Along with those already mentioned, others who starred for the winners were Olivia Broderick, Mary Maher and Anne Broderick.

● The Scorers

St. Raphael's: Claire Lynch (4-5, three points 30s, one free); Anne Hardiman (3-0); Anne Broderick (0-2). St. Brigid's: Sinead Millea (1-2, goal 30); M. Comerford (1-1); O. O'Sullivan (0-1).

● The Teams

St. Brigid's college: Aine Comerford, Tracy Millea, Mary Anne Cleere, Mary Brennan, Catherine Kehoe, Olive O'Sullivan, Marie Maher, Ethel Anne Moloney, Sinead Millea, Margaret Comerford, Janet Sweeney, Brendan Maher. Sub: Eleanor Walsh for Moloney (injured).

St. Raphael's: M. Fahy, D. Nevin, P. Nevin, M. Maher, D. Maher, O. Broderick, L. Cannon, N. Glennon, A. Broderick, A. Hardiman, C. Lynch.

Referee: C. McNicholas (Clare).



Pamela Nevin, Captain of the St. Raphael's Senior Camogie team with the All-Ireland Cup after the Galway Schools eight consecutive title success last Sunday.

Lynch sparkles in St. Raphael's girls eight in-a-row title win

St. Raphael's, Loughrea.....7-7
St. Brigid's, Callan.....2-4

by Frank Farragher

FINALLY located, the answer to every hurling manager's dreams — the automatic human scoring machine in the shape of St. Raphael's full forward Claire Lynch who gave one of the finest displays of attacking verve ever seen on a camogie field at Tullamore on Saturday.

Singlehandedly she shredded what had been thought to be a solid Kilkenny defence in this senior All-Ireland Colleges decider to give St. Raphael's a camogie record which will surely never be equalled by another school — that of an eight in a row of premier titles.

If camogie players were in the same money ratings as the big soccer players, Claire Lynch's club Davitts would be contemplating the millions to be earned in transfer fees — her final



St. Raphaels, Loughrea Senior Camogie team, winners of All-Ireland title for the eight time in-a-row. Back left to right: Edel Slevin, Yvonne Broderick, Mary Maher, Denise Nevin, Niamh Glennon, Ann Broderick, Olivia Broderick, Ann Garvey, Helen Connaughton. Front row: Dymrna Maher, Maura Garvey, Lisa Cannon, Deirdre Hardiman, Mareth Fahy, Pamela Nevin (captain), Claire Lynch, Ann Hardiman, Cathy Crowe.

tally of 4-5 from play and frees in this final was an appropriate reward for her athleticism, singeing pace deft stickwork and non-stop workrate.

And yet it would be somewhat myopic and unfair to put this history

making achievement down to one player for all 12 of the Raphael's side rose magnificently to the occasion in the process reversing the result of two years ago when Callan beat the same side in the junior semi-final.

Manager Cyril Farrell said afterwards that whatever seems to get into Raphael's once they leave Connacht it puts an extra bite and passion into their play and right from the opening minutes of this decider all of the drive, all

of the fervour for victory and all of the panache seemed to come from the Galway college.

Goalkeeper Mareth Fahy, stalwart full back Deirdre Hardiman, Pamela Nevin, Dymrna Maher, Ann Broderick and Anne

Hardiman all made fulsome contributions to a display in which the sheen was supplied by Clair Lynch.

With a 50 second spell in the 10th minute Claire Lynch had the panic buttons buzzing madly in the Callan defence and sideline when she tore through for two goals of pristine quality.

Raphael's only real moment of worry in the match came in the 10th minute when Callan's Sinead Millea hammered a free to net but then a moment of looseness in the losers defence allowed Anne Hardiman a final touch on an Olivia Broderick free for a goal which left seven points between the sides, 20 minutes into the first half.

Leading by 3-5 to 1-2 at half-time, Claire Lynch quickly added two second half points before a Margaret Comerford goal brought a rare moment of cheer from the Callan camp — the Kilkenny hope had scarcely seconds to grow as Anne Hardiman hammered home her second goal after good

work again by Lynch.

That was the signal for the floodgates to open — a searing 40 yard Clair Lynch solo run ended with another vintage goal, Anne Hardiman then completed her hat-trick before appropriately enough Claire Lynch crashed home the final goal.

Kilkenny senior player Sinead Millea was most prominent in trying to keep Callan in contention with her penetrating runs and eye for goal but she and her colleagues were simply over-ran by a Raphael's side whose achievements are now forever etched into the annals of camogie folklore.

St. Raphael's: M. Fahy; D. Hardiman; D. Nevin, P. Nevin, M. Maher; D. Maher, O. Broderick, L. Cannon; N. Glennon, A. Broderick 0-2, A. Hardiman 3-0; C. Lynch 4-5.

St. Brigid's: A. Comerford; T. Millea; M. A. Cleere, M. Brennan, C. Kehoe; O. O'Sullivan 0-1, M. Maher, E. A. Moloney; S. Millea 1-2, M. Comerford 1-1, J. Sweeney; B. Maher. Sub.: E. Walsh for E. A. Moloney.

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CONNACHT TRIBUNE Sports Star of the Week

CLAIRE LYNCH



CLAIRE Lynch's magnificent contribution to St. Raphael's victory over Callan in the All-Ireland camogie final at Tullamore last weekend makes her a worthy recipient of the Connacht Tribune Sports Star of the Week award.

The 17-year-old Dunlry girl displayed a level of skill, application and lthteness which reaped a fitting reward on the

scoresheet with her four goals and five points, surely creating a scoring record.

Claire Lynch's display makes her a unanimous choice for the Sports Star award ahead of Galway United's Gerry Mullen and Athenry Vocational Schools hurlers Declan Walsh and Francis Ford.

Fine Girls

At Tullamore on Saturday, the St. Raphael's College, Loughrea, Camogie team, stretched their phenomenal record in the All-Ireland Schools' senior championship, to an unprecedented eighth title in succession, by beating St. Brigid's, Callan, Kilkenny, the Leinster Champions, by 7-7 to 2-4. The Loughrea School is the most successful of all in the history of the Colleges' Championships. Since 1984 they have proved unbeatable in the All-Ireland seniors and have also won four junior titles during that period.

Excellent:

Over the years, St. Raphael's have produced many excellent players who went on to star at higher levels including Deirdre Costello, Brid Stratford, Imelda Hobbins, Emer Hardiman and Imelda Maher. In the present side, Claire Lynch and Ann Hardiman bid fair to become great stars of the future. On Saturday, Claire Lynch set a new scoring record with 4-5 and Ann Hardiman was little behind with 3 goals the final one after an electrifying solo run was rated the best of the day. Major credit for the exalted standards which the St. Raphael's girls have reached go to their Coach, Cyril O'Farrell who has obviously retained his All-Ireland winning touch.

JUNIOR SCOIL MHUIRE, AN tAONACH

ST. MARY'S, Nenagh

Red and Blue

(1)
Siobhán Ní Chinnolaigh
Susan Kenneally

(2)
Sile Ní Chinn
Sheile Kyne

(3)
Deirdre Ní Chiarba
Deirdre Kirby

(4)
Sinéad Ní Chinnéide
Sinead Kennedy

(5)
Siobhán Ní Cheallaigh
Suzanne Kelly

(6)
Antoinette Ní Throithigh
Antoinette Troy

(7)
Ciara Ní Fhionnbhairr
Ciara Gaynor

(8)
Tara Ní Ógáin
Tara Young

(9)
Máire Ní Riain
Marie Ryan

(10)
Hilda Mounsey

(11)
Sorcha Ní Mhaidín
Sarah Madden

(12)
Madeline Ní Aodha
Madeline Hayes

Ionadaithe:

- 13 Ciara Ní Bhroin, (Ciara Burns)
- 14 Sorcha Ní Bheirgin, (Sarah Bergin)
- 15 Dierdre Ní Eochaidh, (Deirdre Keogh)
- 16 Cait Ní Shlataire, (Catherine Slattery)
- 17 Máire Ní Shlataire, (Mary Slattery)
- 18 Róisín Ní Eachaidh, (Roisin Hackett)
- 19 Siobhán Ní Mhaoileoin, (Siobhan Malone)

JUNIOR CLOCHAR NAOMH MUIRE, MACHAIRE FÍOLTA

ST. MARY'S, GRAMMAR SCHOOL, Magherafelt

Sky Blue and Navy

(1)
Eilís Ní Dhuifíolla
Lisa Duffley

(2)
Gemma de Báth
Gemma Bateson

(3)
Clár de Brún
Claire Brown

(4)
Bláithín Ní Iomhair
Bláithín McKeever

(5)
Fiona Ní Chinnéide
Fiona Kennedy

(6)
Eilís Ní Néill
Eilís O'Neill

(7)
Sinéad Ní Chana
Janette McCann

(8)
Cáit Ní Dhónaill
Kathy McDonnell

(9)
Bairbre Beirt
Barbara Birt

(10)
Róisín Pickering
Roisin Pickering

(11)
Eimear de Burtún
Eimear Burton

(12)
Naimh Ní Threolain
Naimh Trolan

Ionadaithe:

- 13 Áine Máire Totten (Ann Marie Totten)
- 14 Laura Ní Ualraic (Laura Goldrick)
- 15 Bríd Ní Mhaolchalann (Brid Mulholland)
- 16 Aisling Ní Thuathail (Aisling Tohill)

Pen Pictures: ST. MARY'S, MAGHERAFELT

Janette McCann (Lavey). A member of the School senior team, Janette has won 3 Ulster Schools medals, First Year, U14 and U15. She captained the Derry U14 team in 1991 and has represented Lavey at all levels. Position — midfield.

Claire Brown (Wolfe Tones, Bellaghy). Fields at right back. Helped her School to win Ulster titles in 1989, 1991 and 1992. Holds a Derry Senior League medal and played in the Derry senior championship final.

Fiona Kennedy (Ballinascreen). A versatile player who plays in defence for the School and Club but in midfield for Derry. She won an Ulster Minor League medal with Derry and in 1991 was voted the most promising Ballinascreen senior player of the season.

Blaithin McIvor (Ardboe). A county player of much experience, Blaithin was voted Player of the Match in the Ulster Final against Down in 1991. Has played for Ardboe in every grade and for the School senior team.

Eilis O'Neill (Ballinascreen). Lines out on the left wing. Eilis, who also plays for the School senior team, has Ulster First Year and U-15 medals. A Derry U-14 championship and an U-16 Derry League medal.

Laura McGolderick (Wolfe Tones, Bellaghy). She has two Ulster Schools medals and fields at U12, U14 and Minor levels for her club. Lines out at right wing forward.

Lisa Diffley (Ballinascreen). Goalkeeper of the side, she has played from U12 to U16 with her Club. Holds 3 Ulster Schools medals.

Eimear Burton (O'Donovan Rossa). Eimear has been part of Magherafelt's triple success in Ulster Colleges. She represents her club at all levels and enjoys the wing midfield position.

Gemma Bateson (Gemma captained St. Mary's to win the Ulster First Year Competition in 1989. Holder of three Ulster medals, she fills the vital full-back position.

Barbara Birt (Bellaghy). She has represented her Club at U14, minor and senior grades. She holds Senior League and tournament medals with Bellaghy and 3 Ulster medals with St. Mary's.

Kathy McDonnell (Greenlough). An experienced midfielder who has played at all levels for her club and worn the colours of Derry many times. Kathy won 3 Ulster medals with St. Mary's.

Niamh Trolan (Ballinascreen). Played inter-county camogie for Derry at U14 level. She has 3 Ulster Colleges medals, U14 and U16 County Championship medals with her Club St. Colm's. Niamh will feature at full-forward today.

Roisin Pickering (Castledawson). Roisin leads St. Mary's in their first All-Ireland final. Centre-forward on the team, she was voted Castledawson's U16 Player of the Year in 1991. She is a Derry minor player.

Aisling Tohill (O'Donovan Rossa). A senior player with her club, Aisling figures in the wing back position. She has three Ulster Colleges medals to her credit.

Anne Marie Totten (Creggan). Holder of three Ulster Colleges medals, Anne Marie has played U12, U14 and minor level for the Co. Antrim Club, - Kickham's Creggan.

Brid Mulholland (Lavey). Brid joined St. Mary's from St. Patrick's Maghera this season. A Derry county player at U14 level, she plays either in the attack or in midfield.

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Susan Kenneally. Susan is a talented player having pulled off many great saves in this championship so far. Susan was sub-goalie of the St. Mary's 1991 All Ireland team.

Sile Kyne. Sile has represented Burgess at U12, U14, U16 and U18. Winning a county medal in 1991. She has won Pan Celtic and Feile medals in 1989 and 1990. In 1991 she was a member of St. Mary's Nenagh team who won the Junior All Ireland Final.

Deirdre Kirby. Although Deirdre is wing back on today's team she also plays in goal for her local team. A very skilful defender. A member of last years panel. Holder of two Munster Junior Colleges medals and one All Ireland medal.

Sinead Kennedy. She has represented her club at U12, U14 and U16 levels. In 1991 she won her first Munster Junior Colleges with St. Mary's Nenagh.

Suzanne Kelly. Suzanne's talent on the camogie pitch has helped her club to win U12, U14 and U16 county titles. She won Community Games medals in 1989 and 1990. In 1991 she won an All Ireland Junior Colleges medal with St. Mary's Nenagh.

Antoinette Troy. (Toomevara/Templederry). Antoinette is a strong tenacious player who has only recently taken up Camogie. She has served her club well and received a Munster Junior medal in 1992.

Ciara Gaynor (Kilruane). Ciara is a daughter of Len Gaynor. She has represented her club at U14, U16 and in Junior Competitions. Extremely versatile Ciara has also represented her parish in Hurling, Football Finals and has gained a Munster Junior Colleges medal with St. Mary's in 1992.

Tara Young (Toomevara). Tara has been playing camogie for three years and has won county U12 and Community games medals with Toomevara. A skilful mid-field player.

Marie Ryan (Toomevara/Templederry). Marie is a skilful player, she holds 2 county medals with her club and was a member of the team which won the Feile Final 1990. Marie was a member of the victorious 1991 St. Mary's side which won the Junior All Ireland Final.

Hilda Mounsey (Toomevara/Templederry). Hilda is a daughter of Roger Mounsey the former Tipperary goalkeeper. A talented corner forward she has won 3 U14 county championship medals, numerous community games and Feile Medals. Hilda was on the panel for the 1991 All Ireland Final.

Sara Madden (Portroe). Sara has played U12, U14, U16, U18 and Intermediate Camogie with her club. She was on victorious St. Mary's team of last year and has played in Feile na nGael competitions in 1990 and 1991 with Portroe.

Madeline Hayes (Toomevara/Templederry). Madeline is a niece of former Tipperary Hurlers the late Tom Ryan and Roger Ryan. As full forward Madeline has had excellent games. To date she has won U12, U13½, U14 community games medals with her club and All Ireland Junior Medal with St. Mary's.

Ciara Burns (Burgess). A daughter of former All Ireland hurler Mick Burns. Ciara is a great hearted player who has contributed to the success of Burgess and St. Mary's in various competitions. She has won Munster Minor medals an All Ireland Minor medal with Tipperary and an All Ireland Junior Colleges medal with St. Mary's.

Sara Bergin (Toomevara/Templederry). Sara has won County, Community and Club Championship medals with her team. She was on the St. Mary's All Ireland panel in 1991.

Deirdre Keogh (Toomevara/Templederry). A daughter of Jim Keogh, former Tipperary hurler. Deirdre has been a member of the U12, U14 Victorious Toomevara/Templederry teams.

Catherine Slattery (Burgess). Catherine has donned the Burgess colours with success winning an under 16 medal and a North Final medal.

Mary Slattery (Burgess). Mary has represented her club at U16 level and has won U16 County medal with her club.

Roisin Hackett (Portroe). Roisin is a daughter of Maura Hackett who played camogie for Tipperary. A talented player, Roisin likes to play at centre-back or Centre field.

Siobhan Malone (Portroe). Siobhan a newcomer to St. Mary's is a diligent player always giving of her best in training.



St. Mary's, Magherafelt

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Nenagh Girls Foiled By Injury Time Goal

St. Mary's, Nenagh 2-5
St. Mary's, Magherafelt 2-5

IF St. Mary's CMS, Nenagh, relinquish their all-Ireland junior camogie crown this year they will surely rue one moment of madness late in their drawn all-Ireland final in Tullamore, on Saturday. Already in injury time, St. Mary's looked set for a second consecutive victory, leading their rivals St. Mary's from Magherafelt by three points but then disaster struck from a 40 yard free. Kathy McDonnell, undoubtedly Magherafelt's finest exponent, struck a well taken free which looked set to sail over the cross bar but somehow dropped in over the head of Susan Kenneally in the Nenagh net.

So, just when the glint of the all-Ireland Cup beckoned to St. Mary's for a second consecutive year their dreams of retaining that award were put on ice for at least another week or so by that late Magherafelt goal. The Nenagh girls, though, can at least take solace in the fact that they have a second chance to prove themselves worthy queens of school's junior camogie.

While that late goal may have deprived them, hopefullh only momentarily, of another famous victory the Nenagh girls, no doubt, will look more to a plethora of wides, thirteen in all, in the first half as the blame. During that wind assisted first half display by the Nenagh girls they showed themselves to be worthy title aspirers as they dominated the exchanges, backboned by impressive performances by Ciara Gaynor, daughter of former Tipperary great, Len Gaynor, Sheila Kyne and Marie Ryan.

However, they squandered almost a criminal amount of clear-cut scoring chances, two or three of which at least were goal scoring chances, from play and were equally guilty from frees which came in such

numbers that had St. Mary's an accomplished free taker they would have been well ahead at the interval rather than settling for 0-3 each at the break.

Those thirteen wides left Nenagh CMS without fair result for their first half efforts and they had to rely on three Marie Ryan points, two from frees, which represented just under one-fifth of their shooting efforts, and for all Nenagh's work three replies from Magherafelt, from Kathy McDonnell, against the run of play nullified their endeavours.

Nenagh's title aspirations certainly hung in the balance at the interval with the prospect of facing the fresh breeze, on top of the challenge of a Magherafelt side growing in confidence, in the second half. However, leaving all their other fine attributes aside this St. Mary's team if nothing else is tremendously brave and dogged and this determination came to the fore again in the second half as they battled gamely but tigerishly to hold onto the title they won just twelve months previously for the first time.

PERFECT FILLIP

Their chances at the interval may have looked

ominous but a minute into the second half the Nenagh girls were given the perfect fillip when Madeline Hayes bagged a goal that sent their large and loud supporting contingent wild. The goal was conjured up by Marie Ryan, who was having the game of her life, when she robbed Magherafelt's Claire Brown out on the wing, soloed and her shot for goal was parried by Magherafelt keeper Lisa Diffley but only into the path of the onrushing Hayes who flicked the ball to the net.

This was a vital score for Nenagh as it gave them crucial breathing space and was only fair reward when one considered what they spurned in the first half. As expected Magherafelt almost immediately went on the attack as they cascaded Nenagh with a barrage of attacks. Magherafelt got their

again six minutes later to increase the Nenagh lead to three points with a free and St. Mary's looked destined for victory.

Magherafelt, though, had other intentions and fought back in an effort to salvage their chances but found the Nenagh defence impenetrable to retreat. And just when it seemed Nenagh had repelled the onslaught Magherafelt struck with the injury time free to send the game to what will be a much awaited replay.

Despite the numerous missed Nenagh chances, this was a most admirable team performance. They fought relentlessly to hold on to their title and with Ciara Burns hopefully restored to action for the replay they can well fancy their chances. Best for them on Saturday were defenders Sheila Kyne and Suzanne Kelly, mid-

All-Ireland Junior Camogie Final By EUGENE HOGAN

reward just five minutes later when Eimear Burton flicked home a rebound from Susan Kenneally after she expertly saved from Roisin Pickering.

This goal to Magherafelt was what the earlier one was to Nenagh and the Derry girls now looked set to overrun the Tipperary girls. Indeed, points in the tenth and fourteenth minute from Kathy McDonnell seemed to confirm this belief but again the Nenagh girls responded magnificently with a point from Ciara Burns, who had missed the entire campaign to date through injury but was a surprise and welcome second half introduction.

It was a piece of Burns magic in the eighteenth minute of the half that put St. Mary's onto what seemed the road to victory. Showing the same guile and craft that made her such a star in last year's victory, now playing at full forward, she collected the ball, turned her opponent and slammed to the net for a memorable goal. Burns was on hand

fielder Ciara Gaynor, who in particular epitomised bravery when playing on despite a number of hard blows received, and forwards Marie Ryan, who just shades it as St. Mary's most outstanding performer, Sarah Madden and Ciara Burns.

For Magherafelt Blaithean McKeever, Janette McCann, Roisin Pickering, Kathy McDonnell and Eimear Burton all impressed

St. Mary's, Nenagh: S. Kenneally; S. Kyne; D. Kirby; S. Kennedy; S. Kelly; A. Troy; C. Gaynor; T. Young; M. Ryan (0-3); H. Mounsey; S. Madden; M. Hayes (1-0). Sub: C. Burns for T. Young.

St. Mary's, Magherafelt: L. Diffley; G. Bateson; C. Brown; B. McKeever; F. Kennedy; E. O'Neill; J. McCann; K. McDonnell (1-5); B. Brit; R. Pickering; E. Brown (1-0); N. Trolan. Sub: L. Goldrick for B. McKeever.

Referee — Colette Kennedy (Galway).

Wasteful Nenagh held in thriller

CIARA'S INTRODUCTION DECISIVE

St. Mary's Nenagh (holders) 2-5, St. Mary's Magherafelt 2-5.

by Gerry Slevin

Lucky Nenagh! Total first half masters but managing to score only three points while sending out no fewer than twelve wides, All-Ireland colleges' junior champions, St. Mary's were rather fortunate to emerge with a second opportunity to hold on to their title in a nail-biting conclusion to a pulsating camogie decider in O'Connor Park, Tullamore on Saturday.

In a game that saw fortunes ebb and flow, Nenagh took a three point lead into the closing two minutes only to be stunned when a midfield free from the Magherafelt top scorer, Kathy McDonnell, deceived the up-to-now highly efficient defence for the levelling goal and as the game moved into injury time, it was sheer desperation on the part of the Nenagh defence that prevented the Derry girls from notching a winning score.

No wonder that when the final whistle sounded, the Nenagh side showed greater signs of relief than their opponents. Whereas they should have put their opponents away from the opportunities gleaned in the first half, they were in the end, decidedly lucky to be still there with a chance of retaining their title.

And they can thank in the main, splendid defender Suzanne Kelly and 'supersub' Ciara Burns for that happy state of affairs. Suzanne showed herself to be an outstanding central defender and several times rescued her side with telling clearances. Ciara was introduced eight minutes into the second half when the sides were level at 1-3 each and most of the pressure was now coming from the Ulster champions. Out for most of the season following complications that set in after an operation for the removal of her appendix, Ciara made her presence felt when she moved in to full forward and having pointed a free she bored holes in the Magherafelt defence by scything her way through for a great goal 7 minutes from time, and then adding a point just before Magherafelt's leveller.

SLOW STARTERS

Throughout the campaign to date Nenagh have been slow starters and this was again emphasised on Saturday. They had wind advantage in the first half but early pressure yielded nothing and it was also noticeable that free-

taking was not to be St. Mary's forte in the final. Two well taken frees by Kathy McDonnell at the other end, however showed how it should be done and these eased Magherafelt into a lead after 10 minutes. Nenagh's first score came in the 12th, a Marie Ryan point and she added another from a 30 at the end of fifteen minutes.

A couple of goal chances were fluffed by the Nenagh attack and both Ciara Gaynor and Marie Ryan tried their hand at frees without success. Magherafelt edged ahead once more only for Marie Ryan to point a 30 three minutes before the break leaving it 0-3 each.

Nenagh got the tonic they needed less than a minute into the second half and ironically for all the pressure they had exerted in the first half, the game's first goal came almost by accident. A good centre from Marie Ryan was saved by the Derry keeper, but Nenagh captain Madeline Hayes was standing at the end of the goalline and the ball rebounded from her legs, dribbling past the Magherafelt line. It was a score that rattled Magherafelt and shortly afterwards the up-to-now reliable Kathy McDonnell blazed a close in free wide. Gradually though their confidence returned and in the 7th minute of the half after Nenagh keeper Susan Kenneally had saved well from Janette McCann, Eimear Burton was in to lash the rebound home. The sides were level again.

Ciara Burns made her appearance in the 8th minute and while her early contributions clearly showed her lack of match practice and fitness, the move to full forward was one that would pay off handsomely. Magherafelt went into a two point lead, again thanks to Kathy McDonnell's accurate free taking. Ciara Burns responded with a point from a free and her great goal in the 18th minute saw the Nenagh momentum increase again, although the challengers were exerting intense

pressure. When Ciara Burns put three points between the sides from play, as time was running out, the champions looked safe. Then came that midfield free for Magherafelt which Kathy McDonnell directed goalwards, the flight of the ball eluding the best endeavours of the St. Mary's defence as it dropped into the net.

STUNNED

Nenagh were stunned. It seemed they had done just about enough to survive with their title intact and when the final whistle sounded, it was Magherafelt who were knocking hard for that match winning score.

The chief lesson to be learned from the outing from a Nenagh viewpoint, is that chances such as those presented, especially in the first half cannot be treated in the manner in which they were treated on Saturday. Had the result gone against them, the blame would certainly have rested with the attack. Indeed but for the arrival on the scene of Ciara Burns, it is extremely unlikely that Nenagh would have lived to fight another day.

Little blame however to the defence so expertly marshalled by Suzanne Kelly who received great support from Sheila Kyne, Deirdre Kirby and Sinead Kelly. Ciara Gaynor missed a number of scoreable frees but gave it everything and was unfortunate to be on the receiving end of a number of accidental blows in the first half, which militated against her all round performance. Up to Ciara Burns' introduction, the most promising moves in attack were coming from Maria Ryan with Sarah Madden also doing well but this sector, overall lack the 'killer' instinct when it came to finishing off the opportunities provided.

St. Mary's scores came from C. Burns 1-2 (0-1 free), M. Ryan 0-3, (2 frees), M. Hayes 1-0.

For Magherafelt, K. McDonnell 1-5 (1-4 frees), E. Burton 1-0

replied.

Nenagh had twelve wides in the first half and three in the second, with Magherafelt having four in each half. St. Mary's were awarded five frees in each half, one less than their opponents, who had four in the first half. Nenagh also forced five '30s — four of them in the first half, to Magherafelt's one in each half.

St. Mary's: Susan Kenneally, Sheila Kyne, Deirdre Kirby, Sinead Kennedy, Suzanne Kelly, Antoinette Troy, Ciara Gaynor, Tara Young, Hilda Mounsey, Marie Ryan, Sarah Madden, Madeline Hayes (capt). Sub: Ciara Burns for Tara Young.

Magherafelt: Lisa Diffley, Claire Brown, Gemma Bateson, Blathin McKeever, Fiona Kennedy, Eilis O'Neill, Janette McCann, Kathy McDonnell, Barbara Birt, Roisin Pickering, Eimear Burton, Niamh Trolan.

Referee: Colette Kennedy, Galway.

Replay on Tuesday

Next Tuesday has been fixed as replay date for the All-Ireland junior camogie final between St. Mary's, Nenagh and St. Mary's Magherafelt.

No venue had been arranged at time of going to press, but it is expected that Nenagh will have to travel to a more central venue than the one they obtained for the drawn game last Saturday, O'Connor Park, Tullamore.

The Offaly venue was selected with the senior finalists, St. Raphael's, Loughrea and Callan, more in mind, so the Nenagh girls might have to travel further up the country this time in their bid to retain their title.

The Guardian PLAYER OF THE WEEK



Ciara Burns
(St. Mary's)

There's a break with tradition this week and it reflects very strong foothold camogie getting in the area. For the time, we depart from the hurler footballer scenario for a Player of the Week opting for Ciara Burns from St. Mary's School, Nenagh whose role in keeping her school All-Ireland camogie hopes afloat could not be over-stated.

Ciara hasn't had the best years, healthwise, but with all resilience of her famed father Mick, she entered last Saturday's final in Tullamore in the second half and proceeded to lash home a 2 which saved Nenagh's bacon and left them to fight another day next Tuesday.

While due recognition must be given also to the part played by Suzanne Kelly in the St. Mary's defence, without question, it is Ciara's entry, Nenagh would be still in the reckoning as she projected the forward division flair that was sadly missing to her arrival.

APRIL 1992

Camogie loses a staunch friend

IT was with great sadness that we learned last weekend of the death of Maire Ní Cheallachain of Dripsey. Maire was a life-long member and loyal servant of Cumann Camogaíochta na nGael and up to a short time ago was an active member both with her club Inniscarra and at inter-county level.

Maire was chairperson of the Cork County Board from 1980 to 1985. She then went on to become cathaoirleach of Munster Council, but the greatest honour ever to be bestowed on her was when she was elected Uachtarán of Cumann Camogaíochta na nGael in 1988. During her term of office, Mary travelled the length and breadth of the country promoting the game.

The esteem she was held

in by all was evident by the very large attendance at her removal and burial.

Led by the president of the Association, Bridín Ní Mhaolagáin from Dublin, there were representatives from all over the country, all of whom travelled long distances to pay their final respects to a lady whose unique character and sense of humour will be sadly missed by all those who were privileged to have known her.

Respect

As a mark of respect, last Monday night's Board meeting was adjourned.

Before adjourning the meeting the cathaoirleach, Sheila Golden, paid tribute to Maire and said it was a sad day for the Board to lose such a hard-working and dedicated

person as Mary.

In a further tribute the president of the Cork Board, Nora Newman, said that Mary was a very genuine and colourful person and her love for Irish culture and in particular camogaíochta and the Irish language should be an inspiration to us all. Mrs. Newman said it was always Mary's ambition that the Cork County Camogie Board would have a pitch of their own and it was sad that Mary died before this ambition was fulfilled.

Fixtures

Sunday next

Senior League '92: Aghabullogue v Glen Rovers, at Aghabullogue, 11.30 a.m. Referee: Cloughduv.

Monday next

Senior League '92: St. Finbarrs v Killeagh, at St. Finbarrs, 12 noon. Referee: Bishopstown.

Death of camogie stalwart



ONE of the best-known camogie legislators, Miss Mary O'Callaghan of Dripsey, Co. Cork died following a short illness at the Mercy Hospital Cork on Saturday.

The late Miss O'Callaghan, who was in her early 60s, had a lifelong interest in things Irish, particularly camogie and Irish music.

She was chairperson of the Cork Camogie Board from 1980 to 1985 and then moved on to become chairperson of the Munster Council. Then at the 1988 Congress she received the ultimate accolade when she was elected Uachtarán Cumann Camogaíochta na nGael, a position she held until 1990.

As a mark of respect all camogie games in the Cork area, as well as the two National League ties between Cork and Kilkenny in Junior and Senior, which were to have been played at Ballincollig yesterday were cancelled.

She will be laid to rest this afternoon at North Kilmurray Cemetery following Requiem Mass at St. Mary's Church, Berrings, at 2pm.



St. Mary's, Nenagh

CAMOGIE

● ST MARY'S Convent of Mercy, Nenagh bt St Mary's Magherafelt by 2-6 to 0-8 in the final of the All-Ireland Colleges Junior Camogie Championship at Carrickmacross yesterday.

Camogie focus

SENIOR Championship fever is now beginning to mount in all clubs with dates for nearly all of the first round games decided at last week's Board Meeting.

In the preliminary rounds Killeagh play Cloughduv and this game is scheduled to go ahead on May 5 at Riverstown while on May 6 the Glen play Bishopstown at Mayfield. On May 23 there will be a double header at Ballincollig with Muskerry playing Sarsfields at 6.30 and at 7.45 the Barrs and Na Piarsaigh will be in opposition. On May 28 the winners of the Killeagh/Cloughduv game play Fr. O'Neills. The full draw is as follows:

Preliminary Rounds - A, Killeagh v Cloughduv; B, Glen Rovers v Bishopstown.

First Rounds - C, Na Piarsaigh v St. Finbarrs; D, Muskerry v Fr. O'Neills; E, A v Fr. O'Neills; F, B v Aghabullogue.

Semi-finals - C v E, D v F.

In the only game listed for the coming week, Glen

Rovers play Killeagh in the Senior League on Saturday night at the Glen Field and this game should be an interesting clash. The last time these sides met was in last season's Championship final when the Glen came out on top after a hard-fought game and this time out the city side will be favoured to take the points again.

They are a strong, all-round side, powered by such experienced performers as Sandy Fitzgibbon, Therese O'Callaghan, Mary Ring and Ger McCarthy but these girls will certainly not get things easy from a Killeagh side who will be looking to players like Kathleen Costine, Cathy Landers and the Spillane sisters Mary and Shelly to carry them through.

Clubs are reminded that the Feile Na Gael Blitz will shortly be held. Entries for this competition should be submitted not later than Monday, April 27. Clubs are also reminded that there will be a Board meeting on Monday night next, April 27.

St. Mary's Retain All-Ireland Crown

St. Mary's CMS, Nenagh 2-6

St. Mary's, Magherafelt 0-8

LIKE father, like daughter. Paraphrase it may be, but this adage more than applies to two famous Tipperary hurling households which were once again alight with glory this week.

The Burns family of Nenagh and Gaynor family of Kilruane, both of which were enshrined in hurling folklore by all-Ireland senior medal winners Mick and Len, respectively, had their great traditions maintained on Tuesday as daughters Ciara Burns and Ciara Gaynor played invaluable roles in helping their school, Nenagh CMS, defeat Magherafelt of Derry in the schools' junior camogie all-Ireland final in Carrickmacross, Co. Monaghan.

The deadly duo both contributed magnificently to the success which makes it two consecutive titles for the Nenagh school in the grade. Burns, making only her first appearance in a starting line-up in the campaign following a long lay-off through sickness, was quite simply the difference between the sides. In the drawn match her second half appearance may have been what enabled the Nenagh girls to live to fight another day, but no one could possibly have foreseen that she would make the impact she did when accounting for the entire Nenagh tally. Every time play swung in her direction breaths were held in expectation and rarely did she fail to deliver. And while Burns may have been the recipient of the accolades for her scoring exploits, for the sheer industry and commitment of her play and never-say-die attitude, Ciara Gaynor must be congratulated on what was a superb performance, and it was she who largely produced the ammunition for her prolific comrade in attack.

Lest the impression get out this was far from a two-girl display for St. Mary's. Each and every girl gave her utmost and all must get a collective vote of congratulations for their display. Of equal merit to the aforementioned were

captain Marie Ryan, who along with Gaynor did most of the foraging out the field in a gritty 'girl of the match' type display and 'keeper' Susan Keneally, whose custodial endeavours were faultless. On a number of occasions, particularly in the second half, she came to the rescue with vital saves.

Those four may have stood out for their contributions, but also very impressive were Sheila Kyne, Suzanne Kelly, Antoinette Troy and Sarah Madden.

But as the Nenagh girls basked in their second consecutive glory, one could not but help feel sorry for the Derry girls. They gave everything they possibly could in both games in an extremely sporting manner and they were the first to admit they met a superior side.

Best for them on Tuesday were Cathy McDonnell, who scored all bar one of their points; Bláithín McIvor, Janette McCann and Roisin Pickering.

St. Mary's of Nenagh thoroughly deserved this victory and had the decisive edge where it mattered most — in front of goals.

They were, nevertheless, made fight all the way by a game and dogged Ulster side, which led 0-5 to 0-2 at the interval. In that first half, though Nenagh threatened goal on a number of occasions but were thwarted mainly by excellent goalkeeping by Lisa Dillley of Magherafelt. The second half, however, proved the Nenagh girls watershed as they bombarded the opposing defence with raging early attacks which reaped the ultimate reward.

Two Ciara Burns points, one of which could very well have gone under for a goal within just three minutes of the restart set up Nenagh for an all-out onslaught on the lead. In a matter of 45 seconds they took that lead

and never again looked back. Ciara Burns collected a Marie Ryan centre out on the right, rounded her marker, raced through and slammed to the net for a brilliant goal which sent the large travelling contingent, almost 250 in all, into a frenzy of delight.

St. Mary's, Magherafelt, responded with a point within two minutes, but in the ninth minute Burns struck with a vital goal when flicking home a Ciara Gaynor free. This launched Nenagh into a 2-4 to 0-6 lead, but Magherafelt came with a late burst and shot two points from 30s, both of which were awarded following excellent saves by the Nenagh 'keeper, to leave them within striking distance of the leaders.

All seemed set for yet another nail-biting finish, but

Nenagh hearts were eased by excellent pressure scores by Ciara Burns, two frees, in the 14th and 22nd minutes to secure yet another memorable victory for the school. The scenes of jubilation amongst the Nenagh following were almost unprecedented following the final whistle and how they deserved it.

St. Mary's CMS, Nenagh — S. Keneally; S. Kyne, D. Kirby, S. Kennedy, S. Kelly; M. Ryan, C. Gaynor, A. Troy; M. Hayes, M. Mounsey, S. Madden; C. Burns (2-6).

St. Mary's, Magherafelt — L. Dillley; G. Bateson; C. Brown, B. McIvor, F. Kennedy; A. O'Neill, J. McCann, C. McDonnell; B. Birt, R. Pickering, R. Burton; N. Trolan.

Referee: N. O'Quinn (Monaghan).

Máire is a great loss to camogie

CAMOGIE lost one of its best-known figures with the recent passing of Máire Ní Cheallacháin. A native of Dripsey, in the parish of Inniscarra, Co. Cork, she was synonymous with camogie through the entire country.

As a player with her native parish, Máire was well known, but it was as an administrator within the Association that she was best known.

During her long association with the game she held many officer-ships. She was chairman of the Cork Co. Board for six years, 1980-1986, and during her term of office Cork enjoyed a great deal of success.

She also served as vice-chairman and treasurer as well as being a member of the county senior, junior and minor selection committees.

At Provincial level, she held the position of chairman of the Munster Council for a number of years and was one of the association's vice-presidents before gaining the supreme accolade of being elected national presi-

dent of Cumann Camogafochta na Gael in 1987.

But her interest were not confined to camogie alone. She was a member of Conradh na Gaelige, being a former cathaoirleach of Dáil na Mumhan.

She was a member of Dripsey Gaelic League Players whose one act play in Irish *An Buíán Buidh* won first place at an Oireachtas and of Conradh na Gaelige Muscraí debating team, All Ireland winners in 1976.

Her portrayal of Frau Crantz in the play *Out of the Darkness* with the very successful Berrings ICA drama group of the early '70s will bring back memories to the older generation.

Máire was an ardent promotor, and supporter, of camogie's ceol, caint and damhsa and was a member of Inniscarra's Tráth na gCheist team which won the All-Ireland in 1984 and '86 and was runner-up in 1988.

She will be dearly missed by her colleagues in camogie. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam.

MAY 1992



A determined Linda Crowley of St. Brogan's, Bandon, solos past Coachford Community College players Geraldine Keohane and Karen Murphy during the Cork Co. Vocational Schools' Senior camogie final at Cloughduv. (Pic.: Denis Minihane)

Brogan's so smart

St. Brogan's, Bandon 5-12;
Coachford Community College 1-1

A whirlwind opening and a strong finish added up to a convincing St. Brogan's victory in yesterday's Cork county vocational schools senior camogie final at Cloughduv.

The defending champions began by notching some delightful scores and the brisk striking of former Cork minor Antoinette O'Connell was very much a feature of their play as they forged into a commanding lead in the first quarter. A fine point from their best player, centre-forward Nicola O'Leary followed by a goal from Aoife O'Leary just before the interval, gave the losers heart and for the third quarter they managed to contain their rivals.

With Teresa Murphy, Catherine and Aoife O'Leary, all lending good support, they had plenty of possession but failed to make use of it. Their best efforts came to nothing against a solid winners defence where Mary O'Mahony and Mairead O'Donoghue were strong in the centre in front of the very reliable Sharon Shiels in goal.

Having managed just two points in the opening 20 minutes of the second-half, Brogan's broke loose near the end and with Eilish O'Regan, along with Linda Crowley lively in attack, they added two late goals to make certain of retaining their title.

Scorers for St. Brogan's: A. O'Connell 3-4, E. O'Regan 1-4, L. Crowley 1-0, L. Crowley 0-3, M. Kiely 0-1.

Coachford: A. O'Leary 1-0, N. O'Leary 0-1.

ST. BROGAN'S: S. Shiels, C. Hurley, M. O'Mahony, S. McCarthy, M. O'Donoghue, A. O'Connell, C. Dineen, M. Shiels, E. O'Regan, L. Crowley, L. Crowley, C. O'Leary. Subs: E. White, M. Kiely, D. Moloney.

COACHFORD: K. Lucey, C. O'Sullivan, M. Lucey, S. Lucey, A. O'Shea, K. Murphy, G. Keohane, L. Daly, N. O'Leary, A. O'Leary, P. Lynch, C. O'Leary. Subs: T. Murphy, M. Moynihan.

Referee: Teresa Murray, Elre Og.

KILKENNY LOOK TOO STRONG FOR CLARE

On Sunday next, the National Camogie league resumes after two weeks break. Kilkenny seniors take on Clare and on-form they may carry too much strength for the banner county.

In Division Two, Galway play Antrim in another senior tie. This is a game that the home side must win to stay in contention for a place in the top pool. Even with a victory they must wait to see if Kildare beat Dublin on May 10. This would force a play-off with Dublin for a place in the semi-finals.

Wexford play host to Tipperary in a junior league match. They will be depending on players like Orla O'Leary and Lisa Murphy to collect the points.

Fixtures: Sunday National Senior League at Loughrea; Galway v Antrim 3.0 pm. National Senior League at a Clare venue; Clare v Kilkenny 3.0 pm. National Junior League at Bunclody; Wexford v Tipperary 3.30 pm.

ON THE CAMOGIE FRONT

Action all the way

THE senior championship will get underway this coming week with two preliminary rounds down for decision. First into the arena on Tuesday night will be Killeagh and Cloughduv and they clash at Carrigtwohill at 7.30 while on Wednesday night Glen Rovers and Bishopstown will be in opposition at Delany's also at 7.30.

In other games for the weekend the Cork junior team play Waterford in the national junior league on Sunday at Lismore while on Sunday night at the Tank Field the 1991 under-16 league semi-final will be decided between Brian Dillons and St. Finbarr's. On Monday night this season's under-14 league will commence with a number of interesting clashes listed.

On Tuesday night at Carrigtwohill we should

have a close and entertaining game in store when Cloughduv and Killeagh clash to decide who will go forward to meet Fr. O'Neill's in the first round of the senior championship. On form no doubt Killeagh will be fancied to advance but despite the fact that it is Cloughduv's first year in senior ranks, the mid Cork side have certainly shown great determination and could prove formidable opponents for the Killeagh girls. Cloughduv will be spearheaded by the Dunlea sisters Lyn, Stephanie and Jackie and have other fine performers in Mary Walsh, Patie Lynch and Ann Marie Healy but these girls will certainly have to be at their best if they hope to contain a Killeagh side that will be in a position to call on the experience of

players like Cork senior keeper Kathleen Costine, Cathy Landers, Sinead Cahalane, Mary and Shelly Spillane and Patricia Fitzgibbon.

REIGNING CHAMPIONS

On Wednesday night at Delany's the Glen and Bishopstown will be in opposition and here the Glen who are the reigning county champions will be fancied to advance. They are certainly the more experienced side and on form should prove too strong but there is no doubting that Bishopstown will be facing this game with every confidence and could make things very difficult for their more experienced opponents. Bishopstown will be looking to players like Liz O'Neill, Liz Towler, Rose Desmond,

Sheenagh Morley and Leslie Walsh to carry them through while the Glen will be pinning their hopes on players like Sandy Fitzgibbon, Mary Ring, Ger McCarthy, Lynda Mellerick, Therese O'Callaghan and Eilish McCarthy.

At the time of writing the Cork junior selectors had not named their side for Sunday's clash with Waterford in the National League. Cork have already dropped points in this league and have no real chance of qualifying for the concluding stages and as a result will use Sunday's game to try out a number of new players for the forthcoming Munster championship.

FIXTURES

SATURDAY, MAY 2

SENIOR LEAGUE

St. Finbarr's v Fr. O'Neill's at St. Finbarr's at 7.30. Ref. Glen Rovers.

SUNDAY, MAY 3

Under-16 League semi-final: Brian Dillons v St. Finbarr's at Brian Dillons at 7.30. Ref. Mayfield.

National Junior League: Cork v Waterford at Lismore at 2.30.

Camogie focus

ON Sunday next at Ballincollig there should be an interesting double-header when both the Cork senior and junior teams will be involved in National League games. Both teams play Kilkenny with the juniors in action at 2 p.m. and the seniors at 3.30 p.m. At club level there are a number of league games listed, the pick of which should be the clash of Killeagh and Kilbrittain in the under-16 league semi-final at Killeagh on tomorrow at 2.30.

On Sunday next at Ballincollig the Cork senior team will renew old acquaintances with arch rivals Kilkenny when they clash in a vital senior league game. The last time these two sides met was in last season's All-Ireland Championship final when the Kilkenny girls once again emerged victorious. This time out the Cork girls will be favoured with a home venue which certainly can be a big advantage and with the added bonus that this season Kilkenny are forced to line out without the services of goal scorer supreme Angela Downey then, if Cork get their act together, they could be in with a real chance.

SELECTED

At the time of writing the Cork team was not selected but is certain to include regulars Paula Goggins, Liz Towler,

Therese O'Callaghan, Sandy Fitzgibbon, Kathleen Costine, Breda Kenny and it certainly would be no surprise if Fiona O'Driscoll from Fr. O'Neill's, who has been showing great form of late, was to be included in the final selection.

In the preceding game the Cork junior team have no real chance of qualifying for the final stages of the league and will use next Sunday's game to experiment with a number of new players for the forthcoming championship.

On tomorrow evening at Killeagh we should have an interesting clash in store when the local team and Kilbrittain clash to decide who goes forward to meet Brian Dillons in 1991 under-16 league final and this game could be a real close one. Both these sides met in the championship semi-final with Kilbrittain coming out on top but this time Killeagh are favoured with the home venue and down through the years the East Cork side have always proved very difficult to overcome on home ground. Killeagh have fine performers in Evelyn Leahy, Mary O'Connor and the Kirby sisters but these girls will certainly have to be at their best if they hope to contain an overall strong Kilbrittain side spear-headed by the experience of Miriam Deasy.

Tonight, Intermediate League 92 — Brian Dillons

v Blackrock at Brian Dillons at 7.30. Ref. Sarsfields.

Tomorrow, under-16 league semi-final — Killeagh v Kilbrittain at Killeagh at 2.30. Referee Fr. O'Neills.

Sunday, National Junior League — Cork v Kilkenny at Ballincollig at 2 p.m.

National Senior League — Cork v Kilkenny at Ballincollig at 3.30 p.m.

Under-14 A League 1992 — Aghabullogue v Newcestown at Aghabullogue at 12 noon. Referee Newcestown. Fr. O'Neills v Middleton at Fr. O'Neills at 12 noon. Ref. Middleton.

Under-14 B League 1992 — Ballincollig v Inniscarra at Ballincollig at 12 noon. Ref. Inniscarra. Bishopstown B v Na Piarsaigh B at Bishopstown at 12 noon. Ref. Na Piarsaigh. Grenagh v Glen Rovers at Grenagh at 12 noon. Ref. Glen Rovers. Valley Rovers v Tracton at Valley Rovers at 12 noon. Ref. Tracton.

Intermediate League 1992 — Eire Og v Ovens at 7.30. Ref. Cloughduv. Kilbrittain v Castlemagner at Kilbrittain at 7.30. Referee Newcestown.

Wednesday, Under-14 A League 1992 — Inniscarra v Eire Og at Inniscarra at 7.30. Referee Eire Og.

Senior League 1992 — Aghabullogue v St. Finbarrs at Coachford at 7.30. Referee Eire Og.

Delight for Dubs but champs Kilkenny bounced by Cork

DUBLIN.....7-4

A DETERMINED second half performance by Dublin was more than enough to secure Senior Camogie League semi-finals.

Yesterday's game played at Newbridge was a close encounter in the first half with Kildare trailing by three points at halftime 2-2 to 0-5.

Dublin's early second half goals snuffed out any chance of a Kildare victory who are already through to the semi finals.

Marian Malone, Rose Merriman and May Ann Johnson were very prominent for the Lillywhites, who never gave up trying. Cathy Walsh, Mary Duane and Anne Cooper played a major role in their team's victory.

SCORERS — Dublin: Dunne 3-3, M Connell 3-1, Lynch 1-0. Kildare: M Malone 1-7, C Moloney 0-3, M Johnson and Merriman 0-1 each.

CORK.....2-7

KILKENNY.....0-3
A BRILLIANT display by Sandy Fitzgibbon helped Cork to an easy win over All-Ireland champions Kilkenny in this National Senior

KILDARE.....1-12

performance by Dublin was more than enough to secure them a place in the National finals.

CAMOGIE SPECIAL

League tie at Ballincollig.

There was little between the sides in the opening half Cork turning over leading 1-3 to 0-3 but the home side were rampant in the second period and ran out easy winners.

SCORERS — Cork: O'Keeffe 2-0, C O'Mahony 0-4, (0-2 frees, 0-1 30), L O'Neill 0-2, F O'Driscoll 0-1. Kilkenny: Ann Downey 0-1 (free), B McGarry 0-1, B Mullaly 0-1.

CORK.....0-4
KILKENNY.....2-3
KILKENNY came out on top in the National Junior League tie against Cork at Ballincollig. The sides were level with eight minutes left to go but an excellent final 10 minutes by Kilkenny gave them a worthy win.

SCORERS — Cork: L Dunne 0-3 (0-2 free, 0-1 30), P Murphy 0-1. Kilkenny: M Comerford 1-0 (free), M McGrath 1-0, A Hughes 0-1, I Kennedy 0-2 (0-1 free).

DUBLIN GIRLS UP AGAINST IT

KILDARE are already through to the national senior camogie league semi-finals, but this will not prevent them from putting their best foot forward when they entertain Dublin at Newbridge in the concluding round proper in Group Two.

The all-whites only stepped up to the senior ranks last year, and they have fared really well in earning one of the two semi final tickets from this section. They are the only county in the group with full points.

Dublin opened promisingly with a big win over Antrim, and next time out Louise Lynch, Ann Cooper and Geraldine Dunne were prominent when the Dubs played a draw with Galway at Loughrea.

Galway, who lost by five points to Kildare, have completed their programme, and have three points. A draw would ensure Dublin of the second semi final ticket, but a Kildare win would result in a play off between the Dubs and Galway.

Plenty at stake then for the metropolitans, who are a capable team, with accomplished players in all sectors, and should respond to the challenge with a spirited effort. However, Kildare's form

so far suggests they can keep on the winning ways.

Dublin's juniors may set their senior team a good example when they meet Kildare in the national league in the Newbridge curtain raiser.

Cork continue their defence of the national league title when they renew rivalry with Kilkenny in Group One at Ballincollig in a match that may well provide a few worthwhile pointers for the future.

The Leesiders ended Kilkenny's bid for a fifth league title in succession in last year's final, but the Leinster girls had their revenge when the counties met in the All-Ireland final.

Kilkenny, who have been the leading power in the game since the mid 80s, are moving well again this season. They have full points from their two games but are still unlikely to take anything for granted at Cork.

The league champions beat Clare in their only appearance so far and will be very keen for a win that would prove a real boost to morale for the season ahead. They will strive all the day, but Kilkenny should have the necessary scoring power to finish group winners.

Hectic day at Killeagh

SUNDAY next promises to be a hectic day at the Killeagh GAA grounds when no fewer than three Cork teams will be in action. First into the arena will be the Cork Minor team and they play Waterford in the first round of the Munster Minor Championship at 12 noon. At 2 o'clock the Cork Junior team play Wexford in the National Junior League while at 3.30 the Cork Seniors play Wexford in a vital senior tie.

The Cork Minors are the reigning Munster champions and no doubt they will be hoping to go a step nearer retaining their title when they take on Waterford in a first round game on Sunday next.

Vital

At the time of writing, the Cork Senior team was not available but no doubt they will be hoping to field their strongest possible side as the outcome of Sunday's game is of vital importance. Should Cork win they will go straight forward to the semi-finals but should they lose it will involve a three-way play-off between Cork, Kilkenny and Wexford, so, no doubt, Cork will be hoping to avoid a play-off situation.

Definitely out for Sunday's clash will be Therese O'Callaghan. Therese received a rather nasty injury in last Sunday's game against Kilkenny and could be unavailable for some time. However, the line-out is certain to include goalkeeper Kathleen Costine, Paula Goggins, Liz Towler, Breda Kenny, Sandy Fitzgibbon, Colette O'Mahony, Liz O'Neill,

Lynda Mellerick and Irene O'Keeffe.

Cork Minor Panel: Cora Keohane, Barryroe; Niamh O'Mahony, Kilbrittain; Maria Corkery, Cloughduv; Frances Flavin, Fr. O'Neills; Alison Dilworth, Brian Dillons; Niamh O'Regan, Brian Dillons; Deirdre Holland, Sarsfields; Fiona O'Donovan, Inniscarra; Cliona Long, Newcestown; Miriam Deasy, Kilbrittain; Val O'Mahony, Brian Dillons; Mary O'Connor, Killeagh; Niamh Crowley, Newcestown; Jill Hannon, Brian Dillons; Rosarie O'Sullivan, Brian Dillons; Lynda O'Sullivan, Ballinhassig; Sarah Maher, Delanys; Vivienne Harris, Bishopstown; Susan Barrett, Mayfield; Patricia Doyle, Bishopstown; Eileen Kelleher, Mayfield; Deirdre O'Sullivan, Inniscarra; Ann-Marie O'Shea, Watergrasshill; Ailish O'Regan, Kilbrittain; Christine O'Mahony, Brian Dillons.

FIXTURES

SATURDAY, MAY 16

Senior League 92, Fr. O'Neills v Aghabullogue at Fr. O'Neills at 7.30, ref. Killeagh.

SUNDAY, MAY 17

Munster Minor Championship, Cork v Waterford at Killeagh GAA Grounds, 12 noon; National Junior League, Cork v Wexford at Killeagh GAA Grounds, 2 p.m.; National Senior League, Cork v Wexford at Killeagh GAA Grounds, 3.30.

MONDAY, MAY 18

Under 14 'A' League 92: Barryroe v Bishopstown at Barryroe, 7.30 (ref. Bishopstown); Ballygarvan v Kilbrittain at Ballygarvan, 7.30 (ref. Kilbrittain); St. Finbarrs v Ballinhassig at St. Finbarrs, 7.30 (ref. Ballinhassig); Mayfield v Na Piarasigh at Mayfield, 7.30 (ref. Na Piarasigh); Glen Rovers v St. Vincents at Glen Rovers, 7.30 (ref. St. Vincents); Sarsfields v

Watergrasshill at Sarsfields, 7.30 (ref. Watergrasshill).

Under 14 'B' League 92: Blackrock v Bandon at Blackrock, 7.30 (ref. Bandon); Inniscarra v Ballinora at Inniscarra, 7.30 (ref. Ballinora); Douglas v Youghal at Douglas, 7.30 (ref. Youghal); Cloyne v Grenagh at Cloyne, 7.30 (ref. Grenagh); Courcey Rovers v Ballincollig at Courcey Rovers, 7.30 (ref. Ballincollig); St. Fanahans v Delanys at St. Fanahans, 7.30 (ref. Delanys); Douglas v Cobb at Douglas, 7.30 (ref. Cobb).

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

Intermediate League 92: Castlemagner v Blackrock at Castlemagner, 7.30 (ref. Grenagh); Killeagh v Brian Dillons at Killeagh, 7.30 (ref. Middleton); Elre Og v Kilbrittain at Ovens, 7.30 (ref. Aghabullogue).



Top: Goalmouth action in the St Catherines/Cloughduv Cork County Intermediate Hurling Championship game at Pairc Ui Chaoimh. St Catherines won 2-15 to 1-9.

Above: Togher girls team who took part in the INTO/GAA mini-sevens at Bishopstown.

Sandy inspires Cork win

BY TOM HIGGINS

Cork 2-7 Kilkenny 0-3

A superb performance by Sandy Fitzgibbon helped to Cork to an easy win over Kilkenny in this National Senior League game at Ballincollig yesterday.

Played on a wet sod, which made control difficult, Kilkenny were still in the game with a chance at the interval when they trailed by only three points but they failed to score in a second half in which Cork were very much in control.

Cork got off to a great start when, after seven minutes, Sandy Fitzgibbon raced through the Kilkenny defence to force goalkeeper Marie Fitzpatrick to make a fine save but Irene O'Keeffe was on hand to

hit the rebound home. After that it was nip and tuck with neither side able to gain control.

However, on the turn-over the Cork defence tightened up and with goalkeeper Kay Costine, Liz Towler and Breda Kenny very much in form, the forwards got a good supply of the ball and Liz O'Neill, Sandy Fitzgibbon and Linda Mellerick had the Kilkenny defence under severe pressure for long periods.

When Irene O'Keeffe had her second goal five minutes after the restart Cork were rampant and they never lost their grip on the game afterwards.

Kilkenny still continued to plug away but despite some good performances from Bridie McGarry, Ann Downey, Gillian Dillon and

Bridget Mullally they never looked like troubling the winners.

Scorers for Cork: Irene O'Keeffe 2-0, Colette O'Mahony 0-4 (0-2 frees 0-1 '30"); Liz O'Neill 0-2, Fiona O'Driscoll 0-1.

Kilkenny: Ann Downey 0-1 (free), Bridie McGarry 0-1, Bridget Mullally 0-1.

CORK: K Costine; B Kenny; P Goggins, T O'Callaghan, L Towler; I O'Leary, S Fitzgibbon, L Mellerick; F O'Driscoll, C O'Mahony, I O'Keeffe; L O'Neill. Subs: D Cronin for T O'Callaghan (38th minute); G McCarthy for F O'Driscoll (52nd minute).

KILKENNY: M Fitzpatrick; B Barniville; B O'Sullivan, D Malone, U Murphy; B McGarry, Ann Downey, T Millar; M Downey, G Dillon, M Fitzpatrick; B Mullally.

Referee: K McNicholls (Clare).

Cork 0-4 Kilkenny 2-3

TAKING control in the final ten minutes Kilkenny ran out worthy

winners of the preceding National Junior League tie.

Cork looked the better side in the opening half but on a greasy pitch they were inclined to pick too much when ground camogie would have been more advantageous and missed many glorious opportunities for scores.

They led by 0-3 to 0-1 after 21 minutes and looked in control but a goal from a free by Margaret Comerford three minutes from the break gave the visitors a one lead, 1-1 to 0-3, at the interval.

Cork levelled matters in the 37th minute when Lyn Dunlea was on target with a free and it was anybody's game until the 53rd minute when Imelda Kennedy set up Mary McGrath for

a goal. Kilkenny had gone ahead a minute earlier when Kennedy converted a free and this put paid to a very unfit Cork side who failed to last the pace.

Scorers for Cork: Lyn Dunlea 0-3 (0-2 frees, 0-1 '30"), Patricia Murphy 0-1.

KILKENNY: Margaret Comerford 1-0 (free), Mary McGrath 1-0, Ann Marie Hughes 0-1, Imelda Kennedy 0-2 (0-1 free).

CORK: L Ahern; M Spillane, B Kelleher, A Leahy; E Kelleher, E Buckley, S Dunlea; A Barry, L Dunlea, P Murphy; L O'Sullivan. Subs: S Moloney for A Barry (32 minute) M Buckley for E Buckley (41st minute), S O'Donovan for E Kelleher (58th minute).

KILKENNY: H McGrath; P Dowling; E Kennedy, J Aylward, I Kennedy; S Dooly, K Dunphy, M Maher; A M Hughes, P O'Keeffe, M Comerford; M McGrath. Subs: H Butler for S Dooly (32nd min), J Sweeney for A M Hughes (42nd min).

Referee: P Moloney (Clare).

Galway hosts Pan Celtic

There will be no National camogie league games this weekend owing to Pan Celtic Festival organised by Galway for the second year which is open to senior and minor.

Leinster counties will be well represented together with clubs from all over the country and overseas. The competition will be run on a league blitz with each team getting at least two games. All games will be played on Saturday and Sunday.

In the meantime we take a look at how Leinster counties are progressing in the National League.

CAMOGIE FOCUS

By P J Fulham

In junior, Zone A Dublin are two points behind the table top-pers, All Ireland champions Down. Dublin will be hoping for a victory over Kildare and that Antrim can topple Down to force a play off. In Zone C we have Kilkenny, Wexford and Offaly the latter is the one making good progress.

Two teams will emerge from this division. Tipperary, the

defeated All Ireland finalists are unbeaten to date closely followed by Offaly and Limerick.

They have dropped two points each. Offaly are in a good position to be second team out as they will have home advantage over Limerick and Cork in their next two outings.

In the Senior League there are two divisions with two teams coming from each to contest the semi-finals. Division One is still wide open with Kilkenny, Wexford and

Cork all on level terms, Clare will not figure.

Division Two Kildare are through to the semi-finals, Dublin have three points from two games, they have yet to meet Kildare and if they win they are through but if they lose, and Galway defeat Antrim it will be a play off for the second team out between Dublin and Galway. All in all there is everything to play for.

The Leinster minor championships commences on Sunday with three games down for decision.



Pan Celtic Champions... the Inniscarra U-16 A camogie team, which won the Pan Celtic Festival in Salthill.

Festival win for Inniscarra

IN the Pan Celtic Festival held in Salthill, Inniscarra Camogie Club has been standing success as they won the Under 16 camogie section. Ben Mullagh from Coolgal by a mere point.

INNISCARRA: O'Donovan (Capt), J. Ian, E. Dineen, N. Brien, T. Ryan, Moynihan, M. Nolan, Keohane, D. O'Sullivan, M. N. O'Sullivan, O'Leary, E. McMahon, Forbes, Y. Healy, Twohig, S. Murphy.

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Pan Celtic honours prove big boost fo

ST ANNES Club, Louth gained honours when they took the Senior B title at the Pan Celtic Camogie Festival held in Galway at the weekend.

Mary Connor, St. Annes cathaoir-leach, is delighted with her club's victory. "The club was at a low ebb," says Mary "and we decided to take a chance and enter Pan Celtic. The victory is a great boost for the club and also for Louth county team."

Mary played a prominent part in the victory together with her three sisters Eileen, Connie and Geraldine.

St. Annes won three games in their division before they defeated Portaferry, Down on a score of 2-2 to 0-0 in the final.

Another Leinster club to reach a final was St. Monicas of Dublin. They con-

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tested the Senior A against the All Ireland Club Champions Mullagh of Galway and were defeated by 1-8 to 0-1.

On Sunday next the National League resumes after a two-week break. Kilkenny seniors travel to Clare and they may carry too much strength for the Banner county. A win here will leave them table-toppers in their division.

Also on Sunday Wexford will show their hospitality to Tipperary in a National Junior League tie. Tipperary are unbeaten to date and Wexford will find it hard enough to secure two points despite fielding strong players like Deirdre O'Grady, Marie Codd, Orla O'Leary, Jenny McLoughlin and Lisa Murphy.

This game will be preceded by a Leinster Minor Championship quarter-final when Wexford clash with Wicklow. The home side can advance here as they have a large minor panel with numerous young stars. Wicklow's victory over Kildare on Sunday last will boost their morale and it could turn into quite a tussle.

In the Leinster Minor Championship two other quarter-finals will be staged. Kilkenny the All-Ireland Minor champions will play host to Offaly. The visitors are sure to come up against strong opposition.

Kilkenny have won four All Ireland titles in the past five years and will not be surrendering their title too easily. On

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Killeagh and Cloughduv open progr

Next week the Cork Senior Camogie Championship commences with two preliminary rounds down for decision. Opening the programme on Tuesday night will be Killeagh and Cloughduv and that game is scheduled for Carrigrohilly at 7.30 while on Wednesday night the Glen play Bishopstown at Delany's at 7.30. In other games the Cork junior team play Waterford tomorrow at Lismore and tomorrow night the 1991 U-16 League semi-final will be decided between Brian Dillon's and St Finbarr's. Next week also sees the com-

mencement of the u-14 League with a number of games listed.

On Tuesday night at Carrigrohilly the first of the Senior Championship games will be decided between Killeagh and Cloughduv. Despite the fact that it is Cloughduv's first year at senior level they have shown good form of late and could be a formidable force. However, on form it is difficult to see Killeagh being halted.

They should be the more experienced outfit even though they will be forced to field without players like

Ann Marie Landers and Betty Joyce. These girls are certainly a big loss but they can still call on players of the calibre of goalkeeper Kathleen Costine, the Spillane sisters, Mary and Shelly, Patricia Fitzgibbon and Cathy Landers and if these girls produce the goods they should advance.

But they will not get things easy from a Cloughduv side who are in a position to call on such fine performers as Mary Walsh, Patie Lynch, Ann Marie Healy and the Dunlea sisters, Jackie, Lyn and Stephanie.

On Wednesday night we should have another cracking contest when Glen Rovers and Bishopstown meet at Delany's and here the Glen, who are the champions, will be favourites.

Bishopstown will be going into this game determined to prove that they are now more than ready for the big time and, as a result, could make things very difficult for their more experienced opponents.

Bishopstown have fine performers in Liz O'Neill, Liz Towler, Rose Desmond, Sheenagh Morley and Leslie Walsh but these girls will

certainly have to be at their best if they hope to contain such marvellous players as Sandy Fitzgibbon, Therese O'Callaghan, Denise Cronin, Lynda Mellerick and Ger McCarthy.

FIXTURES

Today, Senior League: St. Finbarr's v. Fr. O'Neills at St. Finbarr's. 7.30 p.m.

Tomorrow, U-16 League semi-final: Brian Dillon's v. St. Finbarr's at Brian Dillon's. 7.30 p.m.

National Junior League: Cork v. Waterford at Lismore at 2.30 p.m.

Monday U-14 "A" League '92: St. Finbarr's v. Ballygarvan at St. Finbarr's at 7.30 p.m.
Ballinhassig v. Bishopstown at Ballinhassig at 7.30 p.m.

Kilbrittain v. Barryroe at Kilbrittain at 7.30 p.m.
Eire Og v. Cloughduv at Eire Og at 7.30 p.m.
Na Piarasigh v. Brian Dillon's at Na Piarasigh at 7.30 p.m.

Glen Rovers v. Mayfield at Glen Rovers at 7.30 p.m.
Watergrasshill v. Killeagh at Watergrasshill at 7.30 p.m.
Fr. O'Neills v. Sarsfields at Fr. O'Neills at 7.30 p.m.

Killeagh pushed all the way

By Tom Higgins
Killeagh 1-11,
Cloughduv 1-6

AN outstanding display by Cathy Landers at centre-back helped Killeagh to a five points victory over Cloughduv in the first round of the Cork Senior camogie championship at Carrigrohilly last evening.

This was a game Killeagh never really looked like losing, but they made hard work of it all the same. They had most of the chances but overuse of the ball and poor finishing kept Cloughduv in contention.

Cloughduv, in their first venture into the senior grade, really put up an excellent show. They got off to a good start and were 0-2 to 0-1 up after six minutes. However, once Killeagh settled down they picked off some good points and were 0-6 to 0-3 ahead at the break.

When star player, Lynn Dunlea, who scored all her sides total, cut the deficit to two points after two minutes of the second-half, Cloughduv looked like putting it up to their more fancied rivals.

Killeagh responded, however, and Patricia Fitzgibbon put them 1-8 to 0-5 ahead when she was on hand to tap the ball home after an excellent save from goalkeeper Louise Ahern in the 45th minute.

Cloughduv were not finished yet though and Dunlea buried a 20 metre free to cut the deficit again.

Killeagh finished strongly however and two late points put the game out of Cloughduv's reach.

Scorers for Killeagh: S. Cahalane 0-6 (0-3 frees), P. Fitzgibbon 1-2, I. Leahy 0-1, M. O'Connor 0-1, J. Power 0-1.

Cloughduv: L. Dunlea 1-6 (1-5 frees).

KILLEAGH: K Costine; V Motherway; M Spillane, C Landers, N Barry; S Spillane, J Power, S Cahalane; I Leahy, M O'Connor, A Leahy; P Fitzgibbon. Sub. E Leahy for I Leahy (40th minute).

CLOUGHDUV: L Ahern; A M Healy; S Dunlea, P Coleman, M Bradley; E Bradley, M Corkery, S Corkery; L Dunlea, E Cronin, M Barry-Murphy; C Dennehy. Referee: M Kearney (Sarsfields).

Tipperary Minor Camogie Advance to Munster Semi-final

Tipperary6-11
Clare3-3

The Tipperary minor camogie team got off to a great start in the first round of the Munster Championship on Wednesday evening last. The final score does not indicate the closeness of this encounter.

Clare got off to a dream start with a great goal in the first minute. The Tipperary girls soon found their feet and lobbed over three fast points to level the scores after just four minutes of play. Clare again took the lead in the next minute with a point.

In the next period the Tipperary girls really went on the rampage. Catherine Burke was playing a stormer at centerfield and Mandy Quigley got Tipperary's first goal followed by a lovely point from this same player minutes later. Before Clare could reply with a point.

At this stage Kiera Byrnes began to hit target throwing over a few lovely points. In the twentieth minute Mandy Quigley again rattled the Clare net. Kiera Byrnes got another point on the stroke of full-time to leave the score Tipperary 2-8, Clare 1-3.

From the throw-in of the second half Clare went on the attack and scored a great goal. Clare seemed to take control of centerfield for a short period and against the run of play Kiera Byrnes scored Tipp's first point of the half. From the puck out, centerfield failed to collect and the Tipperary backs seemed to be at sixes and sevens. The Clare attack gave the Tipperary goalie no chance with a rasper of a goal.

Some substitutes and positional changes in the Tipperary line-up proved decisive and these young gutsy ladies showed they have plenty fight and would not be killed off to easily. From thence on Clare failed to raise another flag and Tipp ran out easy winners.

Team: M. Bulfin, S. Coyne, S. Kelly, M. Ryan, C. Burke, M. Quigley, C. Byrnes, C. Dunne, T. Brophy, A. Barry, M. Maxwell, J. Horgan, E. Keane, C. Gaynor, S. Kenneally, D. Quigley, A. Lawlor, M. Burke, C. Buckley.

CASHEL WIN THEIR FIRST JUNIOR TITLE

Cashel3-2
Shannon Rovers2-3

The final of the John Hogan Cup took place on Saturday night last between Shannon Rovers, last year's championship finalists, and Cashel, fielding a junior team for the first time in a good number of years.

Cashel were first to draw blood with a well taken point from play. Shannon Rovers were quick to reply with a good point. Some great play followed and some tight marking before Rovers broke through for a great goal. Cashel went on the attack, a good cross onto the square from the Cashel attack and some dithering by the Rovers' defence resulted in Cashel's first goal.

Both teams were evenly matched with some very good exchanges before Rovers crashed home their second goal. Cashel replied

with another point, followed by two more from Rovers to leave the half-time score: Shannon Rovers 2-3, Cashel 1-2.

This was a brilliant second half. Rovers looked to have a comfortable lead at half-time and adopted the tactic of playing a defensive game. However, the Cashel girls had other ideas. A free after ten minutes resulted in a well struck goal. This score changed the scene on the score sheet. Cashel now were just a point in arrears and were hungry for glory. Rovers, however, were not going to relinquish their lead too easily. Some great exchanges followed for the next ten minutes before Cashel struck their third goal. Rovers rocked from this score were not done with yet and sent over a point to narrow the gap once more. Time ticking away, Rovers were awarded a close-in free in the dying seconds only to see their effort sail wide of the posts to leave the full-time score: Cashel 3-2, Shannon Rovers 2-3.

Shannon Rovers, although disappointed with this defeat, lost nothing and showed they will be a force in the junior championship, victory never comes too easily. Cashel showed great determination after having such a close shave the previous Sunday against a very young Gortnahoe side. It shows there is just a puck of the ball between most of these teams and with camogie on a high within the county, we can look forward to some great entertainment during the summer months.

Glen get good test

By Tom Higgins

Glen Rovers 1-9; Bishopstown 0-4

REIGNING Cork and Munster camogie champions, Glen Rovers advanced to the semi-final of the County championship at Delany's Grounds, last evening when they defeated a brave Bishopstown side in a hard fought game.

The winner's can thank their defence as it was their experienced players in this sector who saw them through. As usual Sandie Fitzgibbon and Mary Ring stood out and got excellent support from Diane Deane.

Glen played with a strong wind in the opening period and turned over leading 1-6 to 0-1, thanks to some excellent points from Therese O'Callaghan and a super effort from Trish Murphy from an acute angle. Had Bishopstown's shooting been more accurate in this half, they shot five wides, the deficit would have been less.

On the turnover the losers were unlucky not to score a goal as Edel Kearney was clean through but shot narrowly wide.

The same player had another opportunity in the 40th minute when she was given an excellent pass by Liz O'Neill but her shot was well saved by Fiona McCarthy.

Bishopstown tightened up their defence in this spell and Glen, who scored some excellent points in the first half, found scores hard to come by.

Rose Desmond was in superb form in the Bishopstown goal and brought off some excellent saves. Her long puck outs put the Glen backs under pressure but they stood firm and with Therese O'Callaghan dropping back from midfield they were able to weather the storm.

Scores for Glen Rovers: Linda Mellerick 1-6, Ger McCarthy 0-4 (0-2 frees), Therese O'Callaghan 0-2, Denise Cronin 0-1, Trish Murphy 0-1, Mandy Kennelick 0-1. Bishopstown: Liz O'Neill 0-4 (0-2 '30's 0-1 free). GLEN ROVERS: F. McCarthy; M. Ring; D. McCarthy; S. Fitzgibbon, D. Deane; M. Kennelick, T. O'Callaghan, M. Currid; L. Mellerick, G. McCarthy, T. Murphy; D. Cronin. BISHOPSTOWN: R. Desmond; A. Creed; C. Murphy, A. Buckley, L. Towler; S. Morley, C. Hannigan, K. Ryan; L. O'Neill, A. White, E. Kearney; H. Hogan, Sub. L. Walsh for Hannigan (44th minute).

Referee: C. O'Mahony (St. Finbarr's).

Impressive Dubs trounce Kildare in second half goal flurry

DUBLIN had an impressive win over Kildare in a National Senior Camogie League encounter played at Newbridge on Sunday last.

By virtue of this win they end up table toppers in Division Two and join Kildare in the semi-finals.

The game was played in adverse weather conditions. The first half was evenly contested with only three points separating the sides at the interval, 2-2 to 0-5.

Dublin showed their experience and determination early in the second half and with a flurry of goals snuffed out any chance the home side had of victory. The final score was Dublin 7-4; Kildare 1-12.

Dublin made it a double when their juniors defeated Kildare in a National Junior League tie on a score of 2-10 to 1-2.

Kilkenny crashed to Cork at Ballincollig in a National Senior League game on Sunday. Both sides showed great determination in the first half which was

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evenly contested. Cork led by 1-3 to 0-3 at half time.

Kilkenny failed to register a score in the second half. The Cork defence proved very staunch and their forwards were sharp and ran out easy winners on a score of 2-7 to 0-3.

Kilkenny took the points from the Junior League encounter against Cork. This was a very entertaining game with Kilkenny leading by 1-3 to 0-3 at half time.

The second half was quite a tussle and Kilkenny made the best of the closing stages to emerge winners on a score of 2-3 to 0-4.

Offaly lost out to Limerick in a National Junior League tie played at Rath on Sunday.

It was a somewhat disappointing performance from the Offaly girls who now must win their next game against Cork to figure in the semi-finals.

The final score was Limerick 2-10; Offaly 2-4.

On Sunday next Wexford travel to Cork for a most important Senior League game, the final game in division one. Kilkenny and Cork are on level points.

If Wexford beat Cork on Sunday it will leave the three teams in a play-off situation. If Cork win the pairings for the semi-finals are Cork v Kildare, Kilkenny v Dublin.

The Leinster Minor Championships semi-finals are down for decision on Sunday. Dublin are at home to Wexford. The Slaneysiders have some useful performers in Tina Redmond, Michelle Murphy, Elaine Murphy and Orla Hannon.

Dublin have put together a useful squad and will field as follows - C. Conway, B.

Fallon, A. Martin, R. McAllister, M. Dervin, S. Russell, V. Reeney, N. Breegan, M. Walsh, S. Treacy, S. Jordan, P. Carroll, N. Ryan, O. O'Leary, N. Ni Ghonaill, S. Cregg.

In the other semi-final Meath are at home to Kilkenny. They will meet with stiff opposition as Kilkenny are All Ireland Champions and have star players in Sinead Costello (captain), Patricia Dalton, Michelle Fennelly and Catriona Delaney.

Meath will be depending on Margaret Stephens, Kate Connolly, Susan Mulligan, Lynn Winters and Alice McNulty to topple the champions.

FIXTURES

SUNDAY

N.J.L. at Ballincollig — Cork v Wexford, 2 p.m. N.S.L. — Cork v Wexford, 3.15. Leinster Minor Championships semi-finals at Silverpark — Dublin v Wexford, 3 p.m. At Killybeg — Meath v Kilkenny, 3 p.m.

Wexford win and force three-way play-off

BY TOM HIGGINS
Cork 1-9, Wexford 4-8

CORK had to give best to a much more determined Wexford side in this National Senior League camogie tie at Killeagh yesterday when they went under by an eight points margin.

Having beaten All-Ireland champions Kilkenny the previous week, the home side were expected to account for Wexford and book their place in the League semi-final but they failed to reproduce their true form and this defeat means it is now a three way play-off between Cork, Kilkenny and Wexford to decide who will play Kildare in the semi-final.

A strong crosswind did not help either side but Wexford adapted better to the conditions and found themselves 4-0 to 0-1 up after 14 minutes, thanks to three soft goals. After this poor start Cork were always fighting a losing battle and although they were unlucky not to have scored a few goals in the second-half they never looked like troubling the winners.

In contrast to the previous week, Cork never got to grips with the game and with Catherine Murphy in control at centre-back for Wexford and Ann Reddy and Angie Ahern putting the Cork defence under severe pressure, they dominated the opening 15 minutes. Although Cork came more into it at the end of this half they could make little impression on a hard tackling Wexford defence who tackled tenaciously.

Cork had much the better of it in the second-half but luck was not with them and with Terry Butler having an excellent game between the posts for Wexford they found goals hard to come by. On the run of play, however, Wexford deserved their win.

Scorers for Cork: Liz O'Neill 1-1, Fiona O'Driscoll 0-4, Irene O'Leary 0-2 (0-1 free), Breda Kenny 0-1 (free), Linda Mellerick 0-1. Wexford: Angie Ahern 3-0, Ann Reddy 1-0, Clare Cullen 0-5 (0-4 free), Catherine Murphy 0-1 (free), Geraldine Codd 0-1, Paula Rankin 0-1.

CORK: K Costine; M Finn; P Gaggins, B. Kenny, L. Towler; L. Mellerick, S. Fitzgibbon, I. O'Leary; G. McCarthy, D. Cronin, F. O'Driscoll; L. O'Neill. Subs: Q. O'Mahony for I. O'Leary (42nd min) I. O'Keefe for L. O'Neill (50th min).

WEXFORD: T. Butler; J. O'Leary, C. Murphy, D. Ahern; S. Synott, C. Cullen, G. Codd; P. Rankin, A. Reddy, A. M. O'Connor; A. Ahern. Referee: M. Pollard (Waterford).

Cork 3-5, Wexford 2-7

IN the preceding Junior League match, Cork came out on top by the narrowest of margins. This was a game that they should have in safe keeping long before the end but poor shooting and overuse of the ball cost them dearly, particularly in the second-half.

The first-half was fairly evenly contested with Cork leading at the break 1-3 to 0-3 and when they held a two goal advantage, 2-5 to 0-5, after ten minutes of the second-half they looked in control.

But Wexford fought back to draw level in the 48th minute. However, a goal by substitute Shirley Moloney two minutes later put Cork in front once more but they missed quite a few chances afterwards and with Wexford picking off two points, the last on almost the stroke of time, the home side lived dangerously but held out for a deserved win.

Scorers for Cork: Mary Kennefick 1-4 (0-1 free), Rose Desmond 1-1, S. Moloney 1-0.

Wexford: Angela Fogarty 2-2, Maguerite Doyle 0-5 (0-2 free).

CORK: L. Ahern; V. Motherway; M. Spillane, E. Healy, S. O'Donovan; M. Sexton, H. Walsh, E. Buckley; S. Dunlea, M. Kennefick, B. Shiels; R. Desmond. Subs: S. Moloney for B. Shiels (45th min), B. Shiels for M. Sexton (57th min).

WEXFORD: J. Gahon; S. Codd; O. Gahon, O. O'Leary, U. O'Connor; K. Bulger, M. O'Leary, L. Murphy; G. O'Grady, M. Doyle, A. Fogarty; S. Firman. Sub: A. Gahon for L. Murphy (36th min).

Referee: R. O. Flynn (Waterford).

Cork 9-14 Waterford 1-0

CORK had little difficulty in advancing to meet Tipperary in the final of the Munster Minor camogie championship when at Killeagh yesterday they had a comprehensive victory over Waterford.



Linda Mellerick — scored a point for Cork

They laid the foundations in the opening half when they were really rampant and turned over leading 3-10 to 0-0.

Although it took them ten minutes to increase their lead, once they got on target they continued to pile on the agony. In fact, Waterford had to wait until two minutes from time for their only score - a goal with Emma Dunne.

Scorers for Cork: Val O'Mahony 4-2; Deirdre Holland 2-5 (free); Miriam Deasy 2-4; Deirdre O'Sullivan 1-0; Mary O'Connor 0-2; Fiona O'Donovan 0-1.

Waterford: Emma Dunne 1-0.

CORK: C. Keohane; N. O'Mahony; M. Corkery, F. Flavin, A. Dilworth; N. O'Regan, D. Holland, F. O'Donovan; M. Deasy, C. Long, M. O'Connor; V. O'Mahony. Subs: D. O'Sullivan for N. O'Regan (50th), L. O'Sullivan for M. O'Connor (50th min), A. O'Regan for M. Deasy (54th min).

WATERFORD: C. Ormonde; L. Bennett; E. Ormonde, C. Power, C. Ormonde; Lisa Walsh, E. O'Mahony, D. McCarthy; S. Fan, S. Ryan, Louise Walsh; E. Dunne. Subs: G. Hutchinson for E. Ormonde (22nd min); S. O'Shea for Lisa Walsh (half-time); S. Kelly for Louise Walsh (half-time).

Referee: B. Phillips (Tipperary).

Wexford win battle of Ballincollig

WEXFORD.....4-7
CORK.....1-9
WEXFORD surprised Cork in yesterday's National Senior Camogie League game played at a sunny Ballincollig.

Wexford went on a scoring spree and had chalked up four goals in the first 15 minutes.

Cork found it difficult to recover and by half-time, Wexford led 4-2 to 0-3.

In the second-half Cork tried to rally back but found the Slaneysiders' confidence and determination too much.

SCORERS — Wexford: A. Hearn (2-0), P. Rankin (1-1), A. Reddy (1-0), C. Cullen (0-4), C. Murphy and G. Codd (0-1 each). Cork: L. O'Neill (1-1), F. O'Driscoll (0-4), I. O'Leary (0-2), G. McCarthy and B. Kenny (0-1 each).

CORK.....3-5

WEXFORD.....2-7

CORK won the junior league tie in the same venue by the narrowest of margins. However had they taken their many chances they should have had this game in safekeeping well before the end.

SCORERS — Cork: M. Kennefick 1-4 (0-1 free), R. Dunne 1-1, S. Moloney 1-0. Wexford: A. Fogarty 2-2, M. Doyle 0-5 (0-2 free).

CORK.....9-14

WATERFORD.....1-0

CORK had little difficulty in advancing to the Munster final of the minor championship at the same venue with a big win over Waterford. They laid the foundations to their success in the opening half turning over leading by 3-10 to 0-0.

SCORERS — Cork: V. O'Mahony 4-2, D. Holland 2-5 (free), M. Deasy 2-4, D. O'Sullivan 1-0, M. O'Connell 0-2, F. O'Donovan 0-1. Waterford: E. Dunne 1-0.

ROSCOMMON.....4-3
CAVAN.....1-6
A BRILLIANT second-half display by Roscommon gave them victory over Cavan in this National Junior Camogie League tie played at Kiltoom yesterday.

The first-half was evenly contested with both sides giving a brilliant display.

Just before half-time, Cavan took the lead.

In the second-half Roscommon played with great determination and two quick goals in the early stages gave them the boost they needed to run out easy winners.

SCORERS — Roscommon: P. Pearse 2-0, M. Gannon 1-1, T. Bracken 1-0, H. Hussey 0-2. Cavan: M. Clarke 1-1, G. Martin 0-2, C. Smith 0-2, O. Scorr 0-1.

TIPPERARY ADVANCE TO MUNSTER FINAL

Tipperary6-7, Limerick3-8

TIPPERARY advanced to the Munster final against Cork, on July 1st, when they had an eight point victory over Limerick, on Friday evening in Killecoleman grounds.

Tipperary put in a tremendous first half and had chalked up four goals in the first 15 minutes. Limerick found it difficult to return and by half time Tipperary led 5-5 to 0-4.

In the second half Tipperary faded somewhat and Limerick were finding their way back and came within three points with a few minutes to go. However, Tipperary still had enough in reserve and came out with eight points to spare.

With wing forwards, Mandy Quigley and Ciara Burns in dazzling form during the opening half, Maria Ryan at centre-forward, supported by Anne Barry at full-forward, both gave spirited displays. At centrefield Miriam Maxwell, Catherine Bourke and Theresa Brophy were well in control. The back-line consisting of Aileen Delaney, Joanne Horgan, Suzanne Kelly and Sheila Coyne once in possession, were well capable of making lengthy clearances and ensuring a good supply of ball to the forward line.

The Limerick side never 'threw in the towel' and kept the pressure on to the very end. The substitutes, Ciara Gaynor and Dearbhla Quigley when introduced left the selectors in no doubt that there is a fight on for positions in this Tipperary squad. Tipperary opposition in the Munster final is Cork. Tipperary have the venue, on July 1st, so this should be a 'cracker'.

Tipperary: Susan Kinally, Sheila Coyne, Aileen Delaney, Suzanne Kelly, Joanne Horgan, Miriam Maxwell, Catherine Bourke 0-2, Teresa Brophy, Mandy Quigley (2-2), Maria Ryan (2-1), Ciara Burns (2-2) and Ann Barry. Subs: Ciara Gaynor for Miriam Maxwell, Dearbhla Quigley for Ann Barry, Michelle Bullfin, Caroline Buckley, Ann Barry (Upperchurch), Clodagh Dunne, Edel Keane, Michelle Bourke, Alison Lawlor.

Camogie double header at 'Collig

ON tonight at Ballincollig there will be an interesting double-header in the senior championship. In the first game, which is scheduled for 6.30, Muskerry play Sarsfields while at 7.30 the Barrs and Na Piarasigh will be in opposition. On Thursday night next at Midleton, Killeagh and Fr. O'Neills clash also in the senior championship while the remainder of the week will see a number of intermediate and junior league games decided.

There should be plenty of entertainment at Ballincollig tonight when two first round games of the senior championship will be decided. In the first game Sars play Muskerry and here it is difficult to see the Riverstown side being defeated. They are a very strong and experienced outfit and should, on form, have too much in hand for a Muskerry side which is expected to be mainly dominated by players from the Inniscarra and Eire Og clubs.

Sars will welcome the return of inter-county player Liz Dunphy after a recent injury, and have other marvellous performers in Breda Kenny, Lilian Zinkant, Susan Bermingham, Eileen Noonan and Ann Brady. All these girls are very experienced performers and, on form, will certainly cause problems for a Muskerry side that will be looking to players like Marian McCarthy, Irene O'Keeffe, Helen Walsh and Claire O'Regan to carry them through.

Close affair

The second game between the Barrs and Na Piarasigh should be a much closer affair. Both sides appear to be fairly evenly matched and as a result it should be a cracking contest. Na Piarasigh have fine performers in inter-county players Irene O'Leary, Paula Goggins, Jean Paula Kent and have other experienced performers in Deirdre O'Shea, Aine Martin and Lorraine Kelly.

If these girls produce the goods they could make

things very difficult for a Barrs side that will be heavily relying on players like Colette O'Mahony, Colette Paula Carey, Ann Christie and Brid Walsh will come up trumps.

Another cracker

On Thursday night at Midleton we should have another cracking game in store when near neighbours O'Neills and Killeagh meet in a local derby. Both sides met in the semi-finals of last year's championship when, after a hard-fought game, Killeagh came out on top. But this time out it would be no surprise if the result was reversed. Fr. O'Neills have shown great form of late and are certainly playing with great determination this season.

They have fine performers in Mags Finn, Sharon Meade, Fiona O'Driscoll, Denise Hayes and Mary Kennefick and if these girls produce the goods the championship just edge it but Killeagh are always a great championship side and I am sure players like Cathy Landers, Mary Costine, Shelly Spillane, Patricia Fitzgibbon, Kathleen and Sinead Cahalane will not give into defeat too easily.

Fixtures

Tonight: Senior Championship, Sarsfields v Muskerry at Ballincollig at 6.30; St. Finbarrs v Na Piarasigh at Ballincollig at 7.30. Ref. Berry Joyce.
Tomorrow: Intermediate League, Kilbrittain v Killeagh at 7.45. Ref. Valley Rovers. Senior League, Glen Rovers v Cloughduv at 7.45. Ref. Valley Rovers. Na Piarasigh v Aghabullogue at 11.00. Ref. Brian Dillon.
Wednesday, May 27: Intermediate League, Cloughduv at Brian Dillons at 7.30. Ref. Delaney's. Senior League, Og at Blackrock at 7.30. Ref. Douglas.
Thursday, May 28: Senior Championship, Killeagh v Fr. O'Neills at Midleton at 7 p.m. Ref. Miriam Murphy.

Sars supreme

By BRENDAN LARKIN

SARSFIELDS 5-8 MUSKERRY 1-4

THERE was no denying Sarsfields their passage to the second round in this one sides contest played at Ballincollig on Saturday night.

With Lillian Zinkant and Liz Dunphy in sparkling form, Riverstown turned over 3-7 to nil at half-time, all three goals being scored by Miss Dunphy.

Muskerry improved considerably in the second half and urged on by Irene O'Keeffe at midfield, they pinned Sars in their half for long periods. However they found scores very hard to come by because of the splendid defensive play of Lily Twomey in goal and Breda Kenny at centre-back, and when Liz Dunphy scored her fourth goal ten minutes into the second half, the game was well and truly over as a contest.

Scorers — Sarsfields: L. Dunphy 5-1, L. Zinkant 1-6 (0-3 frees); V. Twomey 0-1. Muskerry: L. O'Keeffe 0-3 (frees); M. O'Donovan 1-0; M. O'Brien 0-1.
SARSFIELDS — L. Twomey; N. Aherne, A. Brady, E. Twomey, B. Kenny, D. Hanley, S. Barry, D. Holland, L. Davis, L. Zinkant, V. Twomey, L. Dunphy.
MUSKERRY — S. O'Brien, M. McCarthy, H. Walsh, E. Murray, M. O'Donovan, L. O'Keeffe, A. Holmes, E. Dorgan, C. O'Regan, N. Spillane, M. O'Brien, M. O'Donovan. Sub. K. Conway for E. Murray.
Ref. R. Desmond (Bishopstown).

ST. FINBARRS 2-7 NA PIARSAIGH 0-11

THE second game also played at Ballincollig on

Saturday night was a real cracker. Barrs had the wind to their backs in the opening half and threatened to overrun their opponents in the early stages. They were four points to nil in front after just five minutes and when Paula Conway goaled in the 15th minute it looked curtains for Piarasigh.

However Piarasigh improved as the game wore on and with Paula Goggins in splendid form at centre-back, three points by their most impressive forward, Dawn Kelly, left just a goal between the sides at the break.

Piarasigh pushed forward in the second half with every opportunity and it took some superb goalkeeping by Breda Walsh to keep them out.

With ten minutes remaining Piarasigh had cut the deficit to the minimum with points from Irene O'Leary and Dawn Kelly, but lost a great chance of an equaliser five minutes later when Jean Kent's effort from a 20-metre free was cleared. Piarasigh scored the equaliser in the 20th minute when Miss Kent pointed a 30.

St. Finbarrs weren't to be denied however, and when Paula Goggins' clearance went to the unmarked Collette O'Mahony, her long ball into the square was grabbed by Paula Carey and she made no mistake with a powerful shot.

Scorers — St. Finbarrs: C. O'Mahony 0-6 (0-3 frees); P. Carey 2-1. Piarasigh: J. Kent 0-5 (0-3 frees); D. Kelly 0-4; I. O'Leary 0-2.
ST. FINBARRS — B. Walsh, A. Christie, M. Betchy, E. Kelleher, C. Cronin, D. Christie, C. O'Mahony, M. O'Dee, P. Carey, A. O'Donovan, C. O'Leary, G. Kelleher.
NA PIARSAIGH — D. O'Shea, E. Healy, A. Martin, C. Martin, P. Goggins, J. Kent, L. Sheehan, M. Coade, L. O'Leary, V. Higgins, D. Kelly, M. Byrne, Sub. S. Cooney for V. Higgins.
Ref. B. Kenny (Sarsfields).

Brilliant

WEXFORD were in sparkling form when they defeated Cork in a National Senior Camogie league tie at Ballincollig on Sunday last.

Wexford knowing they must win to remain in contention played with great spirit and determination and took Cork by surprise. They landed the sliotar in the Cork net four times within fifteen minutes of play.

Cork tried hard to get into the game but Wexford's sound defence of Tina Fitzhenry, Siella Sinnott and Catherine Murphy proved too strong. Half

time ended on a score of Wexford 4-2 Cork 0-3.

In the second half it was more competitive as Cork came more into the game and within ten minutes had cut the tally by 1-3. For the next fifteen minutes it was a hard tussle with Wexford holding on to a seven point lead. Final score Wexford 4-7 Cork 1-9.

The position in Division Two now stands that Wexford, Kilkenny and Cork are in a three-way play-off to the semi-finals. Sunday next is the date set aside for a play-off. The draw has not yet been made.

LEINSTER CAMOGIE AFFAIRS BY PJ FULHAM

The National Junior League tie Wexford v Cork was very close and entertaining with very little separating the sides at any time. Final score Cork 3-5 Wexford 2-7.

Kilkenny had a victory over Meath in the Leinster Minor Championship semi-final played at Killoyne on Sunday last. The All Ireland champions did all the scoring in this game and won by 4-5 to 0-0.

In the other semi-final played at Silverpark after a

early goal rush

Margaret Comerford, Joan Aylward, Hilda Butler and Paula Dowling.

This is a game they must win to remain in contention for a place in the top pool.

Offaly play host to Cork at Rath at 3pm. They should secure a further brace of points fielding star players like Louise Murphy, Bridget Rosney, Michelle Davis, Dymphna White, Eileen and Honour Kinsella.

The Dublin County Senior Championship final takes place on Sunday next at St. Vincents Park at taining final.

Tipperary Advance in National League

Tipperary1-12
Wexford1-4

In Buncloody on Sunday last, Tipperary camogie team advanced in the National League with a deserving eight-point victory over Wexford. While it may not have been their best performance, they did enough particularly in the second half to show their superiority over a very physical Wexford side.

These two points over Wexford leaves us in a comfortable position to the semi-final stages. With no game lost now and Kilkenny to meet on Tuesday next in Freshford at 7 p.m. only Waterford remain on May 24.

Tipperary were without a number of key players on Sunday, due to exam commitments and injury but the new players introduced on Sunday last left the selectors in no doubt that there is plenty of talent on the sideline.

Tipperary had one goal and seven points secured before Margaret Doyle got Wexford's first point almost on the stroke of half-time. Wexford stormed back in the second half and for a while Tipperary looked to be facing trouble but mentors and players kept their head and for the last fifteen minutes Tipperary dominated and proved to be the fitter side.

Helen O'Leary is fast gaining experience in her new role between the posts and her performance on Sunday was faultless. Ann-Marie Fitzgerald at full-back did what she was asked to do. Ann Gleeson, Holycross; Cora Kennedy and Sinead Nealon, the three other backs, played some inspirational stuff. At centre field Siobhan Cusack, Triona Bonnar and Kaiffe Moloney got the upper hand and at times gave a glimpse of the type of camogie that impressed many in last year's campaign.

Michelle Kennedy hammered home Tipperary's

only goal from a beautiful pass from Triona Bonnar. Deirdre Hughes is a tower of strength in the Tipperary forward line, while Jovita Delaney continued to break the heart of every full-back she meets. Noelle Kennedy, with a few more matches, will certainly be a forward to be reckoned with. The substitutes Regina O'Meara and Jackie Keating did extremely well when introduced and will certainly be contesting their positions for the championship. A speedy recovery is sent to Ann Gleeson, Toomevara, who is out because of injury.

Tipperary panel: Helen O'Leary, Ann-Marie Fitzgerald, Cora Kennedy, Ann Gleeson, Sinead Nealon, Kaiffe Moloney, Triona Bonnar (captain), Siobhan Cusack, Noelle Kennedy, Deirdre Hughes, 4 pts., Michelle Kennedy (1 goal), Jovita Delaney (6 points).

Subs.: Regina O'Meara for Siobhan Cusack, Jackie Keating for Noelle Kennedy, Ailish Delaney.

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Kilkenny give way to Limerick

LEINSTER CAMOGIE AFFAIRS

BY P.J. FULHAM

KILKENNY had to give way to a strong Limerick side in a National Junior Camogie League tie played at Mary I. College Limerick on Sunday last. An early hat trick of goals by Limerick crushed the Noreiders who never recovered.

Limerick turned over with a lead of 3-5 to 0-2 and continued to dominate running out easy winners on a score of 4-12 to 0-6.

Offaly drew with Cork in another National League tie played at Tullamore. This was a very close encounter all through. Offaly led 0-5 to 0-4 at half time and with five minutes to go were leading by 0-3. However, a Cork free resulted in a goal leaving the final score Offaly 1-8 Cork 2-5.

Sunday next is a big day on the National Senior League front. Wexford who defeated Cork recently got a bye to the semi-finals. They travel to Russell Park to take on Dublin in the semi-final.

The last time the sides clashed was in the Leinster semi-final last year, when Wexford came through on a score of 3-7 to 0-5. The Liffesiders have put together quite a useful squad since then, under new trainer Judy Doyle.

Wexford are under the management of Elsie Cody. They have a formidable force in Stella Synnott, Catherine O'Leary, Paula Rankin, Ann Reddy, Angie Hearne and Geraldine Codd.

Nevertheless they will find it difficult to overcome Dublin who field as follows: Louise Curry, Grace O'Neill, Ruth Lyons, Catherine Boyle, Cathy Walsh, Mary Duane, Patricia Finneran, Geraldine Dunne, Louise Lynch, Ann Cooper, Carmel O'Byrne, Marie Connell. Subs. Carmel Grey, Mary Mernagh, Karen Baurr.

Kilkenny face a torrid test of character on Sunday next when they play host to Cork in a Senior League play-off. Kilkenny are the All Ireland Champions and Cork are the League Champions. They defeated Kilkenny last year in the preliminary round and in the final.

When they met on May 10th in Cork the Leesiders recorded another victory on a score of 2-7 to 0-3. This was not Kilkenny's true form as they failed to score in the second half of that game. They have star performers

in the Millea sisters Tracey and Sinead, Ann Downey, Biddy O'Sullivan, Gillian Dillon, Brigid Barnaville and Deirdre Malone.

If they hit form on the day they should get through to meet Kildare to complete a Leinster quartet in the semi-finals.

The Leinster Minor final takes place on Sunday next when Dublin travel to face the reigning champions Kilkenny. The sides also met in last year's final. The score then 2-13 to 1-6.

Kilkenny have stylish players in Sinead Costello, captain, Michele Fennelly, Margaret Kavanagh, Ann Hickey and Catherine Boyle. Dublin having defeated Kilkenny in the Leinster U-14 final for the past three years make them a strong force to reckon with, it could be their year.

RESULTS

Dublin County Championship Finals - Senior A - Marino 3-12, St Monicas 0-5. Senior B - Erins Isle 1-5, UCD 1-0. Intermediate - Ballyboden 2-6, Cumann UI Chonail 0-4. Junior A - Ballyboden 2-4, Raheny 2-0.

FIXTURES

SUNDAY

At Lisdowney - Leinster Minor Championship Final - Kilkenny v Dublin, 3 p.m. National Senior League play off - Kilkenny v Cork 1.30.

ROSCREA GIRLS CAPTURE ALL-IRELAND TITLE

Roscrea V.S. 0-11
St. Brigid's.

Loughrea V.S. .. 1-4

THE tears of joy on the faces of the victorious Roscrea V.S. side summed up their elation at the end of this gripping all-Ireland vocational schools camogie senior decider in Gardiner Park, Borrisokane, on Saturday week last. A tumultuous cheer greeted Pamela Brereton when she hoisted the victory spoils for Roscrea V.S.' second crown in three years.

The town side last won this competition three years ago but this win is surely one they will remember for some time to come. Loughrea, who were the reigning champions entered this encounter as slight favourites but even they will admit that Roscrea were deserving winners on the day. They led by 0-8 to 1-0 at the interval and overall looked the more balanced side over the fifty minutes. The opening half was a tame affair as Roscrea dictated matters from the outset but the tension heightened considerably in an action packed second half. The turning point for Roscrea came midway through the second half when their mentors decided to switch Mandy Quigley to the middle of the field. She may be small in stature but she made up for this with a courageous, gutsy performance. Time and time again she repulsed Loughrea attacks with relieving solo runs down the left flank.

This was essentially a fine team performance for Roscrea but there was also good displays from Lisa Carroll, Catherine Coss, Sarah McCarthy, Pamela Brereton and Breda Coss. Erin Dolan, Helen Ryan, Gretta Murray, Fiona Ryan and Joan Kelly played well

for Loughrea.

The treasurer of the V.S. Central Council, T.J. Egan, congratulated both teams for producing such a fine sporting game in such difficult conditions. He praised Roscrea for winning their second title in three years and also thanked Loughrea for fighting like true champions to the end. He singled out both sets of teachers for special mention, Roscrea's Emmet Aragon and Gabriel Quigley and Loughrea's Tommy Coen for giving their time to the game.

An emotional Pamela Brereton thanked Loughrea for giving them such a tough encounter and also praised the Roscrea fans for their support. She also thanked their teachers Emmet Aragon, Mrs Quigley and Mrs Mullaly and gave a special mention to Anita Franks who missed the game because she had to get her appendix out.

Scorers: Roscrea - Sarah McCarthy 0-4 (0-3 frees), Mandy Quigley 0-4, Pamela Brereton 0-2, Catherine Coss 0-1. Loughrea - Joan Kelly 1-0, Gretta Murray 0-3 (0-3 free), Theresa Fallon 0-1.

Roscrea V.S.: Amanda Gleeson; Dymna Hynes; Lisa Carroll, Elaine Dooley; Catherine Coss; Emmet Carroll, Keelin Hynes; Margaret White; Sarah McCarthy; Breda Coss; Pamela Brereton, Mandy Quigley. Sub: Orla Egan (for Breda Coss).

Loughrea V.S.: Erin Dolan; Olivia Coen; Mandy Boyle, Helen Ryan; Gretta Murray; Emma Lowry; Sandra Horan, Theresa Fallon; Fiona Ryan; Aislin Murphy, Ruth Cahill; Joan Kelly. Sub: Alis Flanagan (for Sandra Horan).

Referee - Nolen Brereton (Birr).

Killeagh get a close call

Killeagh 2-5;
Fr. O'Neill's 1-7

Killeagh earned their passage to the semi-final of the Cork County Senior camogie Championship at Middleton last night with a hard earned win over Fr. O'Neill's.

Scorers for Killeagh: N. Barry 1-1, P. Fitzgibbon 1-0, A. Leahy 0-3, S. Cahalane 0-1. Fr. O'Neill's: M. Kennelick 0-4, M. O'Brien 1-0, P. Hennessy 0-2, F. O'Driscoll 0-1.

KILLEAGH: K. Costine, V. Motherway, M. Motherway, M. Spillane, C. Landers, S. Spillane, I. Leahy, S. Cahalane, A. Leahy, J. Power, P. Fitzgibbon, N. Barry.

Subs. M. O'Connor for M. Barry, E. Leahy for J. Power.

FR. O'NEILL'S: A.M. Brennan, M. Finn, M. Aherne, S. McCarthy, E. Hennessy, S. Meade, M. Kennelick, C. Shanahan, F. O'Driscoll, D. Hayes, M. O'Brien, P. Hennessy.

Subs. A. Hennessy for C. Shanahan, M. Holland for M. Kennelick (injured).

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Dubs and Leesiders to celebrate

WITH Dublin taking on Wexford and Kilkenny opposing Cork, Sunday is a big day on the National Senior Camogie League scene.

Wexford travel to O'Toole Park to play Dublin in the league semi-final, after getting a bye from Division One. The last time the sides clashed was last year in the Leinster Senior semi-final, when Wexford won 3-7 to 0-5.

Dublin have put together quite a useful squad this season under new trainer Judy Doyle. They have strong players in Anne Cooper (capt), Geraldine Dunne, Cathy Welsh, Mary Duane and Patricia Finneran.

Wexford under new manager Elsie Coady have a formidable lineup in

Stella Synnott, Catherine Murphy, Gina O'Leary, Paula Rankin and Anne Reddy. Nevertheless they may find it difficult to overcome Dublin in a game that should bring out the best in both sides.

All-Ireland champions Kilkenny face a torrid test when they play host to current league champions Cork, in a Senior League Div One play-off. Cork defeated Kilkenny last year in the preliminary round and also in the final. When they met on May 10 in Cork the Leesiders again won by 2-7 to 0-3.

Cork field a full strength team on Sunday, including star players Geraldine McCarthy (capt), Irene O'Keefe, Sandy Fitzgibbon, Theresa O'Callaghan and Liz Dunphy.

Kilkenny must improve and will be looking to the Millea sisters Sinead and Tracy, Ann Downey, Biddy O'Sullivan and Jillian Dillon. It should be an exciting tussle with little separating the sides at the final whistle. The winners meet Kildare in the semi-final.

The Leinster Minor final takes place at O'Toole Park when Dublin face reigning champions Kilkenny. Dublin are quietly confident of toppling the champions in what should be an entertaining encounter.

Fixtures — Sunday — At Lisdowney NSL
Play-off: Kilkenny v Cork 1.30; Leinster MC Final:
Kilkenny v Dublin, 3.0; At O'Toole Park Crumlin NSL
Semi-final: Dublin v Wexford 3.0.

CROKES SEVENS

The camogie sevens matched the others in the quality of games, organisation and presentation. One of the great contests of the day was the meeting of Buffers Alley and Tara (London) which had to go to extra time before the Wexford girls won. Tara's performance was very impressive, an indication of their worth was that one of their players, Breda Kelly was selected as player of the tournament. The final between Marino and Buffers Alley was expected to be an exciting duel but Marino ran out surprisingly easy winners 2-10 to 0-4. Mairead Coyle gave a terrific performance contributing a total of 1-7 but she got tremendous help from her teammates, particularly Denise O'Leary and Adrienne McGovern.

The club was honoured to have the Presidents of the Associations Bridín Uí Mhaolagáin and Peter Quinn in attendance to present the trophies to the camogie, hurling and football winners. Peter played in the sevens with Teemore on many occasions.

On Saturday 12th October, the Ladies Gaelic Football Association held their All-Ireland 7s in Silverpark and Páirc De Búrca, 40 teams participated and consensus of opinion was 'that they were the best ever' with Beaufort, from Kerry winning for the first time.



• Marino ... winners of the Camogie title at the Green Isle/Kilmacud Crokes All-Ireland Sevens.

It happened in times past



The St. Aloysius 'A' team (above) and the St. Aloysius 'B' team (below), who met in a camogie match at Church Road on May 28, 1955 (327H)



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CINDERELLA GAME THAT

Legend has it that hurling can be traced back to the princely figure of Setanta. But what of camogie - what golden-haired Amazonian princess back in the mists of the Celtic past can be said to be its founder?

I shall continue to believe in such a princess, even if the scholars tell us that camogie can claim no such figure as its titular head.

And even if camogie never had a princess, it deserves one. Indeed, the modern game has had its share of bright stars (golden-haired and otherwise), each in her own way a princess of the green sward.

Tumbling

The names come tumbling fast - from Kitty Buckley to Kathleen Mills to Una O'Connor to Betty Sugrue to Liz Garvan to Marion McCarthy to Angela Downey.

And I venture to suggest that if camogie wasn't the poor relation within the GAA's family of games, these names would be better emblazoned on our nation's sports pages.

Why it remains something of a Cinderella sport - under-recognised, under-promoted, under-sold, under-appreciated - is something of a puzzle.

Unlike hurling and football, camogie rarely gets the media attention it deserves, even on big match occasions.

Yet its practitioners, its supporters and all those officials, trainers, coaches, selectors, number when taken together in excess of the population of a city such as Waterford.

There is scope here for many things by way of promotion, by way of making the sport more accessible, by way of proper recognition for its best and brightest stars.



●The Glen team who won the 1990 All-Ireland Camogie Club championship.

(Picture: Des Barry)

The effort, the level of dedication, the commitment shown at club level is often on a par with anything seen in the areas of hurling or football.

And the skills displayed are equally impressive.

If you doubt that then why not go tomorrow evening to the Delanys' ground at Kilbarry on the northside of the city when the girls of Glen Rovers take on the girls of Bishopstown in the first round of the County Camogie Championship.

Many memories will be

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●President Robinson: backing role of women

kindled there - memories of other championship matches, and of such Glen stars of the past as Siobhan O'Brien, Peg Lucey, Teresa Murphy, Anna Crotty and Stephanie O'Connell.

I asked Joan Clancy (now Morley), who played with Old Aloysians and Cork, why camogie has such a low profile.

'I suppose it's partly because people in the media never gave it the attention other sports got,' she said.

'And maybe we didn't push it ourselves either, not as much as we should have done.'

This is also the view of Anne Delaney (now O'Donovan), who played with the Glen up to a year ago.

Sacrifices

'We could all be doing more for the game, because the sacrifices that are made, the time and effort that's put in by the girls is just as great as in other sports.'

That's for sure. Indeed, I've heard stories which suggest that camogie girls make sacrifices for the game unmatched by their male counterparts.

To say they are deserving of more support at a

number of levels is to state the obvious.

But if it's that obvious, then why isn't it happening?

Apathy

A degree of apathy, certainly. I wonder what kind of a result you would get, for instance, if you took a poll of all the sports editors in the country and asked them to list camogie on a scale of one to ten?

I suspect it wouldn't even get on to some lists.

I got a hint of this kind of thing recently when I met Fred Cogley, Head of Sport at RTE, at a lunch in Dublin.

I mentioned to him that I was thinking of making a television documentary on



camogie, and that I was anxious to examine any footage in the RTE archives.

Helpful

Fred, helpful as always, said I was welcome to look at whatever they have out in Montrose, but he said he didn't think there was much to look at.

'I must be honest and tell you that I don't think we have much camogie stuff on film,' he told me.

It's probably much the same story in newspaper libraries, but I'll find out for myself anyway when I start my search.

Sponsorship is another area where I feel camogie doesn't get the breaks it deserves.

Maybe there is a selling job to be done here by the people who organise and run the sport.

No less a person than President Mary Robinson has remarked on this when she spoke at the 1991 Bank of Ireland GAA All-Stars Awards in Dublin.

Disappointed

She said she was disappointed that the contribution of women to Gaelic sports was not acknowledged at that banquet.

'I hope it will not be too long before this whole area is given the attention that it merits, that the role of women in Gaelic sports is properly recognised, and that their activities are

tion was founded in 1904 - between now and its 90th anniversary in 1994 perhaps a campaign can be organised to give the sport a new profile.

Blessing

For starters, such a campaign would have the blessing and support of President Robinson. And that can't do any harm. Camogie's great strength, of course, as with the other GAA games, are its players.

I was mildly criticised once before for describing one group of Glen girls as 'Amazonian'. I didn't mean it in the strict sense; I meant it as a description of their abilities and feats.

The fact that they hap-

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more vigorously publicised and promoted,' said the President.

To which I can only say: 'Hear, hear!'

The Camogie Associa-

pened to be attractive and classy-looking did no harm, either.

But then it would take me to notice something like that, wouldn't it?

'Camogie rarely gets attention it deserves'

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20 YEARS A

Twenty years ago, a diminutive fifteen year old made her All-Ireland debut wearing number twelve in the Kilkenny colours. While that day belonged to Cork and Liz Garvan, the newcomer from Ballyragget scored 1-2 and displayed the talent which was to make her camogie's top player of the following decades.

Angela Downey played in eleven more All-Ireland Senior Finals. In each one, she left the stamp of her greatness. Eleven victories resulted bringing Kilkenny to third spot behind Dublin and hot on the heels of Cork in the all-time All-Ireland table.

Daughter of All-Ireland hurler, Shem Downey, Angela took naturally to the game. Even in her early days, she displayed exceptional ball control and wristwork. Her rare ability to score, even when no scoring chance seemed on, marked her out as a player of special talent.

Angela's value to her team is exceptional. Her colleagues expect her to make and take the winning scores. Even if a game is not going well, they believe that she will come to the rescue. In a way, they leave the responsibility for winning on her shoulders and carry on with their own game.

While sprinting through the Athenry defence early in extra time, Angela's knee broke down forcing her to retire from the match. Without her inspirational leadership, Callan collapsed



Angela holds the O'Duffy Cup aloft for the third time as captain of an All-Ireland winning Kilkenny side.

Angela Downey (right) scoring a goal for Kilkenny against Wexford in the 1990 All-Ireland Senior Camogie Final.

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and conceded five goals.

Angela enrolled in Maynooth University at a time when it was a struggle to field a camogie team. The thought of Maynooth making an impact on the Ashbourne Cup was not entertained. Egged on by Angela's remarkable will-to-win, Maynooth made it to the final and, of course, Angela was selected for the Combined Universities.

The St. Paul's Club was founded in 1963 in Kilkenny City and attracted a multi-talented group of players who were to be the bases of the county's success in the years to come. Anne Carroll, Liz Beary, Helena O'Neill, Bridie McGarry and Mary Fennelly were team-mates of Angela at St. Paul's.

St. Paul's, monopolised the Kilkenny senior championship and set their sights on better things. The Club won the first of its eight All-Ireland Club Championships in 1968 and became one of the best known clubs in the country.

Angela's achievements in the colours of Kilkenny are well documented. Her rich array of skills played a major part in Kilkenny's magnificent record in Leinster and at All-Ireland level.

An all-round athlete, she left the rest of the country trailing in Gradam Tailte, Camogie's Superstars Competition. Such is her dedication to getting and keeping herself in top form that she would undoubtedly have worn an Irish singlet had she chosen an international sport.

In 1987, Angela was honoured with a Texaco Award, the highest honour to which a camogie player can attain. She joined Dublin's Una O'Connor and Antrim's Sue Cashman as the only recipients in the game's history.

No matter what the future holds for Angela, she has indelibly written her name in the annals of camogie. She has thrilled lovers of skilful play with a succession of great performances over the years. In recent years, she has turned her hand to coaching and spent many hours passing on her skills to the young players of Kilkenny.

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CAMOGIE COLUMN

BY MARY MORAN

ST. RAPHAEL'S CONTINUE REMARKABLE RUN

THE embargo on metallic banding of camogie sticks has been a bone of contention for many years. Those in favour of the ban saw the attaching of strips of tin to a stick as a dangerous and unnecessary practice. They felt that girls should not be made vulnerable to the increased risk of cuts.

However, in hurling areas, tin on sticks was seen as part and parcel of life and girls occasionally turned up for matches with a brother's stick. The high cost of the sticks, the poor quality of most of what is available and the difficulty in purchasing a stick which is not already banded lead to a change of mind by many who were previously opposed to dispensing with the ban.

1992 Congress in Monaghan saw the old rule deleted by a three to one majority. Players must have the metallic banding covered with adhesive tape to the referee's satisfaction.

The Rules Committee which presented a comprehensive document to Congress sought to permit a player to carry the ball in her hand for four steps. They considered that a fourth step was necessary to break from a tackle and find room to strike the ball. While the majority went along with this idea in midfield play, they considered that it would present too great an advantage

to an attacking player within the 15 metre line and so the motion failed to gain a two-thirds majority.

Many a referee has been urged from the crowd to play "the advantage rule". But no such rule has ever existed in the camogie rule book. Cork tabled a motion giving a referee the discretion to allow play to continue in the event of a breach of rule where in her opinion a better advantage would be offered to the offended team. This motion drew good support but failed by six votes to reach the necessary two-thirds majority.

Dublin put forward a novel idea of rolling in the ball between the opposing number seven players after a score in under-11 competitions. Sometimes a puck-out is no advantage at this age level as many players are as yet unable to strike the ball from the hand. The concept was not put to the test as the motion was not in order.

Kildare sought to follow the hurling rule by banning scores from the hand. Speaker after speaker spoke of the need for goals to make the game attractive. The meeting was not prepared to eliminate this means of scoring and the skill involved.

Four years ago Kilkenny proposed a fifteen aside game to be played on a

full-sized G.A.A. pitch. On that occasion, the idea faltered because of a fault in tabling the motions. This year they re-introduced the idea in the form of a test series. The 1993 and 1994 National Leagues and Inter-provincial competitions will be played under the new format.

Many delegates had reservations as to whether the increased team numbers on the big pitch would be a good thing for the game. The top teams could cope with the new challenge but a very real question mark hangs over players of lesser ability. However, by a single vote Congress voted for the test series so that all could observe the proposed set up over a period.

One of the greatest achievements in the history of camogie must be the phenomenal record of St. Raphael's College, Loughrea, in the All-Ireland Colleges Senior Championship. Captained by Deirdre Costello, the School won the 1985 All-Ireland Colleges senior title. Despite the fact that many players have come and gone in the intervening years, the School has continued its remarkable run and thus remains undefeated in Colleges camogie.

At O'Connor Park, Tullamore last month, St. Raphael's made short work of St. Brigid's, Callan, the 1990 Colleges junior champions, to win their eighth consecutive All-Ireland Colleges senior crown. In the process, they displayed delightful skills. Pamela Nevin, Deirdre Hardiman, Olivia Broderick and Dymna Maher were a treat to watch.

But a star among stars was undoubtedly the flame-haired Claire Lynch who scored 4-5. Some of her scores were out of the top bracket. Her exceptional ball control and wristwork made it all look so easy. The record of St. Raphael's is a tribute to the outstanding coaching ability of their teacher, Cyril Farrell. Let us hope that the fruit of his labours will soon be reflected in success by the Galway senior team.



● St. Raphael's star, Claire Lynch, controls the ball as she rounds Louise Fleming (St. Pat's, Cork) in the Colleges semi-final at Loughrea.



St. Mary's on the Hill, Knocknaheeny, school camogie team who are having a great run in the Schools Camogie League.

Cailíní camán

NEXT Tuesday sees the camogie players from ten different schools converge on Paire Uí Chaoimh for the annual Sciath na Scol camogie finals. Preliminary games have been played in five sections and the lucky schools who have qualified are looking forward to the challenge that the finals bring. We have schools involved from Watergrasshill to Barryroe. We wish them all the best in their quest for honours.

BUSY TIMES

Roinn A: Watergrasshill v. Scoil Oilibhéir. These are busy times for these schools as they have both qualified for the hurling finals as well. They both met earlier this year in the football shield final with Watergrasshill creating an upset when they lifted the trophy. There is obviously a great deal of work being done in both schools to promote the skills of hurling, football and camogie. Máiréad Burns, Karen O'Riordan and Tina King have been to the fore for Scoil Oilibhéir in their earlier games. Máiréad is daughter of former Cork player Denis, while Karen is also playing in the hurling final with her school against Scoil na Croise Naofa. Claire Murphy, Cathy Flynn, Christine O'Donovan, Donna O'Brien and Geraldine Barry have been among the scorers for Watergrasshill in their path to the final.

INSPIRED

Roinn B: Togher v. Cloghroe. Criona Harte, Martina McMahon, Sheila Lahive and Jo-Anne Dineen have inspired Cloghroe to some fine wins to win their place in this final. Many of their players are members of the Inniscarra club who are thriving in camogie circles in recent times. Emma Dineen is their enthusiastic coach. The Togher girls, who are coached by St. Finbarrs player Brid Kelleher, will make a determined bid for the title. Susan Harrington, who scored four goals in a recent game, Clare Kelleher, April Dawson, Maria McCarthy and Jeanette Cotter are some of the Togher side's more prominent players.

IMPRESSIVE

Roinn C: Knocknaheeny v. Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh or Scoil Barra. Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh and Scoil Barra must meet to decide who will meet Knocknaheeny in the final. The Knocknaheeny girls have been most impressive in their run to the final. Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh, who were beaten rather easily by the northside team in an earlier game, had a fine win recently against Farranree. Gina Sheridan,

Claire Buckley, Cora Griffin, Sinead Kelly and Ciora Slavin were outstanding in this game. Their side is coached by Mrs. Higgins and Mrs. Dempsey.

CROSSED SWORDS

Roinn D: Barryroe v. Timoleague or Crossmahon. Timoleague and Crossmahon meet on Thursday with a final place against Barryroe at stake. They will have crossed swords again earlier in the week in the hurling final in Paire Uí Chaoimh. Valorie O'Keeffe, who also plays on the hurling team, Siobhan Murphy, reliable goalkeeper, Fiona O'Rourke, Ella Harrington and Adele Foley have been in fine form for Timoleague in their earlier games. Barryroe, who have won all their matches, have fine players in Geraldine Collins, Helen Keohane and Fiona Fleming. They won the camogie mini-sevens this year but this will be their first time playing in Paire Uí Chaoimh. Crossmahon and Timoleague are in their first year in the camogie leagues and a place in the final for either would be a great achievement.

BOTH TEAMS

Roinn A: Churchfield v. Berrings. Louise Galvin, Rose Ann Lonergan and Shirley Shinkwin have helped Churchfield qualify for the Roinn E final. Berrings have also qualified for the hurling final. These are busy times for Rachel Daly, Maria O'Connell, Karen Egan, Catherine Doyle, Nora Ryan, Anita Murphy, Siobhan O'Leary, Daire Moran and Vivienne Steffans as they are involved in both teams.

HURLING SHIELD FIXTURES

Sciath na Scol derives its name from two shields which were presented to the committee by the Cork County Board of the GAA in 1903 for competition among primary schools. Douglas No. 2 School were the first winners of the Hurling Shield while Macroom were the first football winners. These shields are still played for with Watergrasshill winning the football this year. The hurling shield fixtures are as follows:

Tomorrow: Winners North Cork v. winners Roinn D (X) at Mallow; Monday 15th, winners Roinn C v. winners Roinn A (Y) at Carrigaline or Douglas; Wednesday 17th, winners Roinn E v X at Fermoy or St. Finbarrs; winners Roinn B v Y at Mayfield; Tuesday 23rd, final, at Paire Uí Chaoimh; Ná déan dearmad! Camogie finals, Tuesday, June 16, at Paire Uí Chaoimh.



Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh, Bishopstown, school camogie team who participate in the Primary Schools League.

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ON THE CAMOGIE FRONT

Cork v Kilkenny

the exception of the injured Therese O'Callaghan, Cork will field the same side that defeated Kilkenny three weeks ago. This will mean a recall for St. Finbarr's Colette O'Mahony and Inniscarra's Irene O'Keefe. The team should see Kathleen Costine between the posts with Breda Kenny at full-back and Paula Goggins and Liz Towler filling the wing-back positions.

CENTRE-BACK

The centre-back position on that occasion was filled by Therese O'Callaghan and her position could now be filled by Liz Dunphy who appears to have recovered fully from her recent injury. The midfield positions should go to Lynda Mellerick, Sandy Fitzgibbon and Irene O'Leary with Colette O'Mahony at centre-forward and Irene O'Keefe, Liz O'Neill and Fiona O'Driscoll completing the full-forward line.

FIXTURES

Sunday, May 31: National senior league — Cork v Kilkenny at Liosdowney 1.30 p.m.
Wednesday, June 3: Under-14 A league '92 — Ballinhassig, Ballinhassig v Barryroe, 7.30 (Ref. Barryroe); Bishopstown, Bishopstown v Ballygarvan, 7.30 (Ref. Ballygarvan); Kilbrittain, Kilbrittain v St. Finbarr's, 7.30 (Ref. St. Finbarr's); Newtown, Newes-

town v Inniscarra, 7.30 (Ref. Inniscarra); Cloughduv, Cloughduv v Aghabullogue, 7.30 (Ref. Aghabullogue); St. Vincent's, St. Vincent's v Mayfield, 7.30 (Ref. Mayfield); Brian Dillons, Brian Dillons v Glen Rovers, 7.30 (Ref. Glen Rovers); Middleton, Middleton v Sarsfields, 7.30 (Ref. Sarsfields); Killeagh, Killeagh v Fr. O'Neills, 7.30 (Ref. Fr. O'Neills).

Classy Cork

Kilkenny 0-6
Cork 2-10

AN excellent second half by Cork after they had led 0-4 to 0-1 at the interval gave them the points in this National League game over Kilkenny at Liosdowney yesterday.

A solid Cork defence with Paula Goggins, Liz Dunphy, and Breda Kenny kept the Kilkenny forwards at bay.

GIRL HURLER A STAR!



Karen O'Riordan lines up with the boys at Pairc Ui Chaoimh yesterday. Picture: DENIS MINIHANE

Karen's historic day

Report: TONY LEEN

YOUNG Karen O'Riordan turned the traditional hurling manual on its head yesterday.

The 12-year-old claimed a first appearance by a girl in the top grade of the Sciath na Scoile hurling finals at Parc Ui Chaoimh.

And the Dublin Hill teenager was the toast of her male team-mates after a stormer at midfield in Scoil Oibheir's historic first Roinn A

win. Kerry-born Jerry Walsh, a teacher at the Knocknaheeny school, described the achievement as unprecedented.

"She is a youngster of outstanding talent, and she plays in the camogie final next week as well", he said.

It was a red letter day for Scoil Oibheir — their 2-4 to 1-5 hurling final victory was followed up by a Roinn A triumph in the final over North Mon.

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Kildare can crush Rebels

CAMOGIE SPECIAL

CAMOGIE giants Cork take on the minnows from Kildare this weekend with a place in the National Senior League final against Wexford at stake.

However, Kildare will travel to Cork with more than a modicum of optimism after making a good impression in the senior ranks this season, losing only once to Dublin.

The Lilywhites are at full strength, and with Miriam Malone, Anna Dargan and Marian Johnson the visitors have the ability to cause an upset.

Cork, meanwhile, are fresh from their decisive victory over Kilkenny on Sunday last, and will not relinquish their title easily.

Their 'keeper Kathleen Costine, who took over from the long serving Marian McCarthy this season has proved a great find. Captain Breda Kenny is confident the

Rebels can make the final and retain their title and points to key players Irene O'Keeffe and Teresa O'Callaghan as proof of their strength.

In the first of the junior semi-finals Roscommon take on Limerick, a repeat of last year's League final which Limerick won.

Little separates the sides but Roscommon have the stronger forward line and will look to the poaching skills of captain Mary Gannon and Teresa Bracken.

However, neither side will have much of an advantage and it should go to the wire.

FIXTURES

Saturday — At Ballincollig, National Senior League semi-final, Cork v Kildare 7.0. Sunday — At Mary I College, Limerick, National Junior League semi-final, Limerick v Roscommon 3.0

Kildare trounced by Cork

KILDARE met top class opposition when they faced National Senior Camogie league champions Cork at Ballincollig.

The Leesiders never gave them a chance to settle down and they went on a scoring spree.

Cork coasted to victory on a score of 4-29 to 0-3.

CAMOGIE AFFAIRS

By P J FULHAM

Kilkenny hit form when they defeated Dublin in the Leinster Senior Championship semi final played at Lisdowney.

The Noreiders ran out easy winners on a score of 6-18 to 1-9.

On Sunday next Wexford meet Cork in the National Senior League final at Belfield, Enniscorthy. Wexford will be seeking their second title having won the first in 1978.

In the past couple of years the Slaneysiders were very much to the fore. They collected the Leinster Senior championship title last year. Their trainer Elsie Coady, who was a member of the 78 team is quietly confident that they can take the title.

RESULTS

Leinster U 14 Championship: Westmeath 7-2; Kildare 0-0; Wicklow 3-1; Kildare 2-0; Wexford 3-9; Kilkenny 2-2.

FIXTURES

SATURDAY
Leinster Junior Championship: At Dumdard - Wicklow v Kildare, 7.30.
SUNDAY
National Senior League Final - At Belfield Enniscorthy - Wexford v Cork, 3 p.m.

Cork girls take on Kildare

ON Saturday night next at Ballincollig the Cork senior camogie team will be hoping to go a step nearer to retaining their national league title when they take on Kildare in the league semi-final. At club level there are a number of league games down for decision.

Despite the fact that Kildare were only promoted to senior ranks last year Cork will be taking Saturday night's clash very seriously and will be fielding as near as possible to a full strength side.

Kildare will certainly be no push over and have proved this with very impressive victories over Dublin, Galway and Antrim before qualifying for this semi-final. Last Sunday Cork showed a big improvement in their victory over Kilkenny and with the exception of the injured Breda Kenny the Cork selectors have named the same side for Saturday night's game. Breda Kenny gave a very impressive performance at full-back last Sunday and will no doubt be a big loss on this occasion.

Saturday night's team will see Kathleen Costine between the posts with Liz Dunphy at full-back and Paula Goggins and Liz Towler filling the corner-back positions. Irene O'Leary takes on a new role at centre-back with the midfield positions going Lynda Mellerick, Sandy Fitzgibbon and Denise Cronin. Liz O'Neill is named at centre-forward with Colette O'Mahony, Fiona O'Driscoll and Irene O'Keeffe competing the full forward line.

This week we congratulate the Bishopstown under-14 camogie team and their coach Pat Murray who last week won the Cork Feile Na nGael final after recording victories over Newcestown, Inniscarra, Bandon, St. Vincents and Na Piarasigh. They will now go on to represent Cork in the All Ireland Feile finals to be held in Galway at the end of June.

Congratulations also to Evelyn Moynihan of the Inniscarra Club who won the skills competition and likewise will represent Cork in the All Ireland finals.

FIXTURES

Friday, June 5, Under 14 'B' League: Bandon v Inniscarra at Bandon, 7.30. Referee Inniscarra; Ballincollig v Valley Rovers at Ballincollig, 7.30. Referee Valley Rovers; Tracton v Courcy Rovers at Tracton, 7.30. Referee Courcy Rovers; Glen Rovers 'B' v Bishopstown 'B' at Glen Rovers, 7.30. Referee Bishopstown; St. Vincents 'B' v Glenagh at St. Vincents, 7.30. Referee Glenagh.

Saturday, June 6, Senior National League semi final: Cork v Kildare at Ballincollig, 7 p.m.; Intermediate League: Eire Og v Blackrock at Blackrock, 7.30. Referee Douglas.

Monday, June 8, Senior League: Fr. O'Neills v Sarsfields at Fr. O'Neills, 7.30. Referee Killeagh.

Wednesday, June 10, Senior League: Fr. O'Neills v Glen Rovers at Fr. O'Neills, 7.30. Referee Sarsfields; Na Piarasigh v Aghabullogue at Na Piarasigh, 7.30. Referee Denis Dillon. — Under-14 'B' League '92: St. Finbarrs 'B' v Blackrock at St. Finbarrs, 7.30. Referee Blackrock; Valley Rovers v Ballinora at Valley Rovers, 7.30. Referee Ballinora; Inniscarra 'B' v Tracton at Inniscarra, 7.30. Referee Tracton; Courcy Rovers v Bandon at Courcy Rovers, 7.30. Referee Bandon; Delany's v St. Vincents 'B' at Delany's, 7.30. Referee St. Vincents; Bishopstown 'B' v Douglas at Bishopstown, 7.30. Referee Douglas; Glenagh v St. Pannabans at Glenagh, 7.30. Referee St. Pannabans; Ye...

Wexford reach final

Dublin 3-3, Wexford 2-14 Wexford earned themselves a place in the National Senior League camogie final with an impressive eight point victory over Dublin at O'Toole Park yesterday.

Wexford, with a slight breeze, led 2-6 — 2-2 at half time.

On the re-start they capitalized on slack marking by the Dublin defence, scoring eight points while Wexford only conceded 1-1 in the second-half.

DUBLIN: L. Curry, G. O'Neill, C. Boyle, C. Walsh, K. Bauer, M. Dowane, P. Finne-ran, R. Lyons, V. Trehy, A. Cooper, G. Danne, M. Connell. Sub: Mernagh for Trehy.

WEXFORD: T. Butler, T. Fitzhenry, J. O'Leary, C. Murphy, P. Sinnott, F. Sinnott, C. Cullen, G. Codd, A. O'Connor, A. Reddy, P. Raheia, A. Hearne.

HOLDERS best in one-sided game

Report: TOM HIGGINS

CORK 4-29, KILDARE 0-3

KILDARE proved poor opposition for title holders Cork in this National League semi-final at Ballincollig. Cork, on Saturday as the home side were in complete control from the start.

With their forwards getting a very good supply of the ball Cork were content to pick off their scores from all angles in the opening half and turned over leading 0-16 to 0-2, with the visitor's two points coming from frees.

It was even more one sided in the second half with Liz O'Neill laying on goals from Irene O'Keeffe and top scorer Colette O'Mahony (2) and adding one herself for good measure.

Although the visitors lost their best player Miriam Malone through injury after 50 minutes they never really were in the game. In fact the home side, who now meet Wexford in the final, were never out of first gear did not have to exert themselves in what was a most disappointing game.

Scorers — Cork: C O'Mahony 2-10 (0-3 frees), L O'Neill 1-4, I O'Keeffe 1-4, L Mellerick 0-4, F O'Driscoll 0-3, S Fitzgibbon 0-1, C Cronin 0-1, K Mellerick 0-1, I O'Leary 0-1 (free).

Kildare: M Malone 0-2 (frees), B Farrelly 0-1 ("30").

CORK: K Costine; L Dunphy; P Goggins, I O'Leary, L Towler; S Fitzgibbon, L Mellerick, D Cronin; I O'Keeffe, L O'Neill, C O'Mahony; F O'Driscoll. Subs: G McCarthy for F O'Driscoll (half-time), K Mellerick for L Mellerick (40th minute), B Desmond for K Costine (50th min).

KILDARE: A Dorgan; G Dwyer; A Crofton, M Treacy, L O'Donohue; A Treacy, M Malone, C Brennan; M Feeney, C Molony, B Farrelly; R Merriman. Sub: K Treacy for M Malone (50th minute).

Referee: M Pollard (Waterford).

KAREN'S GREAT DOUBLE IN THE SCIATH

GOOD GOLLY OLLIES

By Eoin Edwards

WELL Saints Alive. The babes of the Sciath na Scol GAA competition, Scoil Olibheir, Dublin Hill, are breaking every record in the book these days.

Many of you will have read in the Examiner in the past few days about the exploits of 12-year-old Karen O'Riordan, who claimed a first appearance by a girl in the top grade of the hurling finals. She went on to play a starring role in the schools' historic first Roinn 'A' win.

Then news came in to us that the school won the 'A' football final as well. But as if that wasn't good enough, photographer Dennis Minihane brought back some fabulous pictures of the 'A' camogie team's win in the final against Watergrasshill. It was time to get on the phone to teacher Michael Coghlan, a Bishopstown GAA man, who along with fellow teachers Martin Gleeson, a Tipp man, and Kerryman Jerry Walsh; Mrs Caroline Woods from Rochestown and Ms Miriam Murphy from Glanmire were responsible for this marvellous achievement.

Not alone did the school win the treble, a feat that is likely to never be emulated but Karen achieved a unique double as well, winning the hurling and camogie.

'We've come from Roinn E to A since we opened in 1983, not bad going for a new school', said Michael Coghlan. 'The shift of power is changing. Both Scoil Croise Naomha, Mahon and ourselves have caused a few upsets. Indeed this is the first year in ten years that past kingpins, North Mon and Christ Ri, haven't contested the final'.

School principal, Seamus O nAodha, a huge supporter of the teams, was a proud man on Tuesday night at the graduation mass.



GIMMIE FIVE....!

WELL DONE MICHELE . . . Knocknaheeny forward Keane Dowling congratulates Michelle Cotter on scoring a second half goal against Scoil An Spioraid Naomh in Roinn 'C'.

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Knocknaheeny who defeated Scoil An Spioraid Naomh in Roinn 'C' in the Sciath Na Scol Chorcaí camogie finals at Pairc Uí Chaoimh.



Churchfield corner back Imelda Kelly delighted with her runners-up medal after losing to Berrings in Roinn 'D'.



Berrings' Marie O'Connell challenges the in-running Vicky Lynch of Churchfield in the Roinn 'D' final in the Sciath Na Scol Chorcaí camogie finals (Pictures: Denis Minihane) at Pairc Uí Chaoimh.



Watergrasshill beaten by Scoil Oilibhéir in Roinn 'A'.

By Tom Higgins.

THE Cork Sciath na Scol camogie finals provided some exciting fare at Paire Uí Chaoimh yesterday, with the Roinn B final proving a real nailbiting affair.

Cloghroe 2-0, Togher 2-1

A point from a free by captain Barbara Ann Corcoran three minutes from time gave Togher the Roinn B title following a thrilling battle with Cloghroe.

There was little between the teams in the opening half, with Cloghroe getting off to a good start with a goal from Joanne Dineen after five minutes. But Togher fought back to draw level shortly before the break, when Barbara Ann Corcoran goaled with a well-struck shot.

Cloghroe were back in front six minutes into the second-half when Cliona Harte drove all the way to the net from a '30' but Jeanette Cotter put her side back on level terms with six minutes left. Then came Corcoran's decisive point.

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Captain Corcoran points way for Togher

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Berrings 5-1, Churchfield 0-0
A much more experienced Berrings side proved too good for Churchfield in the Roinn D decider. The county side controlled the game

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Berrings were 2-0 to nil ahead at the break, despite playing against the wind, and added a further three goals and a point in the second-half.

Berrings scorers: Nora Ryan 2-0, Margaret Lynch 2-0, Catherine Murphy 0-1. CHURCHFIELD: S. Donovan, V. Lynch, R. Ambrose, L. Galvin, R. A.

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St. Mary's (Knocknaheeny) 4-3, Scoil An Spioraid Naoimh (Bishopstown) 0-0

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Roinn C decider.

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Scores for Knocknaheeny: D. Kent 2-0, L. Dowling, M. Cotter 1-0 each, S. Ricken 0-2 ('30's), D. O'Leary 0-1.

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Scoil Olibheir 1-1, Watergrasshill 1-0
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final, with Scoil Olibheir holding out to win by a point. Watergrasshill captain Geraldine Barry had a chance to send the game into extra-time when she faced up to a '30' in the last seconds, but she shot wide to give the city side the honours. Watergrasshill led at the break by a Claire Murphy goal to nil but the Dublin Hill side fought back to go ahead

midway through the second-half with a Triona O'Mahony goal. Earlier, Karen O'Riordan had cut the deficit to two points with a fine point, which proved the deciding score in the end.

SCOIL OLIBHEIR: S. Colman; M. Byrne; T. King, L. Long, O. O'Callaghan; A. Guckian, P. Crowley, S. Cronin; C. Buckley; K. Riordan, T. O'Mahony; A. Crowley. Sub. P. Ahern for A. Crowley. WATERGRASSHILL: O. Foley; M. Maher; M. O'Regan, A. O'Donoghue, G. Barry; S. O'Mahony, C. Higgins, E. O'Neill; D. O'Brien, C. O'Donovan, C. Murphy; R. Norman. Sub. C. Flynn for S. O'Mahony.

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AN excellent display by captain Valerie O'Keeffe helped Timoleague to an easy win over near neighbours Barryroe in the Roinn E decider.

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The Berrings team which defeated Churchfield in the Roinn D final.

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Spioraid Naoimh, defeated in Roinn 'C.'



Referee Mary Swaine with the Watergrasshill and Scoil Oilibheir teams before the Roinn 'A' final, in the Sciath na Scol Chorcaí camogie finals at Pairc Uí Chaoimh. (Picture: Denis Minihane)



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Cork girls out to retain league title

ON Sunday next the Cork senior team travel to Enniscorthy to play Wexford in the final of this season's National League. At club level, games are at a minimum due to exams but the Under-14 League continues with a number of interesting clashes listed for Wednesday night.

Cork are at present holders of the National League and on Sunday next they will be hoping to retain their title when they take on Wexford in the final of this season's competition. But there is no doubting that the Cork girls face a daunting task on this occasion. Wexford are playing extremely well at the moment and in an earlier round three weeks ago they defeated Cork rather convincingly. However, on that occasion the Cork defence gave away three rather easy goals which certainly paved the way for the Wexford victory.

LEARNED A LOT

However, Cork will have learned a lot from this game and with victories over Kilkenny and Kildare behind them in the last two weeks they should be in there with a real chance of retaining their title on Sunday.

The Cork selectors have named their side and with the exception of the injured Therese O'Callaghan will be fielding a full-strength side. The team will see Kathleen

Cosidine in goal. Breda Kenny, who had a marvellous game at full-back against Kilkenny two weeks ago retains that position, while Paula Goggins and Liz Towler will fill the wing-back positions.

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FIXTURES

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Wednesday, June 17, Under-14 "A" League: Kilbrittain v. Bishopstown, 7.30 (Ref. Bishopstown); Ballygarvan v. Ballinhassig, Ballygarvan, 7.30 (Ref. Ballinhassig); Inniscarra v. Cloughduv, Inniscarra, 7.30 (Ref. Cloughduv); Newcestown v. Eire Og, Newcestown, 7.30 (Ref. Brian Dillons); St. Vincents v. Na Piarasigh, St. Vincents, 7.30 (Ref. Na Piarasigh); Sarsfields v. Killeagh, Sarsfields, 7.30 (Ref. Killeagh); Middleton v. Watergrasshill, Middleton, 7.30 (Ref. Watergrasshill).

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They failed again in 1990 to Kilkenny. When the sides met in the preliminary round at Ballincollig it was Wexford's day 4-7 to Cork's 1-9.

In the past couple of years the Slaneiders were much to the fore they collected the Leinster Senior Championship last year by defeating Kilkenny after a replay.

They have staunch defence in Tina Fitzhenry, Jean O'Leary, Catherine Murphy and a valuable centre field in STella Synnott, Claire Cullen and Geraldine Codd.

They are sharp in attack, Anne Marie O'Connor, Anne Reddy and Paula Rankin have proven ability.

Cork have always been respected. Their true form this season came to light against Kilkenny and Kildare.

They have a talented



squad in Geraldine McCarthy (CApt) Liz Dunphy, Liz O'Neill, Brenda Kenny, Colette O'Mahony, Irene O'Keeffe, Sandy Fitzgibbon and Linda Mellorick.

But they will be fielding without their star midfielder Therese O'Callaghan who is injured.

Cork spokesperson Mary McCarthy is adamant that her county will keep the title while Wexford's trainer Elsie Coady a member of the 78 team is quietly confident that the tide will turn in Wexford's favour.

This should be an excellent tussle with little separating the sides at the final whistle.

Also on Sunday next the National Junior League semi final takes place when Down and Tipperary face each other in a repeat of last year's All Ireland Junior championship and league finals, when Down was victorious in both.

FIXTURES

SUNDAY - National Junior League semi final: At Portaferry, Down v Tipperary 1.0, C McAllister (Antrim). NSL Final: At Bellefield, Enniscorthy - Wexford v Cork, 3.0, I Cooper (Down).

KILKENNY.....6-18
DUBLIN.....1-9
Kilkenny bounced back into form when they defeated Dublin in this Leinster Senior Camogie Championship final played at Lisdowney yesterday. All-Ireland champions.

CAMOGIE - National SL semi-final: Wexford 2-14; Dublin 3-3. National SL play-off: Cork 1-12; Kilkenny 0-6. National JL: Limerick 5-15; Waterford 0-2. Leinster MC Final: Kilkenny 4-6; Dublin 3-6.

Cork clinch league crown

CORK.....2-17 WEXFORD.....0-11
CORK gave a brilliant team performance to retain their National Camogie League crown in the final against Wexford at Enniscorthy.

Leading by 2-10 to 0-6 at half time the Leesiders were superior in most sectors and were well worthy of their 12 points victory margin.

Referee, Idwal Cuipeir of Down had a busy afternoon and he had taken the names of six players (three from each side) before he delivered marching orders to Cork defender Liz Towler some 15 minutes from the finish.

SCORERS - Cork: C O'Mahony 1-6; F O'Driscoll 1-2; L O'Neill 0-3; I O'Keeffe 0-3; D Cronin 0-2; S Fitzgibbon 0-1. Wexford: C Murphy 0-5; A Reddy 0-2; AM O'Connor 0-2; P Rankin and C Cullen 0-1 each.

Referee - I Cuipeir (Down).

Junior League: Cork 4-10; Down 3-7.

Kilkenny, played with great conviction and determination and led by 3-10 to 0-5 at half-time. A spirited effort by Dublin in the second-half was not good enough to curtail the champions.

Scorers: Kilkenny: S Millar 3-2, A Downey 1-7, B Holmes 2-1, M Downey 0-3, B Mullally 0-3, G Dillon and M McGrath 0-1 each. Dublin: M Mernagh 0-5, G Dunne 1-0, C Walsh, M Connell, M Dunne 0-1 each.

NATIONAL JUNIOR LEAGUE

Results: Limerick 6-12; Roscommon 1-3.

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Nippy Cork claim Camogie National League Crown

Cork 2-17
Wexford 0-11

THE dismay on the faces of the Wexford senior camogie players after they had lost the All-Ireland league final was painful to see, and it was not there because they had been robbed or even unlucky. They were dismayed because the promise and vitality they had showed against the same Cork team earlier in the league was almost totally missing. As one spectator put it after the game, "they were not really at the races, and ran a very poor second to Cork in a two horse race".

Wexford had surprised Cork in their last meeting, and as predicted, they were determined not to be caught napping the second time. In the first game, Wexford took an early lead and the game settled into a fast and furious encounter, each side foraging and fighting for every single score. On Sunday the sharpness and ball hunger were missing from the Wexford girls, who spent too much of the game reacting to Cork instead of taking the play to them. From the start Cork looked faster, sharper, keener and much more eager and they made our side seem slow and ponderous throughout.

It was a game which could have been a showpiece for Camogie given the potential of the two teams, and the high standard of the game they had played earlier in the season, but in the end it was probably the very opposite, damaging Camogie's image in Wexford. When they last met in Cork, no one was booked, no one was sent off and no one was injured. Today, possibly due to poor control by the referee, who did not stamp his authority on the game until it was too late, in excess of half a dozen players were booked, one was sent off and there were numerous avoidable injuries.

Liz Towler, the Cork player sent off was unfortunate as there were other incidents of a much more serious nature, involving players from Wexford and Cork, which went unpunished.

By half time, Cork had built up a 2-10 to 0-6 lead, and looked the in total control. Catherine Murphy had kept Wexford in the game, inspiring her team, but Sandy Fitzgibbon, the Cork captain had been simply brilliant, while Collette O'Mahoney and Fiona O'Driscoll up front had carved paths through the Wexford defence with consummate ease.

Some of Cork's scores, their points from play especially, were so simple they were splendid. Their second goal, scored in the 33rd minute was heart breaking for Wexford as it illustrated the gulf that was separating the teams. Fiona O'Driscoll collected from a sideline cut, swerved, turned, sprinted for goal and blasted a rasping net

the unsupported Terrie Butler. Wexford were not without their moments, even though they were few and far between. Early in the half, Catherine Murphy, the captain, had burst through the Cork defence to hand pass the sliotar to Ann Reddy beyond mid-field, and Ann had dummied, swerved, turned and pointed beautifully. A few minutes later Ann-Marie O'Connor had pounced on a rebound after the Cork goalie had saved a point blank shot, and snapped off a delightful point. The goalie, Kathleen Costine, made another brilliant save off an Ann Reddy bullet immediately after Cork scored their first goal, and even though Wexford didn't score from this move it showed that even when they were 1-9 to 0-6 behind, they would not hang their heads and give up.

But the scoreline of 2-10 to 0-6 was a true reflection of the state of play in the first half, and apart from the niggling and at times dangerous play, it had been entertaining, if painful from a Wexford point of view.

The second half got off to slower start than the first, and there was lots of netting going on on both sides, most of which seemed to go on unnoticed. Cork were the first to score, a point in the sixth minute, and this sparked, if not a resurgence in Wexford, at least a spell of play in which they matched Cork and showed a little of their true potential. Some positional switches also began to have an affect, Jean O'Leary coming more into the game once she was moved to mid-field.

Midway through the half it seemed as if Wexford might even begin to make inroads into the Cork lead, but overelaborate play up front saw them squander scoring chances. The forwards were in a quandry also, should they go for goals or maybe snatch the game from Cork or pick off points to make their eventual defeat look more

respectable?

They seemed to opt for the former and Kathleen Costine was tested to her limits. It seems incredible that given Sunday's performance, she was the goalie who allowed Wexford build up such a lead when they met in the league. She seemed inspired in the final, and even managed to deny Ann Reddy what seemed a sure goal in the first minute of extra time. Ann had had a shot saved, but ran on to the rebound, and was sweeping it one handed across the line, only to have the Cork goalie appear out of nowhere and clear the ball.

When Liz Towler was sent off in the 26th minute, as often happens, her team-mates lifted their game to compensate and completely knocked Wexford out of the game for the last few minutes scoring 4 points to only a single reply from Wexford's Catherine Murphy. This might have been three points and a goal were it not for the bravery of Terrie Butler, who came off her line to meet Irene O'Keefe and forced her to accept a point when she was full sure of scoring a goal. The final score of 2-17 to 0-11 was a somewhat harsh judgement on Wexford, but they know that they were beaten well by a much better team on the day.

Some Wexford players were good, Catherine Murphy especially so, and she was probably the best player on the field after Sandy Fitzgibbon. Jean O'Leary and Ann Marie O'Connor worked well, as did Ann Reddy, but they were almost invariably bottled up by Cork defenders. After a shaky start, Terrie Butler played excellently, and cannot blame herself for the goals scored, especially the second. She might have cleared the first given more support, but overall was not found wanting. Her backs did not give the cover she deserved at all times, while they did not get the support they

needed from mid-field.

But the zip the vum, the vigour that the team displayed twice already this year was missing. Many had opinions as to why this was so, but Cork had it, we hadn't, and that's why they won so well.

Wexford: Terrie Butler, Tina Fitzhenry, Jean O'Leary, Catherine Murphy (0-5), Paula Sinnott, Stella Sinnott, Claire Cullen (0-1), Geraldine Codd, Ann-Marie O'Connor (0-2), Ann Reddy (0-2), Paula Rankin (0-1), Maire Codd. Subs: Deirdre Hearne (for Stella Sinnott), Geraldine Wynn, Ursula O'Connor, Marian O'Leary, Geraldine O'Grady.

Under-14s Downed by Dublin

Wexford ... 1-5 Dublin ... 2-3

The second round Leinster U-14 Championship game between Wexford and Dublin, played in Buncudy on Saturday last, was a game that Wexford could have won, should have won and it was not the girls' fault that they didn't. A controversial goal four minutes into extra time gave Dublin the game by a single point. From the start of the game Dublin piled on the pressure and lead by a point after two minutes. Wexford were fortunate that they were not trailing by more even in this short space of time, but once Dublin had a score on the board, Wexford settled and Katherina Kinsella gave them the lead a minute later with a fine goal. Esme Murphy at midfield grabbed the puckout from the Dublin score and linked up with Katherina who kicked the ball across the line to give Wexford the lead they would not surrender until the second last puck of the game.

After creating the chance for Katherina, Esme went on to add three points from 30s by half time, and Dublin's only consolation was a point just before the interval, leaving

Wexford leading by 1-3 to 0-2.

Wexford had missed two other scorable frees in the first half and would regret this later, but almost from the start the Wexford supporters were puzzled by some unusual refereeing decisions. At one stage, Esme Murphy had been awarded a free just in front of the Dublin goal for a dangerous tackle, when the Dublin umpire called the referee in for a consultation. She claimed that a Wexford player had crossed the square and the referee altered her decision, and awarded a free out for Dublin.

Nevertheless, Dublin must have been rattled at half time, trailing by a goal and a point, after having the benefit of the strong breeze in the first half, and came out in the second determined not to let the game slip from them.

A quick goal early in the second half gave the visitors heart, but once again Wexford settled and Esme Murphy slotted over a point in the 9th minute to restore the lead to two points. They were on top once again, but were being disconcerted by some baffling refereeing decisions. From this time on Wexford piled on the pressure but went for goals when points were available. If Dublin have a player to thank for their victory, it must surely be their goalie, who pulled off a save after brilliant save, once managing to clear the ball off her line even though she was flat on her back on the ground. Nevertheless with the pressure on Dublin all the time Wexford looked secure, until nine minutes from the end, a controversial free gave Dublin the opportunity to narrow the gap to a single point.

When Esme Murphy widened this to two points in the twenty-ninth minute, it looked as if Wexford had the two league points securely in the bag. The game dragged on for a further four minutes however, and once



Cork retain title in a canter

**CORK 2-17
WEXFORD 0-11**

CORK retained their National Camogie League title when they produced a fine team performance at Enniscorthy to beat Wexford by 12 points, having led by 2-10 to 0-6 at the interval.

The difference between two game teams

was the finesse of the Leesiders. Wexford had a physical advantage but the slick play of the visitors confounded them in defence and attack.

The Cork achievement was all the more meritorious when it is considered that they crushed the opposition in the last 15 minutes with 11 players. Their

wing back Liz Towler was sent to the line by the referee after an off-the-ball incident.

Up to that stage he had taken the names of six players — three from each county.

While the winners can ultimately thank their balance and team work for success, they owe much to two individuals. Their captain Sandie

Fitzgibbon was outstanding and the scoring of Colette O'Mahony would put many a hurling forwards to shame.

Wexford strove in dedicated fashion to the end but there power was no match for fine stick work and speed of Cork.

Both Cork goals came in the closing stages of the first half. Leading by 0-9 to 0-5 in the 23rd

minute, they had been made to defend vigorously from a series of Wexford onslaughts. Then, on counter attack, Colette O'Mahony swept through to give the Wexford keeper no chance from close range.

She also had a hand in the second goal. Just before halftime Fiona O'Driscoll put the finishing touches to a lively

combined movement by striking the ball to the right corner of the net.

Only Wexford captain Catherine Murphy offered real resistance to the Cork machine in the second half.

Scorers — Cork: C. O'Mahony 1-6 (0-4 frees), F. O'Driscoll 1-2, L. O'Neill 0-3, I. O'Keeffe 0-3, D. Cronin 0-2, S. Fitzgibbon 0-1.

Wexford: C. Murphy 0-5 (frees), A. Reddy 0-2, A.M. O'Connor 0-2, P. Rankin 0-1, C.

Cullen 0-1 (free).

CORK — K. Costine, B. Kenny, P. Goggins, I. O'Leary, L. Towler, L. Mellerick, S. Fitzgibbon, D. Cronin, I. O'Keeffe, L. O'Neill, C. O'Mahony, F. O'Driscoll. Subs: T. O'Callaghan for O'Leary, L. Dunphy for Cronin.

WEXFORD — T. Butler, T. Fitzhenry, J. O'Leary, C. Murphy, P. Sinnott, S. Sinnott, C. Cullen, G. Codd, A.M. O'Connor, A. Reddy, P. Rankin, M. Codd. Sub. D. Ahearne for S. Sinnott.

Referee — Idwal Cuiper (Down).

Classy Cork's first half goalburst blasts Wexford

WEXFORD found Cork too strong in this National Camogie Senior League final played at Belfield, Enniscorthy on Sunday last.

Wexford were completely outclassed in most departments. Their forwards had an off day when centre back Catherine Murphy scored four points.

It was a final that did not live up to expectations and was marred by fouls. Cork had a player sent to the line halfway through the second half.

Cork were two points ahead after three minutes of play and by the eighth minute the sides were level.

The Leesiders took over again and two goals just before half time killed off any chance

Wexford had of victory trailing 2-10 to 0-6 at half time.

The second half was a tough tussle with Cork scoring seven points, Wexford managed four, leaving the full-time score Cork 2-17; Wexford 0-10.

Wicklow had a surprise win over Kildare in the first round of the Leinster Championship played at Donard on Saturday evening last. Kildare were the more experienced side and led by 0-4 to 0-1 at half time.

Wicklow got down to play with great conviction and determination in the second half and within twelve minutes had the ball three times in the Kildare net. This was a stunning blow to the Lilywhites who could only manage one point in this half to

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leave the full time score Wicklow 3-1; Kildare 0-5.

Wicklow now travel to Wexford on Saturday evening for a quarter final game. They will be fielding prominent players in Colette Whelan, Anna Byrne, Carol Murphy and Jean Marley.

They will meet with stiff opposition from the Slaneysiders led by Aileen O'Connor, Ann Furlong, Marguerite Doyle and Kate Bolger, who should just about clinch the issue.

Offaly travel to Kilkenny in another quarter final tie also on

Saturday. When the teams met in the semi-final last year, Kilkenny got through on a score of 3-7 to 3-4. They also met in the National League this season and Offaly turned the tables.

Offaly have prominent players in Eileen Kinsella, Michelle Davis and Marie Cleary, while Kilkenny will be looking to Imelda Kennedy, Margaret Comerford and Mary McGrath to secure a place in the semi-final.

In the third quarter final on Sunday Carlow are at home to Dublin in a repeat of last year's quarter final. The Metropolitan side advanced on a score of 5-4 to 0-4 on that occasion.

Carlow have put together quite a useful squad which includes Valerie Crean, Nuala

Quirke, Caroline Kearney and Mairead Nolan. Dublin may carry too much strength with players like Ger Dunne, Irene Kirwin, Patricia Hale and Ruth Lyons.

RESULTS

Leinster U.14 Championship: Louth 5-4; Kildare 4-0. Dublin 2-3; Wexford 1-5.

FIXTURES

SATURDAY

Leinster Junior Championship quarter finals — At Monamolin: Wexford v Wicklow, 7.30. At Nowlan Park: Kilkenny v Offaly, 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Leinster Junior Championship quarter-final — At Myshall: Carlow v Dublin, 3.15.

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Champions shocked by Carlow

CARLOW.....4-8
DUBLIN.....3-7
JUNIOR camogie champions Dublin suffered a surprise defeat by a determined Carlow side in the Leinster Junior Camogie championship quarter final at Myshall yesterday.

Carlow led 2-3 to 1-4 at the interval but Dublin went ahead early in the second half. However, Carlow finished the stronger side.

SCORERS — Carlow: V. Crean 1-4, N. Quirke 2-1, M. Ryan 1-2, M. Cody 0-1, P. Dublin: A. Walsh 1-2, A. Hale 1-1, R. Lyons 0-3, A. McGovern 1-0, S. Henderson 0-1.

Early goal kills Offaly's challenge

KILKENNY.....1-8
OFFALY.....2-2
KILKENNY got the better of Offaly in the second Leinster Junior quarter final at Nowlan Park.

An early goal gave Kilkenny an early advantage and they led by 1-4 to 1-1 at half-time and despite a powerful second half display by the visitors Kilkenny ran out worthy winners.

SCORERS — Kilkenny: M. Hughes 1-3, K. Dunphy 0-2, M. Maher, I. Kennedy, M. Comerford 0-1 each, Offaly: M. Lynch and F. Darcy - 0 each, M. Davis 0-2.

Carlow send Dubs crashing out of championship

DUBLIN the holders, bowed out of the Leinster Junior Camogie Championship when they suffered a surprise defeat at the hands of Carlow in this Leinster Junior Camogie Championship Quarter Final played at Myshall on Sunday.

Dublin were favourites to retain the title and perhaps go one step further than last year when they were narrowly defeated by Tipperary in the All Ireland Junior semi final.

Perhaps they were somewhat over confident on Sunday. They trounced Carlow 5-4 to 0-4 at the same stage of the competition last year.

Carlow played with great conviction and determination and

took the game to their opponents from the start and led by 2-3 to 1-4 at half-time.

Early in the second half Dublin went ahead for the first time with an Ann Walsh goal but their lead was short-lived when Nuala Quirke shot a similar score minutes later.

Carlow were never headed after that despite the great performance by Dublin's Christine Lester, Ruth Lyons, Colette Murphy and Catherine Boyle.

Carlow were well served by Leinster player Valerie Crean, Charmaine Gibson, Caroline Kearney and Nuala Quirke to run out deserving winners on a score of 4-8 to 3-7.

Meanwhile, Kilkenny booked

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a place in the semi final when they defeated Offaly in their Leinster Junior Championship Quarter final played at Nowlan Park.

This was another nail-biting game with little separating the sides at any stage. Kilkenny led 1-4 to 1-1 at half-time. The second half was a ding dong battle with Kilkenny holding the edge to run out winners on a score of 1-8 to 2-2.

Wexford had to fight hard for a place in the Junior Championship semi final to overcome a strong challenge from Wicklow at

Monamolin.

Wicklow had a surprise win over Kildare in the first round and if lady luck was with them on Sunday last they could have caused another major upset.

It was a game of great skill and fitness. Wexford led 2-3 to 1-3 at half-time. Early in the second half the girls from the Garland county equalised and went two points in front with ten minutes to go. But Wexford came back to finish strong and ran out winners by 2-9 to 2-5.

On Sunday next the last of the quarter finals is down for decision when Meath play host to Louth at Donaghmore at 3.p.m. This should be quite a sparkling

encounter.

When they last met in the championship in 1990 Meath emerged winners on a score of 1-5 to 0-6. Meath have star players in Laura Kearney, Michelle Lucey, Margaret Burke and Jackie Maher while Louth have prominent players in Eileen Moynagh, Connie Crehan and Mary Connor. Little should separate the sides at the final whistle.

The Junior Championship seems to be wide open. The semi final pairings are as follows — Carlow v Wexford, Kilkenny v Meath or Louth.

The National Feile na nGael takes place this weekend in Galway.

Glen hit top gear

By Tom Higgins

Glen Rovers 9-10; Aghabullogue

CORK County champions, Glen Rovers had little difficulty in advancing to the semi-final of this year's competition, in which they play Sarsfields, with a comprehensive victory over Aghabullogue at Clondrohid, last evening.

The Glen were in complete control from the start and after turning over leading 3-5 to 0-1, they picked off scores with regularity in the second-half.

Former full-back Claire McCarthy returned to the fray after a year's absence with a bad knee injury to play at full-forward for the winners and ended up her side's top scorer with 5-2.

With Mary Ring and Sandie Fitzgibbon in total control in defence and Mary Currid and Therese O'Callaghan controlling midfield, the Glen forwards got an

excellent supply ball and Ger M. and Linda M. were content to their scores in field. It was the Denise Cron Claire McCarthy the goals.

For Aghabullogue a hard pressed Patsy Walsh and Buckley the Helena Moynagh best at midfield a very strong line, Tracy A and Norma were best.

Scores for Glen: McCarthy 5-2, D. McCarthy 2-1, Ger McCarthy 2-0, Linda Walsh 0-1, Aghabullogue 0-1 (line). GLEN RIVERS: M. Ring, D. Cron, D. McCarthy, O'Callaghan, V. McElreath, G. McCarthy, C. McCarthy, N. Twomey, N. Twomey, Walsh, E. Reddy, H. Moynagh, J. Delaney, J. M. Roche, G. Barry, P. Delaney, S. Barry.



Bishopstown Under-14 camogie team, set to take part in the All-Ireland Féile na nGael in Galway, are pictured with the Lord Mayor of Cork, Denis Cregan, at a reception at the City Hall, Cork. Also present are Cllr. Pat Murray, coach; Irene Higgins, president; Tony Heffernan and Eithne Mulcahy. — (Picture: Dan Linehan)

BISHOPSTOWN GIRLS ON THE GLORY TRAIL

By Brendan Larkin

FOR the sixth year in their short history Bishopstown's under 14 Camogie team will represent Cork at the Féile na nGael All-Ireland finals. This coming weekend they journey to Galway to take part in the national finals and having won the title back in 1987, are hopeful of repeating that feat.

From a field of 27 teams, the Bishopstown girls emerged victorious following wins over Newcastle, Inniscarra, Ballinhassig, Bandon, St. Vincent's and Na Piar-saigh.

Preparation

Since qualifying, Bishopstown have put in a tremendous amount of preparation under their coach Pat Murray and will no doubt do their club and county proud in the West of Ireland at the weekend.

The team is captained by Fiona Duncan who plays at full-back and will also include their two county under 16 stars, Tricia Doyle and Vivian Harris.

Panel

Other members of the panel include Nicola Barry, Margaret Kearney, Lisa Crowley, Claire Healy, Deirdre Mulcahy, Susan Kelleher, Fiona Higgins, Nichola Falvey, Lisa Mulcair, Jennette Cotter, Nicola Corcoran, and Regina Sheridan.

Support

Travelling with the party will be Club President Irene Higgins, Club Chairperson Rose Desmond and committee members Breda Heffernan, Pat and Kathleen Harris, Evelyn Mahon, Sheila Harrington and Sheila McCarthy.

who, together with family and friends will ensure that the team won't want for support.

Féile win for Dublin

CORK representatives, Aghabullogue failed to make it into the last four of Div. 1 in the Coca-Cola sponsored Féile na nGael for the Christy Ring trophy.

The final was a thriller before Dublin representatives Ballyboden/St. Enda's got the upperhand on Loughrea, who were runners-up also last year to Na Piar-saigh.

Aghabullogue's defeat in the second round to Limerick's Patrickswell dented their chances. Munster, however, had some compensation in Div. 4 for the Dr. Birch Trophy when Kerry overcame their Armagh rivals Keady by two points 3-2 to 1-6.

Kerry dominated the first-half, aided by a goal from full-forward Padraig Healy after five minutes and led by 1-0 to 0-2 at the interval. But Keady impressed after the interval and it was only two goals in the last few minutes from Padraig Sweeney and James Murphy clinched victory.

Portaferry (Down) had too much in hand always for Wicklow representatives Michael Dwyers in the Division 2 final while Castleblaney won Division 5 with ease against St. Mary's, Fermanagh's standard-bearers.

Hurling finals: Div. 1 - Ballyboden/St. Endas (Dublin) 4-8 Loughrea (Galway) 2-10 (after extra-time).

Div. 2 Killimor (Galway) 2-2 Ballindereen (Galway) 0-3.

Div. 3: Portaferry (Down) 3-5 Michael Dwyers (Wicklow) 0-2.

Div. 4: Kenmare (Kerry) 3-2 Keady (Armagh) 1-6.

Div. 5 Castleblaney (Monaghan) 3-8 St. Mary's (Fermanagh) 0-2. CAMOGIE

Kilkenny had cause for celebration in the final of Div. 1 of the camogie competition when they defeated Tipperary at Kenny Park, Athlery. They led at the interval 3-1 to 2-0 and went on to win convincingly with a brace of goals from Deirdre Hennessy ten minutes from the end and at the finish.

Div. 1 Clara (Kilkenny) 6-1 Drom-Inch (Tipperary) 3-0.

Div. 2: Davitts (Galway) 2-0 Marino (Dublin) 1-2.

Div. 3: Oran (Roscommon) 2-2 Camross (Laois) 0-1.

Div. 4 Cullion (Westmeath) 2-0 Mountbellew (Galway) 1-2.

All Ireland skills star winner - M. Kearns (Clarenbridge) Galway.

VITAL CORK GAMES

THE Cork County senior camogie championship semi-finals dominate the fixture list with two vital games for decision. In the first Killeagh meet St. Finbarrs tomorrow night at Riverstown and on Wednesday night at Mayfield the Glen meet Sarsfields.

In their first round game Killeagh overcame a fancied Fr. O'Neills side. Players like the Spillane sisters, Cathy Landers, Sinead Cahalane, Patricia Fitzgibbon and Vera Motherway played a major role and if they play to form they could trouble the city side. But I am sure the Barrs will not be overawed and will face this game with confidence. In their first outing they had to fight very hard before disposing of Na Piar-saigh. They will have learned a lot from that game and if Colette O'Mahony, Colette Cronin, Paula Carey, Brid Kelleher, Alice O'Donovan and Marie O'Dea come up trumps they should be in there with a real chance.

The Glen and Sarsfields should provide another cracker. Glen are the reigning champions and will be favoured to advance, but they will not get things easy from a very determined Sars side.

The Riverstown side have trained very hard and if players like Breda Kenny, Liz Dunphy, Lillian Zinkant, Deirdre Holland and Ann Brady play to form they could make life very difficult for the city girls. Glen will be looking to the experience of Therese O'Callaghan, Mary Ring, Claire McCarthy, Sandy Fitzgibbon and Diane Deaney.

All eyes on the Feile

ALL CAMOGIE eyes this weekend will be on the National Féile na nGael which is hosted by Galway.

This is the festival weekend for Under-14s. Sixteen counties, represented by their champions and hosted by various clubs in Galway. The competition is graded in four divisions. The visiting counties are: Div 1 Limerick, Kilkenny, Cork, Tipperary. Div 11 Offaly, Down, Dublin, Clare. Div 111: Kildare, Tyrone, Antrim, Roscommon. Div IV: Westmeath, Donegal, Sligo, Waterford.

The competitions are in a league format and start on Friday (6.0), at New Inn, with the Div 1 final at Athlery on Sunday (4.0).

Final of the Munster Minor Championship between Cork and Tipperary has been scheduled for Wed, July 1, at Semple Stadium (7.0).

TIPPERARY BOW OUT

The Tipperary junior camogie team travelled the 450 mile round trip to Portaferry in Co. Down last Sunday to play the home team which had put an end to their All-Ireland dream last September.

Tipperary crossed the border with full points to contest the league semi-final having disposed of all teams in their group in convincing style. Down having done likewise in their group. Tipperary were forced to line out in this game without a number of their regulars.

From the throw-in Tipperary went on the attack with a goal from Deirdre Hughes. This same player was on target minutes later with a point again from play. Down now began to settle and got through for their first score, a goal. Tipperary again piled on the pressure and forced a "30" from which Triona Bonner pointed. From the puck out Deirdre Hughes caught the dropping ball and sent it straight over the bar for Tipperary's third point.

It was at this point the game took a turn. The Tipperary girls started to foul persistently for which the Down centreforward punished with her accuracy from placed ball. The half-time score: Down 2-4, Tipperary 1-4.

In the second half Tipperary started the half with great determination and were more disciplined in their play. Deirdre Hughes was again on target and when Siobhain Cusack rattled home Tipperary's second goal they looked to be getting the upper hand. A great stroke from Triona

Bonner at centrefield went all the way to the back of the net only to have it disallowed for an infringement in the square. Again our placed efforts didn't go the right way while Down got a soft goal from a free and another from play almost on the stroke of time to leave the score: Down 4-9, Tipperary 3-7.

Again it was a disappointment from a Tipperary point of view. While every girl on the day gave of her best and maybe with a small bit of luck they were capable of lifting this game. It is somewhat hard to understand why these two top teams had to meet in the semi-final; also why such an important fixture such as the junior semi-final and senior league final had to be played when most girls are in the middle of exams, and both games played hundreds of miles apart.

Glen too strong

Glen Rovers 3-12, Sarsfields 0-6

By Tom Higgins.

ANOTHER superb display by Sandie Fitzgibbon helped holders Glen Rovers to a comprehensive win over Sarsfields in this Cork Senior Camogie championship semi-final at Mayfield last evening.

A point by Linda Mellerick after only 20 seconds set the winners on the high road to victory and they turned over at the break leading by 1-6 to 0-1, with the loser's only score coming from a Lilian Zinkant free after a minute.

Although Sarsfields made a valiant effort to get back into the game with two points in the opening three minutes of the second-half, the Glen regained control and ran out easy winners.

Sarsfields cause was not helped when one of their Cork stars, Breda Kenny, pulled a muscle after seven minutes. However, she still did trojan work in defence in the first-half against a rampant Glen attack in which Linda Mellerick was outstanding.

Mandy Kennefick and Mary Currid were other who caught the eye for the winners at midfield while Ger McCarthy, before she came off with a hamstring injury in the 44th minute, also had an excellent game.

For Sarsfields, Liz Dunphy never gave up trying in defence, Ann Brady had a fine game in midfield while Lilian Zinkant and Val Twomey were the pick of the forwards.

Scorers, Glen Rovers: L. Mellerick 2-3, F. Twomey 1-0, G. McCarthy 0-3 (0-2 "30's" 0-1 free), C. McCarthy 0-3, T.

O'Callaghan 0-2, P. McCarthy 1.

Sarsfields: L. Zinkant (0-1 free, 0-1 "30"), V. Twomey 0-2, L. Hanley 0-1.

Glen Rovers: M. O'Leary, D. McCarthy, S. Kennefick, D. Deane, M. Kennefick, O'Callaghan, M. Currid, L. Mellerick, G. McCarthy, D. C. McCarthy, Sub: P. McCarthy (17th minute), F. Twomey, McCarthy (44th minute).

Sarsfields: L. Twomey, Dunphy, N. Aherne, B. Twomey, S. Bermingham, Hanley, A. Brady, L. Zinkant, V. Twomey, L. Davis, V. Twomey, L. Sub: E. Noonan for E. (17th minute).

Referee: M. Murphy (G).



Sarsfields defender Breda Kenny, clears out of defence, past Glen Rovers Ger McCarthy

Cork on guard

THE big game on the camogie front tomorrow will be the first round of the Munster junior championship which will see Cork and Limerick in opposition at Mary Immaculate Grounds, Limerick, at 7 p.m. The Cork team will certainly be under no illusions as to the task confronting them in Limerick as the home side won the National League on Sunday last when they defeated All-Ireland champions Down.

At the time of writing the Cork Junior team was not selected but is certain to include players like Fiona O'Driscoll, the Dunlea sisters Lyn and Stephanie, Eileen Buckley, Mary Spillane, Vera Motherway, Denise Cronin and Louise Aherne. Members of the Cork junior panel and supporters are asked to note that a bus will leave Cork Opera House on Sunday at 4 p.m.

At club level the intermediate championship gets underway with two first round games. In the first, Castlemagner are at home to Brian Dillons on Tuesday night and here the home side could find the going tough. Dillons are a strong all round side with fine performers in Liz O'Sullivan, Louise Flemming, Karen Mellerick, Aileen Barry and Clare Barry and if these girls play to form they should have the edge on Castlemagner.

In the second game Kilbrittain are at home to Blackrock on Thursday night. Despite the fact that Kilbrittain were only promoted to the intermediate grade this season they showed great promise in their recent league games and if players like Mary Brennan, Ann Marie Desmond and Miriam Deasy play to form they should prove too strong for the city side.

FIXTURES

Sunday

Munster Junior Championship: Cork v. Limerick, at Mary Immaculate College Grounds, at 7 p.m.

Monday

Under-16 "A" League:

Aghabullogue v. Cloughduv, at Aghabullogue, at 7.45 p.m.; Kilbrittain v. Newcestown, at Kilbrittain, at 7.45 p.m.; Barryroe v. Ballygarvan, at Barryroe, at 7.45 p.m.; Ballincollig v. Eire Og, at Ballincollig, at 7.45 p.m.; St. Vincents v. Na Piarasigh, at St. Vincents, at 7.45 p.m.; Glen Rovers v. St. Finbarrs, at Glen Rovers, at 8 p.m.

Under-16 "B" League:

Sarsfields v. Cloyne, at Sarsfields, at 7.45 p.m.; Cobb v. Fermoy, at Cobb, at 7.45 p.m.; Courcy Rovers v. Valley Rovers, at Courcy, at 7.45 p.m.; Bishopstown v. Mayfield, at Bishopstown, at 7.45 p.m.; Blackrock v. Ballinure, at Blackrock, at 7.45 p.m.; Douglas v. Grenagh, at Douglas, at 7.45 p.m.

Under-18 League: Watergrasshill v. Killeagh, at Watergrasshill, at 7.45 p.m.

Tuesday

Intermediate Championship:

Castlemagner v. Brian Dillons, at Castlemagner, at 7.45 p.m.

Junior "A" League:

St. Finbarrs v. Bishopstown, at St. Finbarrs, at 7.45 p.m.

Limerick girls advance

Limerick 4-13, Cork 1-11

LIMERICK, winners of the National League when they beat Down a week ago, continued in winning form when they had a convincing win over Cork in the Munster Junior Camogie Championship semi-final at the Mary Immaculate Grounds in Limerick last night.

Limerick led 2-6 to 0-6 at half-time, and once again got completely on top in the second-half to run out clear-cut winners.

Pauline McCarthy, for the second successive week, was Limerick's best player while Cork substitute Liz O'Sullivan scored a goal and a point for her side with another substitute, Fiona O'Driscoll, contributing four of their 11 points.

Scorers for Limerick: P. McCarthy 1-4, M. Linehan, I. Quaid 1-2 each; A. Linehan 0-4, N. Noonan 1-1; Cork: L. O'Sullivan 1-1, F. O'Driscoll 0-4, E. Healy, L. Dunlea, R. Desmond 0-2 each.

LIMERICK: D. Carroll, E. Sheehy, M. Guiry, H. Clifford, B. Chawke, L. O'Sullivan, M. Treacy, N. Noonan, M. Linehan, A. Linehan, I. Quaid, P. McCarthy.

CORK: L. Aherne, V. Motherway, S. Dunlea, M. Spillane, H. Walsh, K. Mellerick, E. Healy, M. Sexton, M. Kennefick, P. Murphy, L. Dunlea, R. Desmond, Subs. F. O'Driscoll, M. Sexton, L. Zinkant for M. Kennefick, L. O'Sullivan for R. Desmond.

TIPP MEET CORK

BIG game on the camogie front coming is the clash of Cork and Tipperary in the Munster minor final at Thurles tonight.

Cork, who defeated Tipperary in last year's decider have not named their team, yet, but it is almost certain to be the same as that which overcame Waterford in the first round. This will see Barryroe's Cora Keohane between the posts with Niamh O'Mahony at full-back and Maria Corker and Alison Dilworth filling the wing back positions. Frances Flavin from Fr. O'Neills will be at centre back with Niamh O'Regan, Deirdre Holl and Fiona O'Donovan completing the centre-field line. Cliona Long should be at centre-forward with full-forward positions going to Mary O'Connor, Val O'Mahony who captains the side and Miriam Deasy.

Tonight: Munster Minor Final: Cork v Tipperary, at Semple Stadium, Thurles, 7.30.

Under-14 "A" League: Barryroe v Ballygarvan, at Barryroe, Ballinhasig v Kilbrittain, at Ballinhasig, Cloughduv v Newcestown, at Cloughduv, Eire Og v Aghabullogue, at Ovens, Brian Dillons v St. Vincent's, at Brian Dillons, Na Piarasigh v Glen Rovers, at Na Piarasigh, Killeagh v Middleton, at Killeagh, Watergrasshill v Fr. O'Neill's, at W/Hill (all 7.45).

Tomorrow: Under-14 "B" League (7.45 unless stated): Ballinora v Bandon, at Ballinora, St. Finbarr's v Inniscarra, at St. Finbarr's, Courcy Rovers v Blackrock, at Blackrock, Grenagh v Delany's, at Grenagh, Youghal v Bishopstown, at Youghal, St. Fannahan's v St. Vincent's, at Fannahan's, 8 p.m. Glen Rovers v Douglas, at Glen Rovers.

Tipp's goal blitz

Tipperary 5-7; Cork 3-4
THREE goals in a seven minute spell in the third quarter paved the way for Tipperary's victory over champions Cork in the Munster Minor Camogie final at Semple Stadium, Thurles last evening.

Tipperary dominated the first-half, but led by only one point at half-time, 2-3 to 2-2, their goals coming from Ann Barry with Cork's goals being scored by Miriam Deasy and Mary O'Connor.

A goal by Valerie O'Mahony at the start of the second-half put Cork in front, but then Tipperary hit them with goals by Clara Burns, Mandy Quigley and Mary Ryan.

Subsequently the Cork challenge faded and Tipperary went on to win in style.

Scorers for Tipperary: C. Burns 1-4, A. Barry 2-0, M. Quigley 1-2, M. Ryan 1-0, I. Brophy 0-1.

Cork: D. Holland 0-4, M. Deasy, M. O'Connor, V. O'Mahony 1-0 each.

TIPPERARY: M. Biffin (Burgess), A. Delaney (Toomevara), S. Kelly (do), J. Horgan (Knockavilla-Donaskeigh), C. Gaynor (Kilruane), T. Brophy (Burgess), C. Burke (Shannon Rovers), C. Burns (Burgess), M. Ryan (Toomevara), M. Quigley (Roscrea), A. Barry (Cashell).

CORK: C. Keohane (Barryroe), N. O'Mahony (Kilbrittain), A. Dilworth (B. Dillons), F. Flavin (Father O'Neills), M. Corkery (Cloughduv), N. O'Regan (Brian Dillons), D. Holland (Sarsfields), F. O'Donovan (Inniscarra), M. Deasy (Kilbrittain), C. Long (Newcestown), M. O'Connor (Killeagh), V. O'Mahony (Brian Dillons).

CAMOGIE

Cork v Tipp

ON Wednesday night next the Cork minor team will be in action in Thurles when they clash with Tipperary in this season's Munster final.

At the weekend the Bishopstown Under-14 team travel to Galway where they will represent Cork in the All-Ireland Feile na nGael finals, while also in Galway Evelyn Moynihan of the Inniscarra club will be our representative in the All-Ireland skills competition.

Cork are the reigning Munster minor champions and no doubt will be very anxious to retain their title when they take on Tipperary in this season's final at Thurles on Wednesday night.

Cork had a very impressive win over Waterford in their first round game and this together with the fact

that they have seven remaining from last year's panel must give them a good chance of victory.

However, Tipperary will be favoured with a home venue which undoubtedly is an advantage and only a top-class performance from the Cork girls will suffice if they are to achieve victory. The Cork selectors have not yet named their side officially but is almost definitely going to be the same as the side that fielded against Waterford in the first round and this will see Cora Keohane between the posts.

Niamh O'Mahony, from Kilbrittain, will be at full-back with Cloughduv's Maria Corkery and Brian Dillon's Alison Dilworth filling the wing-back positions.

Frances Flavin, from Fr.

O'Neill's, will be at centre-back with the midfield positions going to Niamh O'Regan, Brian Dillons, Deirdre Holland, Sarsfields and Fiona O'Donovan, Inniscarra.

Cliona Long, from Newcestown, will be at centre-forward with Mary O'Connor, Killeagh, Val O'Mahony, Brian Dillons, who captains the side, and Miriam Deasy, Kilbrittain completing the full-forward line.

This weekend the Bishopstown under-14 team travel to Galway where they will represent Cork in the All-Ireland Feile na nGael finals. Going on their performances in the Cork competition they must be in there with a real chance of bringing the national title to Cork.

They have marvellous

performers in captain, Fiona Duncan, Vivienne Harris, Elaine Doyle, Nicole Barry and Lynda Hefferman and if these girls produce the goods they could be in there with a real chance.

Craughwell Club are their hosts for the weekend and they will play them in their first game on Friday night at 6 o'clock. The final will be played in Athenry on Sunday.

TUESDAY, JUNE 30

Intermediate League

Blackrock v Eire Og at Blackrock at 7.30 (ref. Ballinure).

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

Munster Minor Final

Cork v Tipperary at Semple Stadium, Thurles at 7.30.

Under-14 "A" League

Barryroe v Ballygarvan at Barryroe, 7.45 (ref. Ballygarvan); Ballinhasig v Kilbrittain at Ballinhasig, 7.45 (ref. Kilbrittain); Cloughduv v Newcestown at Cloughduv, 7.45 (ref. Newcestown); Eire Og v Aghabullogue at Ovens, 7.45 (ref. Aghabullogue); Brian Dillons v St. Vincents at Brian Dillons, 7.45 (ref. St. Vincents); Na Piarasigh v Glen Rovers at Na Piarasigh, 7.45 (ref. Glen Rovers); Killeagh v Middleton at Killeagh, 7.45 (ref. Middleton); Watergrasshill v Fr. O'Neill's at Watergrasshill, 7.45 (ref. Fr. O'Neill's).

THURSDAY, JULY 2

Under-14 "B" League

Ballinora v Bandon at Ballinora, 7.45 (ref. Bandon); St. Finbarrs v Inniscarra at St. Finbarrs, 7.45 (ref. Inniscarra); Courcy Rovers v Blackrock at Blackrock, 7.45 (ref. Courcy Rovers); Grenagh v Delany's at Grenagh, 7.45 (ref. Delany's); Youghal v Bishopstown at Youghal, 7.45 (ref. Bishopstown); St. Fannahan's v St. Vincents at St. Fannahan's, 8 p.m. (ref. St. Vincents); Glen Rovers v Douglas at Glen Rovers, 7.45 (ref. Douglas).

CURTAIN RISES ON THE OPEN DRAW

THE curtain rises today on the All Ireland open draw senior camogie championship when Kildare and Galway renew rivalry in an interesting match at Clane (2.30). The Leinster girls lost a high scoring game at this stage to Galway last year but had revenge with a surprise five-point win in the National League earlier this year.

Kildare went on to reach the League semi-finals but were well beaten by eventual champions Cork. However, that win over Galway is bound to give plenty of encouragement to Anna Dargan, Geraldine Dwyer, Miriam Malone, Claire O'Mahony and Rose Merriman and playing at home should also prove an advantage.

Galway, who lost last year's open draw semi-final to Cork, have called up a number of the junior side beaten by eventual champions Down in last year's

All Ireland semi-final. They also have links with the Mullagh team that won last season's All Ireland club title.

These include goalkeeper Caroline Loughnane, defender Pamela Nevin and forward Imelda Hobbins. Other key players are Angela Cooney, sister of county hurler Joe, and Ann Coleman.

Galway are likely to prove a more formidable power than in the League game and providing they settle down from the throw in and play up to their potential, they may prove equal to taking revenge for that defeat.

Limerick make the final defence of the National Junior League title when they entertain Down at Mary Immaculate College grounds in a final that has an unusually early start (11.00 am) because of the Munster hurling final.

Carey rescues Kilkenny

KILKENNY 3-7
ANTRIM 3-7
CAITRIONA Carey, younger sister of Kilkenny hurler D.J. Carey, equalised with the last puck of the game to give Kilkenny a draw with Antrim in their All-Ireland Minor Camogie Championship semi-final at

Casement Park yesterday. Antrim must now travel to face Kilkenny in Nowlan Park for the replay, possibly on Saturday, July 18.

Scorers: Antrim: M McKillop (2-1), F Burke (0-5), E Dowds (1-0), R McAuley (0-1). Kilkenny: C Carey (1-3), M Fennelly (1-2), D O'Sullivan (1-0), M Kavanagh, S Costello (0-1 each).

CAMOGIE ROUND-UP

DUBLIN, one time Queens of Camogie, face a testing opening hurdle today in their bid to regain the All Ireland senior crown last held in 1984 when they entertain National League runners-up Wexford at O'Toole Park (3.00 pm).

The counties' last competitive meeting was at this venue in late May, when Wexford had eight points to spare in a League semi final. On their showing in that game, Dublin have much ground to make up.

However, League form is not always a reliable guide to the championship. It is

unlikely that the Dubs will be unsettled by that setback and in Ann Cooper, Cathy Walsh, Mary Mernagh and Louise Curry, they have players who could provide the inspiration to ensure a more demanding challenge this time to the Slaneysiders.

Wexford were well beaten by Cork in the League final, but they are still an accomplished and improving team. Their winning outing on that last visit to Dublin should also help them to get into their stride from the throw-in and play up to form.

CAMOGIE

All-Ireland Minor Camogie Semi Final:
Kilkenny 3-7; Antrim 3-7.

Leinster U-14 Camogie Championship: Dublin 5-3; Kilkenny 1-3.

All-Ireland Junior League Final:
Limerick 4-13; Down 2-5.

CAMOGIE

Senior Championship — Wexford 1-9;
Dublin 0-4. Scorers — Wexford: A M O'Connor 1-2, A Reddy 0-4; C Murphy 0-3.
Dublin: M Mernagh 0-2, R Lyons and C Walsh 0-1 each.

Minor championship — Kilkenny 9-5; Antrim 1-2. Scorers — Kilkenny: C Carey 4-1; M Kavanagh 2-1; M Fennelly 2-1; S Costello and L Slevin 0-1 each.
Antrim: M McKillop 1-0; E Dowds and R McAuley 0-1 each.

TIPP DRAW

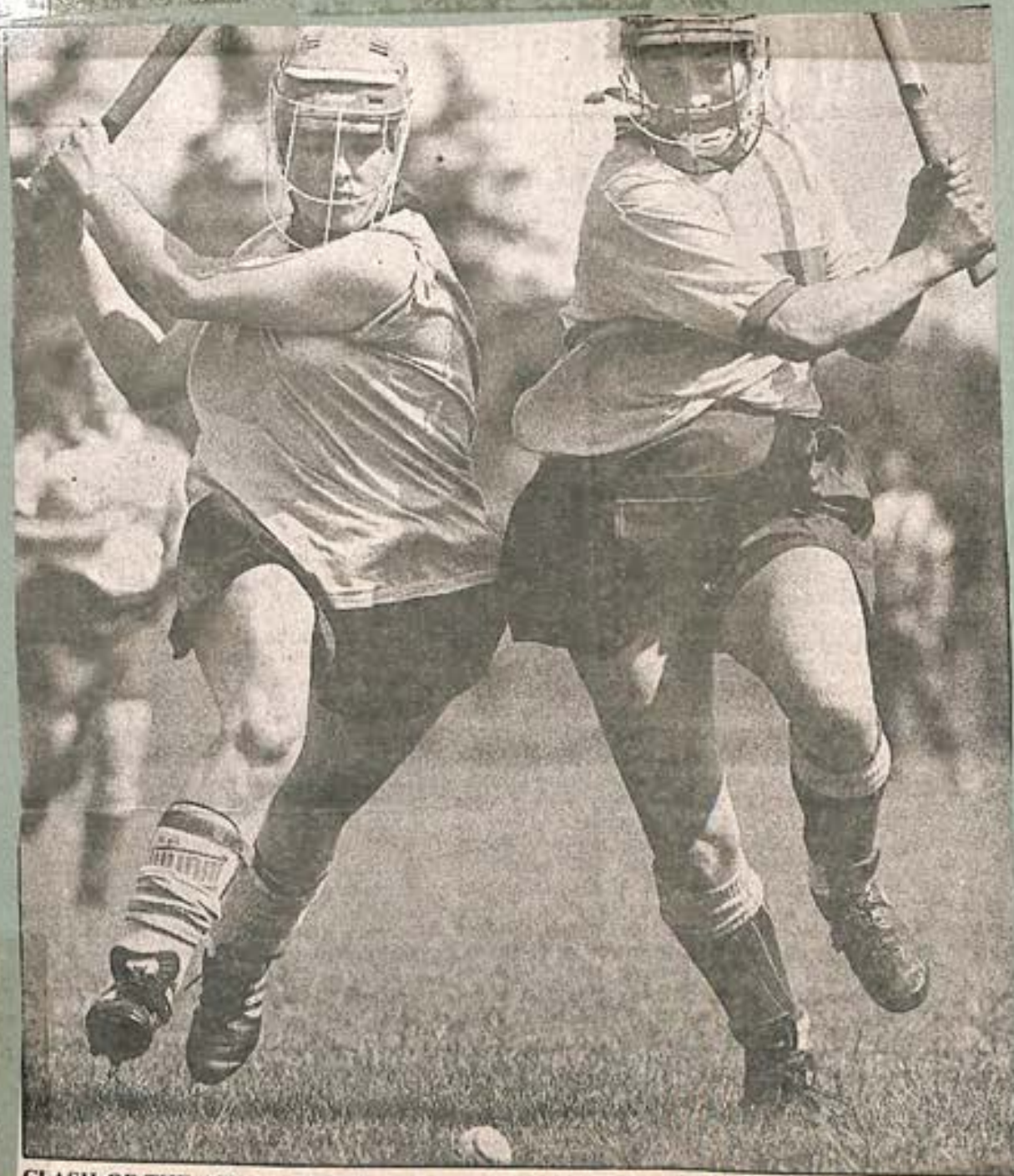
The All-Ireland minor camogie semi-final played in Mullagh GAA grounds on Sunday last ended in a draw between Tipperary and Galway.

Ciara Gaynor, Marie Ryan, Catherine Bourke were on top in midfield with Ciara playing particularly well.

We had to wait until the 26th minute for our next from Mandy Quigley and the last score of the half fell to Galway to leave the half-time score 1-7 to 1-1.

After the interval Galway then started to dominate and added 2-1 to their score before the Tipperary team settled. They added another point in the 14th minute and went a goal up before Tipperary had their first score of the second half, a point by Ciara Burns. At this stage Clodagh Dunne entered the fray, with Therese Brophy doing some very good work in midfield. Tipperary again took a grip on the game but it looked as if we were destined not to score, when finally Marie Ryan broke the duck with a very well taken goal to put us 1 point up with four minutes to go. Tipperary conceded a close in free which Galway converted to even the game, which will take place on this Sunday evening at 6 o'clock in Holycross. The winners will meet Kilkenny in the final.

Team: M. Bulfin, S. Kyne, Aileen Delaney, Suzanne Kelly, J. Horgan, C. Gaynor, T. Brophy, C. Bourke, C. Burns, M. Ryan, M. Quigley, A. Barry. Subs.: S. Kinnally, A. Lawlor, M. Maxwell, C. Quigley, C. Dunne, C. Buckley, A. Barry, E. Keane, M. Bourke.



CLASH OF THE ASH . . . Dublin's Ruth Lyons (left) and Angie Ahern (Wexford) battle for possession during yesterday's All-Ireland championship match at O'Toole Park

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Cork on the All-Ireland trail

July 1992

THIS coming weekend the Cork senior camogie team make the long journey to the North where on Sunday they play the home county Antrim in the first round of the All-Ireland senior championship. At club level there is a full programme of games listed pick of which should be the clash of Eire and Killeagh in the first round of the Intermediate Championship.

On Sunday next the Cork Senior team commence their All-Ireland championship campaign when they clash with Antrim in a first round game. At the time of writing the Cork selectors have not named their side because a number of their players are on the injured list. Definitely not available are regulars Breda Kenny and Therese O'Callaghan. Both these girls incurred injuries during the course of the senior county championship semi-final between Glen Rovers and Sarsfields and are definitely non-starters for Sunday's game while two other members of the panel Claire McCarthy and Ger McCarthy are also doubtful starters.

With the exception of these girls the team should see Kathleen Costine between the posts with Paula Giggins and Liz Towler

filling the wing-back positions. Liz Dunphy is the most likely replacement at full-back for the injured Breda Kenny while Sandy Fitzgibbon will probably take over the centre back position. The midfield positions should go to Denise Cronin, Irene O'Leary and Lynda Mellerick with Liz O'Neill, Colette O'Mahony, Fiona O'Driscoll and Irene O'Keeffe completing the forward line.

CLUBS

At club level we should have an interesting clash in store when Eire Og and Killeagh clash in the first round of the Intermediate Championship on Friday night at Ovens. Eire Og were relegated from Senior to Intermediate this season and because of this will probably start as favourites to advance. They have very experienced performers in Nancy O'Driscoll, Marian McCarthy, Sheila O'Brien, Kay Doherty and Claire O'Regan and if these girls produce the goods they should have too much in hand for a Killeagh side that will be looking to players like the Kirby sisters, Evelyn Leahy, Siobhan Aherne and Siobhan Linehan to carry them through.

FIXTURES

Friday, July 17
Intermediate Championship: Eire Og v Killeagh at Ovens, 8 pm, referee Geraldine Barry Murphy.

U-16 "A" League: Brian Dillons v Bishopstown "A" at Bishopstown, 7.45, referee Brian Dillons.

U-16 "B" League: Mayfield v Blackrock at Mayfield, 7.30, referee Blackrock.

Saturday, July 18
Junior "A" League: Newcestown v Watergrasshill at Newcestown, 7.30, referee Cloughduv; Glen Rovers v Inniscarra at Inniscarra, 7.45, referee Eire Og.

Junior "B" League 92: Cobb v St Fannahans at Cobb, 7.30, referee Sarsfields; Ballinure v Fermoy at Ballinure, 7.30, referee Douglas; Delany v Middleton at Delany, 7.30, referee Glen Rovers; Coursey Rovers v Barryroe at Coursey Rovers, 7.30, referee Kilbrittain; Bandon v Valley Rovers at Bandon, 7.30, referee Ballinhassig.

Sunday, July 19
All-Ireland Senior Championship: Cork v Antrim at Cushendall at 2 pm.

Junior "A" League: Ballinora v Douglas at Ballinora, 7.30, referee Newcestown.

Junior "B" League: Newcestown v Castlemagner at Newcestown, 7.30, referee Bandon; Tracton v Kilbrittain at Tracton, 7.30, referee Ballygarvan.

Wednesday, July 22
U-16 "A" League: Brian Dillons v Na Piaras at Brian Dillon, 7.45, referee Na Piaras; St Finbarrs v St Vincents

at St Finbarrs, 8 pm, referee St Vincents; Ballygarvan v Kilbrittain at Ballygarvan, 7.45, referee Kilbrittain; Barryroe v Ballinhassig at Barryroe, 7.45, referee Ballinhassig; Eire Og v Aghabullogue at Eire Og, 7.45, referee Aghabullogue; Ballincollig v Inniscarra at Ballincollig, 7.45, referee Inniscarra; Delany v Cloughduv at Delany, 7.45, referee Cloughduv.

U-16 "B" League: Fermoy v Sarsfields at Fermoy, 7.30, referee Sarsfields; Cobb v St Fannahans at Cobb, 7.30, referee St Fannahans; Bandon v Coursey Rovers at Bandon, 7.30, referee Coursey Rovers; Ballinure v Bishopstown at Ballinure, 7.30, referee Bishopstown; Grenagh v Glen Rovers at Glen Rovers, 7.30, referee Grenagh.

Thursday, July 23

Junior "A" League: Watergrass Hill v St Catherine's at Watergrasshill, 7.30, referee Fr O'Neills; Glen Rovers v Newcestown at Glen Rovers, 7.30, referee Na Piaras; Bishopstown v Douglas at Bishopstown, 7.30, referee St Finbarrs; Ballinora v Inniscarra at Ballinora, 7.30, referee Aghabullogue.

Junior "B" League: St Fannahans v Middleton at St Fannahans, 7.30, referee Fermoy; Cobb v Ballinure at Cobb, 7.30, referee Watergrasshill; Gleann Na Laoi v Sarsfields at Gleann Na Laoi, 7.30, referee Delany; Valley Rovers v Coursey Rovers at Valley Rovers, 7.30, referee Bandon; Barryroe v Bandon at Barryroe, 7.30, referee Kilbrittain; Castlemagner v Tracton at Castlemagner, 7.30, referee Grenagh.

Cork girls storm way into next round

Cork 5-11 Antrim 0-2
CORK stormed their way to the second round of the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship when they defeated Antrim by a 24 point margin in Cushendall yesterday.

Three goals in the first-half from Clare McCarthy and Cork's ability to pick off points saw them ahead at the interval 3-8 to 0-1, with Denise O'Boyle getting Antrim's point.

Antrim tried hard to get into the game after the interval, and Sinead McMullen, Donna McLoughlin, Majella McMullen and Brona McCurry were always seeking to inspire a comeback.

But Cork's greater skill saw them add a further 2-3 in this period, with goals from Liz O'Neill and Denise Cronin and points from Clare McCarthy, Sandy Fitzgibbon and Linda Mellerick to leave them clear winners.



Shiela Golden, chairperson Cork Camogie Selection Board, receiving a sponsorship cheque from Mr. Ray Doherty of McDonalds. Also included are the Cork senior camogie squad, Miriam Murphy (selector), Marion Sweeney (selector) and Joe McGrath (coach/trainer). Cork take on Antrim in the All-Ireland Championship tomorrow.

Carlow now face Kilkenny after semi-final thriller

LEINSTER CAMOIGIE
By PJ FULHAM

CARLOW booked their ticket to the Leinster Junior Championship final against Kilkenny on August 9 when they defeated Wexford in extra time in a thrilling semi-final played at Myshall on Sunday last.

Carlow took the game to their opponents from the throw-in, and after trailing 0-3 to 1-3 at the interval, Carlow stepped up the pace early in the second half with their star forward Valerie Crean in sparkling form, finding the target 11 times during the match.

A second goal by Wexford put them back in the game and they snatched a dramatic equaliser on the full time whistle, leaving the score at the end of normal time Wexford 2-4, Carlow 0-10. The exchanges continued at a hectic

lyon. This was another exciting game in which Meath were in front at half time, 0-5 to 0-3. With ten minutes to go the game was still in balance before Kilkenny's experience put the final touches on their victory on a score 2-10 to 1-7.

SCORERS: Kilkenny — I. Kennedy 1-3; M. McGrath 1-1; S. Costello 0-2; K. Dunphy, A.M. Hughes, M. Maher, M. Costello 0-1 each. Meath — L. Carney 1-0; D. O'Carroll 0-3; C. O'Brien 0-2; A. Denny and M. Lucey 0-1 each.

All-Ireland Minor champions Kilkenny come face to face with old rivals Tipperary in this year's final on Sunday next. Kilkenny have won three All-Ireland finals in this grade in the past four

Kilkenny defeated Meath in the other semi-final played at Kil-

pace in extra time but young defenders Olivia O'Neill and Catherine Crooks gave Carlow the vital edge.

They got the better of the exchanges in the final five minutes and ran out winners on a score of 0-14 to 2-6.

SCORERS: Carlow — V. Crean 0-11; M. Sheehan 0-2; A.M. Ryan 0-1. Wexford — M. O'Leary 2-1; M. Doyle, K. Bolger 0-2 each; A. Fogarty 0-1.

interesting encounter. When the sides met in the preliminary rounds Dublin came out on top on a score of 2-3 to 1-5.

Dublin will field as follows: M. Sauran, S. Farrelly, H. O'Hanlon, A. Wall, J. Rogan, E. Dunne, F. Corcoran, N. O'Hara, A. O'Byrne, S. Galvin, L. Daly, L. O'Hara.

RESULTS

Leinster U-14 Rollin B Final — Louth 4-2; Westmeath 3-4.

FUTURES

SATURDAY
Leinster U-14 Rollin A Final — At Oulart — Wexford v Dublin, 3.0.

SUNDAY

All-Ireland Minor C'hip final — At Holycross, Thurles — Tipperary v Kilkenny, 3.30.
All-Ireland Intermediate C'hip quarter-final — At Clane — Kildare v Dublin, 3.0.
Wexford Senior C'hip Final — At St. Patrick's, Enniscorthy — Rathnew (holders) v Buffers Alley, 3.15.

years. The present squad may not be as strong as in previous years.

They were lucky to draw with Antrim in the semi-final but stamped their authority on the replay, winning 9-5 to 1-2 at Nowlan Park. Their scoring ace is Catriona Carey, sister of senior Kilkenny hurler D.J. and minor hurler Martin. She is a member of the Under-14 squad. They have also star players in Michelle Fennelly, Sinead Costello, Niamh Phelan and Margaret Kavanagh, all of whom were members of last year's victorious side. They will find Tipperary no pushover and will have to produce top form to hold onto their title.

The Leinster Under-14 Rollin A Championship final takes place between Wexford and Dublin on Saturday. This is sure to be an

Camogie All-Ireland Semi-Final:

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All Ireland Minor C'hip semi-final at Holycross — Tipperary 7-9 (C. Gaynor 3-2, M. Quigley 2-1, M. Ryan 2-0, C. Burns 0-4, C. Burke 0-2); Galway 4-3 (A. Hardiman 4-1, B. Daniels and C. Crowe 0-1 each).
Leinster Junior C'hip semi-finals at Myshall — Carlow 0-14 (V. Crean 0-11, M. Sheehan 0-2, AM Ryan 0-1); Wexford 2-6 (M. O'Leary 2-1, M. Doyle and K. Bolger 0-2 each, A. Fogarty 0-1). At Kilkenny — Kilkenny 2-10 (I. Kennedy 1-3, M. McGrath 1-1, S. Costello 0-2, K. Dunphy, AM Hughes, M. Maher, M. Costello 0-1 each). Meath 1-7 (L. Kearney 1-0, D.

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Camogie All-Ireland Semi-Final: TIPPERARY SURGE THROUGH IN STYLE

By MICHAEL DUNDON

Tipperary.....
Galway.....

A second half performance of power and purpose swept Tipperary through to the all-Ireland minor final at Holycross on Sunday evening when the challenge of Galway was brushed aside in devastating fashion to clinch a spot in the decider against Kilkenny.

This victory far exceeded the expectations of the Tipperary backroom team as they trailed Galway at the interval 1-2 to 3-2. At that stage Galway looked a competent and determined outfit and few in the fair-sized attendance would have predicted what was to follow.

True, Galway had the fresh breeze behind them at that stage, and that it had taken them some time to settle, but when they rattled in a pair of Ann Hardiman goals and led 2-1 to 0-1 at the end of the first quarter, they looked well placed.

Marie Ryan then had a Tipperary goal, though Mandy Quigley may have got a touch to it going in, but Galway were not upset as Colleen Crowe netted almost immediately and at the interval they had every reason to be happy.

In the second half, however, Tipperary were transformed and got a great boost in the 11th minute with Marie Ryan's second goal after sustained pressure. Galway were struggling against a rampant Tipperary side and Ciara Burns and Mandy Quigley

Burns pointed a free in the 13th minute to level.

Two minutes later the Nenagh girl was again in the picture, netting from a free to give Tipp a lead that was never subsequently threatened.

Now it was the turn of Ciara Gaynor to grab the limelight and she did so in great style with goals in the 19th, 20th and 25th minutes to crush any slight hopes Galway had of a rally. Mandy Quigley also had a Tipperary goal and the Tipperary selectors could afford to give some of their subs a run before the end.

Galway's fourth goal came in the last minute from Ann Hardiman, but it was of academic importance only.

On the strength of their second half display, Tipperary must look with optimism to the final, which will be played at a Tipperary venue. All round they looked a well-balanced side, but it was the attack in particular which caught the eye on this occasion. Ciara Gaynor's rush of goals were well taken, while Ciara Burns and Mandy Quigley

were a constant threat in the second half. Marie Ryan and Theresa Brophy were others to star in a fine Tipperary win.

Galway were outplayed once Tipperary settled into their stride, but Ann Hardiman, Colleen Crowe, Erin Dolan and Martina Brophy could not be faulted.

Tipperary scorers: C. Gaynor 3-2, C. Burns 1-4, M. Ryan 2-0, M. Quigley 1-1, C. Bourke 0-2.

Galway scorers: A. Hardiman 3-1, C. Crowe 1-1, B. Daniels 0-1.

Tipperary — Michael Bullfin; Sheila Coyne, Aileen Delaney, Susan Kelly, Joanne Horgan, Aileen Lawlor, Theresa Brophy, Catherine Bourke, Mandy Ryan, Ciara Burns, Mandy Quigley; Ciara Gaynor. Subs.: Ann Barry, Colleen Dunne, Susan Kinly.

Galway — E. Dolan; Dolan; O. Coen, O. Coen, Y. Clonnan, D. R. Cahalan, M. Bourke, Crowe, B. Daniels, Hardiman, M. Stevens.

Referee: M. Harte (Clare).

Gaynor sees Tipp through

Tipperary 7-9
Galway 4-3

A second-half hat-trick of goals by Ciara Gaynor, daughter of former hurling star Len Gaynor, was the highlight of Tipperary's well-deserved victory over Galway in the All-Ireland Minor Camogie semi-final replay at Holycross last evening.

Galway had looked the team with all the answers in the first-half of this entertaining tie. Ann Hardiman scored three goals for them as they brushed aside the challenge of a struggling Tipperary team to lead 3-2 to 1-2 at the interval, Marie Ryan getting Tipperary's goal.

In the second half, however, there was only one team in it as Tipperary dominated from midfield. They had goals from Marie Ryan after 11 minutes and Ciara Burns in the 15th minute to go ahead, before Gaynor struck with her three goals that killed off the challenge of a game Galway side.

Tipperary's victory was fully deserved and while Ciara Gaynor took the scoring honours, the contributions of Marie Ryan, Catherine Burke, Ciara Burns and Theresa Brophy were also noteworthy.

Galway battled hard with Ann Hardiman their star, but Martina Burke, Orla Watson, Colleen Crowe and goalkeeper Erin Dolan, despite conceding seven goals, were their best players.

Scorers for Tipperary: C. Gaynor 3-2, C. Burns 1-4, M. Ryan 2-0, M. Quigley 1-1, C. Bourke 0-2.

Galway: A. Hardiman 3-1, C. Crowe 1-1, B. Daniels 0-1.

TIPPERARY: M. Bullfin; S. Coyne, A. Delaney, S. Kelly, J. Horgan, A. Lawlor, T. Brophy, C. Bourke, M. Ryan, C. Burns, M. Quigley, C. Gaynor. Subs.: A. Barry for Quigley, C. Dunne for Burns, S. Kinally for Horgan.

GALWAY: E. Dolan; A. Dolan, O. Coen, O. Watson, Y. Clonnan, D. Nevin, R. Cahalan, M. Burke, C. Crowe, B. Daniels, A. Hardiman, M. Stevens. Sub. V. Ward for Coen, L. Fahey for Clonnan, S. Turley for Cahalan.

ON THE CAMOGIE FRONT

A CRACKER IN STORE

THE big game on the camogie scene takes place on Sunday next with the Senior Championship final in Ballinlough at 7.30.

This year's final will see famed St. Finbarrs from Toghre take on County Champions Glen Rovers. A cracker is in store, as when these sides met in last year's Championship, only a goal separated the sides at the final whistle.

The Glen will start as favourites after their semi-final display over Sarsfields. However, they have a doubt over the availability of Theresa O'Callaghan, and her loss, if not playing will be a major blow to the Glen. They can call on the services of Ger McCarthy, who up to the time she retired injured against Sars, was having a great game. Mary Ring captains the side which will also see Sandy Fitzgibbon, Diane Deane and Patricia Murphy fighting all the way to keep the title in Blackpool.

GREAT

The Barrs won a great first round game against Na Piarasigh and looked very impressive in their victory over Killeagh, last year's beaten finalists. Colette O'Mahony commanded the game and she will have a major bearing on the result on Sunday. Paula Carey, Colette Cronin, Alice O'Donovan and Marie O'Dea are all

players who have impressed in this year's Championship games with flying colours. Brid Walsh as ever is rock solid in goal.

As always with a Glen v Barrs encounter it would be impossible to predict a winner, sufficient to say that Glen Rovers will not give up their title easy, but the Barrs are equally determined to put their name on the trophy for the first time. A cracker is guaranteed with victory in doubt to the final whistle.

LEAGUE

On the League scene a full fixture sheet continues with games in under-16, under-14 and Junior Leagues down for decision.

FIXTURES

MONDAY, JULY 27

Under-16 'B' League — Douglas v Mayfield at Douglas, 7.30

TUESDAY, JULY 28

Junior 'A' League — Newtown v Ballinora at Newtown, 7.30 (Ref: Kilbrittain); Inniscarra v Bishopstown at Inniscarra, 7.30 (Ref: Cloughduv)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

Senior League — Sarsfields v Cloughduv at Sarsfields, 7.30 (Ref: Brian Dillons); Killeagh v Bishopstown at Killeagh, 7.30 (Ref: Middleton); Na Piarasigh v Fr. O'Neills at Na Piarasigh, 7.30 (Ref: Delanys)

THURSDAY, JULY 30

Under-16 League — St. Vincents v Brian Dillons at St. Vincents, 7.30; Ballinhassig v Ballygarvan at Ballinhassig, 7.30; Newtown v Barryroe at

Newtown, 7.30; Fr. O'Neills v Watergrasshill at Fr. O'Neills, 7.30

Junior 'B' League — Sarsfields v Ballinure at Sarsfields, 7.30 (Ref: Watergrasshill); Delanys v Cobh at Delanys, 7.30 (Ref: Na Piarasigh); Middleton v Fermoy at Middleton, 7.30 (Ref: Killeagh); Newtown v Barryroe at Newtown, 7.30 (Ref: Cloughduv); Courcy Rovers v Castlemagner at Courcy Rovers, 7.30 (Ref: Bandon); Tracton v Valley Rovers at Tracton, 7.30 (Ref: Ballygarvan)

Under-16 'A' League — Aughabullogue v Delanys at Aughabullogue, 7.30; Inniscarra v Eire Og at Inniscarra, 7.30.

Glen must be the fancies

BALLINLOUGH will be the mecca for all followers of camogie on Sunday night when great city rivals, Glen Rovers and St. Finbarrs, clash in the Cork county senior championship final (7.30 p.m.), writes Brendan Larkin.

Reigning champions Glen Rovers' record in the championship is very intimidating. They have 16 titles to their credit which also includes a victory over their opponents back in 1990, and while they had just two points to spare over the Blues in last year's second round game, they must be favourites to lift the title again on Sunday.

Their team is one of vast experience with all but of them, Mandy Kennefick, having played in a county final before. They also include several members of the county side that defeated Antrim so comprehensively in the all-Ireland championship last weekend and in Sandy Fitzgibbon, Linda Mellerick and Denise Cronin they have players of exceptional ability.

O'CALLAGHAN WORRY

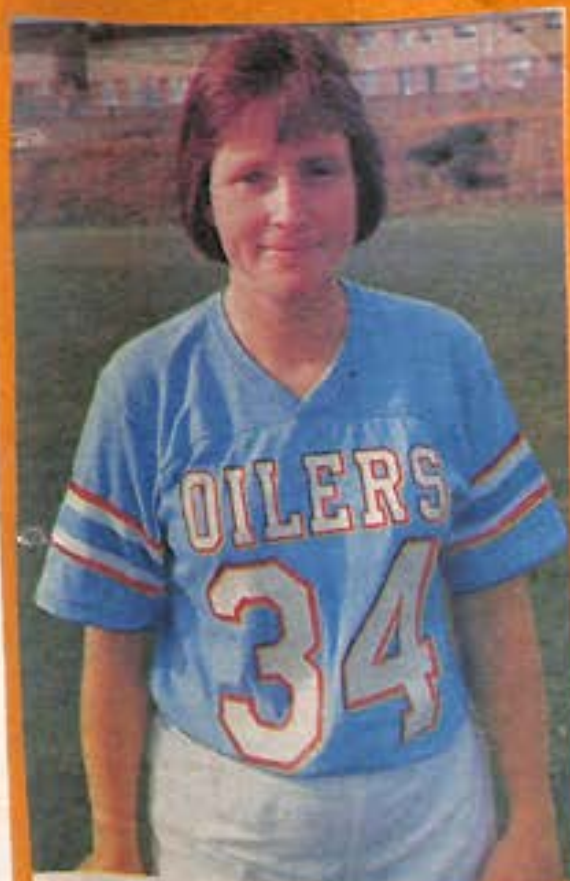
The team is coached and trained by former Glen Rovers player Noel Lynham but there is a worry about the fitness of former Cork star Theresa O'Callaghan. She is troubled

with an achilles tendon injury and if she fails to make it, it will shorten the odds considerably in the Barrs favour.

Despite their short time in existence, St. Finbarrs have enjoyed tremendous success. Winners of the junior county title in 1981, and the intermediate title the following year, they made their senior championship debut in 1983 and reached their first senior final seven years later.

They have had impressive victories over Na Piarasigh and Killeagh on their way to the final. The team is coached and trained by Jerry O'Shea and it won't be for want of effort if they go down on Sunday night.

Not that they are harbouring any notions of defeat. On the contrary, they are full of confidence and in current county senior Colette O'Mahony they may hold the key to the outcome. On her day she has no equal and with team captain, Colette Cronin, Paula Carey, Deirdre Christie and Brid Kelleher all playing great camogie at present, they will push the champions all the way, and may well cause an upset.



Mary Ring, captain of the Glen Rovers Senior Camogie team.
—(Picture: Des Barry)



Glen Rovers camogie players Theresa O'Callaghan (left) and Ger MacCarthy (right) with selector Mary McCarthy.
—(Picture: Des Barry)

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GLEN GO FOR GOLD



Glen Rovers camogie coach Noel Lynam with his squad of players for next Sunday's Cork Senior Camogie final in training at the Glen Field.

BY BRENDAN LARKIN

THOSE great Cork city rivals, St. Finbarrs and Glen Rovers, clash in the final of the county camogie senior championship final at Ballinacorney on Sunday night next (7.30 p.m.) and the early morning

sent to witness what promises to be a cracker of a game.

Glen are defending champions and their record is awesome. They hold 16 titles which includes a victory over Sunday's opponents back in 1990, and will be contesting their seventh final in a row.

The team will be captained by Mary Ring, who also led them to their first All-Ireland club title back in 1986.

Stalwart

The champions who are trained this year by Noel Lynam, a former stalwart with the Glen senior hurling club, will include current

doubt about the fitness of former Cork captain Theresa O'Callaghan.

She is troubled with an achilles tendon injury and her absence would be a major blow to the Glen's chances of retaining their title. Glen's path to the final has been quite impressive scoring comfortably

Blackpool side looked very sharp with last year's team captain Ger McCarthy and substitute Patricia Murphy very impressive.

Glen also welcome back Claire McCarthy after a long absence. She received a serious leg injury last season and there were fears that she wouldn't be able to play again.

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Acid test for Barrs girls



Trainer Jerry O'Shea with the St. Finbarr's senior camogie panel training for next Sunday's County Final against Glen Rovers.



Colette Cronin, captain of St. Finbarr's

BY BRENDAN LARKIN

DESPITE the fact that they were only formed in the mid 1970s, St. Finbarrs Camogie Club have enjoyed tremendous success.

Promoted to the senior ranks in 1983 after winning the junior in 1981 and the intermediate the following year, they face the acid test on Sunday when they play Glen Rovers in the final of the county senior camogie championship at Ballinlough.

Second

It's their second appearance in the decider, the last time being back in 1990, when the Blackpool girls proved much too strong to the inexperienced Togher side.

Two years on the sides meet again and on this

occasion, St. Finbarrs are older and wiser. Well aware of the reputation of the Glen, 'Barrs have put in a tremendous effort in preparation under the expert eye of Jerry O'Shea and it will not be for the want of effort should they lose on Sunday.

Impressive

Impressive winners over Na Piarsaigh in the first round and Killeagh in the semi-final, the St. Finbarrs girls will be hoping to improve on their performance when the sides last met in the championship 12 months ago.

In that game they hurled superbly before eventually going down by just two points and are confident that, if they perform with the same spirit and determination, could cause an upset on this occasion.

Like their opponents, St. Finbarrs have a number of very talents players who

But it will be tough

can hold their own in the best of company. Current county senior star Colette O'Mahony is playing superbly well at present and could be a match winner.

The team will be captained by Colette Cronin and will include Paula Carey, Brid Walsh, Deirdre Christie and Brid Kelleher. All these girls have won minor All-Ireland medals with Cork with three of them captain-

ing the side, in 1983, '84 and '85.

Big Turnout

The camogie section is very much a part of the St. Finbarrs Hurling and football Club and will be hoping for a big turnout of supporters to cheer the side on to what would be their first ever senior title.

The team will be chosen from the following: Brid Walsh, Alice O'Donovan, Martha Henchion, Claire

Barry, Ann Christie, Brid Kelleher, Colette O'Mahony, Deirdre Christie, Edel Kelleher, Janice Duffy, Marie O'Dea, Paula Carey, Ger Kelleher, Colette Cronin, Marie O'Sullivan, Dolores Duffy, Roisin O'Donovan, Deirdre Clarke.

Glen Rovers

1. Mairead O'Leary (M. Ní Laoire)
2. Diane Deane (Diane Ní Dhaoinn)
3. Mary Ring (Máire Ní Rinne) (CAPTAIN)
4. Deirdre McCarthy (Deirdre Ní Cárthaigh)
5. Sandra Fitzgibbon (S. Ní Ghiobhín)
6. Mandy Kenefick (M. Ní Cheinifí)
7. Therese O'Callaghan (T. Ní Challachán)
8. Mary Currid (M. Ní Chuireid)
9. Linda Mellerick (L. Mhaoilgheiric)
10. Ger McCarthy (G. Ní Chárthaigh)
11. Patricia Murphy (P. Ní Mhurchú)
12. Denise Cronin (D. Ní Chroinín)
13. Fiona Twomey (F. Ní Thuama)
14. June Hamill (J. Ní Hamill)
15. Claire McCarthy (C. Ní Chárthaigh),
16. Ann Lornegan (A. Ní Loregán)
17. Una Horgan (U. Ní Horgáin)
18. Michelle Murray (M. Ní Mhuiríthe)
19. Tara O'Flynn (Tara Ní Flóinn)



St. Finbarrs

1. Brid Walsh
2. Ann Christie
3. Martha Henchion
4. Alice O'Donovan
5. Brid Kelleher
6. Deirdre Christie
7. Colette O'Mahony
8. Clare Barry
9. Colette Cronin (CAPTAIN)
10. Marie O'Dea
11. Paula Carey
12. Gerlyn Kelleher
13. Brid Kelleher
14. Janice Duffy
15. Maria O'Sullivan
16. Delores Duffy
17. Sandra O'Donovan
18. Roisin O'Donovan
19. Deirdre Clarke

TRAINER: Jerry O'Shea

SELECTORS: Jerry O'Shea, Marian McCarthy, Colette Cronin

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The Glen Rovers Senior Camogie team (top) which defeated St. Finbarrs (below) in the Cork County Senior Camogie final at Ballinlough, Cork. Pic.: Des Barry

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Glen retain title

Glen Rovers 1-12
St. Finbarr's 1-4

GLEN ROVERS retained their Cork County senior camogie title with a comprehensive win over St. Finbarr's at Ballinlough last evening and the winning margin would have been much greater but for a tremendous display between the posts by Barr's keeper Brid Walsh.

Glen's superiority can be gauged from the fact that all the losers' scores came from placed balls and were scored by Colette O'Mahony.

Glen played against a strong wind and sun in the opening half and turned over leading 0-5 to 0-2 at the break after both sides made a nervous start.

But the game was over as a contest after five minutes of the second-half when the Glen added four quick points and although they wasted numerous chances afterwards they never looked like being caught.

Barrs played well in the opening half but had to rely on two long range points from frees to keep them in touch but they should have had a goal just before the break when Marie O'Dea hit the post. But in the second-half they were completely out of it and it was not until the final five minutes that they raised the tempo to score a goal and a point from frees.

For the winner's captain Mary Ring was very solid at full-back while Sandie Fitzgibbon had an outstanding game at centre-back. Mary Currid was given the job of watching the very experienced Colette O'Mahony and did an excellent job. Linda Mellerick was always dangerous when in possession and got great support from Clare and Ger McCarthy.

For the Barrs Brid Walsh was outstanding while Brid Kelleher had an excellent game at left half back. Colette O'Mahony made some excellent runs from mid-field while Colette Cronin and Gerlyn Kelleher were the pick of their forward line.

Scorers for Glen Rovers: L. Mellerick 1-4, G. McCarthy 0-4 (0-2 frees, 0-1 "30"), T. O'Callaghan 0-1, S. Fitzgibbon 0-1, M. Currid 0-1, P. Murphy 0-1. St. Finbarrs: C. O'Mahony 1-4 (1-2 frees, 0-2 "30's").

GLEN ROVERS: "M. O'Leary; M. Ring (capt); D. Deane, S. Fitzgibbon, D. Cronin; M. Kennefick, T. O'Callaghan, M. Currid; L. Mellerick, G. McCarthy, P. Murphy; C. McCarthy. Sub. F. Twomey for M. Kennefick (57th minute).

ST. FINBARR'S: B. Walsh; M. Henchion; A. Christie, B. Kelleher, A. O'Donovan; D. Christie, C. O'Mahony, C. Barry; C. Cronin (Captain); M. O'Dea, P. Carey; G. Kelleher.



Sile Golden, Chairperson of the Cork County Camogie Board, presenting the Senior Championship Trophy to Mary Ring, captain of the victorious Glen Rovers team. Also included is Ald Michael Martin, Lord Mayor of Cork.



Glen Rovers forward Linda Mellerick, races through the St Finbarr's defence.

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Wexford senior camogie captain Catherine Murphy busy at work at the Enniscorthy Office of Creane and Creane Insurance this week.

CATHERINE THE GREAT!

IT SEEMS ludicrous really to be talking about Catherine Murphy as a 'veteran' of the camogie scene. The slim Poulpeasty defender is just 23 years old, with maybe a decade of top class sport ahead of her if all goes well.

Yet, she has been playing her chosen sport at senior grade for at least eight seasons already, after making her debut in ludicrously early teens.

She had eight Summers of inter-county competition alongside the current manager Elsie Cody who has just retired at the age of 38.

So maybe the veteran label is not unfair - she is certainly one of the most experienced players in the current Wexford line-up.

She has also been handed the honour of captaining the side in their bid to snatch the O'Duffy Cup on Sunday.

There was no other obvious candidate for the job who could match her consistent top class performances for the county. Powerful striking and intelligent reading of the game make her the most outstanding player of the current Model generation.

On the local scene, Catherine lines out with Rathnure, but dare you call her a Rathnure woman - she most definitely is not. She is a Cloughbawn loyalist and though the Clonroche club has now been absorbed into the neighbouring parish, she remains proud of her roots.

It was in a green, Cloughbawn gansey that she first drew attention to her skills, and not only as a camogie player. It is part of local legend that she was on the under 14 football and hurling teams that last won the double at that grade for the male club.

The legend is true, and there are many hurling followers who consider that she is still good enough to mix it with the lads.

In fact, the Rathnure set-up is such that the camogie squad see little enough of their male contemporaries. In the splendid club training grounds there is space enough to have a separate pitch for the women's game as well as two hurling pitches.

The amalgamation with Rathnure has brought Catherine into contact with Teddy O'Connor, head guru with the club, and also one of the county mentors.

It is clear that he is a powerful influence on her and all the others who come under his charge. After all, Teddy knows what it is like to win All-Ireland medals, so when he talks they listen.

The county captain reckons that four years of his guidance has completely changed her game - both in technique and in approach to matches. During that time, Rathnure have

David Medcalf profiles Wexford camogie captain Catherine Murphy

made it to three Leinster club finals, underlining their dominance of the sport in the county.

The recent provincial semi-final win over Dublin champs Marino is largely to Teddy's credit, according to Catherine. After a few words from him the team went out ready to run through a brick wall if necessary and the Dubs could not match that intensity.

It will need something similar if the girls from Leeside are to be dispatched on Sunday. The National League final early in the Summer at Bellefield showed the Cork girls at their best as they handed out a beating to Wexford in Wexford's back yard.

'We won't win in Croke Park unless we give one hundred and ten per cent,' suggests captain Murphy who tasted defeat at Croke two years ago against Kilkenny. 'We are capable of winning but it requires a special effort from everyone.'

Still, she has plenty of faith in her team and their ability to work together to meet the challenge. They are all friends as well as playmates. The days of the 'clique' are gone, with a healthy spread of players in the squad from a range of clubs in all grades.

In Catherine herself they have an example of commitment which is very impressive in its single-minded devotion to the cause. Along the way she has jettisoned her interest in football and resisted the temptation to dabble in any other sports.

'I have become a video freak,' she laughs, referring to the innumerable Saturday nights when she has sat in at home while friends are out enjoying themselves. She also reckons that she has lost two stone since the last All-Ireland appearance a couple of years ago.

The big match next weekend is the end of a long road on which the journey began last February with the start of training. A typical week during the championship entails sessions on Monday in Enniscorthy, Wednesday in Monamolin and Saturday in Oylegate.

The rewards for all the effort are there for the taking on Sunday in Croke Park.