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CAN DUBLIN BRING IT OFF?

DAVID SWEENEY looks ahead to a television sporting 'first' — the All-Ireland Camogie Final between Dublin and Tipperary.

CAMOGIE is a sport that gets little or no coverage from the national media, except for a small mention in the papers and on radio and television.

For the first time, the Sunday Centenary Game will have extended highlights from Croke Park of the decider between Dublin and Tipperary. The girls in the blue and gold will be attempting to win their first ever championship, while Dublin have already had their name on the O'Duffy Cup 25 times.

In the semi-finals, Tipperary surprisingly best Wexford 1-10 to 1-14, but on the day they deserved their victory. While in the other match, it was a repeat of the last two All-Irelands finals with Cork and Dublin battling it out. The girls from Dublin had their revenge, overcoming their conquerors in the

'82 and '83 deciders.

The game of Camogie itself is a modified version of hurling, to suit women. There are 12 on each team who play on a smaller pitch. The strike is lighter than a hurley and they use a smaller sliotar. Unlike the rough and tumble of hurling, shoulder charging isn't allowed.

The Camogie Association was founded in 1904 in Dublin and it now has about 60,000 affiliated members in the four provinces. In the last 20 years or so, many schools and colleges have started to play the game, improving the standards of play.

The senior All-Ireland championship was started back in 1932, and from the beginning, Dublin and Cork have been the dominant forces. They have shared 39 titles between them, with Antrim picking up six along the way, Kilkenny four and the roll of honour is completed by Wexford, who have won three.

This year's championship brought Dublin and Cork together in one semi-final, Dublin having accounted for Kilkenny and Limerick on the way, while Cork had a bye in the opening round before beating Clare. Tipperary also had a bye in the first round, before beating Louth and then Wexford.

Dublin should be favourites for the title as they have come through a harder path to this match, and this is their third final in succession. They haven't had their name on the Cup since 1966 and for some of the players this will be their fifth final — Bernie Toner and Mary Murnagh have been ever-



In the run-up to the Camogie semi-finals, Ann Downey of Kilkenny leaps high, but Bernie Toner of Dublin takes the ball on her stick.

present since '66 and they have yet to collect a winner's medal. They have also brought in a couple of new forwards this year — Carmel O'Byrne and Marie Connell — and they have made quite a difference to their attack.

And a point worth noting is that both captains play for the same club team in Dublin. Both Deirdre Lane (Tipperary) and Ann Colgan, who is from Cork, turn out each week for Celtic.

A number of the Tipperary team have or had family or relatives on the county's senior hurling team. Full-back Mary Sheehy is Sean — the goalkeeper's wife, Jenny English is the first cousin of

Nicky English, a forward and Deirdre Lane had a brother on the victorious All-Ireland team of 1971. Maura Hackett's mother, Rose Fletcher, won senior medals in the '50s.

In this their Centenary year, all aspects of the GAA's activities are being highlighted. Camogie is a minority spectator sport, so hopefully this year's renewed interest in it won't wane and more people will go along to fill up the empty terraces and sidelines around the country for next year's campaign.

RTE 1: Sunday



Bernie Toner, Dublin's veteran centre-back



Another action shot from the run-up to the semi-finals: this time it's Dublin v Limerick.

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Third Final Appearance for Dublin

The All-Ireland senior camogie championship final will be played earlier than usual this year — on September 9. Dublin, who once dominated the championship, but have not won the title since 1966, are through to their third successive decider. They beat Cork, champions for the past two years, in the semi-final by 3-4 to 1-9.

Wexford and Tipperary played a draw in the other semi-final at Monamolin, and the replay was still outstanding at press time. As a result it is not possible for us to publish a preview of the game.

However, OWEN McCANN charts Dublin's come-back from a heavy defeat by Cork in the National League final in June as he talks to Dublin selector Phylis Breslin. He also pin points some of the milestones for Wexford and Tipperary.

Will it prove a case of third successive All-Ireland senior final appearance lucky for Dublin? That is a big question in camogie circles in the county just now as followers enjoy the glory of a rare one point semi-final win over modern bogey side Cork, All-Ireland champions of the past two years, and impatiently await another final appearance this month.

Dublin were beaten by Cork in the finals of 1982 and last year. Their record in All-Ireland championship deciders in recent times is dismal. Since 1967 they have appeared in the concluding round over five separate years, drew one game, and lost five.

This contrasts sharply with the past when Dublin were not only the title specialists, but virtually unbeatable in the All-Ireland series. In one great spell they went 19 long years with only a solitary defeat in the championship, an amazing record by any standard. However, the O'Duffy Cup has proven a most elusive jackpot since the last success back in 1966, which brought the record of wins to 25, just two championships fewer than all the other counties combined have won.

Earlier this year Dublin's championship prospects did not look too rosy when they travelled to Cork, and failed rather badly to the home side in the National League final. Dublin were defending champions, but were well beaten, finishing as many as seven points adrift.

There were many who were prepared to dismiss Dublin as an All-Ireland title winning contender as a result, especially as the draw for the open-draw championship paired the Metropolitans and Cork in the same half.

Phylis Breslin, a former Dublin county player and now county senior selector, was not one. I remember



Dublin goalkeeper Yvonne Redmond, who played in the All-Ireland senior finals of 1982 and last year, and is now hoping that this season's decider will prove a case of third time lucky.

her telling me soon after the League defeat that she was in no way despondent for the All-Ireland title bid.

She put it very succinctly at the time:

"Dublin had a comfortable march to the final, and I feel the players were a little too complacent as a result starting that game even allowing for the fact that the final was at Cork. But they learned a sharp lesson."

"They realised after the League final that they had a lot of work to do in preparation for the championship bid, but the players quickly got down to the task with determination".

The opening hurdle in the All-Ireland series was a difficult one

against Kilkenny, never an easy side to beat, at Parnell Park, Dublin. The home girls, however, proved equal to the task, and boosted championship hopes with a 6-6 to 4-4 win.

YOUNGEST PLAYER

Then came a visit to Limerick at Adare. Limerick fielded a confident and well balanced outfit, but a goal early on from Carmel O'Byrne the youngest player in the Dublin team, set the scene for a 1-11 to 0-8 win for the Liffesiders.

That earned Dublin a semi-final appearance, and in the other section of this half of the draw, Cork qualified for the last four. So, it was another Dublin-Cork show-down.

Even though Dublin had ground advantage, many shrewd judges of the game still fancied Cork to maintain their dominance. But in a splendid game Dublin took a handsome revenge for recent setbacks with a hard-earned by well merited 3-4 to 1-9 win that must rank



Dublin forward Joan Gormley.

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as the team's most noteworthy achievement in years.

Phylis Breslin maintains that the success story in the All-Ireland series has been helped greatly by that defeat in the League final. It made the players all the more determined to regain lost glory in the championship, and that helped to bring about the necessary improvement in their play.

When I suggested that another factor in the come-back was the success that Marion Conroy had made of her transfer from left corner forward to full back, the Dublin selector readily agreed.

Dublin experimented at full back during the League because of the unavailability of Ann Redmond, who had held down the post in recent times.

"The selectors moved Marion back to full back for the League final because that was her club position", Phylis told me.

"She was not too keen at first, but quickly settled in, and went on to play a good game. She is now happy in the position, and I am convinced that other players are benefiting from the knowledge that they have a very dependable full back again".

Those who watched Dublin end the Cork bid for an All-Ireland senior title treble last month will agree with Phylis Breslin's sentiments. Marian Conroy was a bright star of the win, and the team combined to give one of the most purposeful and authoritative displays in a long time.

Dublin were also short one of their leading players, against Cork, Edel Murphy. She missed that match, and the earlier win over Limerick because of appendicitis, and will doubtless be a strong candidate for a position in the final side.

EXPERIENCED TEAM

It must help Dublin's cause for their bid to bridge a 18 year gap that they have now a very experienced team. Yvonne Redmond, one of the best goalkeepers in the game, Marian Conroy, Bernie Toner, in the half back line, Una Crowley and Mary Mernagh at midfield, and Joan Gormley, in attack, have all already appeared in two All Ireland senior finals. And, all but Marie O'Connell and Carmel O'Byrne, both of whom



Anne Colgan, who leads Dublin in their bid to regain the O'Duffy Cup after an interval of 18 years.



Anne Reddy, midfielder in the Wexford team that played a draw with Tipperary in the All-Ireland senior camogie championship semi-final.

played in attack, appeared against Cork in last year's decider.

Marie Connell will be striving for a noteworthy medals double. She contributed 2-1 to Dublin's win over Armagh early in July in the National Junior League final, and has also been on the target with the senior team in the current championship campaign.

Marie will be hoping for better fortune in the final than a year ago when she contributed a goal to

Dublin's tally in their unsuccessful bid against Cork in the All-Ireland junior decider.

Dublin, then, have a very strong panel of players, and confidence is bound to be high after the revenge win over Cork, who were so well fancied to go all the way once again this year.

The Dubliners have never played Wexford in an All-Ireland senior camogie final. They have clashed with Tipperary in five finals and won them all 1949, 1953, 1958, 1961 and 1965.

I asked Phylis Breslin if she had any preference between Wexford or Tipperary as final opponents.

"No, I have no preference. Whoever wins the replay will prove strong opponents, and we will have a real job ahead. Equally, I am convinced that this will be Dublin's year".

WEXFORD AND TIPPERARY CONNECTIONS

Wexford had a winning debut in an All-Ireland senior camogie final when they beat Cork by 4-2 to 2-5 in 1968 to become only the fourth county to put their name on the O'Duffy Cup.

They retained the trophy the following year, beating Antrim. Then came a defeat from Cork in 1971, and four years later the Slaneysiders were again back in the concluding round and enjoyed much better fortune. They beat Cork on a scoreline reminiscent of the 1968 one at 4-3 to 1-2.

Wexford's last final appearance was in 1977, when they lost to then defending champions Kilkenny.

Tipperary's association with the All-Ireland senior final is a much older one than Wexford's. They first appeared in the decider in 1949, against Dublin, who then had one of their greatest-ever selections. The Metropolitans won by 8-6 to 4-1.

Tipperary were back in 1953, and once more Dublin ended their ambitions. The home side won by 8-4 to 1-3.

Dublin beat Tipperary again in 1958, 1961, 1965, and then came a long break before the Premier County reached the final again. Their outing in 1979 gave us a unique game in the concluding stages, as Antrim came out on top. Tipperary have not since appeared in the final.

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YVONNE REDMOND
Dublin Goalkeeper



BRENDA KENNEDY
Tipperary Goalkeeper



ANNE COLGAN
Dublin Captain



DEIRDRE LANE
Tipperary Captain



BARBARA REDMOND
Dublin Right Wing

DUBLIN DEFENCE HOLDS THE KEY TO

ALL-IRELAND VICTORY

Will Tipperary become the sixth county to have their name engraved on the O'Duffy Cup? That question will be answered at Croke Park on Sunday when the Premier County meet Dublin in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie final.

The Tipperary players trooped off the field at Borrisokane two weeks ago delighted at the opportunity of contesting the final. But have they a real chance of halting Dublin who will be playing in their third successive final?

The Tipperary defence has proved adequate to date. Only one goal and ten points has been scored against them in three championship games. However, the quality of the opposition will be higher on Sunday and some tremendous pressure will have to be withstood.

Breda Kennedy is performing steadily in the Tipperary goal. In front of her, Mary Sheehy, provides excellent cover. Wing backs, Maura Hackett and Margaret Madden mark tightly and do not give much away. Centreback, Triona Bonnar will have the vital role on Sunday of attempting to turn defence into attack.

Midfield players, Rosie Ryan, Geraldine Ryan and Anne Gleeson will have to be fast and crisp in their striking to beat Dublin to the ball. Surprisingly, Tipperary players tried very few long range points in the semi-final. Every means of registering scores will have to be exploited if they are to record a winning tally.

An improvement in attack will be necessary. The quick tackling Dublin defenders will allow very little time to settle on the ball. Jenny English is switched to right forward where she should have more scope when she rounds her player. A top display from Deirdre Lane would set the Tipperary attack in motion and provide opportunities for Mary Griffin and Siobhan McDonnell. Dublin field a settled team. The majority have been toget-

her for a number of years. In Yvonne Redmond, they have one of the best keepers in the game. Apart from the goals scored by Angela Downey in the Kilkenny match, the Dublin defence have not conceded many scores. Marion Conroy, Germaine Noonan, Bernie Toner and Catherine Ledwidge know their job.

Dublin count on Una Crowley, Mary Mernagh and Barbara Redmond to keep the ball moving in the middle of the field. However, I would not be surprised if Edel Murphy reverted to this sector at some stage of the game. Playing her first full game for Dublin for some time, Edel is positioned at right forward.

Captain Anne Colgan leads the attack and can count on good support from Joan Gormley and Marie Connell. Should events not turn out according to plan, Dublin have four strong reserves on call.

Dublin's record speaks for itself. They enter their third successive final on merit. They came through the difficult side of the draw taking care of Kilkenny, Limerick and holders Cork. Tipperary received a bye in the opening round, disposed of unfancied Louth and then took two games to get past Wexford.

For the Junior final excitement is running high in Cavan as they prepare for their first visit to Croke Park. Like their opponents, Cork, they were not talked about early in the season, but Cavan battled on leaving Donegal, Derry, Armagh and Galway behind.

A county with a highly developed primary schools camogie section, Cavan collected three minor and two junior Ulster Championships in the past five years. It is the products of these victories who will do duty for the county on Sunday.

Cork and Cavan have met three times, twice at minor level and once in the junior grade. Cork finished in front on every occasion. Cavan impressed with a runaway win over Galway in the semi-final. Their attack ran up eight goals leaving a gap too wide for Galway to close.

NEW SIDE

Led by goalkeeper Anne McKiernan, the side has gone from strength to strength during the campaign. Sisters, Ita and Rosita Brady, twins Frances and Pauline Smith, Olive Scorr, Noleen Kiernan, Geraldine Martin and Catherine Clarke are fine players and will work hard to bring the cup to Cavan.

Cork field a completely new side this year. Former colleges players and minors have been put together and have surprised their supporters by reaching this stage. Waterford, Tipperary, Clare and Dublin have fallen victims to a team which keeps on trying.

Goalkeeper Kathleen Costine captained an All-Ireland minor winning team. Linda Mellerick, Una O'Connor, Paula Goggins, Mary Currid and Regina Scourts hold either minor or college All-Ireland medals. Mary Spil-

lane and Patricia Fitzgibbon helped Killeagh to win the 1980 Club Championship.

It would be a great achievement for Cork if they were to retain their title. If that is not to be, they will be the first to congratulate Cavan on a historic first All-Ireland title. The side least affected by the tension of the occasion is likely to succeed.

DUBLIN — Y. Redmond; M. Conroy, G. Noonan, B. Toner, C. Ledwidge, U. Crowley, M. Mernagh, B. Redmond, E.

Murphy, A. Colgan (capt), Gormley, M. Connell.

TIPPERARY — B. Kennedy, M. Sheehy, M. Hackett, Bonnar, M. Madden, R. Ryan, G. Ryan, A. Gleeson, J. English, D. Lane (capt.), M. Griffin, McDonnell.

CAVAN — A. McKiernan; Hastings, L. O'Neill, L. Brady, I. Farrelly, C. Clarke, N. Kiernan, F. Smith, G. Martin, Brady, P. Smith, O. Scorr.

CORK — K. Costine; L. Mabe, M. Spillane, P. Gogan, L. O'Connor, L. O'Leary (capt.), E. Mellerick, M. Currid, P. Scourts, J. Rumley, D. Cittern, P. Fitzgibbon.

Fixtures: SUNDAY — All-Ireland final at Croke Park — 2.00: Junior — Cavan v Cork. 3.30: Senior — Dublin v Tipperary.

The Dubs

EOGHAN CORRY and K

MAYBE those old jokes will resurface about what year Dublin won the All-Ireland without a Dublinman on the team. Answer: 1966 when the Dublin camogie team won the All-Ireland. In 1984 Dublin should be back on the winners' podium after 18 years.

Tipperary do have a tradition of sorts with their hurling record. Mary Sheehy wife of Munster final goalkeeper John and Jenny English, cousin of Allstar Nicholas, both line out with Tipperary. But Tipperary are the dark-horse... mare? ... opponents of a Dublin team that has totally dominated camogie for most of its existence.

With 3,000 players, a colleges and club structure, Dublin have much going for them. Both of today's captains come from the same Dublin club team, Celtic. Cork-born Anne Colgan is one of two outsiders on the Dublin team and Deirdre Lane

captains Tipperary. Dublin were beaten by Cork in the last two All-Ireland finals.

In the days of gymslips and blouses and black tights, Dublin dominated the game from the time it was invented in the Phoenix Park. Between 1949 and 1966 they won all but one final — that of 1956 — which was won by Antrim. Earlier Dublin and Cork rivalry peaked during camogie's glory era — the war years, when the first final was broadcast on radio and over 9,000 attended the 1943 final.

Surprise

Thanks to a 1972 decision to do away with the obligatory uniforms today's protagonists are toggled more practically but the crowds are down. All week the Camogie Association has been appealing to schools and clubs to bring out supporters so the terraces won't look very

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Another All-Ireland final

CASHMAN look at Dublin and Tipperary in the camogie All-Ireland final

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last in 1979, when *Sunday Press* journalists Maol Muire Tynan dashed off the field to write her piece for Monday's paper.

Back in April, Tipperary started training. They trained once a week for the league, then lost two and drew one of their three matches. They trained twice a week for the Munster championship, then lost their first round tie against Clare. They trained three times a week for the open draw All-Ireland champion-

ship. Their luck changed.

At her own expense Deirdre Lane, the best known of the Tipperary players, drove back nightly from Dublin with a car-load of camogie players for training sessions. John O'Connell and Liam Spooner paced and organised the training and planned psyching sessions after training to get rid of Tipperary's old inferiority complex. The draw for the championship helped Tipperary believe in themselves.

Tipperary got the easy half of the draw. While Dublin coped with Kilkenny, Limerick and three-in-a-row seeking Cork, Tipperary had only the lesser powers of Louth and Wexford to conquer. In reaching the final Tipperary have proven nothing except their own determination to succeed: all of their team was back in the county this week to complete the build-up for the All-Ireland.

Live television reaches camogie for the first time this afternoon. The Camogie Association have worked for a long time to get television coverage. Now they will want to show the game up in its best light. Dublin with resources and tradition behind them seem destined to win. The manner in which they do so is important ... for the image of the game. And not a Dublinman in sight ...

Escaped

Dublin face into this final with a record almost identical to that of Cork's hurlers last Sunday writes KEVIN CASHMAN. Beaten in the finals of '82 and '83 by Cork and harshly criticised for "lacking what it takes in tight finishes." They are also hot favourites.

Tipp are something of a surprise packet. They first showed great exhibitions of

fighting heart in the semi-final draw and replay against Wexford. Not a few shrewd judges are saying that just this quality — Tipp's traditional ticker — will sway this issue against a Dublin team that, it is alleged, will have been lulled into over-confidence by victory over Cork.

But, like Cork last Sunday, Dublin have a great deal to prove, and the hurling to do it once they settle to their task. Tipp have never won the title: they've been beaten in six finals — by Dublin in five of them. Relief is unlikely to be theirs today.

Congratulations to RTE on showing the game live. The camogie women are among the last true amateurs of sport. They pay for their own gear and for much of their own travelling. And they enjoy too little of the limelight that might show forth true amateurism for the noble and enjoyable thing it is.

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Third time lucky for Dublin

By SEAN KILFEATHER

DUBLIN.....5-9;
TIPPERARY.....2-4

AS IF wanting to prove itself swinish and chauvinist, the weather turned nasty yesterday afternoon and did quite a bit to spoil the All-Ireland Camogie finals at Croke Park. Wind was the main problem and that, as well as two somewhat freakish early goals, helped put an end to the senior match as a contest as Dublin swept into a 12-point lead in the first half, leaving Tipperary what proved to be an impossible task in the second.

That is not to suggest that Dublin might have been beaten. Far from it. They proved to be the more skilful and well-balanced team throughout and would have won handsomely anyway, but, whatever chance Tipperary had of making a close match of it was obliterated by those two goals and, although Tipperary put up dogged resistance late in the game, they were never likely to trouble seriously a Dublin side who richly deserved their All-Ireland title after two successive defeats at this stage.

With the wind behind them Dublin started strongly and, driving the ball great distances, they kept Tipperary under a constant barrage in the early part of the game. Tipperary kept their heads under pressure, however, and might have taken the lead but for a splendid save by the Dublin goalkeeper Yvonne Redmond from a shot by Deirdre Lane. At the other end, Breda Kennedy also advanced smartly to cut off danger and, by the 13th minute, Tipperary were quite happy to be in arrears by only two points.

It was then that disaster struck. Tipperary did not seem to be in any danger as Germaine Noonan, the Dublin right full back advanced towards the half-way line. She drove the ball

hard and low with the wind straight at the Tipperary goal where Breda Kennedy had plenty of time to make the catch but the greasy ball skidded through her fingers and into the net.

Three minutes later Breda Kennedy had to pick the ball out of the net again when Marie Connell got through the defence to drive the ball in and Tipperary, from being sound enough, were shattered and trailing by 2-3 to 0-0. They never really recovered and, when Marie Connell made the most of another mistake by the Tipperary goalkeeper, the match was as good as over.

Trailing by 3-5 at half-time, Tipperary needed an early goal to restore their morale and give them some hope but two points by the excellent Edel Murphy and a goal by Una Crowley in the early stages of the second half which gave Dublin a lead of 17 points, put an end to any thought of a revival.

To Tipperary's credit, however, they kept slogging away but the weakness of their attack (or perhaps the strength of the Dublin defence) could be gauged by the fact that their goals came from brilliantly-struck penalty shots by their captain Deirdre Lane. These had the effect of putting a more respectable look on the scoreboard but did not upset the Dublin girls, who were playing for all they were worth at the end.

As a match it proved a somewhat one-sided affair but it demonstrated again the beauty of a fine game and a highly competitive spirit in both camps. The attendance of 4,219 illustrates the health of the game also and gives the camogie association great heart for the future.

Dublin's was essentially a team victory but players like Una Crowley, Germaine Noonan, Mary Mernagh, Joan Gormley, Anne Colgan, Marie Connell and, in particular, Edel Murphy, stood out. The goalkeeper, Yvonne Redmond,

was soundness personified and in front of her Marion Conroy. Catherine Ledwidge and Bernice Toner took whatever strain the Tipperary attack put on them with calmness and efficiency.

Tipperary did not have the same understanding of each other's play as the Dublin girls, but Maura Hackett, Rosie Ryan, Anne Gleeson and Jenny English were the players who were able to match Dublin. It was Deirdre Lane, the captain however, who made the greatest impact. She played in at least three different positions as she tried to rally her forces and she got fine support from Mary Griffin and Jenny English. The Tipperary attack never really looked liked breaking the resolve of the Dublin girls, but the team can go home with the boast that they didn't let the county down and no doubt more will be heard of them in the near future.

DUBLIN—Y Redmond; M Conroy, G Noonan (1-0), B Toner, C Ledwidge; U Crowley (1-0), M Mernagh (0-1), B Redmond; J Gormley (1-1), A Colgan, E Murphy (0-7—four frees), M Connell (2-0). Subs—T O'Byrne for M Connell (46 mins); N Fleming for B Toner (48 mins).

TIPPERARY—B Kennedy; M Sheedy, M Hackett, T Bonnar (0-1), M Madden; R Ryan, G Ryan, A Gleeson; J English (0-2), D Lane (2-0—both frees), M Griffin, S McDonnell. Subs—S Hickey (0-1) for G Ryan (35 mins), K McCluskey for M Griffin, E Bonnar for T Bonnar (44 mins).

Referee—K Quinn (Galway).

FIGURES OF THE GAME

	Gls	Pts	Frees	Wides	Shs
First Half	3	5	5	5	1
Second Half	2	4	6	3	3
Total	5	9	11	8	4

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First Half	0	2	4	2	3
Second Half	2	2	4	4	0
Total	2	4	8	6	3

Attendance—4,219.

Cork seize chances in second half

CORK.....5-7
CAVAN.....2-2

CAVAN'S second-half performance collapsed against the wind and Cork with the advantage, were finally able to demonstrate their edge to run out the easiest of winners in this All-Ireland junior camogie final at Croke Park yesterday.

Cavan needed the breaks in the first half but were deprived of goals when Olive Scorr and Pauline Smith were unlucky to see good shots rebound off the uprights.

Cork in the second half were better able to utilise the early ball in the attack and Josephine Rumley and Patricia Fitzgibbon had field days, taking the Cavan defence apart with incisive play.

Cavan played like a team who were intent on justifying their final rating throughout the first half. They had players of excellent quality and persisted admirably even though the breaks they would have deserved were not materialising. A snap goal by Geraldine Martin before half-time gave them the lead, but it was a scant 1-2 to 1-1 advantage, considering the strength of the wind blowing towards the railway end.

Cork wasted no time in getting into the action. They levelled with a point by Patricia Fitzgibbon, took the lead through another point from Josephine Rumley (who added a smashing goal shortly afterwards), before Denise Cottet tacked on 1-1 to set the Cork onslaught truly in motion.

CORK—K Costine; L Maher, M Spillane, P Goggin, U O'Connor; I O'Leary, L Mellick, M Carrid; R Scours, J Rumley (4-1), D Cottet (1-1); P Fitzgibbon (0-5).

CAVAN—A McKernan; M Hattings (0-1), L O'Neill, I Brady (0-1), I Faurely, C Clarke, N Kiernan, F Smith, G Martin (2-0), R Brady, P Smith, O Scorr.

Referee: R White (Dublin).



Una Crowley of Dublin (centre) strikes home her side's fourth goal early in the second half to put paid to Tipperary's chances in the All-Ireland Senior camogie final at Croke Park yesterday. —(Photograph: Eddie Kelly).



The Cavan forward gets in a shot despite a Cork defender's attempt to block during the All-Ireland junior camogie final at Croke Park.



A delighted Cork captain Irene O'Leary after being presented with the All-Ireland junior camogie cup from camogie president Maire Ní Fhionnalaigh after they beat Cavan in Croke Park yesterday.

Cork girls turn it on in second-half

By JOAN MORLEY
CORK 5-8
CAVAN 2-2

Cork click into top gear in second half

CORK 5-7 CAVAN 2-2

JUNIOR CAMOGIE

CAVAN collapsed against the wind in the second half, and Cork capitalised on their advantage to run out the easiest of winners by 7 to 2-2 in the All-Ireland junior camogie final at Croke Park yesterday.

Cavan needed the breaks in the first half, but were foiled of goals when shots by Olive Scorr and Pauline Smith rebounded off an upright.

In the second half Cork showed themselves better

capable of utilising their chances in attack, and Josephine Rumley and Patricia Fitzgibbon had field days, taking the Cavan defence apart.

Cavan seemed almost too intent on proving themselves throughout the first half. They had players of excellent quality, but the breaks which they deserved never materialised. A snap goal by Geraldine Martin before half-time gave them

the lead, but it was a meagre 1-2 to 1-1 advantage, considering the strength of the wind blowing towards the Railway end.

Cork wasted no time in getting into the action. They levelled with a point by Patricia Fitzgibbon; took the lead through another point from Josephine Rumley who added a smashing goal shortly afterwards. Denise Cotter tacked on 1-1 to set the Cork onslaught truly in motion.

SCORERS — Cork — J. Rumley (4-1), P. Fitzgibbon (0-5), and D. Cotter (1-1).
Cavan — G. Martin (2-0), M. Hastings (0-1) and I. Brady (0-1).

Cork — K. Costine; L. Maher; M. Spillane, P. Goggins, U. O'Connor; I. O'Leary, L. Mellerick, M. Currid; R. Scutts, J. Rumley, D. Cotter; P. Fitzgibbon.

Cavan — A. McKiernan; M. Hastings; L. O'Neill, I. Brady, I. Farrelly; C. Clarke, N. Kiernan, F. Smith; G. Martin, R. Bardy, P. Smith; O. Scorr.

Referee — R. White (Dublin).

A BRILLIANT ten minute spell early in the second-half put Cork on the road to a great victory over Cavan in the junior All-Ireland final at Croke Park yesterday.

Cavan, fielding in an All-Ireland final for the first time looked quite impressive in the first half, when they were playing with the strong wind and might well have been further ahead but for missed chances. Instead they had to be content with a single point lead 1-2 to 1-1.

After the interval Cork made better use of the wind and then came that marvellous ten minutes when Josephine Rumley and Denise Cotter smashed home three marvellous goals between them and Cork were on their way to an historic victory.

Last season Cork also won this title, which meant that they had to field a completely new side. Little was expected of the girls, who are for the most part young and inexperienced in top class camogie. But what a season they have had, culminating in yesterday's victory over a fancied Cavan side.

Josephine Rumley, who scored the winning goal against Dublin in the semi-final came up trumps again yesterday with a fantastic 4-1 tally. Una O'Connor at corner-back was in brilliant form, especially in the first-half when Cavan were at their best.

Patricia Fitzgibbon and Denise Cotter got some great scores and Mary Currid, Paula Goggins and captain Irene O'Leary were others to impress for Cork.

For Cavan Margaret Hastings was a fine full-back, Ita Brady was impressive at Centre-back, and Rosita Brady, and Frances Smith were others to do well.

Scorers: Cork: J. Rumley 4-1, P. Fitzgibbon 0-5, D. Cotter 1-2.
Cavan: G. Martin 2-0, M. Hastings and R. Brady 0-1 each.

CORK: K. Costine, L. Maher, M. Spillane, P. Goggins, U. O'Connor, I. O'Leary (capt.), L. Mellerick, M. Currid, R. Scutts, J. Rumley, D. Cotter, P. Fitzgibbon. Subs: S. Murphy for R. Scutts; L. Cosgrave for M. Spillane.

CAVAN: A. MacKiernan, M. Hastings, L. O'Neill, I. Brady, I. Farrelly, C. Clarke, N. Kiernan, F. Smith, G. Martin, R. Brady, P. Smith, O. Scorr. Subs: B. Callaghan for O. Scorr; M. McMullen for M. Hastings.

Referee: R. White (Dublin).

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Cork's Liz Maher, keeping the ball under control as she races away from the Cavan defence, during the All-Ireland junior camogie final in Croke Park on Sunday. (Picture: Richard Mills)

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Camogie final special

Everything goes Dublin's way

THE DUBLIN girls' outscored Tipperary by a 14-point margin at Croke Park yesterday to ring up the county's 26th O'Duffy Cup (All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship) triumph, and their first since 1966. The final tally was 5-9 to 2-4.

It was the winners' third successive appearance in the final, and luck was on their side even before a ball was pucked. That was when they won the toss and, correctly, decided to avail of a whiplash wind, blowing almost straight upfield from the Canal End.

It was a stroke of fortune which contributed, in no small way to three giveaway goals conceded by Tipperary, still seeking the county's first success in the series. Not only could they not afford such a luxury against such opposition; it positively

set them up for what turned out to be an unmerciful drubbing.

The scores, on the other hand, fairly boosted the confidence of the winners, who responded with lots of crisp, classy stickwork and the kind of teamwork and understanding one had come to expect from the county's senior footballers. It was all together too much for Tipperary.

The weather was less than kind for this annual showpiece, and pre-match thunder and lightning left the wind and occasional blustery showers in its wake. The attendance, officially returned at 4,219, displayed a remarkable volume of sound for such a small gathering.

The Dubs fielded as selected but Tipp, doubtless out of tactical considerations, took the unusual step of pulling Siobhan McDonnell from full-for-

CAMOGIE FINAL

By Donal Carroll

ward to centre-back. The move was partly successful, in that Dublin captain Anne Colgan was less prominent than is normally the case.

Dublin were ahead by only two points, both from "dead" balls by Edel Murphy, when Tipperary shipped the first of those body blows. It was the unlucky 13th minute too.

What seemed to be a tentative shot from Germaine Newman gathered lots of power from the following wind. It completely fooled Breda Kennedy, who in her attempt to save, succeeded only in helping the sliotar over the line.

Within three minutes Edel Murphy who has been having a splendid game on the left wing "doubled" on Barbara Redmond's delivery and an

alert Marie Connell broke free to give the goalkeeper no chance.

From then on in, the dashing Dubs were in the driving seat, and the Munster challenge disintegrated to the level of mere individual effort. The third goal, in 23 minutes, was gain the result of glaring defensive weakness.

All praise to Anne Colgan whose aerial connection with Edel Murphy's delivery seemed well covered by Breda Kennedy. However, the last-named fumbled, and succeeded in ushering the ball across the goal, only for Joan Cormley to pounce and despatch it to the net.

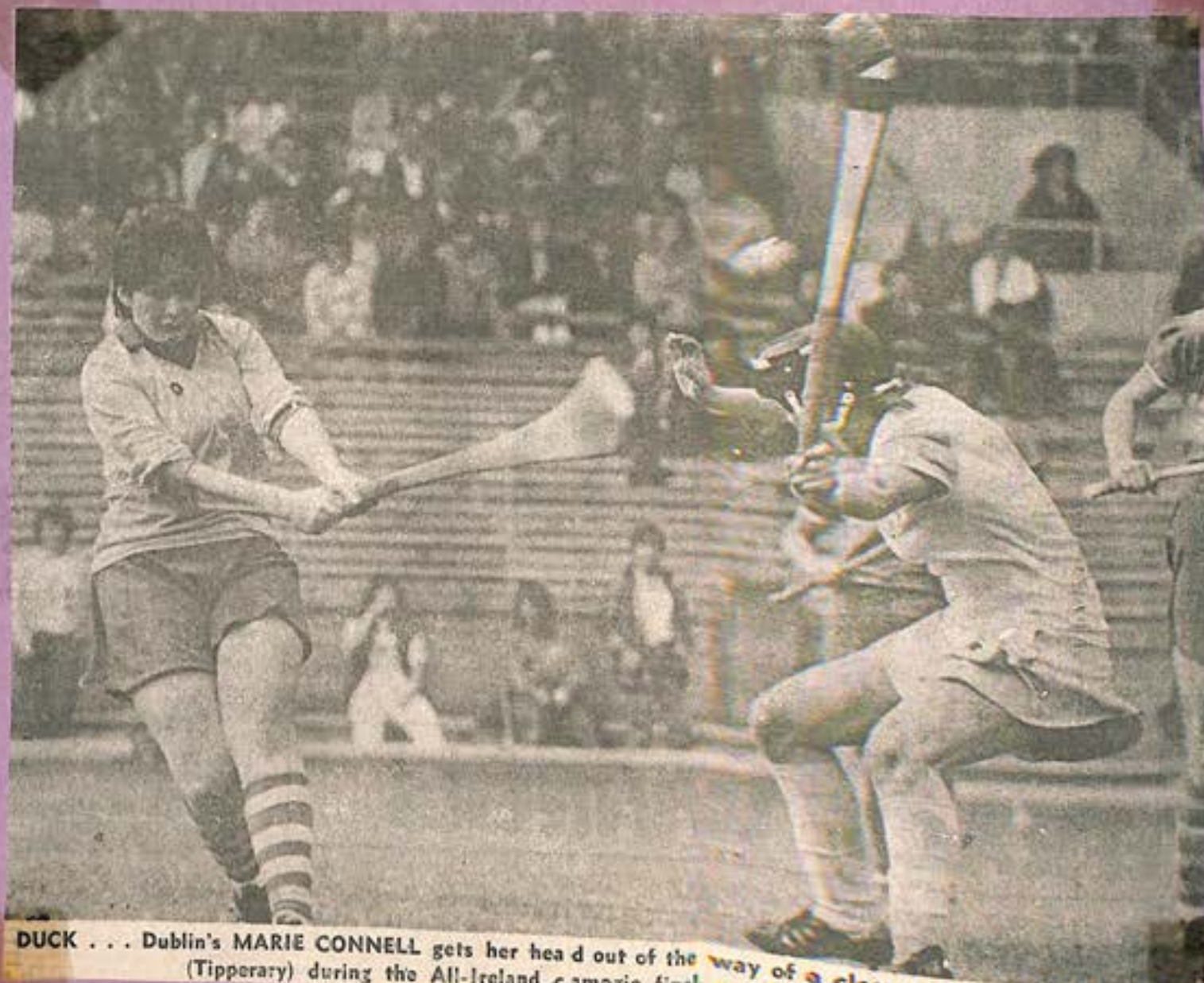
Tipperary captain Deirdre Lane dropped back to mid-field but with Dublin 3-5 to 0-2 to the good at the half-

way stage, the outcome appeared inevitable.

And so it proved, as the now sweet moving Dubs went into all-out action on the resumption to tack on another 1-2 before Tipp. secured their third score, a poppoint, from play.

It was left to Deirdre Lane to crack home two 15-metre frees for the Tipperary goals which were to follow. Now restored to centre-forward Lane was to suffer for lack of support plus the splendid, no-nonsense commitment of the Dublin defence.

In this department the latter had a great and most courageous goalkeeper in Yvonne Redmond, who benefited from the pre-match warm up. So uniformly sound, enterprising and skilful were the rest, that it would be



DUCK . . . Dublin's MARIE CONNELL gets her head out of the way of a clearance by BRED KENNEDY (Tipperary) during the All-Ireland camogie final at Croke Park yesterday.

UNA IS NUMERO UN

Crowley Stands Out As Dublin Take The Title

By GERRY MCCARTHY

DUBLIN 5-9 TIPPERARY 2-3

DUBLIN WON the All-Ireland senior camogie title for the 26th time, and the first since 1966, with this easy victory over Tipperary before 4,500 spectators at Croke Park yesterday. The honours rested where they belonged because the winners had a pronounced advantage in skill, neat striking and combination all through the field.

Dublin had first us of the strong wind blowing towards the Railway posts, but it took them 12 minutes to make a decisive breakthrough against stubborn opponents, who evenly contested every ball and were eminently sound in defence.

The winners had only two points on the board, both struck by Edel Murphy, one a free, the other a '30,' when one of their defenders, Germaine Noonan, connected first-time with a Tipperary clearance.

The sliothar took off like a rocket, travelled all of 9 yards and may have taken the losers' goalkeeper, Breda Kennedy, by surprise. She did make a brace attempt to save, but could only carry the leather with one hand and it dropped over the line for a spectacular, if lucky, score.

Immediately, Dublin settled down to play confident, composed camogie. Their half-backs and midfield took control with the result that there was continuous pressure on the losers' rearguard.

Marie Connell shot Dublin's second goal after 15 minutes, but the defender who started that move got away with fouling the ball, to add to Tipp's cup of woe.

Quashed

Crowning disaster struck the Munster girls one minute from the interval. Dublin's Anne Colgan slipped, lost her camog, but managed to palm the sliothar towards the Tipp posts.

Breda Kennedy failed to get clean possession, made more than one fruitless attempt to clear and Marie Connell arrived on the scene to scramble the ball over the line.

That left the score 3-5 to 0-2 in Dublin's favour and hopes that Tipperary would utilise the elements to reduce arrears were quickly quashed.

Within three minutes of the resumption, Edel Murphy, from a '30' and a free, added two points to Dublin's total, and they put the issue well and truly beyond Tipperary's reach when Una Crowley shot a peach of a goal in the 31st minute.

Deirdre Lane blasted two frees to the winners' net, to put a more-respectable appearance on the scoreboard, but it was Dublin's day, and title, long before Kathleen Quinn signalled full time.

The winners were an all-round strong team, skilled at every facet of the code. Their ground striking was impeccable, their combination finely honed and they settled down to play winning camogie as that first goal was attained.

Their defence was eminently sound and midfielder, Una Crowley, gave an exhibition of all that was best in the code. She had able lieutenants in

Mary Mernagh and Barbara Redmond.

Combination was the feature of the Dublin attack, which had a most accurate marks-woman in Edel Murphy, whose shooting from frees and '30s' was a treat to watch.

Mary Sheedy was Tipperary's outstanding player. Margaret Madden and Siobhan McDonnell also caught the eye in defence, but they could not indefinitely prevent Dublin from getting the scores that put this game beyond recall.

Anne Gleeson worked hard at midfield but the attack, despite the efforts of Jenny English and Deirdre Lane, got little change from Dublin's disciplined rearguard.

Scorers — Dublin — E. Murphy (0-7); M. Connell (2-0); J. Gormley (1-1); V. Crowley, G. Noonan (1-0 each); M. Mernagh (0-1). **Tipperary —** D. Lane (2-0); J. English (0-2); T. Bonnar (0-1).

DUBLIN — Yvonne Redmond; Marion Conroy; Germaine Noonan; Bernice Toner; Catherine Ledwidge; Una Crowley; Mary Mernagh; Barbara Redmond; Joan Gormley; Anna Colgan (capt.); Edel Murphy; Marie Connell. **Subs. —** Carmel O'Byrne for Marie Connell; Noreen Fleming for Bernice Toner.

TIPPERARY — Breda Kennedy; Mary Sheedy; Maura Hackett; Siobhan McDonnell; Margaret Madden; Rosie Ryan; Geraldine Ryan; Anne Gleeson; Triona Bonnar; Deirdre Lane (capt.); Jenny English; Mary Griffin. **Subs. —** Susan Hickey for Geraldine Ryan; Kristy McCluskey for Mary Griffin; Eithne Bonnar for Triona Bonnar.

Referee — Kathleen Quinn (Galway).

Player of the Match — UNA CROWLEY.



● DUBLIN STRIKE AGAIN . . . The Tipperary goal is up. Marie Connell pounces to score Dublin's third goal (top) raised her arms in triumph. Our photographer at Croke P

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Dubs show Tipperary how to play the game

By EILISH O'REGAN

THE Dubs were back in triumphant form at Croke Park yesterday . . . and not even the faintest cheer came from Hill 16.

It was ladies day at Croker and the fans who witnessed Dublin capture a runaway victory in the All-Ireland Camogie Final swapped the windswept Hill for the shelter of the Hogan and Cusack Stands.

Despite the rain and blistering breeze, spirits were high as the 4,000 dedicated spectators turned out to see the Tipperary and Dublin sides fight for the honours.

For UCD graduate Germaine Noonan one of the stars of yesterday's game, disaster was only narrowly averted when she had to make a mad dash home

again after she arrived without her playing boots.

But she might be forgiven however, since she has been jetting over from Boston during the summer to take part in Dublin's championship matches.

Captain of yesterday's winning side was Cork woman Anne Colgan who is married and living in Mulhuddart.

"We owe a lot of our success to Christy Hayes, a former Dublin hurler who has trained us two nights every week since February", said Anne.

"The line-up of our team has remained almost unchanged for the last three years and that certainly was a factor in our favour", she added, while sipping a well-earned glass of champagne in the dressing room.

Sharpshooter Edel Murphy who scored 7 points for Dublin despite yesterday's cross winds commented: "I couldn't believe when it came to scoring that the gods were so with us".

Although they never really challenged the Dublin supremacy the Tipperary girls displayed some skilful hurling

Cork minors were also in jubilant mood last night as they celebrated their victory over Cavan at the Holybrook Hotel and tonight they will be again honoured at a civic reception in Cork.

Tonight the victorious Dubs will be guests of honour at a civic reception at the Mansion House listed by Lord Mayor Michael O'HALLORAN.

DUBLIN GATHER GOAL-D RHAPSODY IN BLUE

UNTIL yesterday it was almost nine years since a Cavan team appeared in a final in Croke Park.

On that day they captured the Post Office Cup. And great was the rejoicing.

Indeed it was so great that people in Virginia and Crosskeys and Mullahoran — not to mention Loch Gowna and Crosserlough and Cootehill and several other places in that land of lakes — began to fear that they might never get a letter delivered again.

Yesterday it was good to see the blue-and-white back in the centre court.

This time Breffni's ambassadors were hurlers, a fact that may surprise the casual visitor to Croke Park.

The men of the county are unlikely to desert football; the girls, encouraged by a bold programme in the schools, have taken well to the ancient game.

This was their first appearance in Croke Park. And in a junior final of high quality they proved that tradition must begin somewhere.

Indeed they managed to lead Cork at half-time, 1-2 to 1-1, and the big margin at the end, 5-8 to 2-2, did little justice to their endeavours.

A strong wind blowing towards The Railway End helped them considerably in the first half.

It seemed even stronger in the second — and once Cork had gone ahead, the issue was hardly in doubt.

The Cavan girls battled on bravely but long before the end they were playing for honour rather than victory.

Cork — all drawn as usual from the city and the east of the county — won handsomely.

A friend commented that they played like men and that Cavan played like girls: it was an exaggeration—but justified.

It wasn't that the Cork girls lacked grace — far from it — but they always seemed to know what they were doing.

And they did the fundamental things well: they were thoroughly drilled in the game's grammar.

Cavan excelled them in flashes of brilliance — but the graph of their game was uneven.

And Cork won not so much through outfield superiority as in sharpness near goal.

They excelled in smothering Cavan's chances and in taking their own.

And thus the final score hardly reflected the gallop of play. They were blessed too with a splendid keeper — camogie differs from hurling in that the score sometimes contains more goals than points.

Kathleen Costine wasn't asked to make many all-out saves — but her general work was invaluable. I suspect that she is a very tidy housekeeper.

Her counterpart, Anne McTiernan, was brave and competent and had little chance with the shots that found her net.

Her colleagues in defence played well individually but failed to cover for one another.

And it was this tactical naivety that gave Cork their goals.

And yet I will probably remember just as vividly some great ground-strokes by the Cavan girls.

And their spirit was admirable — and they got a late goal that was applauded as if it had been a winner.

Their best players were full-back Mairead Hastings and centre-back Ita Brady. Geraldine Martin scored their goals — and Mairead Hastings and Rosita Brady got a point each.

Josephine Rumley led the Cork goal-rush. She scored four — and a point. Patricia Fitzgibbon got five points; Denise Cotter scored a goal and two points.

Others outstanding in an outstanding team were left-back Una O'Connor and midfielders Irene O'Leary and Linda Mellerick.

This looked the youngest junior side I have ever seen — they played like seniors.

BEDLAM-MAKERS

It was good to see the blue-and-white flags in Croke Park. They evoked memories of hectic days. Will Eugene McGee summon up a renaissance? He has an obvious advantage—the rainmaker always comes from outside the tribe. And he did a fair job for Offaly before he rode away into the dawn.

An innocent stranger (if such there still be) passing outside Croke Park between two o'clock and three yesterday might have thought a rather rowdy picnic was going on inside.

If he happened to pass again between half-past three and half-past four he might have thought that the picnic had got out of control and that 'Lord Of The Flies' had become fact.

There was this difference: the cast of William Golding's dark novel are small boys — most of the bedlam-makers at Croke Park yesterday were small girls.

And if the players in the senior final had been race-horses, most of them would have bolted.

And if the sellers of chocolate and other comestibles had added cotton wool to their wares, they would have done a roaring trade.

Nevertheless, the game went on — even if accompanied by chants and slogans that had their origin in the Stretford End and The Kop and other gritty terraces across The Irish Sea.

And what a marvellous day it was for Dublin. Most of their team knew tantalising defeat in the last two all-Ireland finals — yesterday the gremlins repented.

They hardly needed the help of these capricious little fellows: Dublin turned on a display of camogie at its finest.

The wind and the occasional rain seemed irrelevant as they hit the sliotar with consistent sweetness and played as if controlled by a collective mind.

The CON HOULIHAN column



Tipperary fought doughtily but even with the wind as ally in the second half they could not dominate territorially. And yet in the opening paragraphs it looked as if Dublin might know the sadness of being runners-up yet again.

Tipperary set up a few sweeping attacks, built on powerful ground strokes — and it seemed that the conditions might suit their direct style.

And Dublin's attempts to build a half-time lead were producing little: after 15 minutes all they had on the board were two points from frees by Edel Murphy.

And then came a moment that must have elevated Dublin as much as it depressed Tipperary.

DELIGHTED SURPRISE

Germaine Newman hit a ball from well beyond midfield. No doubt it was meant to do no more than gain ground—but the sliotar seemed to take on a life of its own and flew into the goalmouth and dipped into the net.

Germaine stood in delighted surprise: Tipperary's keeper, Breda Kennedy looked as if she had just seen the laws of physics confounded.

It seemed to be a turning point: for the rest of the half you could see Dublin growing in confidence.

And Tipperary must have wished that they had won the toss. At half time, their position was desperate — 3-5 to 0-2.

And that third goal had been a sickener. Breda Kennedy, possibly troubled by the fickle sun, fumbled an easy catch and the ball was scrambled to the net. Joan Gormley it was who pounced.

Tipperary came out from the tea-break knowing all too well that they needed a goal-rush.

And they knew well too that Dublin's goal was womanned by a great keeper at the top of her form: Yvonne Redmond's mid-half save from Deirdre Lane was one of the game's high moments.

She wasn't again to be called upon for such spectacular action but her general play was impeccable.

Twice in the last quarter Deirdre Lane with fiercely-driven frees brought a cascade of raindrops from the net at The Railway End — but they were only token goals.

The final score was 5-9 to 2-4; whatever the part played by the gremlins you couldn't argue against that.

And yet Tipperary may claim that if Dublin hadn't Yvonne Redmond to make their goal shrink until it seemed no wider than a kitchen door, it could have been a very different game.

Breda Kennedy had an unhappy day. She is a brave and highly accomplished player — but looked as if she could be more effective outfield.

The keeper is the most important player on a camogie team: with her the proverbial buck stops — or doesn't stop.

Dublin were better organised yesterday: for instance their keeper wore a peaked cap when facing the sun — her counterpart didn't.

And one of their goals was a collectors' item.

Their second (in the sixteenth minute) came after Edel Murphy doubled beautifully on a dropping ball from Barbara Redmond and put Marie Connell clear—she scored from close in.

Their scorers were Marie Connell (2-0), Edel Murphy (0-7), Joan Gormley (1-1), Una Crowley (1-0), Germaine Noonan (1-0), and Mary Mernagh (0-1).

Tipperary's markswomen were Deirdre Lane (2-0), Jenny English (0-1), and Terese Bonner (0-1). Their best players were Mary Sheedy at full-back — and Deirdre Lane who made a fair attempt to be in at least two places at the one time.

I will refrain from singling out any Dublin players: this was the proverbial team victory — but if you must have a woman of the match, my choice goes to Yvonne Redmond.

At the end all heaven broke loose — and I saw two swallows come out of The Cusack Stand and fly off south: I expect that they will not stop until they reach The Sahara.

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CLOSE TUSSELE... a Dublin defender clears the ball off the stick of a Tipperary attacker during the camogie final.



A Tipperary defender is harried by a Dublin forward during the all-Ireland senior camogie final at Croke Park yesterday.



GOT IT!... a Dublin player gets possession during the All-Ireland camogie final against Tipperary at Croke Park, where the Leinster girls won 5-9 to 2-4.



It's all action as Dublin's Barbara Redmond goes high for this ball in the goalmouth watched by Tipperary's Rosie Ryan (left) in the All-Ireland senior camogie final at Croke Park yesterday. Dublin won 5-9 to 2-3. In the junior final Cork beat Cavan 5-8 to 2-2.



difficult perhaps, unfair to individualise.

SCORERS — Dublin — J. Gormley (2-1), E. Murphy (0-7, 0-3 from free; 0-3 from 30s), M. Connell (1-0), E. Crowley (1-0), G. Noonan (1-0), M. Mernagh (0-1). Tipperary — D. Lane (2-0 free), J. English (0-2, both from 30s), S. Bonnar and S. Hickey (0-1 each).

DUBLIN — Y. Redmond; M. Conroy, G. Noonan, B. Toner, C. Ledwidge; U. Crowley, M. Mernagh, B. Redmond; J. Gormley, A. Colgan, E. Murphy; M. Connell, Subs., C. O'Byrne (for Connell), N.M. Fleming (for Crowley).

TIPPERARY — B. Kennedy; M. Sheedy; M. Hackett, S. McDonnell, M. Madden; R. Ryan, G. Ryan, A. Gleeson; S. Bonnar, D. Lane, J. English; M. Griffin, Subs., S. Hickey (for G. Ryan), K. McCuskey (for Griffin), E. Bonnar (for S. Bonnar).

REFEREE — K. Quinn (Galway).

FIRST HALF				
	Gls	Pts	30's	Ws
Dublin	3	3	1	5
Tipperary	0	2	3	2
SECOND HALF				
	Gls	Pts	30's	Ws
Dublin	2	4	3	7
Tipperary	2	2	0	4
TOTAL				
	Gls	Pts	30's	Ws
Dublin	5	9	4	12
Tipperary	2	4	3	6

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An Caislean Girls Show The Way

Following the very successful tour of the United States by the members of An Caislean club in 1982, enthusiasts could justifiably have expected senior status to follow quickly. All of the ingredients seemed to be right, and the attitude of all concerned pointed in that direction, but alas progress has been slow.

Having moved up to Intermediate standard, the quality of the play improved again, and some new fresh faces kept the impetus going. Finally, the barrier appeared to be about to be smashed last year when the club qualified for the Intermediate League final. It was not to be, however, as fellow Southsiders St. Anne's, Boherabreena, beat An Caislean by a narrow margin.

Throughout the years the camogie section has continued to show the way to the men. In 1982, An Caislean won the senior "B" championship, the under-21 League and took the runners-up place in the under-21 championship. Last year the club's under-13 team completed the double, winning the League and championship, while the under-11 team was pipped for first place in their competitions.

The girls of the camogie section also represented Walkinstown in the All-Ireland Community Games finals only to lose the decider by a point. However, there was much better fortune in Feile na nGael that All-Ireland youth festival of hurling, camogie and handball, at Wexford.

An Caislean made a major breakthrough in the under-14 grade, beating the cream of the country's teams to take

the All-Ireland crown. Some of the best known clubs in the country were engaged in the festival, and it is little short of amazing that An Caislean proved too good for all comers.

Players from the club have also won honours with Dublin in inter-county camogie competitions. Ann Thorpe was on duty with the county senior side that beat Cork, All-Ireland champions for the past two years, at Parnell Park, Dublin, to qualify for the national final this month.

Eunice Keogh, Mairead Cronin and Siobhan Cronin are on the Dublin junior panel, and Hilary Marnell, Lorraine Keaney, Margaret

in successive years under the prestigious A.I.B. Club of the Year promotion. These awards are made only to clubs who are seen to make the effort to promote all aspects of the G.A.A., and they underline the efforts being made to strengthen the club in all of its facets.

The current year has been marked by two events which caused great emotion in the club. The first was the death of Joe Myles early in the year.

Joe only became involved in the club by chance about six years ago,

friends in the club, and his passing was a big loss to the club. Ard dheis De go raibh a anam.

The one thing that Joe hoped most earnestly for was a senior team to be proud of, and it appears as if he is inspiring us still, as the team has just beaten Craobh Chiarain to win the Intermediate League, and earn a play-off with the winners of the Fingal League from North County Dublin in a show-down for senior status.

An Caislean, of Dublin, winners of Feile na nGael Division I camogie title at Wexford in the recent All-Ireland youth festival of hurling, camogie and handball.



Lambert and Michelle Dwyer have earned places in the Dublin under 14 side.

AIB AWARD

An Caislean have also received some recognition

but he very quickly became the most loyal supporter of the Intermediate team. Even in failing health he struggled out to matches when many a lesser man would have given the games a miss.

Joe's unswerving devotion won him many

Will the 25 years wait be ended at last in the coming weeks? Only time will tell, but this happy little club nestling in suburban Dublin may yet represent Dublin in an All-Ireland club senior football final. Remember where you read about it first!

CAMOGIE IN MYSHALL

The Myshall camogie club has its origins back in the 'Thirties, and in the last 50 years the club has been reformed a number of times. The present club was launched in 1977 and in the past six years has gone from strength to strength.

The club fields teams in Primary Schools competitions from under-14 up to the under-18 and junior grades. It is in the junior grade that most success has been achieved.

Myshall are county champions since 1979, and this splendid achievement qualifies the club to represent County Carlow in the Leinster junior club championship. Myshall qualified for the first provincial final in the championship in 1981, losing out to Laois champions Camross.

Myshall reached the final again in 1982, and beat Louth representatives St. Anne's by a point in a replay. The Carlow champions retained their provincial crown last year, beating Avoca, of Wicklow, in the decider.

The junior club winners are given automatic entry to the senior club championship semi-finals, and Myshall's outstanding achievement so far was their display against Burren's Alley, Wexford, who are All-Ireland club champions of 1981 and

1982, in the provincial senior final. The Carlow girls put up a splendid display before losing out to the more experienced Wexford squad.

Perhaps more encouraging still is the performances of the Myshall players at county level. Since 1980, the club has been representing Carlow in the championship and League campaigns. In 1982 Myshall, representing Carlow, beat Wicklow, Waterford, Meath and Laois to reach the National Junior League semi-final. They were drawn against Tyrone in the semi-final, and the village acted as hosts to the Northerners for that game. But although favoured with ground advantage, the Carlow side just failed by a point. Still, it was a great effort and a highly successful run over-all.

In the Centenary Year League the Carlow-Myshall team again qualified for the semi-final against Armagh, and made another spirited bid before bowing out.

ALL STARS

Three Myshall players have been honoured with Camogie All Star awards:

1981: Breda Foley, who was Leinster full back the same year;
1982: Margaret Regan, a very

versatile centre field player; 1983: Mary Smyth, formerly of Kildare and now living in Carlow.

The success of the club extends well beyond the playing fields, as club members have taken part successfully in SCOR, The G.A.A. adult talent competition, and other competitions.

Hopes are high for 1984. Club enthusiasts are confident that the Leinster junior championship will be won for the third year in succession, and a provincial senior title win is not now beyond Myshall's hopes.

The secret of the club's success is probably the fact that a virtually unchanged panel has been maintained since 1977, and all team members have a very good understanding of each other's play, and a deep commitment to the game.

The panel is:

Mary Doyle (goal); Brid Foley (full back); Bridget Doran (centre back), Agnes Smithers and Mary Bernie (wing backs); Margaret Ryan, Sadie O'Brien and Mary Smyth (centre field); Geraldine Doran (centre forward), Nuala Smithers and Kathleen Doyle (wing forwards) and Mary Quirke (full forwards), with Anne Quirke, Liz Doyle and Terry Jordan — as the substitutes.



Thurles Camogie Club broke new ground when they travelled to New York in the seventies. Photo shows group prior to their departure.

KILLEAGH IN DECIDER

Killeagh 1-5, Portroe (Tipperary) 1-0

KILLEAGH are through to the Munster senior club championship final following a five-point victory over Tipperary champions Portroe at the Tipperary club's venue on Saturday. However, it wasn't until the last two minutes that the Cork champions settled the issue with a great goal from Anne Leahy.

With four of the Portroe side on duty with Tipperary in the All-Ireland championship on Sunday next against Dublin, the Cork girls had to work exceptionally hard for their victory.

Shelley Spillane dominated the mid-field sector for Cork, aided by Anne Marie Landers, while Catherine Land-

ers gave a polished performance at centre back.

Hanging on to a two-points lead, Killeagh made sure of victory in the 48th minute when, following a magnificent sideline puck by Anne Marie Landers, Anne Leahy was in quickly to double the ball to the net.

Scorers for Killeagh: Patricia Fitzgibbon 0-4 (free), Anne Leahy 1-0, Anne Marie Landers 0-1. Portroe: Margaret O'Brien 1-0.

Killeagh: K. Costine, M. Spillane, M. O'Donovan, B. Landers, C. Landers, S. Spillane, A. M. Landers, M. Motherway, A. Leahy, V. Motherway, P. Fitzgibbon, B. Costine.

Portroe: B. Kennedy, U. O'Brien, M. Hackell, M. Sheedy, T. Madden, M. Gleeson, C. Madden, M. O'Brien, J. Freeman, M. Madden, M. O'Connell, M. Madden.

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All-Ireland Junior Camogie Final

Cavan fail in title bid

CORK, 5-8; CAVAN, 2-2.

CAVAN failed in their bid to take the All-Ireland Junior Camogie Championship when they went under to the holders, Cork, in the final at Croke Park on Sunday last. The final scoreline: Cork 5-8, Cavan 2-2, suggests a runaway victory for the southern girls but in fact this was a close, hard-fought game with the winners only getting on top midway through the second half. When one considers that Cavan hit the woodwork on three occasions with the Cork goalkeeper beaten, one gets a better understanding of how bravely the Breffni girls fought to take the crown.

Although naturally disappointed, the Cavan players and mentors can look back with pride on their achievements over the past few months when no one gave them a chance of even taking the Ulster title never mind reaching Croke Park. So when the selectors sit down for the usual inquest after the game they should look for the positive side of last Sunday's game and see what can be done to make sure that when Cavan reach their next All-Ireland final, as they no doubt will in the near future, the cup will come to Breffni.

There were many good things about this Cavan display which should not be overlooked in an air of dispondency. For instance the sheer determination of the girls, even in the second half when the game was slipping away from them, the never-say-die approach and the willingness to run themselves into the ground in their efforts. Also the skills which perhaps could be developed a bit further with some improvement in general teamwork.

But the impression one took away from Croke Park was that here was a county which had come a long way in a relatively short time and the willingness was there to improve still further and bring glory to Cavan camogie in the near future. In the words of team captain Ann McKiernan, "Cavan will be back".

GREAT SUPPORT

Another feature was the

tremendous number of people who travelled from Cavan for the game and gave the girls a wonderful reception when they ran onto the pitch. The players and County Board officials very much appreciated this support and probably their only regret is that the game did not go Cavan's way.

The weather was very cold and windy with some hail showers when Cavan Captain Ann McKiernan won the toss and elected to play with the elements. The first half saw plenty of action around both goalmouths but few scores. In fact the first score did not come until the eleventh minute when Cavan were awarded a free on the half-way line which was expertly taken by Margaret Hastings and sent over the bar.

So goes to Margaret the honour of getting Cavan's first score in Croke Park on All-Ireland day.

Cavan kept up the pressure and

Rosita Brady scored a great point in the 14th minute. Cavan had a number of near misses before Denise Cotter opened Cork's account in the 17th minute. The same player scored Cork's first goal a minute later to put her side into a two-point lead.

GREAT GOAL

It was then that misfortune struck Cavan when on no less than three occasions the ball struck the upright. However, in the 22nd minute Geraldine Martin sent the Cavan contingent wild with excitement when she scored a great goal to put her side into the lead.

Although Cavan tried all they knew to increase their lead there were no further scoring and the half-time score was Cavan 1-2, Cork 1-1.

Perhaps the writing was on the wall for Cavan at this stage when they led by only one point, after playing so well and with the wind. In any event it was Cork who took charge in the second half with Linda Mellerick at midfield and Patricia Fitzgibbon at full-forward being particularly brilliant.

It was in fact Fitzgibbon who equalised in the second minute. After some Cavan pressure had failed to yield any scores there came a patch of continuous Cork attacks which brought them four goals, all scored by Josephine Rumley, and six points without reply.

Cavan introduced Bernie O'Callaghan, Mary McMullan and Margaret Carroll during the half but alas to no avail. With the game now gone from them one would have expected Cavan to fold up completely but as they had done earlier in this championship they fought their way back into the game with great heart and in fact got the last score of the game when, after Bernie O'Callaghan had done the spawework, Geraldine Martin was on hand to crash home a fine goal.

For Cork Kathleen Costine was a fine goalkeeper. Liz Maher made very few errors at full-back, while the half-back line of Mary Spillane, Paula Goggins and Una O'Connor was eminently sound.

As already mentioned, Linda Mellerick was outstanding at midfield where she got excellent support from team captain Irene O'Leary and Mary Currid. Patricia Fitzgibbon was the most dangerous forward, on view. Josephine Rumley took her goals very well, while Regina Scullis and Denise Cotter also tried hard.

For Cavan, who perhaps won their All-Ireland final by the very fact of reaching it, a fact which nobody can take away from them. Team captain Ann McKiernan had a fine game in goals and could not

be blamed for the shots that beat her. Also her general leadership as captain was excellent. Margaret Hastings will probably never forget that great opening point and she tried very hard despite an early injury which forced her retreat later in the game.

Lorraine O'Neill, who has been having her best year ever in the Cavan colours, was once again in great form and was undoubtedly the best defender on the field. Ita Brady had a fine game at centre-half-back and Ita Farrelly, 17 years old, had a marvellous game on the other wing. Kathryn Clarke, so often the unsung heroine of Cavan teams, was once again in great form at midfield. Team trainer Noeleen Kiernan gave everything she had to try to swing the game in Cavan's favour. Frances Smith once again showed what a skilful player she can be despite the conditions.

In the attack Geraldine Martin, who at seventeen was the youngest player on the field, will never forget her first All-Ireland as she scored two great goals. Rosita Brady was probably Cavan's most dangerous forward and Pauline Smith who, like her twin sister, found the conditions difficult. Olive Scorr was unlucky, but if commitment and courage are anything to go by, then Olive had a great game.

Bernie O'Callaghan, who has so often been a matchwinner in the past, had a great game when she was introduced in the second half and was unlucky not to have her name on the score sheet. The other two replacements, Mary McMullan and Margaret Carroll, played their hearts out when brought on as a double substitution late in the game but by then the game was well out of Cavan's reach.

Scorers — Cork: Josephine Rumley (4-1), Denise Cotter (1-2), Patricia Fitzgibbon (0-5), Cavan: Geraldine Martin (2-0), Margaret Hastings (0-1), Rosita Brady (0-1).

Cork — Kathleen Costine, Liz Maher, Mary Spillane, Paula Goggins, Una O'Connor, Irene O'Leary (Capt.), Linda Mellerick, Mary Currid, Regina Scullis, Josephine Rumley, Denise Cotter, Patricia Fitzgibbon.

Cavan — Ann McKiernan (Captain), Margaret Hastings, Lorraine O'Neill, Ita Brady, Ita Farrelly, Kathryn Clarke, Noeleen Kiernan, Frances Smith, Geraldine Martin, Rosita Brady, Pauline Smith, Oliver Scorr, Subs.: Bernie O'Callaghan, Mary McMullan, Margaret Carroll, Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, Margaret Tully, Bridget McDermott, Nora Tully, Mary Martin, Dymphna Rudden, Teresa Lynch, Pat McPhillips, Catherine Smith and Noelle McGovern. Ref.: R. White (Dublin).



A race for possession between Geraldine Martin (left) and Una O'Connor (Cork).

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The Cavan team. Front row (left to right) — Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, Pauline Smith, Ita Farrelly, Catherine Clarke, Anne McKiernan (Capt.); Teresa Smith, Geraldine Martin, Olive Scorr and Rosita Brady. Back row (left to right) — Noelene Kiernan, Bernie Callaghan, Margaret Hastings, Lorraine O'Neill, Margaret Carroll, Margaret McQuillan and Ita Brady.



Ita Brady (Cavan) clears from Regina Scoutts (Cork).



Cavan's full-back, Margaret Hastings and Denise Cotter (Cork), tussle for possession.



A jubilant Dublin captain, Anne Colgan, a native of Cork, holds the All-Ireland senior camogie cup after her side beat Tipperary in Croke Park on Sunday.

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DUBLIN FOIL TIPP'S ALL-IRELAND BID

By Liz Howard

DUBLIN captured their 26th All-Ireland senior camogie title in Croke Park last Sunday, defeating Tipperary 5-9 to 2-3. It was a case of third time lucky for the metropolitans, beaten by Cork in the last two deciders their experience, teamwork and overall skill on the day saw them worthy winners. Dublin last won the O'Duffy Cup in 1966, while Tipperary were bidding for a first ever title.

Dublin won the toss and elected to play with the strong breeze into the Railway end. Tipperary were under pressure from the throw-in, but defended well to keep Dublin without a score for twelve minutes. Mary Sheedy, Margaret Madden, Bawn McDonnell and Maura Hackett made some very fine clearances. Midfield were struggling all through; they met a forceful, fast Dublin trio.

In the early stages Ann Gleeson got a chance of a score, but the Dublin backs quickly crowded her and cleared. A long range free from Bawn McDonnell was let go harmlessly wide by the Tipp forwards.

Dublin were two points up, one a free and the other a 30 when

At that stage, the game was over as a contest but Tipp battled on and a Jenny English shot was blocked by the Dublin 'keeper who went down on the ball. Deirdre Lane stepped up to take the resulting fifteen metre free and again sent a rocket to the net. However, it was too late to turn the tide; a late point by Susan Hickey completed Tipp's tally. Tipp's early second half point was scored by Triona Bonner, while Dublin's remaining score came from Mary Mernagh, a point from play.

WINNERS FLATTERED

The score flattered Dublin. Tipperary deserved better reward for their effort. However, in

disaster struck. Germaine Noonan, right wing back for Dublin pulled on a careless Tipperary clearance and her shot went all the way to the net. Breda Kennedy appeared to have it covered but the ball deceived her. This score gave Dublin confidence and they piled on the pressure, resulting in two more goals. Dublin's second goal was suspect as it appeared that Barbara Redmond fouled the ball in setting up the attack. Dublin's third goal was fluffed on the line. An effort to rise the ball resulted in the Dublin forwards rushing in and scooping the ball over the line.

The half time lead of 3-5 to 2 points, both scored by Jenny English, left Tipperary with a lot to do. Surprisingly, changes were not made in obvious places. Midfield required punch and Triona Bonner was having an off-day. In fairness to Triona she had played in the half-back line up to the final and it's not easy to make the transition to the forwards. Susan Hickey who played so well when introduced against Wexford wasn't given the call up until into the second half. Kirsty McCloskey and Ethna Bonner replaced Mary Griffin and Triona Bonner, while Geraldine Ryan made room for Susan Hickey, all in the second half.

The second half resumed with Dublin still pressing forward and scoring 1-2 before Tipp replied. Tipp pressed very hard and a piledriver from Mary Griffin was blocked by Yvonne Redmond. Jenny English and Deirdre Lane tried all they knew, but every time they got possession, the Dublin backs clamped down on them. A great cut by Rosie Ryan into the square was caught by Deirdre Lane. Deirdre was pulled down and from a fifteen metre free she blasted the net to score a superb goal. Dublin replied quickly with a lobbing shot from Una Crowley, which Joan Gormley finished to the net.

fairness Dublin were superior, slicker and faster to the ball, combining excellently. They found the loose player and their running off the ball reminded one of their footballers. Their ground play was very impressive particularly in the second half against the strong breeze.

Mary Sheedy had a fine game and her duals with Marie Connell were one of the highlights of the game. While it might be argued that her player scored two goals, Mary couldn't be faulted for the second in particular. Bawn McDonnell kept Ann Colgan from scoring, but with midfield badly beaten there was too much for the backs to do. Ann Gleeson tried very hard but eventually was worn down by the hard hitting Dublin midfield. The forwards got a poor supply and when they did get possession, the Dublin backs gave them little space. Jenny English, showed flashes of brilliance and has a bright future in camogie. Deirdre Lane played a captain's part and her great hearted play won her new admirers.

After the game Deirdre Lane visited the Dublin dressingroom and congratulated her Celtic team-mate and captain, Ann Colgan. Marian Conroy, Una Crowley and Marie Connell also wear the celtic colours. Tipp, understandably, disappointed will surely learn from this defeat and decide now to set their sights on Croke Park for next September. They are individually good players but a bigger emphasis on team work is needed. Also sharpness on the pull. The few training spells under the guidance of Liam Spooner did improve the combination but that was work which needed to start in April.

Scorers: Dublin: Edel Murphy 7 pts. (6 from frees); Marie Connell 2 goals, Joan Gormley 1-1, Una Crowley, Germaine Noonan 1 goal each; Mary Mernagh 1 point.

Tipperary: Deirdre Lane, 2

goals: Jenny English 2 pts. (frees), Triona Bonner.

Tipperary: Breda Kennedy, Mary Sheedy, Maura Hackett, Bawn McDonnell, Margaret Madden Rosie Ryan, Geraldine Ryan, Ann Gleeson, Triona Bonner, Deirdre Lane (captain), Jenny English, Mary Griffin.

Subs.: Susan Hickey for G. Ryan, Kristi McCluskey for M. Griffin, Ethna Bonner for T. Bonner.

Remainder of panel: Ann Keeshan, Geraldine Feehan.

Dublin: G. Redmond, M. Conroy, G. Noonan, B. Toner, C. Ledwidge, N. Crowley, M. Mernagh, B. Redmond, J. Gormley, A. Colgan (captain), E. Murphy, M. Connell. Subs.: C. O'Byrne, for M. Connell, N. Fleming for B. Toner.

Referee: Kathleen Quinn (Galway).

Footnote: The referee, Kathleen Quinn gave a couple of questionable frees against Tipperary and allowed two certain fouls by Dublin, one of which resulted in a Dublin goal. One free left us wondering why it was given. I still haven't found a reason.



Referee Kathleen Quinn introduces rival captains before the camogie final on Sunday. Ann Colgan, Dublin (left) and Deirdre Lane, Tipperary (Lorrha)



Deirdre Lane, Tipperary captain, sweeps through the Dublin defence in last Sunday's All-Ireland final.

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The Tipperary team which lost to Dublin in the All-Ireland senior camogie final at Croke Park last Sunday.

CAMOGIE AFFAIRS

BY MARY MORAN

DUBLIN GIRLS HAVE THEIR HEARTS SET ON CENTENARY GOLD MEDALS

A GOLD medal, bearing the crest of the Camogie Association, is the most sought after item in the minds of Dublin players right now. The rise of other counties placed these treasured mementos out of reach since 1966. Presently poised to launch an all out attack on the 9th of September to recapture the O'Duffy Cup, the mood in the Dublin camp is confident and determined.

"It is now or never". "I have waited so long for this chance". "We will not let it slip this time". These quotes mirror the feelings of Dublin players as they relaxed happily having disposed of Cork in the semi-final.

For midfielder Mary Mernagh it will be her fifth final. She has suffered three times at the hands of Cork and once fallen victim to Kilkenny. Now Dublin have left both rivals behind.

In a decade of inter-county camogie, Mary has collected only one All-Ireland, a junior award in 1975. The former Assumption, Walkinstown player is impatient for the final. She is looking forward to a fast tough game and willing to run until she drops, to reach her goal.

Determination will be Dublin's password in the final says goalkeeper, Yvonne Redmond.

Approaching the final for the third year running, Dublin know what is required and will be prepared for all eventualities. She feels that Dublin have broken the Cork barrier which haunted them in recent years.

MOTORED ON

Dublin have been through a tough season. They did all that was asked of



CARMEL O'BYRNE... 1984 is a year she will remember forever.

them in their section of the National League. The League final defeat by Cork was perhaps a blessing in disguise. It left Dublin with no illusions as the championship commenced. Despite the setback of injury and illness to key player, Edel Murphy, Dublin motored on past Kilkenny, Limerick and Cork.

A physical education student at Queens University, Yvonne is a very versatile player. She fields at centre-back for her college, lines out at midfield for her club, Cuchulainns but is happy to play in goal for Dublin.

So far an All-Ireland medal in any grade has eluded her. Twice she was disappointed at colleges level when Assumption, Walkinstown were pipped in finals by North Presentation and St. Patrick's of Cork. She has won medals in Leinster and for Leinster but would dearly love to bring home an All-Ireland award.

Introduced to the game by her sister Anne who was the driving force when they were members of the Crumlin club, Anne played in front of of Yvonne when she came to the Dublin side and gave her confidence to establish herself. A third sister, Barbara plays on the left wing for Dublin.

This season Dublin introduced two new forwards to the side, Marie Connell and Carmel O'Byrne.

1984 is a year which Carmel will remember forever. She played a major role in the success of Maryfield College in the All-Ireland Colleges senior championships.

In recognition of their achievement, the teachers and parents of Maryfield organised a tour of the East Coast of the United States. Carmel will take part in matches in New York and Boston as part of the itinerary.

What a climax to the season it would be for Carmel if Dublin were to win the O'Duffy cup. A skilful player, she has squeezed a lot into her short career and looks destined to collect many further honours.

The long wait is over for the D

By A Special Correspondent
WELCOME back Dublin! The long wait is over. A committed Dublin 12 set about their business from the throw-in at the All-Ireland senior final at Croke Park last Sunday and completed their task in competent fashion.

The main difference between the sides resulted from their preparation for the game. The Dublin squad have toiled for three years building up teamwork, experience and general skill. Defeat in the past two finals bonded the side together and left them in a very resolute frame of mind.

When Tipperary drew with Wexford four weeks ago, they saw the opportunity of reaching the final and maybe more. They knuckled

down to training but it is only possible to achieve so much in such a short time. As recently as Gradam Tailte, one of their players was unable to list the girls who would be available for the championship.

Tipperary were not disgraced on Sunday. The county produces natural talent of sufficiently high standard to win an All-Ireland crown. But as the Dublin players will assure them, it takes a long time to reach the level of proficiency necessary for success. Tipperary have the basic material to build on. Now is the time to plan for the future.

Dublin played four championship matches. Their scoring totals read 15 goals and 31 points against seven

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goals and 26 points conceded. It was underlined once again on Sunday that Dublin are essentially a team outfit. Each girl contributed handsomely to victory.

Cork are now in the extraordinary position of having 70 active senior graded inter-county players. The bold step of their selectors in going for up-and-coming youngsters paid off well in the Junior final against Cavan. Short on experience, they more than made up in other ways. When they got their game together in the second half, they looked a more skilful side than the 1983 Cork winning team.

Cavan played some fine camogie with the wind at their backs. The inside forwards, who did so well against Galway, found it hard to penetrate the Cork defence. A point did not seem an adequate cushion as they turned to face the elements.

Like Tipperary, they kept on trying to the final whistle. Una O'Connor, Patricia Fitzgibbon, Margaret Hastings, Ita Brady, Irene O'Leary and Mary Currid played fine camogie.

Three provincial club championship finals are listed for decision on Sunday. In Leinster old rivals St. Pauls and Buffer's Alley meet to decide which goes through to play Avoca (Wicklow) in the final. On the form shown in the Kil-

macud Sevens, Buffer's Alley should come through both games with something to spare.

At Killeagh, the local team play Waterford champions Ardkeen. Three of the Cork team which won junior honours last Sunday, Kathleen Costine, Mary Spillane and Patricia Fitzgibbon will be in action for Killeagh who will also have the services of Marie O'Donovan, Cathy Landers, Bernice Costine and Anne Marie Landers.

Lilian Howlett, who won three Gael-Linn medals with Munster some years back looked as good as ever in the colours of Ardkeen on Saturday. However, she picked up a finger injury which may keep her out of action.

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The Cork team which beat Cavan in the All-Ireland junior camogie final in Croke Park on Sunday. (Examiner)



Marion McCarthy, who was chosen as the Cork award winner in the Gaelic Stars Yearbook annual awards for every county in Ireland, as well as London and reception in Dublin. The awards, unlike other promotions, cater for all facets of Gaelic games — hurling, football, handball and camogie.

MEATH CAMOGIE FINAL

Oldcastle defensive errors costly

Kentstown 3-6
Oldcastle 2-3

Although Oldcastle put up a gallant fight in their first ever appearance in a junior camogie championship final at Navan, the experience of Kentstown proved too much for them.

Defensive errors cost the North Meath side dearly in the first half, during which the winners built up a 3-2 to 0-2 interval lead.

Noeleen McLoughlin scored 1-5 and Angela Macken notched 2-1 for Kentstown while Rosemary Smith was Oldcastle's foremost performer.

Olivia Smith, Pauline Halpin, Linda Kelly and Mary McEnroe were others to impress for Oldcastle who bravely battled back in the second half.

Angela Macken with two goals put Oldcastle in real trouble, while at the other end Paula Lynch was unlucky when a shot went narrowly wide.

A Mary McEnroe goal nine minutes after the restart raised Oldcastle's hopes and the exchanges were exciting as the girls in blue, most of whom were under eighteen, pressed hard in their efforts to further reduce the arrears.

Angela Macken pointed before substitute Breda Lynch made a spectacular entry into the action by scoring Oldcastle's second goal. However, Noeleen McLoughlin had the last say with her fifth point.

Scorers: Kentstown — N. McLoughlin (1-5), A. Macken (2-1). Oldcastle — R. Smith (0-3), M. McEnroe, B. Lynch (1-0) each.

Referee — Ann Farrell (Kilbride).

Killeagh easily regain crown

KILLEAGH 7-13 ARDKEEN 0-3

Killeagh regained the Munster senior Club Camogie Championship, at their own pitch, with a facile victory over the Waterford champions Ardkeen, before a huge attendance.

Leading by 1-8 to 0-1 at the interval, Killeagh, through the good work of Anne Leahy, were 3-8 up after the opening minute of the second half.

With Betty Joyce, Patricia Fitzgibbon and Bernie Costine in deadly shooting form, they cruised to their easiest win in this championship since they first took the title in 1980.

Ardkeen had some fine players in Risario Galvin, Eileen Walsh, Joan Lanningham and Celia O'Donoghue, but on the day few teams would have matched the Cork champions, who were without Marion Sweeney and Patsy Keniry.

Scorers for the winners: B. Costine 4-3; P. Fitzgibbon 1-7 (0-6 frees); B. Joyce 1-1; A. Leahy 1-2. For the losers: E. Walsh 0-2 from frees; J. Lonergan 0-1 free.

KILLEAGH: K. Costine, M. Spillane, capt.; Marie O'Donovan; B. Landers; C. Landers; S. Spillane; M. Motherway; A. M. Landers; A. Leahy; B. Costine; B. Joyce; P. Fitzgibbon. Subs: V. Motherway for B. Landers; O. Leahy for V. Motherway.

ARDKEEN: B. Prendergast; R. Galvin; E. Barry; M. O'Donoghue; A. Dreilan; M. Brennan; J. Lanningham; E. Walsh, capt.; D. Crowley; C. O'Donoghue; L. O'Sullivan; B. Casey. Subs: M. Brennan for B. Casey; B. Casey for M. Brennan; C. Dunlea for L. Casey. Referee: Brid Stokes, Limerick.



Brid Stokes (Limerick) who refereed the Munster camogie club final in Killeagh, presents the cup to Mary Spillane, captain of Killeagh.

KILLEAGH 7-13
ARDKEEN 0-3

Cork champions, Killeagh, totally outclassed Ardkeen in the final of the Munster club camogie championship played at Killeagh yesterday. Superior in all sectors of the field, Killeagh led by 1-8 to 0-1 at half-time.

The winners continued to dominate in the second half and added 6-5 to their total. Bernie Costine, Patricia Fitzgibbon, Catherine Landers, Marie O'Donovan and Ann Leahy were in excellent form for Killeagh.

Lillian Howlett, Joan Flanagan, Mary O'Donoghue and Eileen Walsh tried hard to stem the tide for Ardkeen.

Scorers: Killeagh — B. Costine (4-3), P. Fitzgibbon (1-7), A. Leahy (1-2), B. Joyce (1-0), A. M. Landers (0-1), Ardkeen — E. Walsh (0-2), J. Lanningham (0-1).

BUFFERS ALLEY 4-2
AVOCA 0-1

All-Ireland champions, Buffers Alley (Wexford) took their seventh successive Leinster senior camogie club championship with an easy victory over the Wicklow champions, Avoca at Rathdrum. Buffers Alley led 3-2 to 0-0 at the interval.

Scorers: Buffers Alley — N. Gahan (2-1), B. Doran (2-0), T. Hobbs (0-1). Avoca — K. Barry (0-1).

Camogie's place

MUCH CREDIT is undoubtedly due to the GAA for the preservation and promotion of national sports among men — sports which could not otherwise have developed to their present day standards. Of all the national games, one tends to think of handball as the neglected one, but having attended both of this year's hurling and camogie finals I, have no doubt that the latter game represents, in every respect, the Cinderella of Gaelic sports.

Seeing the grace and skill displayed in varying degrees by all four teams in the recent camogie finals was a refreshing experience for many outsiders. The type of ground and first-time play on Sunday 9th was of a kind rarely seen in present day hurling. The consistency of sideline pucks, and the type of points scored from wide on the wings, were reminiscent of the Thuries display but without the spate of "wides" from the earlier match.

There were numerous demonstrations of the "clash of the ash" in both junior and senior matches but without the mistiming and resultant injuries of modern hurling. The occasional "bunched" or broken play, too, seemed to resolve itself quickly without the "need" for spoiling or fouling.

It is obvious that the training and preparation for these games must have been intense. Yet, for all the skill and dedication involved, a mere 4,000 spectators attended the match, as compared with 60,000 the previous Sunday in Thurles. One can only assume that the lack of promotion and coverage by the radio and T.V. networks is, to some extent, responsible. One thing is certain — the standards attained at Croke Park on Sunday last deserve more than token recognition. Camogie deserves to take its rightful place among the best of Gaelic games.

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Buffers Alley still on course to keep crown

ALL-Ireland Club champions Buffer's Alley of Wexford are still on course to retain their title. They made considerable progress in that direction during the past week. On Wednesday evening, they overran a weak St. Paul's side. On Sunday they followed up with a comprehensive 4-2 to 0-1 victory over Wicklow champions, Avoca.

Leitrim (Down) and Killeagh (Cork) remain in the race for ultimate honours. Leitrim scored a 1-7 to 0-2 win over Antrim champions Loughiel in the Ulster decider. Crisper strikers and faster to the ball, the Leitrim girls deserved to advance. Loughiel sorely missed the services of sterling centre-back Jo McClements.

The wide gulf in standards between Cork and Waterford camogie was undisturbed at Killeagh. The Ardkeen players tried

gamely to the end but could not cope with wave after wave of attack from the free flowing Killeagh forwards. The training skills of Fr. Bertie Troy, coach to winning Cork hurling teams in late seventies, has improved the Killeagh girls individually and collectively.

The Connacht club championship is not as advanced as in the other provinces. St. Marys, Glenamaddy, the Galway champions, await the Roscommon winners.

Saturday was annual general meeting day for provincial colleges councils. In Ulster, Fr. Anthony Davies remains as president with P. J. Hill of Coleraine as his understudy. Lily Spence and Rosina McManus will continue to keep the show on the road in the roles of secretary and treasurer respectively.

The Leinster line-up contains a number of new faces. Well-known in coach-

ing circles, Paddy Maher takes over as chairman. Gerry O'Dwyer of Kilkenny will look after the secretarial duties while Kathleen O'Duffy will double as vice-chairman and treasurer.

Down south there is no change in personnel. Lil O'Neil, Sister Patricia and Mary Moran retain their positions. The main talking point on the announcement of the senior championship draw was the matching of St. Patrick's, Cork and St. Patrick's Comprehensive School, Shannon, in the opening round.

Munster champions North Press drew an easy first round tie. They should carry far too much strength for Pres. Bandon. The hurling fever which presently grips Middleton has moved St. Mary's High School to return to colleges camogie. The East Cork school won a Cork colleges senior championship when Nuala Gully was a schoolgirl.

It could be another Killeag

CAMOGIE

By A Special Correspondent
THE MOST passionately contested competition in camogie must be the All-Ireland Club Championship. Basic units of our Association strive to the limit of their ability to win recognition and honour for their own particular areas. A good run in the competition draws the local community together in support of the team and ultimate success writes the club into the annals of the game.

It is significant that the four semi-finalists hail from rural areas. Unlike urban clubs, who frequently draw their players from well outside their particular catchment boundaries, Killeagh, Leitrim, Buffer's Alley and Glenamaddy will be fighting for the honour of the village.

The experience of the four contestants at this level of competition differs sharply. The familiar yellow and green of Buffer's Alley is well known in all provinces. The North Wexford club is ten years on the road. In 1975 Buffer's Alley won their first Leinster club title and in the intervening years have brought the All-Ireland crown to Monomolin on four occasions.

They journey west to Glenamaddy on Sunday to meet St. Mary's over whom they had a ten point victory in last year's final. Buffer's Alley is the team which any club with aspirations has to beat. The Wexford girls have come through so many campaigns that their understanding of each other's play is first class.

All the Buffer's Alley players have worn the purple and yellow of Wexford. The defence of Kathleen Tonks, Anne Butler, Geraldine Wynne, Elsie Cody and Dorothy Kenny are regular inter-county senior players. Fiona Cousins, Stella Sinnott and Caroline Farrington form a strong line across the middle of the field.

Their attack comprises of Norah Gahan, Gertrude O'Leary, Teresa Hobbs and veteran Bridie Doran. Several of the side are interchangeable should any problems arise.

St. Mary's are drawn from the neighbouring parishes of Glenamaddy and Kilkerrin. The club was formed in 1971 in what is a predominantly a football area. Fed by the past pupils of

the two local post primary schools, Colaiste Sheosaimh and St. Benin's, St. Mary's made their breakthrough in 1983 when they took the Galway senior title for the first time.

They retained the Galway title recently. But it took a last second point from Ann Gallagher to edge out keen rivals Athenry. Sister Chrissie and Rita Divilly form the last lines of defence for St. Mary's. In front of them will be Claire Geraghty, who recently married a brother of right for ward Ann Gallagher, Kitty Hoey and Maureen Glynn. Galway county player, Teresa Rafferty will operate in the centre of the field

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP DEBUT FOR LEITRIM

LEITRIM, who had a surprising but merited victory in the Ulster club championship, make their debut in the semi-final of the All-Ireland Club camogie championship on Sunday. Leitrim is four miles from Castlewellan in the heart of County Down.

Leitrim has been heard of before. Monica McCartan carried home a Felle trophy from Wexford. Teresa O'Hare, P. F. McCartan and Rosaleen McCartan knew all the answers at the 1983 CCD Question Time and former Ard Runaj, Seamus McAleenan put his village on the map.

Killeagh from East Cork provide the opposition to Leitrim. These sides have a different style of camogie. Before an anticipated large home crowd, Leitrim are expected to rise to the occasion. But Killeagh, who won the All-Ireland club title in 1980, are an experienced and talented side. Each member of the Killeagh team holds an All-Ireland medal in one grade or another.

The difference between the sides is reflected in the goalkeepers. Filling the position for Leitrim will be fifteen-year-old Donna Greeran. Her opposite number Kathleen Costine captained Cork to win the 1976 minor final which was played at Mayobridge in County Down.

Experience is the distinctive factor between the full-backs. Noreen O'Prey played for Down and Ulster, but the Cork number two, Marie O'Donovan, has won all the honours in the game. Now retired from inter-county camogie, Marie won five All-Ireland senior medals under her maiden name of Costine, and was regarded as the best full-back in the game.

Nuala McCartan is a regular on the Down senior side and

should rate higher than Mary Spillane who recently picked up an All-Ireland medal. Killeagh should score again at centre-back where 1983 All-Ireland captain, Cathy Landers, is a powerful player. Both Rita Owens and Breda Landers are good club performers.

Fionnuala McGrady may be the dominant figure at centre-field, where Killeagh respond with the youthful trio of Ann Marie Landers, Shelley Spillane and Monica Motherway. Another Down senior, Margaret McNabb, and Margaret McAnulty will win their share of the ball for Leitrim.

Up front Leitrim pin their hopes on Bernie Kelly, Maureen O'Higgins, Mary Owens and Roisin Greeran. Killeagh respond with Anne Leahy, Bernie Costine, Patricia Fitzgibbon and Betty Joyce. Marion Sweeney has returned from a holiday in America and will probably find herself on the sideline as Killeagh will be reluctant to change a winning team. However, the former Cork and Munster player will probably make an entrance at some stage in the proceedings.

Buffer's Alley and St. Mary's, Kilkerrin-Glenamaddy met in the final of the 1983 All-Ireland club championship. Enjoying the benefits of a home venue, the Wexford club finished ten points in front. Now it is the turn of Buffer's Alley to make the long trek across the country to Glenamaddy.

A year older and more ex-

perienced, St. Mary's are determined to do well, this time. They were stretched to the limits in the Galway County final against old rivals Athenry and only survived by a last second score from Ann Gallagher.

Attackers

Kitty Hoey forms the pivot of defence. Behind her the Divilly sisters, Chrissie and Rita are sound. The Kilkenny-based Claire Geraghty and Maureen Glynn will be entrusted with closing the flanks to the Buffer's Alley attackers. Catherine Geraghty is the only newcomer to the side. She forms the midfield line with the Galway senior pair, Mary Kelly and Teresa Rafferty.

To date Ann Gallagher has been the danger girl in attack. Giving her support will be Anne Divilly, Kathleen Garvey and Catherine Ward. Buffer's Alley broke on the inter-county scene in 1975 when they took the first of their eight Leinster club titles. The majority of their players need no introduction. What camogie follower has not heard of Kathleen Tonks, Elsie Butler, Geraldine Wynne, Stella Sinnott, Dorothy Kenny, Bridie Doran, the O'Learys or the Butlers?

As they proved in the recent Kilmacud Sevens Buffer's Alley have brought their teamwork to a fine art. From years of playing together, they thoroughly understand each other's play. I expect the gap of ten

points to be cut but give my vote to the two experienced sides and plump for a Buffer's Alley-Killeagh final.

LEITRIM — Donna Greeran, Noreen O'Prey, Nuala McCartan, Sheila McCartan, Rita Owens, Margaret McAnulty, Fionnuala McGrady, Margaret McNabb, Maureen O'Higgins, Bernie Kelly, Mary Owens and Roisin Greeran.

KILLEAGH — Kathleen Costine, Marie O'Donovan, Mary Spillane, Cathy Landers, Breda Landers, Ann Marie Landers, Shelley Spillane, Monica Motherway, Bernie Costine, Ann Leahy, Patricia Fitzgibbon and Betty Joyce.

GLENAMADDY — Chrissie Divilly, Rita Divilly, Claire Geraghty, Kitty Hoey, Maureen Glynn, Mary Kelly, Teresa Rafferty, Catherine Geraghty, Anne Gallagher, Anne Divilly, Kathleen Garvey and Catherine Ward.

BUFFER'S ALLEY — Kathleen Tonks, Anne Butler, Geraldine Wynne, Elsie Cody, Dorothy Kenny, Fiona Cousins, Stella Sinnott, Caroline Farrington, Gertrude O'Leary, Norah Gahan, Bridie Doran and Teresa Hobbs.

Sunday — All-Ireland Club Championship semi-finals: At Glenamaddy (3.0)—St. Mary's - Buffer's Alley. At Leitrim (2.0) — Leitrim v. Killeagh.

Buffers Alley showdown

Oct 1984

Experience is decisive

BUFFERS ALLEY 3-1 (Wexford)
ST. MARY'S 2-2 (Glenamaddy)

THIS WAS a rousing game in which St. Mary's almost stole a match on holders Buffers Alley. Having wind advantage in the opening half, the home side squandered numerous scoring chances and should have been in front by far more than 2-1 to 1-0 at the break. The holders fought back strongly in the second half and their experience and better team work was the hallmark of their success.

Scorers — Buffers Alley — E. Cody (1-1), G. O'Leary and B. Doran (1-0 each). Glenamaddy — K. Hoey (1-1), K. Garvey 1-0, A. Gallagher 0-1.

in recent seasons. They failed by three points in the Down senior final in 1983 but went one better this year.

They gained entry to the Ulster Club Championship and proved their worth by defeating English, Swatragh and Loughislet. A sense of anticipation prevails in Leitrim as they await the arrival of the Cork visitors, Killeagh.

Fifteen-year-old Donna Greeran has the responsible job of keeping goal for Leitrim. She will receive good cover from Noreen O'Prey, Nuala McCartan, Sheila McCartan and Rita Owens. Fionnuala McGrady dominates the middle of the field for Leitrim and will get assistance from Margaret McNulty and Margaret McNabb.

Bernie Kelly and Roisin Greeran are strong attackers but they will face very experienced opposite numbers. Maureen O'Higgins and Mary Owens complete the Leitrim team which has done all that has been asked of it so far.

All-Ireland Club Champions in 1980, Killeagh hail from East Cork just a few miles from the Waterford border. With the exception of the Costines sisters who come from nearby Cloyne, all the Killeagh players were born in the close-knit parish. Four times Munster champions, the team fought back this season to regain the Cork title. The loss of Pat Lenihan, who is doing social work in Bangladesh, Barbara Kirby and Patsy Keniry made the club introduce some young players

who are now settling in nicely.

Cork junior goalkeeper, Kathleen Costine will be between the sticks. Her well-known sister Marie is playing as well now as when she won her five All-Ireland senior medals. 1983 All-Ireland captain Cathy Landers is placed at centre-back with Mary Spillane and Breda Landers on either side.

Ann Marie Landers, Shelley Spillane and Monica Motherway are a youthful centrefield with plenty of running in them. Volleyball international, Anne Leahy will operate at centre-forward. The third Costine sister, Bernie, who hammered home four goals in the Munster final fills the right corner position. Patricia Fitzgibbon, who did so

well in the All-Ireland junior final, holds the left corner position.

It is unlikely that Killeagh will change a winning team. That means Betty Joyce who is fighting to overcome a long record of knee trouble will start at full-forward. Waiting in the wings, therefore, will be Marion Sweeney who has spent the last three weeks in America. The sight of Marion on the sideline, bursting to join the fray, will keep the selected twelve on their feet.

I know that Killeagh are a good side. I have not seen Leitrim in action. I anticipate that they will challenge very strongly. If the long trek does not take too much out of Killeagh, we may see another Killeagh-Buffers Alley final.

KILLEAGH IN FINAL

KILLEAGH 3-3
LEITRIM, CO. DOWN 0-2

KILLEAGH had an easy passage to the final of the All-Ireland Senior Club camogie championship when they beat Co. Down champions, Leitrim at the northerners venue yesterday, and judging by their display in the second half they could well bring the title back to Cork again.

A brilliant midfield of Shelly Spillane and Ann Marie Landers, sowed the seed for Killeagh's victory, both giving star perform-

ances. Killeagh led at the interval 1-0 to 0-1 in a close and tough first half with the homesters being best served by Nuala McCartan, Margaret McNulty and Margaret McNabb.

Marian Sweeney, skipper of the Killeagh side, showed by her display that she is still one of the best forwards in Cork camogie and aided by Patricia Fitzgibbon and Ann Leahy they added 2-3 in the second half with Leitrim scoring a point.

Scorers: Killeagh — M. Sweeney 1-2, P. Fitzgibbon 1-1, A. Leahy 1-0. Leitrim: S. McCartan and N.

McCartan 0-1 each.
Killeagh: K. Costine, M. Spillane, M. O'Donovan, B. Landers, C. Landers, A. M. Landers, S. Spillane, V. Motherway, A. Leahy, M. Sweeney, P. Fitzgibbon, B. Costine. Subs: P. Keniry for V. Motherway, V. Motherway for B. Landers.

Leitrim: D. Greeran, N. O'Prey, N. McCartan, S. McCartan, R. Owens, M. McNulty, F. McGrady, M. McNabb, N. O'Higgins, B. Kelly, M. Owens, R. Greeran.

BUFFERS ALLEY 3-1
GLENAMADDY 2-2

In a most exciting second semi-final at Glenamaddy, Buffers Alley defeated the local side 3-1 to 2-2, and now go on to meet Killeagh in the All-Ireland decider on November 28.

50 YEARS AGO

Cork won their first every All-Ireland senior camogie championship title when they defeated Louth 4-3 to 1-4 before a large attendance at Croke Park, and it was also the first time that the title was taken outside Dublin. Scorers for Cork, who were represented by the under-mentioned, were, Miss K. Delea (2-0), Miss K. McCarthy (1-2), Miss B. Riordan (1-1), Misses N. Clarke (goal) M. Cotter, E. Staunton, L. Delaney, K. McCarthy, M. O'Hea, L. Kirby, M. McCarthy, K. Delea (capt.), M. Kenneally, B. Riordan, J. McGrath.

40 YEARS AGO

Cork scored a 3-0 to 1-3 win over Dublin when they met in a senior camogie challenge game for a set of medals presented by the Central Council at the U.C.C. Grounds. The Cork goals were scored by Miss E. Casey, Miss K. Coughlan and Miss K. Buckley, while Miss D. Rogers (1-0), Miss K. Mills (0-2) and Miss Cody (0-1), replied for the visitors. The Cork selection for the game was: P. Hogg (goal), B. Cashman, M. Cashman, S. O'Brien, M. O'Leary, K. Buckley, M. Fitzgerald (capt.), M. Hobbs, R. Horgan, K. Barry, E. Casey, K. Coughlan, subs: M. Hegarty, M. Touhy, E. Lyons.



Cork hero Sean O'Leary (left) pictured at the Youghal civic reception with UDC chairman, Pat Clancy and Cork junior camogie stars Breda Flaherty and Josephine Rumley.

Cork Well Represented In Munster Line-Ups

CORK have marvellous representation in the Munster Junior and Senior teams to meet Leinster in the Gael Linn Cup semi-finals at Adare on Sunday. On the senior side the Leesiders have eight representatives while the Junior team is made up almost entirely of Cork players.

The Cork Under 18's will be in action in the Munster Final on tomorrow (Sat) also at Adare and they are facing an unexpected problem as the selectors have agreed to allow the Cork girls who have been selected to represent their province on the following day to cry off the county side.

Games between Munster and Leinster are always exciting affairs and Sunday's ties will be no exception.

In the senior tie there is added incentive in the fact that eight Cork players will be in the Munster side and six Dublin on the Leinster team and with the rivalry between these two counties so keen in recent years it is bound to spill over into the Provincial clash.

The Cork defence has been chosen almost "en bloc" for the Munster team, with Marian McCarthy in goal, Eileen Dineen at full, Miriam Higgins in the corner and Catherine Landers at centreback. The only "outsider" in this sector is that fine Tipperary performer Mary Sheedy.

The Leesiders have two centres in Clare Cronin and Sandy Fitzgibbon and they will be joined by Limerick's Helela Mulcare.

Mary O'Leary, Cork's star forward faces a dilemma on Sunday as she is due to play for Watergrasshill in the Cork Ladies Gaelic Football Final on the same day, and her decision will not be an easy one to make. Should she opt for the Gaelic game then Limerick's Pauline McCarthy is likely to come into the panel.

Clare Kelleher is the second Cork player in the attack which is completed by Tipperary top notchers Jenny English and Deirdre Lane.

On paper this is a very good team, but Leinster have more strong camogie counties from which to draw players and at the end of the day could have the edge.

All-Ireland champions, Dublin, have six players in the side in goalie Yvonne Redmond, corner back Germaine Noonan, centres Una Crowley and Mary Mernagh, and ace forwards, Joan Gormley and Edel Murphy.

Kilkenny's twin sisters Anne and Angela Downey and Biddy O'Sullivan are also in the side, which is completed by Wexford's promising young star Tina Fitzhenry and Nora Gahan to make up a very formidable line-up which will take a lot of beating.

Cork surprised everybody this season by taking the Junior All-Ireland crown with a completely new side, and they have been rewarded with an almost complete takeover of the Munster Junior side. Only one other county is represented on the team, Clare, and they have only one player in the talented Maura McNicholas, who plays in the attack with Cork's Josephine Rumley, Denise Cotter and Patricia Fitzgibbon.

Cork's representatives in the defence are Kathleen Costine in goal, Liz Maher at full back and Mary Spillane, Paula Goggins and Una O'Connor on the half line and in the centre are Cork captain Irene O'Leary, Linda Mellerick and Mary Currid.

This is a very young side for the most part and

although they are full of running, talent and enthusiasm, they will be up against a more experienced side in Leinster, who have named seven of Dublin's strong Juniors in the team. They are Toni O'Byrne, Mairead Cronin, Patricia Clinton, Jo Golden, Eunice Keogh, Adele Campbell, and Siobhan Cronin in the side, and these girls are bound to form a very strong nucleus. Kildare have three representatives on the side in Antoinette Merriman, Anna Dargan and Miriam Malone, and Carlow and Kilkenny have one representative each in Nuala Smithers and Marie Fitzpatrick respectively.

It is a shame that Cork Under 18 side has to play their Munster Final on the eve of the Interprovincials as at full strength they would be a very difficult side to beat, but depleted as they are going to be tomorrow evening at Adare, they will have a much tougher task on hand when they meet Limerick.

Cork defeated Tipperary in the semi-final of the championship and have a really first class side this season, but they will be without Irene O'Leary, Linda Mellerick, and Mary Currid for tomorrow's tie so could find themselves up against it, in a very good Limerick side. But Cork have an excellent panel listed and even below full strength they could still add the last of the Munster championships to their tally to make it a grand slam of Provincial titles.

On the home front there are no games on Sunday but on tomorrow there will be plenty of underage excitement when the Under 14 League semi-finals are played. In these St. Finbarr's are at home to Inniscarra and Bishopstown travel to Killeagh, in what should be two closely contested games.

TEAMS

Cork Under 18's Panel — M. Ring, D. O'Shea, E. Healy, D. Christie, I. O'Leary, C. O'Mahony, R. Scutts, M. Currid, J. P. Kent, P. Carey, B. O'Sullivan, F. McCarthy, P. Deane, D. Duffy, L. Mellerick, S. O'Sullivan, J. Hennigan, P. Morgan, L. Towler, N. Coughlan.

Interprovincials

Munster — M. McCarthy (Cork), E. Dineen (Cork), M. Higgins (do.), C. Landers (do.), M. Sheedy (Tipperary), S. Fitzgibbon (Cork), H. Mulcare (Limerick), C. Cronin (Cork), M. O'Leary (do.), D. Lane (Tipperary), J. English (do.), C. Kelleher (Cork), Subs: B. O'Dea (Cork), A. Gleeson (Limerick), B. Stokes (Tipperary), B. Geaney (Limerick), M. Sheehy (Cork), H. Sheehy (Limerick).

Leinster — Y. Redmond (Dublin), A. Downey (Kilkenny), G. Noonan (Dublin), T. Fitzhenry (Wexford), S. Synnott (do.), U. Crowley (Dublin), M. Mernagh (do.), B. O'Sullivan (Kilkenny), E. Murphy (Dublin), N. Gahan (Wexford), A. Downey (Kilkenny), J. Gormley (Dublin).

JUNIOR

Munster — K. Costine (Cork), L. Maher (do.), M. Spillane (do.), P. Goggins (do.), U. O'Connor (do.), I. O'Leary (do.), L. Mellerick (do.), M. Currid (do.), M. McNicholas (Clare), J. Rumley (Cork), D. Cotter (do.), P. Fitzgibbon (do.), Subs: J. Murphy (Limerick), H. Cusack (Clare), N. Quinn (Clare), S. Murphy (Cork).

Leinster — T. O'Byrne (Dublin), M. Cronin (do.), A. Merriman (Kildare), A. Dargan (do.), P. Clinton (Dublin), J. Holden (do.), E. Keogh (do.), M. Fitzpatrick (Kilkenny), N. Smithers (Carlow), S. Cronin (Dublin), M. Malone (Kildare), A. Campbell (Dublin), Subs: M. R. Merriman (Kildare), B. Foley (Carlow), T. Hobbs (Wexford), B. Higgins (do.).

FIXTURES

Saturday — U18 M.C. Final — Cork v Limerick at Adare 6 p.m.; U14 L. Semi-Finals — At St. Finbarr's, St. Finbarr's v Inniscarra 3 p.m. (Ref. M. Maher); At Killeagh, Killeagh v Bishopstown, 3 p.m. (Ref. Fr. O'Neill).

Sunday — Interprovincial semi-finals (Senior and Junior) — At Adare, Munster v Leinster, Junior 2 p.m. Senior 3 p.m.; At Castledary, Co. Galway, Connacht v Ulster, Junior 2 p.m. Senior 3 p.m.

Munster Facing An Uphill Task

NEXT TO the All-Ireland Championships, the Gael Linn Camogie Interprovincial series holds pride of place for inter-county players. It affords the players, who have not picked up medals during the season with an opportunity of finishing on a high note. Girls from the unsuccessful counties get a chance of displaying their skills.

The 1984 draw matches Leinster and Munster in the semi-finals. These two provinces have dominated the series and it seems this trend will continue. Leinster sent a strong senior side to Adare. Yvonne Redmond was a certainty for the goal position. Kilkenny's Anne Downey stand in front of her and Germaine Noonan and Stella Sinnott fill the wing positions.

Tina Fitzhenry of Wexford is selected in defence. Biddy O'Sullivan joins the Dublin pair of Una Crowley and Mary Mernagh to form a strong mid-field line. Edel Murphy retains the number nine spot which she filled so successfully in the All-Ireland final. Norah Gahan (Wexford), Angela Downey (Kilkenny) and Joan Gormley (Dublin) complete the attack.

Facing Leinster will be Marion McCarthy, the experienced Cork goalkeeper with her clubmate Eileen Dinneen at full-back. The strong Cathy Landers occupies the centre-back position and will be flanked by Miriam Higgins and Mary Sheedy.

The speedy Sandie Fitzgibbon and Clare Cronin of Cork partner Limerick's Helen Collins at centrefield. The accurate Mary O'Leary and the stylish Jenny English flank the Tipperary captain Deirdre Lane in the half-forward line. Cork's Claire Kelleher completes the team, who will have their work cut out to hold Leinster.

In the junior game, Munster allow Cork's winning team to represent the province, with one exception. Clare's Maura McNicholas is slotted in at left forward. If these players reproduce the form displayed in the second half of the All-Ireland Junior final, they will take the game to Leinster. The Leinster side is based on Dublin players, with Kildare, Kilkenny and Carlow making a contribution.

Ulster journey west to Castledary to take on an unknown Connacht side. Carol McAllister keeps goal. Mary McMullen of Loughfield will provide cover at full-back. Down supply the

half-back line of Fionnuala McCartan, Sheila McCartan and Noreen O'Prey. Teresa Allen captains the side and will be flanked at midfield by Anne McGarry and Mary Lundy of Antrim.

Fionnuala McGrady leads the attack and may expect good support from Elizabeth Gibson, Bonnie McGreevy and Donagall's Anne McGrath. A request to Connacht Council for their line-out has not met with any response at the time of writing. It is expected that Galway players will dominate the team.

The Ulster Junior team is drawn from five counties. Armagh have Margaret Moriarty, Sheila Rafferty, Denise McStay and Ursula McGivern. Noeleen McKendry, Sarah Ann Quinn, Pauline Robinson and Patsy Quinn are supplied by Derry. All-Ireland junior finalists Cavan have the captain, Ann McKiernan and Ita Brady and the side is completed by Fermanagh's Siobhan McKeogh. Ulster should advance in the junior grade.

ULSTER: Senior — Carol McAllister, Mary McMullen, Fionnuala McCartan, Sheila McCartan, Noreen O'Prey, Anne McGarry, Teresa Allen (Capt.), Mary Lundy, Elizabeth Gibson, Fionnuala McGrady, Bonnie McGreevy, Anne McGrath.

ULSTER: Junior — Ann McKiernan, Margaret Moriarty, Sheila Rafferty, Ita Brady, Noeleen McKendry, Siobhan McKeogh, Sarah Ann Quinn, Ann Trainor, Pauline Robinson, Denise McStay, Ursula McGivern, Patsy Quinn.

MUNSTER: Senior — Marion McCarthy, Eileen Dineen, Miriam Higgins, Cathy Landers, Mary Sheedy, Sandie Fitzgibbon, Helen Collins, Clare Cronin, Mary O'Leary, Deirdre Lane (Capt.), Jenny English, Claire Kelleher.

MUNSTER: Junior — Kathleen Costine, Liz Maher, Mary Spillane, Paula Goggins, Una O'Connor, Mary Currid, Linda Mellerick, Irene O'Leary (Capt.), Denise Cotter, Josephine Rumley, Maura McNicholas, Patricia Fitzgibbon.

LEINSTER: Senior — Yvonne Redmond, Anne Downey, Germaine Noonan, Tina Fitzhenry, Stella Sinnott, Una Crowley, Mary Mernagh, Biddy O'Sullivan, Edel Murphy, Norah Gahan, Angela Downey, Joan Gormley.

LEINSTER: Junior — Toni O'Byrne, Mairead Cronin, A. Merriman, Anna Dargan, Patricia Clinton, Jo Holden, Eunice Keogh, Marie Fitzpatrick, Nuala Smithers, Siobhan Cronin, Miriam Malone, Edel Campbell.

FIXTURES

Gael Linn Interprovincial series, at Adare, Sunday — Junior — Munster v Leinster (2.0). Senior — Munster v Leinster (3.0). At Castledary — Junior — Connacht v Ulster (2.0). Senior — Connacht v Ulster (3.0).



● Jenny English, Munster stylish left forward.

Connacht Girls Taste Victory And Defeat

THE Connacht Camogie teams had mixed luck in the two Gael Linn Cup semi-finals at Castledaly on Sunday. The senior team, an all Galway side, had a nine points victory over Ulster while in the junior game the Galway/Roscommon combinations were beaten by 4-6 to 1-6.

CONNACHT 3-6
ULSTER 1-3

This all Galway team had a marvellous victory over Ulster in the Senior semi-final and allowing for the fact that Galway were short a number of established players this was a commendable display.

The accuracy of Ann Gallagher played a big part in this win. She notched 1-5 over the fifty minutes and was always assured in everything she did.

At half time Connacht held a one goal lead, 1-3 to 0-3, with Susan Egan opening the scoring with a point and Ann Gallagher adding two more points. Mary Keane had a great first half goal, catching the Ulster defence by surprise and Teresa Allen scored Ulster's three first half points.

After the restart, Allen rocked Connacht with a goal but two points from Gallagher steadied Connacht. Then a goal each from Teresa Rafferty and Gallagher ended the game as a contest.

Connacht have now advanced to the Gael Linn final on October 21 and despite the terrible underfoot conditions on Sunday this Connacht team played really well. They had outstanding players in Susan Egan, Chair Geraghty, Breda Kenny, Mary Kelly, Madge Hobbins, Ann Briscoe, Una Jordan and Mary Keane.

Ulster were best served by Mary McMullen, Joan Gilmore, Teresa Allen, Fionauala O'Grady and

Veronica McGreevey.

Connacht: B. Glynn, C. Geraghty, S. Egan, B. Holland, B. Kenny, T. Rafferty, A. Briscoe, M. Kelly, A. Gallagher, U. Jordan, M. Hobbins, M. Keane. Substitute: P. Finnerin (Roscommon) for Gallagher.

Ulster: C. Blaney, M. McMullen, J. Gilmore, N. McCartin, N. O'Grady, A. McGarry, J. Allen, M. Lundy, E. Gibson, F. O'Grady, V. McGreevey, A. McGrath.

Referee: K. Quinn, Ballinasloe.

ULSTER 4-6
CONNACHT 1-6

A much stronger Ulster team had a nine point victory over Connacht in the Junior semi-final. Connacht were short more than half their regular team, but the four Roscommon girls, Emer Mongan, Ann Marie Kelly, Teresa and Patricia Finnerin all played very well.

At half time Ulster led by 2-3 to 0-2 with Carmel Linnane and Deirdre Lawless getting the Connacht scores. On the resumption Connacht played much better and cut the leeway to four points thanks to a great goal from Patricia Finnerin and points from Mary Griffin and Linnane.

Ulster finished the stronger, though, with two late goals to seal the issue. Apart from the Roscommon representatives Connacht had good players in Noeleen Cormican, Ena Cannon, Margaret O'Reilly, Sheila Coen and Carmel Linnane.

Connacht Panel: E. Morgan, A. M. Kelly, N. Cormican, T. Finnerin, S. Coen, M. Griffin, E. Cannon, captain, P. Finnerin, C. Duffy, D. Lawless, C. Linnane, M. O'Reilly, B. Glynn.

Dublin to round off season on high note

All-Ireland champions Dublin have their first engagement since acquiring their elevated status. At Leopardstown Road on Sunday they meet Kilkenny in the long awaited Leinster senior final.

This match was originally fixed for July 1. The fortunes of these counties have followed different paths in the meantime. In early summer, there were many who fancied Kilkenny to regain the All-Ireland crown which they last held in 1981. Dublin had shown poor form in relinquishing their National League title to Cork.

How the scene has changed with the passing of a few months. Kilkenny fell heavily in their championship outing to Dublin. On the other hand, Dublin motored past all challengers to take the O'Duffy Cup.

CONFIDENCE

Now full of confidence, Dublin are unlikely to be troubled by the Noreiders. To add to Kilkenny's tale of woe, Angela Browne will enter hospital before the weekend for a knee operation. Angela has been Kilkenny's scorer-in-chief for the past decade and her loss to the side will be immense.

Kilkenny have great players in Liz Neary, Ann Downey, Biddy O'Sullivan, Breda Holmes and Bridie McGarry. But it is most unlikely that whatever information the selectors decide on will be equal to the task.

Dublin will be anxious to round off the season on a high note and a committed performance from Yvonne Redmond, Germaine Noonan, Edel Murphy, Una Crowley, Mary Mernagh and Bernie Toner should achieve just that.

Offaly, Louth, Meath and Westmeath form the Leinster B League and will play each other over the next six weeks. Generally regarded as weak counties, they hope to build up teamwork and gain experience with these extra fixtures.

National Camogie Day has been fixed for November. Clubs and counties are presently planning their programmes with a view to providing activities for young and old. It is an occasion to involve the entire community, attract new members and provide entertainment for all.

COLLEGES GAMES

Munster roll in the ball on Saturday in the opening games of the Munster Colleges senior championship. Played on a knock-out basis, it is all or nothing for the sides involved. Great rivals of recent years meet at Shannon. St. Patrick's, Cork, take on the local Comprehensive School in what should be an outstanding game. The Cork school has prepared diligently for this game to offset their opponent's home advantage.

Ballincollig Community are trying their luck in senior competition for the first time. The draw gives them a reasonable chance as opponents Bishopstown Community are not long in the senior grade. Sacred Heart, Cork journey to Ennis where they meet Colaiste Mhuire.

Two schools with a great tradition in this competition meet at Cashel. St. Aloysius School, Cork and the local Scoil Mhuire have both won out many times. All-Ireland finalists last season, North Pres., Cork, appear to have an easy assignment. They should carry too much power and experience for Presentation Bandon to contend with.

Maryfield College, the reigning All-Ireland colleges champions, expect to do well again this season. They played and won five matches in their American tour. Short only Denise O'Leary, Patricia Clinton and Carmel O'Byrne of their winning team, they should at least emerge from Leinster.

Three defeats for homesters

In the three important games played in Co. Limerick over the weekend, the home sides lost by a point on each occasion.

Limerick 1-5, Cork 1-6

Although Elizabeth O'Sullivan gave an outstanding performance for Limerick, it was not sufficient to prevent Cork from winning the U 18 Munster championship final by a point. Miss O'Sullivan scored a goal and four points and the other Limerick point was scored by Cindy Dundon.

Colette O'Mahony scored three points from frees for Cork, who had a goal from Paula Carey, two points from Jean Paula Kent and one point from Breda O'Sullivan.

Munster 1-3, Leinster 2-1

Leinster had a one point win in a very exciting senior inter provincial in the Gael Linn Cup at

Adare, Co. Limerick yesterday.

Munster were a little unlucky not to force a draw at least and they had outstanding players in Miriam Higgins, Helen Collins, Clare Kelleher, and Jeniff English.

Biddy O'Sullivan at centrefield and Mary Fitzhenry at centreback shone for Leinster. Scorers, Leinster A. Downey and A. Colgan 1-0 each, E. Murphy 0-1 from a free, Munster, C. Kelleher 1-0, S. Fitzgibbon, J. English, D. Lane, 0-1 each.

Munster 1-6, Leinster 2-4

Leinster also had a one point lead in the junior interprovincial at Adare. Scorers, Leinster M. Fitzpatrick and S. Cronin 1-0 each, N. Smithers and J. Holden 0-2 each, Munster, M. McNicholas 1-2, I. O'Leary 0-2, P. Fitzgibbon, D. Cotter 0-1 each.

CAMOGIE

LEINSTER, 2-1; MUNSTER 1-3

LEINSTER (holders) were lucky to defeat Munster in a very keenly contested semi-final of the Inter-Provincial competition for the Gael Linn Cup played at Adare yesterday. The home side had the better of the exchanges in the opening half, but their slender lead of 1-1 to 0-0 was enough at the finish.

SCORERS: Leinster — A. Downey, A. Colgan (1-0 each), E. Murphy (0-1), Munster — C. Kelleher (1-0), S. Fitzgibbon, J. English, D. Lane (0-1 each).

CONNACHT, 3-5; ULSTER, 1-3
CONNACHT qualified to meet Leinster in the final of the Inter-Provincial championship for the Gael Linn Cup when they defeated Ulster by 3-5 to 1-3 in the semi-final at Loughrea yesterday. They had a slender lead of 1-3 to 0-3 at the break and continued to hold the initiative in the second half.

SCORERS: Connacht — S. Gallagher (1-4), M. Kane, T. Rafferty (0-1 each), S. Egan (0-1), Ulster — T. Allen (1-3).

Junior Shield semi-final results—Ulster, 5-6; Connacht, 1-6, Leinster, 2-5; Munster, 1-6.

CORK, 1-4; LIMERICK, 1-5

THE ACCURACY of Colette O'Mahony, who scored three points from frees, gave Cork an exciting one-point win over Limerick in the Munster Under 18 championship final. Elizabeth O'Sullivan starred for Limerick and scored 1-4 with the other Limerick points coming from Cindy Dundon. The other Cork scorers were: P. Carey (1-0), P. Kent (0-2), B. O'Sullivan (0-1).

LEINSTER SNATCH LATE VICTORY

LEINSTER 2-1
MUNSTER 1-3

A last second goal by substitute Ann Colgan snatched victory for Leinster in the semi-final of the Gael Linn Senior Cup played at Adare yesterday. Heavy rain spoiled the game as a spectacle and made it very difficult for the players to perform skillfully.

Munster dominated the first half and led by 1-1 to 0-0 at half time. A point from Edel Murphy, followed by a goal from Angela Downey, brought Leinster back into the game.

Both sides struggled to get the vital scores and the outcome hung in the balance until Ann Colgan's late score.

Leinster had excellent performers in Mary Mernagh, Germaine Noonan, Tina Fitzhenry and Ann Downey, Cathy Landers, Helen Collins, Sandy Fitzgibbon and Miriam Higgins worked hard for Munster.

Scorers — Leinster — A. Colgan (1-0), A. Downey (1-0), E. Murphy (0-1), Munster — C. Kelleher (1-0), H. Collins, J. English and D. Lane (0-1 each).

LEINSTER 2-4
MUNSTER 1-6

Munster dominated the opening quarter of this Gael Linn Cup Junior semi-final and drew ahead by one goal and one point by Maura McNicholas. The Leinster players then settled down and had drawn level by half time.

Both sides played entertaining camogie and held the interest of the attendance to the finish. Leinster deserved their victory over a Munster team, which failed to capitalise on the opportunities available. Mairead Cronin, Joe Holden, Marie Fitzpatrick and Nuala Smithers were prominent for Leinster.

Munster were best served by Linda Mellerick, Paula Goggins, Irene O'Leary, and Maura McNicholas.

Scorers — Leinster — M. Fitzpatrick, S. Cronin (1-0 each), J. Holden, N. Smithers, M. Malone, E. Keogh (0-1 each), Munster — M. McNicholas (1-2), I. O'Leary (0-2), D. Cotter, P. Fitzgibbon (0-1 each).

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Leinster Title Goes To Dublin

DUBLIN 1-12

KILKENNY 2-6

Dublin survived a second half fightback by Kilkenny to add the Leinster Senior Camogie title to their All-Ireland crown, in an exciting match at Leopardstown Road yesterday.

The All-Ireland champions were dominant in the first half, but were only six points to three up at the break, due mostly to an inspiring display by Kilkenny full back Ann Downey.

Although they added two more points early in the second period to a single reply from Kilkenny, the metropolitans were not home and dry. In the 15th minute of the half Kilkenny won a 15 yards free and called up Downey who rifled a shoulder high shot to the net.

This single point margin was the closest Kilkenny were to come to drawing level. Within minutes Carmel O'Byrne dropped over a point from midfield for Dublin, and seconds later substitute Marie Connell collected on the edge of the square and blasted to the net for Dublin's first goal.

Kilkenny's reply was swift. Marie Fitzpatrick collected and goaled and Ann Downey added a point from a free. But Dublin quickly regained control and added three more points to a single reply to secure a deserved victory.

For Dublin, substitute Marie Connell played a large part in the win and Una Crowley and Edel Murphy also contributed. Ann Downey was Kilkenny's outstanding player, but they lacked the scoring touch of her sister Angela, although Marie FitzPatrick played well in the forwards.

SCORERS: Dublin — E. Murphy 0-8, M. O'Connell 1-1, U. Crowley 0-2, C. O'Byrne 0-1. Kilkenny — M. FitzPatrick, A. Downey 1-2; J. Ryan, A. Whelan 0-1.

KILKENNY: A. M. Brennan; A. Downey, D. Mahon, B. O'Sullivan, H. Holmes, C. Dunphy, A. Whelan, S. Ryan, M. FitzPatrick, B. Holmes, J. Ryan, J. Dunne.

DUBLIN: T. O'Byrne; G. Nonnan, N. Fleming, B. Toner, C. Ledwidge, U. Crowley, M. Mernagh, B. Redmond, C. O'Byrne, A. Colgan, E. Murphy, J. Gormley, Subs: M. Conroy for Toner, M. Connell for Colgan.

Referee: P. Brady (Meath).

LEINSTER FACE STIFF TESTS

Silver Park, Leopardstown Road is the venue for the Gael-Linn interprovincial camogie finals on Sunday. Leinster will be doubly engaged. The senior side hopes to retain the trophy at the expense of Connacht. In the curtain-raiser Ulster and Leinster will challenge for the junior trophy.

Leinster have dominated this competition. On Sunday they hope to lift the cup for the seventeenth time. Connacht were successful in 1973 and 1974 but are handicapped by the fact that they have only one senior graded from which to draw players.

Connacht qualified for the final with merited 3-6 to 1-3 victory over Ulster. On that occasion a number of regular players including goalkeeper Breda Coady, full-back Noreen Treacy, centre-back Chris Silke and forwards Ann Morris and Judy Glynn were unavailable.

So well did their replacement perform that the selectors will have a problem to name the first twelve. Players like Claire Geraghty, Ann Gallagher, Una Jordan, Mary Kelly, Teresa Raftery and Ann Briscoe must surely find places on their showing at Castledaly.

No matter what formation is decided upon, the team will have a giant task to overcome a talented Leinster side. Based on the All-Ireland winning Dublin players and strengthened by the best from Wexford and Kilkenny, Leinster field a very strong team.

Leinster will have to find a replacement for Angela Browne who underwent surgery on her knee last week. Ann Colgan, who played for part of the Munster game, must stand a good chance of starting on this occasion.

From Yvonne Redmond in goal to Joan Gormley at full-forward, the Leinster side is strong in all departments. Having disposed of their main challengers, Munster, Leinster should go all the way and retain the cup for another year.

Ulster's record in interprovincial camogie reads one senior title (1967) and one junior crown (1979). Such is their intention of doing well on Sunday that the side has a friendly game with Ulster champions, Leitrim over the weekend.

As a result of what they saw in this trial, the selectors have made one change in personnel and a number of positional switches. Rosemary Trainor from Attical in County Down comes in at full-forward ironically to the exclusion of her sister, Ann.

Ursula McGivern of Armagh moves out to left wing and Patsy Quinn from Derry finds herself at left forward. The defence of Ann McKiernan, Margaret Moriarty, Sheila Raftery, Ita Brady, Noreen McKendry, which did so well at Castledaly, remains intact.

Sarah Ann Quinn is partnered at midfield by Siobhan McKeogh and Ursula McGivern. The forward division which

found their accuracy impaired on the rain soaked pitch in the semi-final will be hoping for firm underfoot conditions. Pauline Robinson, Denise McStay, Patsy Quinn and Rosemary Trainor are proved players who can do a good job.

Leinster showed fighting qualities at Adare when they whittled away an early Munster lead and drew ahead. The half-back line of Antoinette Merriman, Anna Dargan and Patricia Clinton gives good cover to Mairead Cronin and Toni O'Byrne behind them.

Jo Holden played a lot of the ball in the semi-final. With the support of Eunice Keogh and Marie Fitzpatrick, she can keep the forwards supplied with playable ball. Siobhan Cronin, Nuala Smithers, Adele Campbell and Miriam Malone are capable of scoring if given half a chance.

This junior final should be well worth watching and should be a close affair.

Sunday: Gael-Linn Cup Finals at Silver Park, Leopardstown Rd. 2.00 Junior — Leinster v Ulster; 3.00 Senior — Leinster v Connacht.

Leinster at the double

LEINSTER, 3-9; CONNACHT, 1-4

A GREAT year for Dublin camogie was underlined yesterday when Leinster teams, with a majority of players from the capital, won both Junior and Senior Gael Linn interprovincials.

The senior team were rarely in danger in their match against a totally Galway-powered (bar one substitution) Connacht team. Playing against the wind the Leinster girls, with Carmel O'Byrne and Edel Murphy in devastating form, had taken a 1-6 to 0-1 lead at half-time.

Scorers — Leinster — C. O'Byrne (3-2), E. Murphy (0-6), U. Crowley (0-1); **Connacht —** B.

Kenny (1-1), A. Gallagher (0-2), A. Briscoe (0-1).

LEINSTER, 3-6; ULSTER, 1-3

Leinster, despite a nine point victory margin, found Ulster a spirited challenge in the Junior Camogie interprovincial at Silver Park, Dublin. Only 1-4 to 0-1 up at half time, the winners had to withstand a challenge from the wind-assisted Northerners in the second half.

Scorers — Leinster M. FitzPatrick (1-2), E. Campbell (1-4), S. Cronin (1-0), N. Smithers (0-2), E. Keogh J. Holden (0-1); Ulster — D. McStoy (1-0), S. Quinn (0-2), R. Brady (0-1).

Éire Óg do it again

Éire Óg..... 4-7
Croagh-Kilfinny..... 3-0

Éire Óg of Cork won their third successive Munster Senior Club League title at Charleville on Sunday when they defeated Croagh-Kilfinny of Limerick by 4-7 to 3-0.

A very strong wind played havoc with this game but playing with it in the first half Éire Óg notched up a nice 3-5 to nil lead at the interval.

The Limerick girls battled back in the second half and scored three excellent goals, but it was not enough to stop the Cork girls' victory march as they added a further 1-2 to make them clear winners at the end.

The Éire Óg forward trio of Mary Geaney, Clare Kelleher and Sarah Murphy were in excellent form in this tie while others to impress for the winners were Marian Rock, Kathleen Conway and Patsy O'Reilly. For the Limerick side Helen Collins had a brilliant game, while Jane Murphy, Cindy Dundon and Agnes Sheehy also played well.

Scorers — Éire Óg: M. Geaney 2-1, S. Murphy 1-2, C. Kelleher 1-1, N. O'Driscoll 0-3. Croagh-Kilfinny: C. Dundon, H. Collins and J. Murphy 1-0 each.

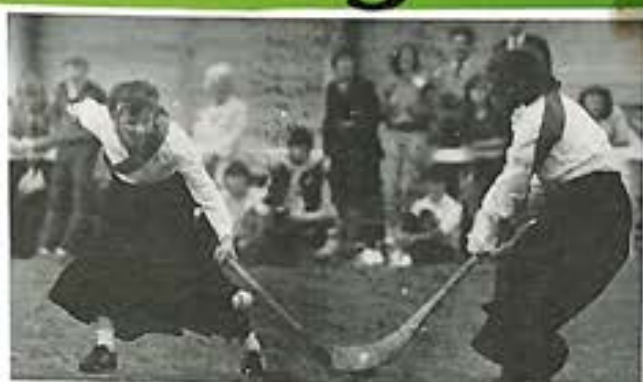


Dolores O'Riordan, 1, Greenmount Crescent The Lough, who received her B.Sc. Hons. (Dairy) degree at the Summer Conferring, U.C.C.

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Killeagh In Search Of Notable "Double"

Bishopstown in command

**BISHOPSTOWN 8-2
INNISCARRA 0-1**

CORK Feile na nGael champions, Bishopstown, underlined their supremacy in this age group with a most impressive 8-2 to 0-1 win over Inniscarra in the Cork County under-14 League Final at Ballincollig on Saturday.

Bishopstown did miss some early chances but were 4-2 to 0-1 ahead at the interval and were well on their way to victory.

In the second half Inniscarra tried gallantly but on the day they had no answer to Bishopstown who went on to add a further four goals to their tally.

Bishopstown had outstanding performances from Aine Buckley, captain Bernie Hayes, Mary Walsh and Sheenagh Morley while Inniscarra had their top players in Fiona O'Driscoll, Margaret Barrett, Gillian Golden and Jennifer O'Brien.

Scorers — Bishopstown: S. Morley 2-2, T. Geary and M. Walsh 2-0 each, B. Corcoran and E. Duggan 1-0 each. Inniscarra: G. O'Sullivan 0-1.

CORK Co. Champions, Killeagh, will be on the trail of national honours on Sunday, when they will be hoping to add the All-Ireland Club Championship title to their "county" crown, by defeating old rivals Buffers Alley in the 1984 Final.

On the home front the big match will be the Under 14 league final in which Bishopstown meet Inniscarra on Saturday, while on Sunday and Monday, the Under 16 Championship and Under 18 league continues.

Killeagh who won a marvellous County championship this season are the only Cork club to have taken the All-Ireland Club title — a feat they achieved in 1980. On that occasion, as on Sunday next, their opponents in the decider, were that marvellous club from Wexford, Buffers Alley. Since that 1980 win, Killeagh lost the final the following season to the same side, and the Wexford girls went on to make it three titles in a row up to last season. On Sunday they will be hoping to make it four on the trot and with a home venue and a very strong side, the East Cork girls will have their work cut out for them if they are to halt that victory march.

The Wexford girls have strength in all sectors, although they are strongest in defence, where they have three of the Wexford backline. Kathleen Tonks is a marvellous goalie, who is equally good as a forward and if things

are going wrong for them, they might well move her to attack. Geraldine Duggan is another formidable opponent, while Elsie Coady (nee Walsh) needs no introduction to camogie followers.

But the holders will be without Margaret O'Leary, who is currently indisposed, and Margaret, who is regarded as one of the greatest centre backs to play the game, will be greatly missed.

Killeagh: K. Costine, M. O'Donovan, M. Spillane, C. Landers, B. Landers, A. M. Landers, S. Spillane, P. Keniry, P. Fitzgibbon, A. Leahy, B. Costine, M. Sweeney, M. Motherway, B. Joyce.

Buffers Alley: K. Tonks, A. Butler, G. Duggan, E. Walsh, S. Synnott, T. Cussins, N. Gahan, C. O'Leary, G. O'Leary, D. Walsh, B. Doran, T. Hobbs.

Killeagh have really geared themselves for this final, which they are determined to win. Under

the watchful eye of Fr. Bertie Troy, they have trained constantly and hard for many weeks and must be at their best on Sunday. They are expecting a large contingent to travel with them and this should counteract the fact that they lost the home venue on the toss of a coin.

On Sunday the East Cork girls will start as favourites and this is not surprising when one considers the strength in depth of the side. They have a spectacular goalie in Kathleen Costine, while at full back will almost certainly be Kathleen's sister Marie O'Donovan, regarded as one of the best full backs in the country and flying fit at the moment.

The actual team was not available at the time of writing but the Killeagh panel is so rich in talent that even those who will be on the line will be very good players.

However, no one will expect Catherine Landers to be left out as she is one of the country's most outstanding players at the moment. And Killeagh can call on Catherine's sister, Breda, and her cousin the stylish Ann Marie. And of course there is Marian Sweeney, who has six All-Ireland senior medals and who is such a tremendous inspiration to the side she captains. There is also the return of the excellent Patsy Keniry and Betty Joyce; there is the Spillane sisters, Shelly and Mary; Bernie Costine, Patricia Fitzgibbon, and Ann Leahy, all of whom would be worthy of a place in any club side.

The Killeagh selectors have the unenviable task of picking the actual side, but no matter what team they put on the field, they know that they have strength on the sideline should anything go wrong. And this I feel, is where the real power of the East Cork side lies, and if they can use it to its full potential — and I'm sure they will — then the All-Ireland trophy should be back in Killeagh on Sunday evening.



Fr. Bertie Troy, coach and trainer of the Killeagh camogie team that play Buffers Alley in the All-Ireland camogie final on Sunday.

LUCKY BREAK COULD DECIDE CLUB TITLE

THE final of the All-Ireland Club championship is down for decision at Monomolin on Sunday. Nobody could have hoped for a more exciting finish to the inter-county season than a meeting of two great clubs, Buffer's Alley and Killeagh. Buffer's Alley seek a record equalling fifth title, while Killeagh hope to take the trophy to East Cork for the second time.

A glance at the line-outs show both to be dotted with inter-county stars. Kathleen Tonks has done duty for Wexford and Leinster. She is more experienced than her opposite number Kathleen Costine. Both are capable of the brilliant save. Alley full-back Anne Butler will have the Killeagh captain, Marion Sweeney to police. Marion notched three goals in the semi-final, so Anne will be fully occupied.

The tall, strong Geraldine Wynne will have a height advantage over her charge for the afternoon, Patricia Fitzgibbon, Patricia sowed some lovely touches in the All-Ireland junior final. If she can repeat that showing she may pose problems for Geraldine.

Anne Leahy has opted out of the international volleyball squad to concentrate on camogie. Her task against Elsie Coady is a mighty one, yet she will be hoping to use her high

standard of fitness to good effect. Dorothy Kenny is entrusted with the task of minding Bernie Costine. Bernie has scored some vital goals for Killeagh this season.

On paper, the Wexford mid-field looks stronger. Fiona Cousins, Stella Sinnott and Caroline Farrington are senior inter-county players. Killeagh rest their hopes on a fore youthful trio, Ann Marie Landers possesses a lovely ground stroke. Shelley Spillane is constantly improving while Patsy Keniry makes a welcome return to the team.

Gertrude O'Leary will keep Brenda Landers on her toes in the right corner. Mary Spillane will be busy trying to contain Teresa Hobbs and in the centre of the defence, Cathy Landers may have the edge on Norah Gahan.

On the edge of the square, two masters of the game should have a royal confrontation.

Bridie Doran showed at the Sevens that she has lost none of her scoring ability. How she works her way around Marie O'Donovan should be worth seeing.

So closely matched are these teams that the game may be decided by a lucky break or an enforced error.

BUFFERS ALLEY — Kathleen Tonks; Anne Butler, Geraldine Wynne, Elsie Coady, Dorothy Kenny, Fiona Cousins, Stella Sinnott, Caroline Farrington, Gertrude O'Leary, Norah Gahan, Teesah Hobbs, Bridie Doran.

KILLEAGH — Kathleen Costine, Marie O'Donovan, Mary Spillane, Cathy Landers, Breda Landers, Anne Marie Landers, Shelley Spillane, Patsy Keniry, Bernie Costine, Anne Leahy, Patricia Fitzgibbon, Marion Sweeney (capt.)

The mild weather is ensur-



● Marion Sweeney

ing that the Munster colleges championships are up to date. In the preliminary round of the senior championship, St. Patrick's Cork, had a comfortable win over St. Patrick's, Shannon while Ballincollig Community advanced at the expense of Bishopstown Community School.

Sacred Heart, Cork, had a narrow win over Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis, and Scoll Mhuire, Cashel had the best of an exciting game with St. Aloysius, Holders, North Presmade progress over Pres-Bandon on the unusual scoreline of 0-11 to 0-0.

The third showdown at Monomolin

CAMOGIE

Buffer's Alley defence for many years, but now has retired from the game.

Buffer's Alley will be attempting to equal the record of St. Paul's, Kilkenny. St. Paul's head the honours list with five all-Ireland club titles, only one adrift are the Wexford club.

TONKS IN GOAL

In goal for Buffer's Alley will be Kathleen Tonks who on her day, can be a match winner. She will be protected by Anne Butler who played well for Wexford this season. The half-back line is very experienced. Geraldine Wynne, Elsie Coady and Dorothy Kenny will all be playing in their fifth club final.

At midfield, the Alley depend on Fiona Cousins, Stella Sinnott and Caroline Farrington. The current Leinster player, Norah Gahan is placed at centre forward. As she heads for goal she will have support on her right from Gertrude O'Leary and on her left from Teresa Hobbs. Bridie



DOROTHY KENNY, who will be seeking her fifth All-Ireland Club Championship Medal with Buffers Alley on Sunday.

Doran, who has taken hundreds of scores in her time, features at number 12.

Kathleen Costine, the Cork Junior goalkeeper, will guard the net for Kil-

leagh. In front of her, will be her vastly experienced sister Marie. Cathy Landers fills the vital centre-back position with her sister Breda on her left and

Mary Spillane, another Cork Junior, on her right.

Patsy Keniry makes a welcome return to the team. She partners Ann-Marie Landers and Shelley Spillane at centre-field. The third Costine sister, Bernie features at right forward. International volleyball player, Anne Leahy takes up her position at centre-forward. Patricia Fitzgibbon operates at left forward and team captain Marion Sweeney is placed in front of goal.

These are two fine teams sprinkled with outstanding players. Both possess great club spirit and play with a committed style. Sunday's game should produce a tremendous contest and a fitting end to the inter-county season.

Munster Colleges Senior Champions, North Pres. scored 11 points against Bandon in the opening round. However, Bandon put up a great show and succeeded in keeping their goal intact. Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, finished ahead of St. Aloysius by 4-4 to 4-0 after an entertaining game. St. Patrick's, Cork, eliminated St. Patrick's, Shannon, by a

comfortable margin.

Ballincollig Community School advance at the expense of Bishopstown Community School, Sacred Heart, Cork, had three points, to spare over Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis. In the next round of matches in the senior competition, North Pres. travel to Tulla in what will be a key game.

Cashel will be at home to Ballincollig Community School and should continue their run. St. Patrick's, Cork, should prove too strong for St. Marys, Charleville, and Sacred Heart, Cork, should account for Rathkeale Secondary who are newcomers to the senior ranks. These games are scheduled for Saturday, October 27.

BUFFERS ALLEY — K. Tonks, A. Butler, G. Wynne, E. Coady, D. Kenny, F. Cousins, S. Sinnott, C. Farrington, G. O'Leary, N. Gahan, T. Hobbs, B. Doran.

KILLEAGH — K. Costine, M. O'Donovan, M. Spillane, C. Landers, B. Landers, P. Keniry, S. Leahy, A. Landers, B. Costine, A. Leahy, P. Fitzgibbon, M. Sweeney (capt.).

FUTURE

Sunday — All-Ireland Club Championship Final at Buffer's Alley Ground, Monomolin, Co. Wexford (2.30) — Buffers Alley (Co. Wexford) v Killeagh (Co. Cork).

Killeagh lose out

BUFFERS ALLEY (Wexford) 2-4 KILLEAGH 1-4

BUFFERS ALLEY created camogie history on their home ground yesterday when they became the first club to win four All-Ireland senior titles in succession by beating Cork champions, Killeagh 2-4 to 1-4 in a closely fought and exciting encounter.

The Cork girls led for most of the game but in the final ten minutes wilted under the constant pressure of a team spurred on by a large crowd.

In Bernie Costine the visitors had the best player on the field and she accounted for all but a point of her sides scores.

Tricia Fitzgibbon shot Killeagh into the lead with a point in their very first attack, but Teresa Hobbs equalised in seven minutes. Bernie Costine restored the lead for the challengers, but again Hobbs levelled the scoring.

After 16 minutes winger Costine had a great goal which she followed quickly with a point and the visitors were really dominating. However, Buffers Alley grabbed a morale boosting goal through their captain Nora Gahan just before half-time, leaving the visitors leading 1-3 to 1-2.

Killeagh started the second half very well also with Bernie Costine extending their lead by a point after six minutes.

In mounting excitement there was superb open play by both teams, but on the heavy turf the experience and stamina of the home team was decisive. They launched attack after attack in the last ten minutes and finished with a goal by Gertrude O'Leary which gave them the lead for the first time and a brace of long distance points by full back Elsie Coady.

Buffers Alley: K. Tonks, A. Butler, G. Wynne, E. Coady, D. Kenny, F. Cousins, S. Sinnott, C. Farrington, G. O'Leary, N. Gahan (Capt.), T. Hobbs, B. Doran. Sub: A. Kavanagh for M. Gahan.

Killeagh: K. Costine, M. O'Donovan, M. Spillane, K. Landers, B. Landers, P. Keniry, S. Spillane, A. M. Landers, B. Costine, A. Leahy, P. Fitzgibbon, M. Sweeney (Capt.). Sub: B. Joyce for T. Fitzgibbon. Referee: K. Quinn (Galway).

St. Martin's win jnr. championship

ST. MARTINS 2-4

HARRIERS 2-2

ST. MARTINS, having recently won the League title, took the junior championship title by virtue of a two point win over the Harriers on a scoreline of 2-4 to 2-2 played at Wexford Park on Sunday last.

The last fifteen minutes of the game was a spirited fight back by the Harriers, when trailing 2-4 to nil, they scored 2-2.

St. Martins, with wind advantage in the first-half opened the scoring of the game with a goal by Ann Kelly after twelve minutes. Orna O'Mahony with a point from play soon afterwards added to the score. Bridget Doyle with a point from a free and two more points by team captain, Orna O'Mahony from 30's left the score 1-4 to nil in favour of St. Martins.

Five minutes into the second half, a second goal by Ann Kelly put St. Martin's further in the lead. Mary Shiels with a goal opened the scoring for the Harriers and scored a point minutes later. Midway through the half a point by Maggie Hearne added to the Harriers tally.

The Harriers tried hard to reduce the arrears but Kit Codd in the goal for St. Martins was very alert to every situation. Two minutes from full time a goal by Janet Hanley for the Harriers completed the scoring of the game.

Best for St. Martins were Bridget Doyle who excelled at centre back, Linda McDonald, Orna O'Mahony, Ann Lambert, Ann Kelly, Kit Codd and her

two daughters Sinead and Maura who came on as a sub.

Best for Harriers were Mary Shiels, Mary Curran, Audrey O'Leary, Kim Kavanagh and Ann Curran.

Scorers: St. Martin — Ann Kelly (2-0), Orna O'Mahony (0-3), Bridget Doyle (0-1) Harriers — Mary Shiels (1-1), Janette Hanley (1-0), Maggie Hearne (0-1).

St. Martins: Kit Codd; Linda O'Mahony, Kathleen McLeish, Bridget Doyle, Isobel O'Mahony, Ann Lambert, Orna O'Mahony (capt.), Patricia Lambert, Sinead Codd, Linda McDonald, Kay Lambert, Ann Kelly. Subs: Maura Codd for Linda O'Mahony; Maura Finn for Kay Lambert. Also Jenny O'Brien, Rosaleen Maddock, Catherine Cogley, Susie Firman, Aileen Quirke.

Harriers: Joan Murphy, Mary Curran, Catherine Roche, Kim Kavanagh, Ann Curran, Audrey O'Leary, Mary Shiels, Maggie Hearne, Fiona Wildes, Carol Walsh, Janette Hanley, Betty Turner. Subs: Caroline Stafford for Carol Walsh, Deirdre Murphy for Betty Turner. Also

Helen Ryan, Trisha Monaghan, Caroline Bernie, Esther Maher. Referee — Patricia Dreelan (Rathmure).

After the game Co. Chairman, Jim Shiels complimented both teams on their performance in the final and wished St. Martins the best of luck in the intermediate grade. He presented the junior championship cup to Orna O'Mahony, captain of the victorious St. Martins team.

NATIONAL CAMOGIE DAY

Sunday next, 4th November is National Camogie Day which is promoted by Cospoir. It is a day when every Camogie Club throughout the country will promote camogie. The various clubs within Co. Wexford have organised club activities with, in some cases, clubs combining to play novelty games and sports.

Rathmure and Ballindaggin have organised under-age games, rounders, tug-o-war and on Sunday night a special nite-out for the families who hosted the visiting camogie teams during Feile.

St. Ibars and Oylegate have organised 7-a-side games and novelty events for Sunday morning. St. Martins and St. John's U. 12 and U. 14 games and novelty events.

Other clubs to organise events are Harriers, Oulart, Buffers Alley, Ferns, Presentation, St. Senan's, Marshalstown, Buncloody and Cloughbawn. Also on Sunday next the Co. Board will hold a raffle at the Wexford/Cork senior hurling game in Wexford Park. Three anoraks will be raffled and people are asked to support this raffle to raise much needed money for the Co. Board.

County Derry Camogie Sections



NOLEEN McKENDRY
(Pearsos, Kilrea)

Aged 18, Noleen played her early school camogie with St. Mary's Convent Grammar School, Magherafelt. At present she is studying at St. Patrick's High School, Maghera, and plays a prominent role in the school team. As a sturdy back, Noleen was first selected to play on the County Minor team a few years ago. Although she normally plays on the right for County Derry, she has been selected as left corner back on the Ulster team to play Connaught next Sunday. No doubt Noleen will show her usual determination when playing this her first match for Ulster.



SARAH A. QUINN
(Davitts, Swatragh)

Aged 23, Sarah has won a host of medals at all levels. With Loreto College, Coleraine, she won two Ulster Senior Colleges medals in 1977 and 1978, and narrowly missed winning an All-Ireland Colleges medal in 1978. She has played with Derry County Minors and played a major role in Derry's All-Ireland victory in the Junior Championship, 1978. Her skills were recognised when she was awarded the A.I.B. Camogie Player of the Year award. At present she is Derry County Player of the Year, an honour she has obtained for the second time. As a member of the very successful Swatragh club, she holds four County Minor medals and ten Senior Championship medals as well as a 1983 Ulster Club Championship medal. At college she also gained All-Ireland honours when the Ulster Polytechnic won the Purcell Cup in 1980.

At present Sarah is teaching Physical Education at St. Patrick's High School, Dungiven. On Sunday she will line out in the centre-field. Appearances for Ulster, of course, is not a rare thing for Sarah, who has played for the Province on five previous seasons.



PATSY QUINN
(Davitts, Swatragh)

Aged 22, Patsy is Sarah Quinn's younger sister. Her early camogie was played with St. Mary's, Maghera, under the guidance of Anne Kelly. She later played with Loreto College, Coleraine. Patsy, too, has come up through the ranks of the Derry Minor team, and has played on the Senior team now for a number of seasons. As a member of Swatragh club she holds three County Minor Championship medals, seven Senior County medals and one Ulster Club Championship medal. Patsy at present is teaching in St. Mary's College, Clady. She studied at St. Mary's Teacher Training College, Belfast, and was a member of their successful Purcell Cup-winning team in 1981. Her selection as left corner forward for Ulster on Sunday is a well-deserved honour.



PAULINE ROBINSON
(Sarsfields, Ballerin)

Aged 17, Pauline is the youngest of the Derry players to be selected for the Ulster team. From an early age she has displayed her skills and has been rewarded especially at school level. At present she is studying in St. Paul's, Kilrea. With their successful school teams, under the management of Kathleen Henry, she has won Ulster medals in 1978 with the U12 and U-13 teams, in 1979 with the U-14 team and in 1982 with the Junior team which was narrowly defeated in the All-Ireland final. She also holds 1983 Ulster Minor Championship and League medals, won with the Derry Minor County team. At club level Pauline won a 1982 Minor Championship medal with Ballerin. Pauline will partner Patsy Quinn in the forward line for Ulster when they travel the long distance to Connaught next Sunday.

All-Ireland club title won by Alley and record is set

BUFFERS ALLEY 2-4

KILLEAGH (Cork) 1-4

BUFFERS ALLEY became the first club in the history of the championship to win the senior All-Ireland club title four years in succession, by virtue of a fantastic and exciting last quarter in which they scored 1-2 for a memorable three points victory over Killeagh of Cork, on a scoreline of 2-4 to 1-4, played at Monamolin on Sunday.

Buffers Alley have appeared in the final since 1978, making it seven successive final appearances, winning the title in '79, only to lose the title to Killeagh the following year. In the '81 final the Alley girls avenged this defeat to dethrone the Cork champions, so this year's final was expected to be a closely contested affair.

The game, despite the wet underfoot conditions, was a game typical of the occasion, full of endeavour, commitment, skill and excitement which kept the vast crowd, the largest of any club championship final, on their toes right to the final whistle.

Killeagh were first to score with a point by Trisha Fitzgibbon, with only the first attack of the game.

CAMOGIE

Teresa Hobbs with a point equalised for Buffers Alley after seven minutes. Two minutes later a point by wing forward Bernie Costine restored the lead for the visitors. Teresa Hobbs, with her ised after twelve minutes. Killeagh second point of the game, equal- again took the lead when Bernie Costine scored a good goal after 16 minutes and also scored a point two minutes later to increase the lead. Just on half-time a goal by Buffers Alley captain, Nora Gahan, left the score 1-3 to 1-2 in favour of the Cork girls.

Bernie Costine with a point for Killeagh opened the scoring in the second half after six minutes. The game swung from end to end with both teams playing extremely good open play camogie and excelling in every aspect of this exciting counter. The last ten minutes were action packed, with Buffers Alley taking control of the game and a well-taken goal by wing forward Gertrude O'Leary, with seven minutes remaining brought the vast number of supporters to their feet.

This score put the champions into the lead for the first time in the game. Elsie Coady, with a point from a free two minutes later, added to the scoreline and just on full-time another point by Elsie Coady left the final scoreline 2-4 to 1-4 in favour of the home side.

While winning the title in '83 Buffers Alley equalled the three in-a-row by St. Paul's of Kilkenny in 1968, '69 and '70, but by virtue of this victory on Sunday they became the first team ever to win the title four years in succession.

Buffers Alley's victory was a good all-round team performance but Elsie Coady at centre-back was the outstanding player of the game. Also, Ann Butler, Geraldine Wynn, Stella Sinnott, Teresa Hobbs, Gertrude O'Leary, Bridie Doran and substitute Ailish Kavanagh, gave exceptional performances.

Scorers: Buffers Alley — Nora Gahan (1-0), Gertrude O'Leary (1-0), Teresa Hobbs (0-2), Elsie Coady (0-2).

Buffers Alley—Kathleen Tonks, Ann Butler, Geraldine Wynn, Dorothy Kenny, Elsie Coady, Fiona Cousins, Stella Sinnott, Nora Gahan (captain), Caroline Farnington, Gertrude O'Leary, Bridie Doran, Teresa Hobbs. Subs.—Also Terry Butler, Inelda O'Leary, Catherine Sinnott.

Referee—Kathleen Quinn (Galway).

After the game, both teams, together with the President of the Association, Mary Fennelly of Kilkenny, members of the Leinster and Central Councils, and Westford County Board officials, were guests for a lovely dinner organised by the ladies' committee of the host club.

National President, Mary Fennelly, complimented Buffers Alley on their record-making four-in-a-row and on their seventh successive final appearance since 1978. She also complimented Margaret O'Leary and Bridie Doran, two great names in camogie circles, for promoting the game of camogie within the club and also Elsie Coady and Dorothy Kenny for their contribution to camogie at both club and county level.

Buffers Alley captain, Nora Gahan, in her speech, thanked all the players for their dedication and in particular team manager and trainer, Mick Butler, in making 1984 a year to remember.

Marian Sweeney, captain of Killeagh, congratulated the host club on their victory and also thanked the large number of supporters, three coaches and the thirty cars, who made the long trip from Cork for the final. The President, Mary Fennelly presented the trophies to the victorious Buffers Alley team.

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Nora Gahan, captain, Buffers Alley, receives the All-Ireland club championship trophy from National President, Mary Fennelly, after Sunday's victory.

DUBLIN COME IN FROM THE COLD

Dublin could hardly have chosen a better way to come "in out of the cold" in senior camogie than this Centenary season. And, if their final clash with Tipperary last month will not rank among the classic encounters, that still cannot take anything from the Dubs march to a first All-Ireland senior crown since as far back as 1966.

They had to win the title the hard way. Kilkenny, never an easy side to beat in any season, provided the first hurdle, but the Liffesiders proved equal to the task, finishing with eight points to spare. Then came an away win over Limerick, and revenge over Cork for the All-Ireland final defeats of 1982 and 1983. Only Tipperary barred the way to glory after that, and the Dublin girls showed that they were in no mood to allow glory to pass them by for the third successive September.

They combined well, displayed neat striking, moved with skill and intelligence, and were well worth their 14 points win. And, if the final did not quite fulfill expectations, it still had many bright moments to compensate for a full afternoon weatherwise.

Admittedly, the Dublin win was essentially a team effort, with every player playing her part to the fullest possible extent. That includes substitutes Carmel O'Byrne and Noreen Fleming, who went into the match.

Nevertheless, some players did catch the eye more than others. Una Crowley got through much valuable work in mid-field all through. Mary Mernagh really came into her own in the second half in the centre when time and again she had Dublin sweeping into the attack with her progressive play.

Yvonne Redmond kept a splendid goal, and brought off some telling saves. At the other end of the field, Marie Connell, who was playing in her first senior final, showed no signs of nerves at all as she highlighted a good showing by helping herself to two goals.

That set the seal on a remarkable year for the Celtic player. Earlier in the year she was in the junior ranks, and not only helped Dublin to win the National Junior League, but provided a forerunner of what was to come by scoring 2-1 in the win over Armagh.

But back to the All-Ireland senior final, and despite all the performances

mentioned, I still thought the player of the game was Edel Murphy.

I prize work-rate from any player in any sport, and the U.C.D. winger certainly shone in that area. She got through an amount of useful work in her general play from first to final whistle, and enhanced that feature of her performance with her expert finishing.

She topped the Dublin chart with seven golden points, and her non-stop effort, great competitive spirit, and that excellent finishing added up in my book to a performance from Edel Murphy that was as good as I have seen in an All-Ireland camogie final in a long time.

What made Edel's performance all the more meritorious was the fact that she was playing her first full inter-county match following an appendicitis operation.

ENCOURAGEMENT

What of Tipperary? Now that the initial disappointment of yet another All Ireland senior final defeat — the county's seventh in the history of the series — they can take much encouragement from the 1984 campaign.

They have solid foundations on which to build for the future, and the lessons they will have learned from the campaign, and especially from the Croke Park outing, will prove invaluable in the bid to make that long hoped for break-through in the O'Duffy Cup competition. Tipperary have still to win the title.

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Una Crowley, a bright midfield star for Dublin, shortens her grip to land a point as Anne Gleeson (Tipperary) arrives too late to tackle.



Action from the All-Ireland junior final. Cork full forward Patricia Fitzgibbon assesses the situation before taking aim in the clash with Cavan.



Referee Kathleen Quin (Galway) tosses the coin as the respective captains, Anne Colgan (Dublin), left, and Deidre Lane (Tipperary) shake hands prior to the All-Ireland senior camogie final.

Below: success for Ulster....the Leitrim Fontenays, Down, team that won the Division III title in Feile na nGeal, the All-Ireland youth festival of hurling, handball and camogie, at Wexford recently.



CAVAN JUNIORS



DUBLIN SENIORS

CORK JUNIORS



TIPPERARY SENIORS

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The St. Raphael's, Loughrea, All-Ireland junior camogie championship winning squad of the Centenary Year.

Dreams Come True for St. Raphael's

The GAA Centenary Year proved to be the year when dreams came true for St. Raphael's, Loughrea. In addition to winning two All Ireland titles, the school also won a Connacht senior title, and a first year Connacht Post Primary Cup. Interest in camogie was so great that the school fielded six teams in the sport — two at senior, two at junior and two at first year.

The Senior 'A' team displayed great form in beating Dunmore, Castleblakeny, and Castlerea to qualify for the Connacht final. Roscommon provided the opposition, but St. Raphael's, with Margaret Griffin, Ann Briscoe and Mary Griffin tireless and efficient at centre field, won the decider in impressive style.

Then came intensive training for the All-Ireland semi-final against the national champions of 1982,

Maryfield, of Dublin. St. Raphael's had a home venue — St. Brendan's Park, and on a fine day the school enjoyed great support from the town and surrounding parishes.

St. Raphael's had the tonic of an early goal from Deirdre Costello, but Maryfield remained unruffled and gradually got a grip on the exchanges, and the Dublin side led by 3-2 to 1-2 at half-time.

St. Raphael's had the support of the wind in the second half, and kept the Dublin defence under strong pressure. This paid off when Deirdre Costello scored her second goal of the game to leave her side just three points in arrears, with ten minutes remaining.

The home team continued to press strongly, but could not get through a strong defence for match winning scores. Eventually, Maryfield broke away for a goal by Mary Regan, and although

Deirdre Costello scored a point for Loughrea, time ran out for the home team. Nevertheless, it was still a plucky performance by St. Raphael's, and all the more noteworthy in view of the fact that Maryfield went on to win the All-Ireland title.

ALL-IRELAND CUP

St. Raphael's junior 'A' camogie team made history by bringing the All-Ireland Cup to the school for the first time.

The promise displayed when losing the Connacht final of 1983 blossomed in Centenary Year when this very young team came through in the West in exciting style.

Next stop on the road was a visit to Dublin to meet a strong and very determined Maryfield team in the All Ireland semi-final. The St. Raphael's girls proved equal to the task, however,

and with an outstanding team performance booked their place in the final against St. Patrick's Comprehensive School, Shannon. With first-class teamwork, brilliant individual performances and superb fitness all round, St. Raphael's marched to an historic 5-8 to 2-1 win at Croke Park.

From the moment that Deirdre Costello crashed home her first goal the entire team played like champions. Joan Cooney in goal and her sister, Angela, at full back were rock solid. Pauline Linnane and Mary Dolphin played with grit and determination.

Brid Stratford delighted her supporters with her long clearances. Cora Curley, Siobhán Maher and Rita Dolan were outstanding at centre-field. Dierdre Costello had an outstanding game in attack, and scored 3-6, while on the wing Claire Robinson found the open spaces of



The Buffers Alley senior camogie team who set a new national record at Monamolin on Sunday, when they defeated Killeagh of Cork to win the All-Ireland club championship for the fourth year in succession.



St. Martin's junior camogie team, winners of the co. junior championship when they defeated Faythe Harriers at Wexford Park on Sunday last.