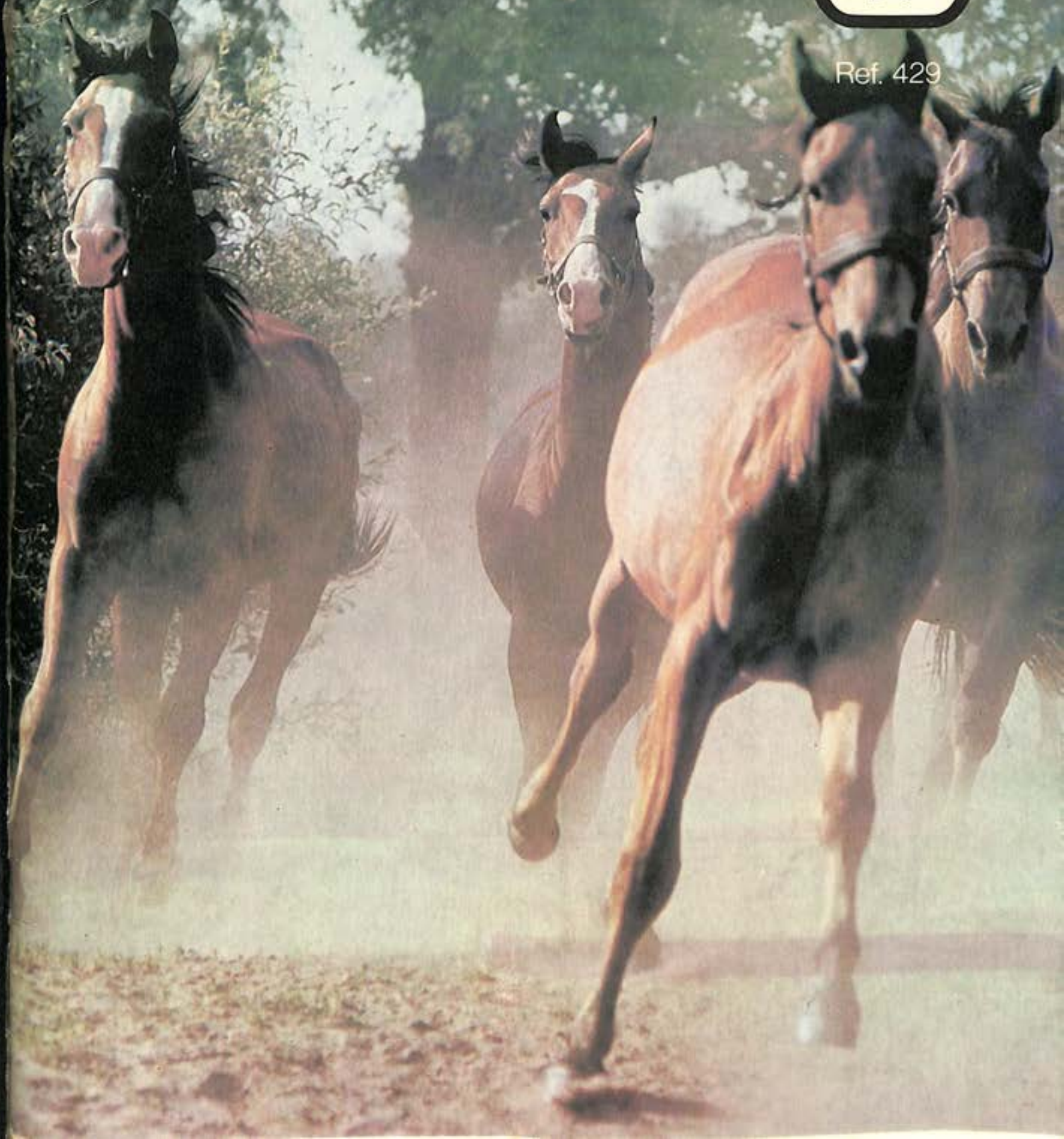


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St. Finbarrs, who defeated Brian Dillons in the Cork under-16 camogie championship final at Ballincollig. (Picture: Eddie O'Hare)



Elizabeth O'Sullivan, Brian Dillons (right), gathers the ball under pressure from St. Finbarrs player Catherine Coughlan, during the Cork Under-16 Camogie Championship final at Ballincollig

(Echo)



Brian Dillons Catherine Murphy (nearest camera) wins this ball from St. Finbarrs player Catherine Coughlan, during the Cork under-16 camogie championship final at Ballincollig yesterday.



At a reception at the City Hall, Cork, yesterday to announce details of the Ecumenical Service of Prayer for Sportsmen and Sportswomen to be held at St. Luke's Church, Cork, on Sunday, March 11, were: (seated from left): Mr. Bill Tector, National Organiser of Ecumenical Services of Prayer for Sportspeople; Very Rev. Canon G. A. Salter, St. Luke's Church; Councillor Tom Brosnan, Deputising for the Lord Mayor of Cork; Tom Kiernan, Chairman of the Organising Committee and representing Rugby; Mary Moran, representing Camogie. At back: Mr. Loyal Goulding, representing Golf; Margaret Buckley, Hon. secretary, and member of the County Cork Sports Advisory Committee; Victor Bond, principal, Ashton School and representing Cricket; Ruth Murray, Athletics; Mr. Sean Barrett, chairman, Irish Guide Dogs Association, Cork; Justin McCarthy, GAA and Con Murphy, former GAA president.

(Echo)

'Barrs double

St. Finbarrs 5-4
Brian Dillons 1-3

St. Finbarrs added the Under 16 camogie championship to their Under 14 title when they defeated Brian Dillons by 5-4 to 1-3 in a fast exciting final at Ballincollig on Sunday.

Maryfield Face Dublin Make Changes

St. Raphaels

Dozens of schools, all over the county, set out in search of glory last September in the provincial senior contests. The number has now been whittled down to four. Two more will drop out on Saturday afternoon when the semi-finals of the All-Ireland colleges championship will be played.

The more attractive fixture would appear to be the pairing of Maryfield College, Dublin, and St. Raphaels at Loughrea. Both were undisputed champions of their own province. Neither has won ultimate honours in this grade.

As the "Maryfield machine" sped through Leinster, none of the other schools were able to apply the brakes. The side is built around five Dublin inter-county players, Paula Strutt, Denise O'Leary, Patricia Clinton, Cheryl Whittaker and Carmel O'Byrne.

St. Raphaels, likewise, were clearly superior in Connacht. They have sampled the atmosphere of All-Ireland Colleges Day and would dearly love a second bite of the cherry. An in-form Ann Briscoe, Deirdre Costello, Breda Stratford and Angela Cooney could help see that dream become a reality.

St. Marys, Clady, had two goals to spare over Loreto, Letterkenny, in the Ulster final last Saturday and earned the right to represent their province for the first time. At Greenlough they will entertain North Pres from Cork. This will be a new experience for Clady. They will find that the Cork style of game differs from their own. North Pres have come up against the ground camogie of northern schools on their previous visits to Killeel and Cootehill.

In goal for North Pres will be Deirdre O'Shea who won the Feile na nGael Skills Competition on two occasions. At right forward is another Feile Skills champion, Jean Paula Kent. The side contains three girls who won All-Ireland minor medals with Cork last August, Paula Morgan, Evelyn Healy and Jean Paula Kent.

The National Leagues, both senior and junior open on Sunday. The senior pairings will be Galway versus Cork at Loughrea and Limerick at home to Wexford at Knockainey. None of these counties have won a League title except Wexford. Cork use the league competition to try out up-and-coming talent in preparation for the championship.

With this in mind, they have added the names of seven of the winning junior team to the panel which won the senior All-Ireland title. Mary Ring, Mary O'Donovan, Lillian Zinkant, Ann Marie Landers,

Patsy Keniry, Luz Dunphy and Margo Twomey have got the call up.

With Marion Sweeney resting from the game at the moment it is likely that at least one of them will get a run on Sunday. The side will be led by young Sandie Fitzgibbon this season and should include Marion McCarthy, Cathy Landers, Clare Cronin, Mary Geaney and Martha Kearney for the Galway outing.

It is over twenty years since Galway have contested an All-Ireland senior final. In that time, some very exciting talent has graced Croke Park on Colleges Day from schools in Co. Galway, notably Josie Kelly, Midge Poniard, Anne Burke and Una Jordan. However, the players and their colleagues have not progressed into a winning senior side. A win over Cork would set the mood for a good season and please present team members Noreen Treacy, Catherine Ward, Breda Coady, Nono McHugh and Teresa Duane.

The Wexford side is built around the great Buffer's Alley Club. Four All-Ireland club championships in five years is an outstanding record. Kathleen Tonks, Stella Sinnott, Anne Butler, Geraldine Wynne, Caroline Farrington and Gertrude O'Leary will make a bold bid to take the two league points for Wexford.

Limerick are often "slow starters" to a season. Training has just begun and they are unlikely to be at their best. Should Helen Collins, Margie Dore, Helen Sheehy, Bernie O'Dea and Brid Stokes hit top form, a surprise could be on the cards.

There are five junior matches listed. Donegal meet Tyrone at Carrndonagh. Kildare journey to Walsh Park to play Waterford. Roscommon head for Enfield to tackle Meath. Blackwatertown is the venue for the Armagh v. Offaly game and Limerick face Wexford in the double bill at Knockainey.

Colleges Semi-Finals

At Greenlough — St. Marys, Clady, v. North Pres., Cork (1.0).

At Loughrea — St. Raphaels, Loughrea v. Maryfield College, Dublin (3.30).

SUNDAY

National League

At Loughrea Senior — Galway v. Cork (3.0).

At Knockainey Junior — Limerick v. Wexford (2.0). Senior—Limerick v. Wexford (3.15).

At Carrndonagh Junior — Donegal v. Tyrone (2.0).

At Walsh Park Junior — Waterford v. Kildare (3.0).

At Enfield Junior—Meath v. Roscommon (3.0).

At Blackwatertown Junior—Armagh v. Offaly (2.0).

National League champions, Dublin, open the defence of their title at Killeel on Sunday. For this meeting with Down, Dublin will have to find replacements for three regular members of the side. Anne Redmond, Mary Mernagh and Anna Condon are not available for selection.

Last season's captain, Marion Conroy is playing at full-back this season with her club, Celtic. Her performances in this new position may prompt the Dublin selectors to experiment with her in this new role on the county team.

Anne Thorpe and Ann Colgan, who came on during the course of the All-Ireland final, are likely candidates for the two vacant places. Retaining their positions will be Catherine Ledwidge, Barbara Redmond, Yvonne Redmond, Germaine Noonan and Una Crowley.

Ulster champions, Down, have acquitted themselves well in recent outings against Dublin. If they can step on these displays, they could cause a surprise. Teresa Allen, named as player of the tournament at the recent Ashbourne series; Stephanis Kelly, Bonnie McGreevey, Joan Doran, Noreen O'Prey and Sheila McCartan will do their best to bring that about.

Antrim will be at home to Louth at Belfast on Sunday. They had a Maguire Cup outing last weekend when they finished two points ahead of Derry. The displays of Carol Blayney, Brigid McAteer, Mary Lundy, Siobhain McAtamney and Rosemary McCauley suggest that Antrim will take the points.

Louth are having difficulties with the transition to the senior grade. Ann Currid, Vivienne Kelly, Ann Harrington and Geraldine Crehan will be hoping to bridge that gap in 1984.

Ruan is the venue for the Clare v. Tipperary game. Tipperary introduced several young players into the side in

the past year or two. Jenny English, Ann Marie Menney, Martina Ryan, Anne Gleeson and Triona Bonnar were all outstanding colleges players and should help the rebuilding of the Tipperary side.

Clare gave Cork a run for their money in the Open Draw last summer. They retain the nucleus of a strong side in Claire Jones, Lis Condon, Lourda Fox, Patricia and Carmel Moroney.

The semi-finals of the All-Ireland colleges senior championship last weekend produced a final pairing of Maryfield College v. North Pres., Cork. The long journey took its toll on North Pres. The three hundred mile trip left the side very tired taking the field at Greenlough. As St. Marys, Clady mounted pressure the Cork girls relied on goalkeeper, Deirdre O'Shea, to save them. A daughter of former Cork hurler, Christy O'Shea, Deirdre rose to the occasion and saw her side through on the score of 0-6 to 1-1.

Maryfield College and St. Raphaels played lovely camogie at Loughrea before the Dublin school won out by 4-4 to 2p-3. These same schools meet again tomorrow in the junior semi-final. Loughrea can call on four of the girls who did duty for the senior team. Brid Stratford, Deirdre Costello, Claire Robinson and Angela Cooney, sister of Galway hurler, Jimmy, are eligible for the junior game.

Only Colette Hanley doubles with the seniors and juniors at Maryfield. She will be well supported by S. Leaney, A. Ahearne, B. Grennell and M. Daly in a match which should be well worth seeing.

An enjoyable night's entertainment at Colaiste Mhuire last Saturday night produced the following winners in the All-Ireland C.C.D. Finals. Instrumental Music, Maureen McCrystal (Derry); Céili Dancing, Ardagh (Mayo); Solo Singing, Carmel Vaughan

(Clare); Novelty Act, St. Dominics (Roscommon); Ballad Group, Ben Dearg (Down); Recitation, Mary Flood (Monaghan); Set Dancing, Eire Og (Clare); Questions Time, Inniscarra (Cork).

North Pres. into final

North Presentation Convent Cork 0-6; St. Marys Clady Derry 1-1.

NORTH PRESENTATION of Cork have reached the final of the All-Ireland Senior Colleges camogie championship when they beat their northern rivals St. Marys Clady of Derry by two points.

It was a pretty close game all through the Cork girls leading at half time by only two points 0-1 to 0-1. But in the second half St. Marys put on the pressure and only for the brilliant work of Deirdre O'Shea in goal for the Cork girls St. Marys might have won this important game.

Scores: Cork G. Kent (0-6), C. Buckley, I. O'Leary (0-1 each), St. Marys — P. Donnelly (0-6), M. Stockman (0-1).

They brought honour to Inniscarra

In this centenary year of the Gaelic Athletic Association, three ladies have brought significant honour to their area. They are Miss Mary O'Callaghan, Dripsey, founder-member of Inniscarra Camogie Club in the mid-1960s and the current chairman of the Cork Co. Camogie Board; Mrs. Sheila Golden, former Cork player and former secretary of Cork Co. Camogie Board; and Mrs. Emma Dineen, N.T., Cloghroe, officer in charge of the juvenile section of Inniscarra Camogie Club.

At Colaiste Mhuire, Parnell Square, those three ladies represented Cork in the C.C.D. contest and won the All-Ireland from the other three provinces. In the rounds up to the All-Ireland final they won the Cork and Munster finals.

This All-Ireland winning trio have strong ties with Inniscarra G.A.A. club. Mrs. Sheila Golden's grandfather, the late Mr. Timothy O'Sullivan, represented Inniscarra at one of the first general meetings of Cork Co. Board in 1888; Miss Mary O'Callaghan's late uncle, Danny O'Callaghan, who was executed by the British for his part in the Dripsey ambush, was a player in the 1919-20 era when

Inniscarra won their first minor county hurling final, and Mrs. Emma Kelly is steeped in the tradition of the club in which her cousins and uncle Denis Griffin have been stalwarts. Denis Griffin, over the past 40 years has served both as secretary and chairman of the club at different periods, as well as having been a foremost player. His son, Martin, is the current secretary of the club.



MARY FLOOD . . . brings C.C.D. recitation honour to Monaghan.

Dungiven side travel for All-Ireland debut

ST. PATRICK'S High School, Dungiven, will sample their first taste of All-Ireland Colleges camogie next Saturday when they take on St. Patrick's Comprehensive School, Shannon in the junior semi-final. Last month, the County Derry school collected the Ulster junior crown for the first time.

Their Clare opponents will also be making their debut in a junior semi-final. But the Shannon school has experienced this level of the game in the senior grade. They were, of course, All-Ireland senior colleges champions in 1982.

HEROIC DEFENCE

The Shannon defence performed heroically in the Munster final. They were under constant pressure but succeeded in keeping their goal intact. From limited opportunities, they scored four goals with full-forward, Mary Higgins particularly impressive. Patricia Divinney, Tara Magee, Evan Drysdale, Elaine McTaggart and Siobhan McManus are promising youngsters who should perform well in their own surroundings.

It is difficult to anticipate how Dungiven will play. The long journey south will take its toll. Yet they came through a long hard campaign in Ulster. Their headmaster, former Ulster and Derry football star, Sean O'Connell will have words of advice to guide them in their new adventure. Lead by Louise Kelly, the side includes very useful players in Caroline Taney, Marion O'Kane, Karon Doran, Brenda Burke and Louise Fleming.

At Loughrea last Saturday, Maryfield College overcame St. Raphaels by 4-4 to 2-3 in the senior semi-final. Both teams played attractive camogie of a high standard. These same schools meet again in the junior semi-final next Saturday at Maryfield.

St. Raphaels field four of their senior team in the junior game. Centre-back Brid Stratford hit some beautiful balls in the Loughrea game. Young Deirdre Costello showed some skilful touches at centre-forward. These two players should make a big impact in their own age group. They will be strongly aided by Claire Robinson, Angela Cooney, Cora Curley and Siobhan Maher.

Maryfield will have their senior goalkeeper, the lively Colette Hanley, in action again. Also on duty will be Audrey Ahearne, Barbara Grennell, S. O'Hara and F. Hogan. The majority of these players play club camogie with Marino where they receive good coaching and match experience.

ANTRIM FANCIED

The National Leagues continue on Sunday. Antrim host Louth in Belfast. The home side will be short Phil Gillespie but will include Carol Blayney, Mary McMullen, Siobhan McAtamney, Anne McGarry and Margaret Stockman. Jo McClements, B. & I. Award winner in 1979, may yet be coaxed onto the side. Antrim's most polished star of the past two decades, Mairead Magill is presently coaching the team. It would be no great surprise if her role changed to that of player-coach as the season goes on.

Louth won promotion to the senior grade by virtue of their 1982 All-Ireland junior success. On last seasons' performances, they have yet to bridge the gap between these grades. Despite the best efforts of Vivienne Kelly, Ann Harrington, Ann

Currid, Geraldine Crehan and Noleen Maguire, it will be a surprise if the points do not go to Antrim.

Seven counties were among the winners of the All-Ireland C.C.D. titles at Colaiste Mhuire last Saturday night. The list reads Instrumental music — Maureen McCrystal (Derry);

Ceili Dancing — Ardagh (Mayo); Solo Singing — Carmel Vaughan (Clare); Novelty Act — St. Dominics (Roscommon); Ballad Group — Bean Dearg (Down); Recitation — Mary Flood (Monaghan); Set Dancing — Eire Og (Clare); and Question Time — Inniscarra (Cork).

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St. Pats into Final

ST. PATRICKS SHANNON5-2
ST. PATRICKS, DUNGIVEN1-2

St. Pats., Comprehensive School, Shannon qualified for the all Ireland final when they overcame St. Patricks Dungiven at the Church Field in Shannon on Saturday morning last. In the final Shannon will meet St. Raphaels of Loughrea at Croke Park on March 24.

A strong Derry team played attractive ground hurling but Shannon's outstanding forwards got off to a great start with a goal from Lorna O'Flaherty followed by a point from Mary Higgins. Lorna O'Flaherty added a second goal before half time after good work from Joy Kelly. Dungiven were very unlucky on two occasions before half time not to score goals and so the home side, much to the delight of their big local following led by 2-1 to nil at the break.

In the second half Dungiven piled on the pressure but the Shannon defence with Noleen Alford in particular Tara Magee and Patricia Divinney defending majestically. Catherine Molloy who had a fine second half scored a fine goal when a speculative shot hopped in the goalmouth and deceived the Dungiven goalie. Mary Higgins scored two goals in quick succession while Dungiven had scored a goal from a melee. They added two points, one from play but Catherine Molloy completed Shannon's tally with a fine point from a 40m. free.

It was a fine victory for the Shannon girls and the final score does not do justice to the spirited performance of the visitors.

For the winners Shannons Patricia Divinney, Noleen Alford, and Tara Magee were impressive in the second half while captain Eavan Drysdale also did well. In attack Joy Kelly, Lorna O'Flaherty, Mary Higgins and Siobhan McManus also did well.

SHANNON: C. May, P.

Divinney, J. Murphy, N. Alford, T. Magee, E. Drysdale, E. McTaggart, C.

Molloy (1-1), J. Kelly, S. McManus, L. O'Flaherty (2-0), M. Higgins (2-1).

Mixed Luck for Clare

TIPPERARY3-6
CLARE0-3

In their first league game of the season Clare senior camogie team was convincingly beaten by Tipperary at Ruan on Sunday. Playing with the aid of the strong breeze in the first half Tipperary piled on the pressure and they led by 2-3 to nil at the break. Clare forwards missed a number of good chances during this period.

At the start of the second half Clare won a lot of possession but again the forwards missed many chances and in the end Tipperary were well in control.

CLARE: A. M. Russell, P. Moroney, C. Wall, M. Davoran, C. Moroney, V. Casey, M. Howard, L. Fox (0-2), C. Jones (0-1), C. Keating, L. Condon, A. McInerney, Subs. M. Beegan for C. Keating, C. Moloney for M. Howard, T. Naughton for A. McInerney.

CLARE4-6
TIPPERARY0-0

Despite a poor start when many chances were wasted,

Clare ran out comfortable winners over Tipperary in this junior league tie at Ruan on Sunday. Tipperary were forced to start with only nine players as the remainder were late arriving but Clare, playing with a strong breeze wasted many chances. Ann Murnane opened the scoring with a point after 13 minutes and further points from Noleen Quinn (2) Geraldine Morey and Cora Fahy left Clare ahead by 0-5 to nil at the break.

Tipperary had a full compliment of players for the second half and they put some pressure on the Clare backline but Jackie Malone was outstanding between the posts. Clare put on the pressure again and it was only a matter of time until the first goal came from Theresa Naughton before her sister Kathleen scored two more. Ann Murnane added 1-1 before the end.

CLARE: J. Malone, J. Conlon, H. Cusack, S. Reidy, T. O'Connell, N. Quinn (0-2), A. Daly, G. Morey (0-1), C. Fahy (0-1), M. McNicholas, P. Ryan, A. Murnane (1-2), Subs K. Naughton (2-0), T. Naughton (1-0).

The dash and style of the women's movement



Social barriers delay camogie's establishment

By JOAN MORLEY

THE Camogie Association will not be celebrating its centenary this year, as camogie was not established until 20 years after the G.A.A.

This was probably because women, at that time, did not participate in team sports as it was considered "socially undesirable."

Also the number of Irish girls with sufficient leisure time to take part in organised sport was very limited until the turn of the century.

The admission of ladies to the Civil Service and the increase in the number of young girls attending colleges began to provide a pool of players in Dublin. So it was in Dublin as well as the Gaelic League that camogie found its origins in 1903 when the women of the Keating Branch of the Gaelic League decided it was time they had a Gaelic game of their own.

Led by Royal University graduate Maire Ni Chinnéide (afterwards Mrs. John Fitzgerald) and in consultation with Sean O Ceallaigh ("Sceilg"), afterwards Minister for Education in the Second Dail, Gaelic scholar Tadhg O'Donoghue, who provided the name for the new game "Camoguidheacht," and Dublin All-Ireland footballer Seamus O Braonain, they drew up a code of rules, based on hurling but slightly modified. How well they did their work is proved by the fact that the same rules, with only minor modifications, govern the game today.

Once the rules were agreed upon, the girls began to hold practice sessions in the summer of 1903, first in Drumcondra Park, and later in the Phoenix Park, where, tradition says, having concealed their camogs under long coats for fear of ridicule, they did their early training as far away as possible from the public gaze.

Newry, where a team was formed in 1903, is the second oldest club but by early 1904, Dublin could boast of another club, Cuchulainns, and it was they who played Keatings in the first public camogie match, one of the main attractions at a Gaelic League Aeridheacht at the Meath Agricultural Society Grounds (now Pairc Tailteann) in Navan on Sunday, July 17, 1904. Keatings won by a goal to nil.

An Cumann Camoguidheacht was officially inaugurated at 8, North Frederick St., Dublin on February 25, 1905. The Constitution provided for an Ard Choiste for the management of leagues and championships and as a Court of Appeal. There was to be a quarterly meeting of club delegates, an annual meeting to be attended by two delegates from each club to make rule changes, if necessary, and to elect an Ard Coiste of President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and a Committee of eight.

The uniform was to consist of skirts, blouses and ties of Irish manufacture, the same stipulation was to apply to championship medals, while the club affiliation fee was fixed at 5/- (25p) a year.

Camogie was doing well in Dublin at this stage, and then late in 1905 the Dun Emer club was formed in Dundalk and Cork had its first club, Fainne an Lae.

The early enthusiasm in Dublin began to fade but the North led the way in 1907 and 1908 with Monaghan particularly active, and a Belfast Club, Banba, made its first appearance at Dundalk Feis, while in the South, Cork had its first competitive game when Fainne an Lae beat Clan Eimear.

Things were quiet in Dublin until a young official of the Crokes Club, Sean O'Duffy, set about reviving the game and re-organising it on a permanent basis.

The first real attempt to establish camogie on a national level came on April 11, 1911 when a meeting organised the Camoguidheacht Association at 25 Rutland Square, Dublin. Eleanor Dowager Countess of Fingal, was elected President with Maire de Buitléir and Mrs. Hamilton, Vice-Presidents.

By May 8, 1912 when annual convention was held some 22 clubs had affiliated from Dublin, Wexford,

Meath and Louth while Tipperary, Mayo, Roscommon and Galway either sent delegates or wrote to say that they were starting clubs.

The first official inter-county game was played in 1912 at Jones Road with Dublin defeating Louth (2-1 to nil) while the following year Cork beat Kilkenny in the first inter-county game played in the South.

Camogie continued to progress but then came Easter 1916 and for a brief period camogie matches were listed as "illegal assemblies." But games continued and the Ashbourne Cup — the oldest competition in camogie — was played for annually.

Even in 1919 and 1920 as most G.A.A. activities ground to a halt camogie continued to be played and at the Convention of 1921 it was decided to set up a Central Council.

In April 1925 in Conarchy's Hotel, Parnell Square, Dublin, 100 delegates met for the first All-Ireland Congress at which meeting the All-Ireland competition was voted on. But the national competition did not get off the ground although there were various inter-county games played.

In August 1930 Sean O'Duffy helped in the formation of the Camogie Association of New York, but there was still no central control. Although clubs were springing up all over the country, many clubs particularly in the South were reluctant to accept the authority of Central Council.

So it was decided to call a special Convention on April 25, 1932, a date that marks the arrival of the Camogie Association as we know it today. Sixty delegates from Dublin, Louth, Galway, Kildare, Kilkenny, Wicklow, Wexford, Liverpool and Manchester attended, but neither Cork nor Antrim were represented.

This meeting decided to set up the All-Ireland championship and this time it was successful, with Dublin defeating Galway in the first final, and although the competition had rather shaky beginnings, the All-Ireland championship has been played for every year since that historic final, going from strength to strength.

By 1934 Provincial championships were established and the phenomenal growth of the Association was mirrored at the 1935 Congress, a two-day event, which drew delegates from 16 counties to hear that 28 counties were affiliated with a grand total of 423 teams and almost 10,000 players.

But by the start of 1936 the early flush of enthusiasm had begun to wane and the decline continued in 1937 and 1938 and then came 1939 which was to prove a tragic year for the Association. A motion at that year's Congress to lift the 'ban' on hockey was passed and it was followed by the withdrawal of Ulster, who then set up their own Association, the National Camoguidheacht Association, which in 1940 could claim the support of Cavan, Meath, Galway, Monaghan, Antrim, Armagh, Cork, Longford and Fermanagh.

Camogie then had two Associations with rival All-Irelands being held. However, Padraig O Caoimh, general secretary of the G.A.A., was accepted as mediator and, after two years, the Association had its next regular Congress in March 1942.

Despite severe travel restrictions the continued with Cork and



The Keatings camogie team, which was formed by the member of the Keating branch of the Gaelic League in Dublin in 1903. Keatings won the first-ever public camogie match when they beat Cuchulainns in July of 1904 at the Meath Agricultural Grounds in Navan by a goal to nil.

But then came 1944, another confusing year. Trouble had been brewing in Munster over the vexed question of men officers and in that year a new Provisional Council was set up, from which the main Cork Board withdrew, but who could anticipate that they would be out of competitive camogie for ten years.

THE first real attempt to establish camogie on a national level was in April 1911, when a meeting in Dublin elected Eleanor Dowager Countess of Fingal president of the Camogie Association. The first official inter-county game was played at Jones Road in 1912, when Dublin beat Louth by two goals and a point to nil.

There was even more confusion when another new Association was set up in April 1947 which included Louth, Laois, Meath, Wicklow and Cork. This Dublin refused to join, but they also refused to affiliate to Central Council. So by the beginning of 1948 there was again a crying need for unity, but by then there were so many rival Associations that it was growing increasingly difficult to bring them together.

Miss Sheila McNulty was president in 1950, and she set herself the task of achieving complete unity. Her efforts were rewarded with the first fully representative Congress for many years assembling in Dublin in March 1952.

Things began to run pretty smoothly. Among the milestones were the 1954 Golden Jubilee, which was marked by the establishment of the Senior Interprovincial series. The Diamond Jubilee was celebrated in 1964 and this time an All-Ireland Club Championship was inaugurated.

Then came the most progressive 20 years in the history of the game. During this period the Junior (1968) and Minor (1974) All-Irelands were established; the All-Ireland Colleges — Senior in 1969 and Junior in 1974 — were inaugurated; camogie was introduced to primary schools and the growth of the game was great.

Camogie also became part of the Community game in 1976.

In the meantime coaching had become a very important part of the Camogie scene, with national coaches, Mary Moran and Ann Carroll being appointed in 1973. These girls established the holding of coaching courses all over the country and in 1974 produced Camogie's own Coaching Handbook. Mary produced a second more advanced handbook.

The CCD talent competitions were also established and the Gradam Tailte (Superstar) began in 1982, no doubt the biggest breakthrough of all was appointment in 1980 of Jo Golden as a full-time official.

So after all its early troubles Camogie is a highly organised and constantly growing game, with keenest of interest in its competitions from primary school level to the senior All-Ireland champions and with an impressive 60,000 members.

Camogie All-Ireland Championship Winners

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CAMOGIE DAY AT CROKE PARK... Roisin Brady and Eileen Courtney (top from left) of Dublin's Maryfield College, who take on Cork's North Pres., for whom Jean Paul Kent and Evelyn Healy (bottom) appear, in the All-Ireland senior final at Croke Park on Saturday.

CAMOGIE

Maryfield have edge over North Pres.

THE colleges season reaches its climax at Croke Park on Saturday with the finals of the All-Ireland senior and junior championships. Each of the four participants have previously tasted the excitement and atmosphere of All-Ireland Colleges Day.

The programme for Saturday reads St. Raphael's, Loughrea v St. Patrick's Comprehensive School, Shannon in the junior tie and Maryfield College contest the senior final with North Presentation, Cork.

St. Raphael's are the only school among the finalists which have yet to win an All-Ireland colleges title. They were doubly represented at Croke Park in 1982 but luck was not on their side.

Three schools have won both senior and junior trophies in the history of the game. Presentation College, Athenry, Scoil Mhuire, Cashel and St. John of God Artane have housed both cups at one time or another.

Maryfield College, North Pres. and Shannon have an opportunity of joining that elite group on Saturday.

HAPPY MEMORIES

Shannon hold happy memories of the 1982 visit. Caroline O'Meara was presented with Corn Scelig. Clare drew on three members of that Shannon squad to form their 1981 All-Ireland winning side. Maryfield have two junior championships to their credit 1980 and 1982.

North Pres had their hour of glory in 1980 when they too won the senior title with a team which contained two stars of the present Cork senior side Martha Kearney and Sandie Fitzgibbon.

There is no doubt but that several inter-county stars of the future will be on view next Saturday. So far only Carmel O'Byrne of

Maryfield has played for her county's senior side. A sprinkling of inter-county juniors and quite a number of minors will be participating.

Half of the Maryfield side hold All-Ireland junior colleges medals. Led by Roisin Brady, the Dublin school has impressed right through the competition. They looked an accomplished side in their semi-final outing at Loughrea. The defence marked tightly and will present few openings to North Pres. They have a competent midfield and a dangerous forward line built round centre-forward Carmel O'Byrne.

Apart from the two already mentioned, Paula Strutt, Denise O'Leary, Jackie Byrne, Cheryl Whitaker and Eileen Courtney will present problems for the Cork girls.

MUNSTER FINAL

North Pres turned in their best performance of the season in the Munster final. Given little chance against local rivals St. Patrick's, they showed fighting qualities which saw them win impressively.

Paula Morgan, Evelyn Healy and Jean Paula Kent were members of Cork's All-Ireland winning minor side last August. Irene O'Leary the North Pres. captain, was deprived of an All-Ireland junior medal with Cork when illness prevented her from travelling last September.

The massive journey to County Derry took its toll on North Pres in the semi-final. They were hard pressed to survive against

St. Mary's Clady and have to thank goalkeeper Deirdre O'Shea for keeping the northerners at bay.

Both Maryfield and North Pres have a wealth of talent in their respective line-outs and should produce a thrilling encounter in the senior final.

St. Patrick's Shannon and St. Raphael's, Loughrea, had clearcut victories in their semi-final games. In Brid Stratford, St. Raphael's have a centre back of senior standard. If she hits her best form, she will prove a major stumbling block for Shannon.

Brid will be strongly supported by Siobhan Meagher, Claire Robinson, Mary Dolphin and captain Deirdre Costelloe.

Shannon field a young side. For their tender years, they are a skilful combination. Noleen Alfred and Patricia Divinney in defence, Eavan Drysdale, who captained the side from midfield and forwards Mary Higgins and Lorna O'Flaherty fall into this category.

FIXTURES SATURDAY

At Croke Park — All-Ireland Colleges Finals — 1.45 — Junior — St. Raphael's, Loughrea v St. Patrick's, Shannon, 3.00 Senior — Maryfield College v North Pres., Cork.

SUNDAY

NATIONAL LEAGUES

At Clonduff — Down v Kilkenny, 2.0 and 3.15.
At Monamolin — Wexford v Tipperary, 2.0 and 3.0.
At Patrickswell — Limerick v Galway, 2.0 and 3.0.
At Derry — Derry v Meath, 2.0.
At Portlaoise — Laois v Waterford, 2.0.
At Roscommon — Roscommon v Armagh, 2.0.
At Eglishe — Tyrone v Westmeath, 2.0.

A Pres. promise

North Presentation Convent, Cork bid to overcome adversity when they meet Mayfield College, Dublin in the final of the All-Ireland schools camogie senior championship at Croke Park on Saturday, writes Michael Ellard.

North Pres. were shocked at the suspension meted out to one of their key players, centre back Shirley O'Sullivan which will mean her missing the final.

In their semi-final victory over St. Mary's from Derry she was sent off and reported for striking an opponent. Subsequently the colleges camogie authorities slapped a three months ban on the unfortunate Miss O'Sullivan.

"It was an outrageous and dreadful decision which would not be tolerated in any other corridor of power within the GAA", claimed an angry North Presentation coach, Rev. Sister Stanislaus yesterday.

"We are up in arms about the decision and we feel so sorry for Shirley that we intend to win next Saturday's All-Ireland for her sake".

Sr. Stan, as she is affectionately known, gave her side of the story. "Shirley had got possession of the ball and pushed aside an opponent with the hand she was carrying the ball in. It's beyond my comprehension that she should receive three months for what I would term a petty offence".

Only once before were North Pres. crowned senior All-Ireland champions. That was in 1980

when they were trained by Fr. Michael O'Brien. This season under Fr. George O'Mahony and Sr. Stan they defeated Mercy Convent Charleville; Tulla and St. Patrick's from Summerhill to win out of Munster.

North Pres. will be captained by Irene O'Leary, who has represented Cork at minor, junior and under 18 levels and contains two players, Deirdre O'Shea and Jean Paula Kent, both winners of the Feile na nGael skills competition.

The North Presentation panel is: Deirdre O'Shea, Paula Martin, Catherine Martin, Lorraine O'Brien, Evelyn Healy, Mary McCarthy, Irene O'Leary, Paula Morgan, Jean Paula Kent, Geraldine O'Donovan, Christine Buckley, Deirdre O'Donovan, Agnes Skillington, Sandra Mitchell, Veronica Callinan, Deirdre O'Leary.

The school are hoping to run a special train to Dublin costing adults £9 and schoolchildren £5.00.

LOUGHREA GIRLS ON BRINK OF GLORY

PREPARATIONS are now in full swing at St. Raphael's College, Loughrea as they bid to bring the All Ireland Junior Camogie title across the Shannon on Saturday when they meet Shannon Comprehensive School, Clare in the final at Croke Park.

The Galway girls cannot be complacent facing Shannon as they won an All Ireland title in '82. St. Raphael's have a very well balanced line out of fine skilful players.

Five of their players already hold All Ireland medals from Feile na nGael — twins Joan and Angela Cooney, Breege Stratford, Deirdre Costello and Marian Corcoran.

A fine back-up to St. Raphael's is provided by the many new camogie clubs in operation in the area. Most of their players have gained from club experience.

Two years ago both the St. Raphael's Loughrea Junior and Senior teams reached the All Ireland finals. This year they came out on top again winning both Connacht titles.

However, the senior team was defeated by Maryfield College, Dublin in the all Ireland semi final. The Junior team were convincing winners over a strong Maryfield side in their semi final.

The St. Raphael's panel is: Claire Robinson, Mary and Trina Dolphin, Breege and Geraldine Faby, Imelda Hobbs, and Cora Curley — (Mullagh), Joan and Angela Cooney, Deirdre Costello, Breege Stratford, Marian Corcoran (Shannon), Rita Dolan, Siobhan Meagher (Loughrea), Carmel Ryan, Blathina Dwyer (Davitts), Pauline Linnane (St. Thomas).

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Scoil Naomh Reafail,
Baile Locha Riach

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Scoil Chuimsitheach Naomh Padraig
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Reiteoir: Roisin Mhic Mhanais

3.00 SINSEAR

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GOING THROUGH THEIR PACES . . . the St. Raphaél's Junior team prepare for Saturday's All Ireland final under the supervision of Coach Anne Donnelly.

North Pres Face A Mighty Task

THERE is a special atmosphere associated with Colleges Camogie and tomorrow — All-Ireland Colleges Day at Croke Park — will be no exception as the young supporters from the four colleges involved throng to G.A.A. Headquarters. And for the Colleges involved — North Presentation (Cork) and Maryfield College Dublin, the senior finalists, and St. Patrick's Shannon and St. Raphael's (Loughrea), the junior finalists, this will be a day in their lives they will never forget.

On the local club scene there are four league games listed for Sunday, including the Under-16 Semi-Finals between Bishopstown and Killeagh.

Cork's representatives, North Presentation, travel to Dublin without the services of their versatile player Shirley O'Sullivan, who has been suspended, following an incident in their semi-final victory. Shirley, who is one of the Cork's side's most consistent players as well as a player who can be switched to many positions, will be a big loss but North Presentation can overcome this setback, as they have an excellent side, full of talent and determination and if they can reproduce the form which saw them overcome the fancied St. Patrick's in the Munster Final, then they must have an excellent chance of regaining the Blue Riband of Colleges Camogie, which they last won in 1980.

In goal they have Deirdre O'Shea, who with Jean Paula Kent their fullforward, has won the All-Ireland Feile Skills Title. Deirdre is an excellent goalie and she will have grand defenders in front of her in Loraine O'Brien, Paula Martin, and Catherine Martin. They have not named a replacement for Shirley O'Sullivan at centre-back, and this will be a problem for them.



Jean Paula Kent, at full forward for North Presentation tomorrow.



Paula Morgan, in the centre for North Presentation tomorrow.

However, they can call on three excellent players for midfield in Evelyn Healy, Mary McCarthy and Paula Morgan, and in the attack they have the marvellous Irene O'Leary, who wrecked St. Pat's in the Munster decider, Christine Buckley, Geraldine O'Donovan and the exciting Jean Paula Kent, all of whom can pick off their scores.

On the North Presentation side Irene O'Leary played on the Cork junior team last season, while Deirdre O'Shea, Paula Morgan, Jean Paula Kent and Evelyn Healy have all played Minor inter-county camogie.

They have excellent trainers in John O'Riordan, Pat Murphy, Fr. George O'Mahony and of course Sr. Stanislaus all of whom have been working very hard with the girls.

But what of North Presentation's opponents? Maryfield College have been knocking on the door

of Senior success for a number of years and are determined that having reached the decider they will not give up the chance of the title easily. They won the Junior Crown in 1980 and again in 1982, so they are no strangers to Croke Park.

They too have top players including Carmel O'Byrne who made her Senior inter-county debut recently. They also have an excellent captain in Roisin Brady, and other fine young players in Catherine O'Byrne, and Eileen Courtney.

So the Cork girls will be up against the toughest of opposition, and are likely to start as underdogs. However, if they can put the Shirley O'Sullivan suspension behind them and concentrate on winning the game, then they must have a chance but they will have to fight all the way for victory.

St. Patrick's, Shannon, could have it tough also in the Junior decider. It will be remembered that St. Pat's defeated the Cork's St. Patrick's in the Munster decider, so there will be interest in their achievements on Sunday. They have a number of excellent players on their side in Noeleen Alford, Tara Magee, Yvonne Drysdale and Mary Higgins, and they will be anxious to emulate the success of their senior team in 1982, when they took the title.

Their opponents tomorrow, St. Raphael's Loughrea, are the only one of the four teams not to have won an All-Ireland title. And they are determined to change this tomorrow, as they have an excellent side, with marvellous players in Breege Stratford and Deirdre Costello. So the Shannon girls can expect to be up against it.

TEAMS

NORTH PRESENTATION: D. O'Shea, C. Martin, L. O'Brien, A. N. Other, P. Morgan, E. Healy, M. McCarthy, P. Morgan, C. Buckley, I. O'Leary, G. O'Donovan, J. P. Kent. Subs: L. Kelly, D. O'Donovan, A. Skillington, S. Mitchell, V. Callanan.

MARYFIELD: C. Hanley, P. Strutt, F. Baxter, D. O'Leary, E. Courtney, S. Whittaker, M. Regan, P. Clinton, R. Brady, C. O'Byrne, C. O'Byrne, J. Byrne, St. Raphael's; J. Cooney, A. Cooney, P. Linnane, M. Dolphin, B. Stratford, C. Curley, S. Magher, R. Doolin, D. Costello, I. Hobbins, C. Robinson, C. Ryan.

ST. PATRICK'S: C. May, P. Divinney, J. Murphy, N. Alford, T. Magee, Y. Drysdale, E. McTeggart, C. Molloy, J. Kelly, S. McManus, L. O'Flaherty, M. Higgins.

Locally the leagues continue, with the pick of the ties likely to be the Under-16 Semi-Final between Bishopstown and Killeagh.

Finally, as the Board meeting fixed for Monday last was unavoidably cancelled, there will be a meeting this coming Monday. And a full attendance is called for as this is a "Rules" year and the suggested changes have to be discussed.

FIXTURES

Tomorrow (Sat) at Croke Park All-Ireland Colleges Finals, Senior: North Presentation v Maryfield College 3 p.m. (Ref. Rosina McManus) Junior: St. Raphael's v St. Patrick's 1.45 p.m. (Ref. Kathleen Quinn).

Sunday, All Leagues — Under-18 at Glen Rovers, Glen Rovers v Na Piarasigh 3.30 p.m. (Ref. St. Finbarr's) At Blackrock, Brian Dillons v Blackrock 3.30 p.m. (Ref. Nemo Rangers).

J. A. at Ballincollig — St. Finbarr's v Ballincollig 3 p.m. (Ref. Ballinora)

Under-16 Semi-Final: At Bishopstown — Bishopstown v Killeagh 12 noon (Ref. Douglas).

CAN NORTH PRES REGAIN TITLE?

By JOAN MORLEY

Excitement will be the name of the game at Croke Park tomorrow when the All-Ireland Colleges Camogie Championships take place.

Cork will be represented on this marvellous occasion by North Presentation who will be hoping to regain the Senior title they last held in 1980. But it will not be easy for them against Maryfield College of Dublin.

In the junior campaign, St. Patrick's of Shannon will meet St. Raphael's, Loughrea in what should be another close encounter.

North Presentation suffered a setback following their semi-final win as their versatile player Shirley O'Sullivan was suspended and cannot play tomorrow. Shirley will be a loss but the Cork college have an excellent side, with very useful substitutes, and if they can overcome the trauma of losing Shirley then they must have a very good chance of winning.

They have Cork junior Irene O'Leary on their side, as well as Deirdre O'Shea, Jean Paula Kent, Paula Morgan and Evelyn Healy, all of whom have played minor inter-county camogie.

But Maryfield College will be no easy opponents. They have been knocking on the door of this competition for a number of years and they have a very strong side this year. Their big star is Carmel O'Byrne, who made her senior inter-county debut recently, while they also have fine players in Roisin Brady, Catherine O'Byrne and Pauline Strutt.



Evelyn Healy, at wing centre for North Presentation tomorrow.

They are a very determined side, who will probably start as favourites, and North Presentation will have to pull out all the stops if they are to win.

St. Patrick's, Shannon, will be up against it too in the Junior campaign, as St. Raphael's, although they have never won an All-Ireland title, have been very impressive this season.

On the local front there are four league games listed for Sunday.

Fixtures tomorrow All-Ireland Colleges Finals, Senior: North Presentation v Maryfield College 3 p.m.; Junior: St. Patrick's v St. Raphael's 1.45 p.m. Sunday 1st League: Under-18 at Glen Rovers, Glen Rovers v Na Piarasigh 3.30 p.m.; At Blackrock, Brian Dillons v Blackrock 3.30 p.m.; Junior 'A' at Ballincollig, St. Finbarr's v Ballincollig 3 p.m. Under-16 semi-final at Bishopstown, Bishopstown v Killeagh 12 noon.

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Comprehensive Defeat For Shannon Girls

St. Patrick's Comprehensive, School, Shannon 2-1

St. Raphael's Loughrea, Co. Galway 6-8

St. Patrick's Shannon were defeated by a convincing margin in the All Ireland colleges Jun. camogie final on Sat. at Croke Park St. Raphael's Loughrea. The

winners were always in command and dominated the game from the start.

Loughrea settled down right from the throw in and immediately swung into top gear with star-forward Deirdre Costello in brilliant form on the right wing. Costello was known to be a big danger but on the day a number of others were also to play an outstanding part notably Angela Cooney, Mary Dolphin in defence with Carmel Ryan, scoring 2-0 to add to Deirdre Costello's 3-6.

(Shannon back line of Josephine Murphy, Tara Magee and Noeleen Alford were under severe pressure and were not able to cope with the threat of the Loughrea half-forwards. Patricia Diviney at full back for Shannon fought bravely but was subjected to strong pressure as the Loughrea girls threatened constantly. Loughrea were 2-2 in front before Shannon's Mary Higgins scored the Clare team's first goal. A few positional switches notably the change of Eavan Drysdale to half back to mark D. Costello helped Shannon get a better grip on the game and in the middle of the first half looked to be settling down.

Loughrea third goal was of the soft variety before Lorna O'Flaherty got a Shannon

goal from a 25 metre free. Loughrea had midfield superiority and this led to a fourth goal before half-time with Loughrea leading by 4-5 to 2-0 at the break.

Shannon resumed with Lorna O'Flaherty continuing at centrefield having switched before the break with Catherine Molloy. Mary Higgins did threaten danger and though very limited in her supply of the ball was very narrowly wide for goals on two occasions in each half. Loughrea opened their scoring in the second half with a point closely followed by a goal. Tara Magee and Patricia Diviney battled bravely in the backline with Eavan Drysdale, Lorna O'Flaherty also playing with great determination helped by an improved Elaine McTaggart at centrefield.

The last Shannon score was a point from a free with Loughrea adding one further goal from a goalmouth melee.

St. Patrick's Shannon: C. May, P. Diviney, Josephine Murphy, Noeleen Alford, Tara Magee, Eavan Drysdale, Capt. Elaine McTaggart, Catherine Molloy, Joy Kelly, Siobhan, McManus, Lorna O'Flaherty (1-1 both from frees), Mary Higgins (1-0), Subs: Cathy O'Brien for Joy Kelly.

MARYFIELD FANCIED FOR SENIOR TITLE

CAMOGIE

Maryfield College, who were twice winners of the All-Ireland Colleges Junior camogie championship, attempt to add the senior trophy to their list of achievements tomorrow. Their opponents in the final at Croke Park will be North Presentation, Cork, who were previous holders of the Corn Scailg.

From last October, as Maryfield College made their way through Leinster, they were being tipped as likely candidates for ultimate honours and, so far, they have fulfilled that promise. In the semi-final outing at Loughrea the side performed competently. Their defence tackled quickly, leaving the opposing forwards no time to settle on the ball.

In this sector, Pauline Strutt, Fiona Baxter, Denise O'Leary and Eileen Courtney will present a strong barrier to any North Pres. attacks. At midfield, Cheryl Whittaker, Mary Regan and Patricia Clinton should win sufficient ball to give their forwards an adequate supply. The forward division is comprised of the very useful quartet of Roisin Brady, Carmel O'Byrne, Catherine O'Byrne and Jackie Byrne.

The North Pres. challenge will be a strong one. Included in their side are a number of highly skilled camogie players. Into that category falls goalkeeper, Deirdre O'Shea, who won the Feile na nGael skills competition on two occasions, and Paula Morgan, Evelyn Healy and Jean Paula Kent were members of Cork's successful minor team last season.

Jean Paula also caught attention when she won the 1983 Feile skills competition. The side will be led by Irene O'Leary, whose free-blowing style caused great problems for St. Patrick's in the Munster final.

Junior Final

St. Raphael's, Loughrea, play St. Patrick's Comprehensive School, Shannon, in the junior

final. These schools met in the 1982 senior final when the Shannon side had three points to spare at the finish.

St. Raphael's looked good in their semi-final against Maryfield. The Cooney twins form the last line of defence with Joan in goal and Angela at full-back and they will be fronted by Pauline Linnane, Mary Dolphin and the stylish Brid Stratford.

Cora Curley, Siobhan Maher and Rita Dolan form a hard-working midfield and their forwards are Deirdre Costello, Claire Robinson, Imelda Hobbs and Carmel Ryan. St. Patrick's took care of Dungiven on their home ground in the second semi-final but Saturday's task will call for even greater effort.

Caitriona May is a sound goalkeeper while the defence is made up of Patricia Diviney, Josephine Murphy, Noeleen Alford and Tara Magee. Hoping to dominate the middle of the field will be Eavan Drysdale, Elaine McTaggart and Catherine Molloy while spearheading the Shannon attack will be Siobhan McManus, Joy Kelly, Lorna O'Flaherty and the very capable Mary Higgins.

The National League continues on Sunday. Playing their first game of the season will be Kilkenny who travel to Clonduff to play Down. It is likely that Bridie McGarry will make a welcome return to the Kilkenny side soon but she may not be in their line-out on Sunday.

Even without Bridie, Kilkenny should prove too strong for Down who failed to Dublin in the opening round.

On home ground, Wexford will be anxious to get back on their winning way. They dropped two points to Limerick a fortnight ago and cannot afford to lose further points. Limerick should collect a further brace of points at the expense of Galway.



Paula Morgan of North Presentation, Cork (centre), outnumbered by three Maryfield College, Dublin, players, loses possession to Cheryl Whittaker (left) who cuts the ball across to winger Patricia Clinton during Saturday's All-Ireland Colleges senior camogie final, at Croke Park. —(Denis Minihane)

A DREAM start, which saw them score a goal in the first minute, laid the foundations for Maryfield College's first senior All-Ireland Colleges win, when they defeated North Presentation (Cork), in a most exciting final at Corke Park on Saturday.

North Presentation obviously missed the suspended Shirley O'Sullivan as they had to make a number of changes to fill her centre-back berth. But how gallantly they fought to regain this Blue Riband of Colleges Camogie, which they last won in 1980, against a Maryfield side who were stronger physically, quicker on the pull and more dangerous in front of goal.

The final score does not truly reflect the closeness of the sides, as, up to the 23rd minute, when Roisin Brady smashed home the goal which proved the final blow for the Cork girls, they were always within striking distance of their fancied opponents.

The winner's dramatic first minute goal, scored by Denise O'Leary from a free, was followed almost immediately by a point from Carmel O'Byrne.

Jean Paula Kent opened the North Presentation scoring with a point, to which Irene O'Leary added another before half-time.

On the resumption Jean Paul Kent reduced the arrears with a point, but Carmel O'Byrne replied instantly with a similar score. Irene O'Leary and Carmel O'Byrne then exchanged points, before Geraldine O'Donovan scored the most spectacular score of the game when, with her back to the goal, she doubled an overhead shot over the bar to leave North Pres. trailing by only two points with ten minutes to go.

However, Roisin Brady's goal followed almost immediately by a point from Patricia Clinton, gave the Dublin girls a most impressive win.

Pauline Strutt and Colette Hanley.

For North Presentation, Irene O'Leary had yet another marvellous game, while Catherine Martin, Geraldine O'Donovan, Deirdre O'Shea, Jean Paula Kent and Evelyn Healy were others to impress.

SCORERS — Maryfield College: D O'Leary and R Brady 1-0 each; C O'Byrne (0-3), P Clinton 0-2.

North Presentation: I O'Leary and J P Kent 0-2 each, G O'Donovan 0-1.

Maryfield: C Hanley, P Strutt, F Baxter, D O'Leary, E Courtney, C Whittaker, M Regan, P Clinton, R Brady, Carmel O'Byrne, Catriona O'Byrne, J Byrne.

North Presentation: D O'Shea, P Martin, C Martin, I O'Leary, L O'Brien, E Healy, M McCarthy, P Morgan, C Buckley, G O'Donovan, J P Kent, A Skillington.

Referee: K Quinn, Galway.

ST. RAPHAELS (LOUGHREA) 6-8 ST. PATRICK'S (SHANNON) 2-1

Deirdre Costello was the toast of St. Raphael's, Loughrea, on Saturday, scoring 3-6 of her sides tally and leading the Connacht girls to their first ever All-Ireland crown.

St. Raphael's were ahead 4-5 to 0-2 at the interval, and, although the St. Patrick's girls fought very hard to get back in the game after the break, the Loughrea girls increased their score to 6-8 with the Shannon girls only managing 2-1 in all.

SCORERS — St. Raphael's: D Costello 3-6, C Ryan 2-0, C Curley 1-0, C Robinson and I Hobbins 0-1 each.

St. Patrick's: L O'Flaherty 1-1, M Higgins 1-0.

St. Raphael's: J Cooney, A Cooney, P Linnane, M Dolphin, B Stratford, C Curley, S Meagher, R Dolan, D Costello, I Hobbins, C Robinson, C Ryan.

St. Patrick's: C May, P Divinney, J Murphy, N Alford, T Magee, E Drysdale, E McTeggart, J Kelly, S McManus, L O'Flaherty, M Higgins, C Molloy.

Referee: R McManus, Antrim.



THE UCG Camogie team which won the Higher Education League when defeating Cavanagh Training College in the final at Dangan: Front, Brid Kelly, Mairead Coyle, captain, Claire Molloy, Sheila Baynes. Back, Patricia Hession, Michelle O'Neill, Noreen Burke, Karina McDermott, Kilgannon and Annette Ryan. The other members of the team were Isbeal McGee, Mary Naughton, Geraldine O'Dea, Marian Noone, Clare Jones, Eilish Mulholland and Mary Burke.

Historic Victory For Loughrea Girls

St. Raphaels (Loughrea) 5-8
St. Patricks (Shannon) 2-1

St. Raphaels junior camogie team made up for the disappointments of two years ago when they gave a powerful display to take the All-Ireland Colleges camogie title for the first time at Croke Park on Saturday.

This historic victory was the result of first class teamwork, brilliant individual performances and superb fitness all round. From the moment Deirdre Costello crashed home her first goal the whole team played like champions.

Joan Cooney in goal and her

sister Angela at full back were rock solid while Pauline Linnane and Mary Dolphin played with grit and determination. Brid Stratford delighted her supporters with her long clearances. The centrefield trio of Cora Curley, Siobhan Maher and Rita Dolan fought for every ball, harassing their opponents into making mistakes and allowing their forwards to play havoc with the Shannon defence.

In fairness to Shannon's defence they never gave up but they had no answer to Deirdre Costello's ability to gain possession and run at them. On the wing Claire Robinson found the open spaces of Croke Park to

her liking and started many an attack with incisive runs from outfield. Inside Imelda Hobbins and Carmel Ryan were always ready to pounce for a score.

St. Raphaels: J. Cooney, A. Cooney, P. Linnane, M. Dolphin, B. Stratford, C. Curley (1-0), S. Maher, R. Dolan, D. Costello (3-6), I. Hobbins (0-1), C. Robinson (0-1), C. Ryan (1-0).

St. Patrick's: C. May, P. Divinney, J. Murphy, N. Alford, J. Magee, E. Drysdale, E. McTeggart, C. Molloy, J. Kelly, S. McManus (1-0), L. O'Flaherty (0-1), M. Higgins (1-0).

Camogie

MARYFIELD, Dublin 2-5

NORTH PRES, Cork 0-5

The Senior Colleges camogie title went to Maryfield College, Dublin, for the first time yesterday, after they defeated North Pres., Cork, in a close fought final at Croke Park.

Maryfield — D O'Leary, R Brady (1-0 each), C Byrne (0-3), P Clinton (0-2). **North Pres.** — J Kent (0-2), I O'Leary, E Healy, G O'Donovan (0-1 each).

ST RAPHAELS, Loughrea 5-8

ST PAT'S COMP, Shannon 2-1

With two of the best players of the day on show in Deirdre Costello — who scored 3-6 of their total — and superb centre half-back Brid Stratford, St. Raphael's Loughrea carried away the Junior Colleges camogie title in a great style.

St. Raphael's — D Costello (3-6), C Curley, C Ryan (1-0 each), C Robinson, I Hobbins (0-1 each). **St. Patricks** — M Higgins, C Molloy (1-0 each), L O'Flaherty (0-1).

30 YEARS AGO

CORK retained the Cronin Camogie Cup when they had a fine 8-1 to 5-1 win over the combined universities selection in the final at the U.C.C. grounds, where Cork lined out as follows. Sheila Cahill (Glen Rovers), Bridie Lucey (do.), Betty Walsh (Old Als), K. Madden (Castlemartyr), Nora Murphy (Glen), Siobhan O'Sullivan (Old Als), Mary Delea (Blackrock), Mary Hayes (do.), Breda Buckley (Glen), Angela Lane (Old Als) (Capt.), Peggy Lucey (Glen), Noreen Duggan (Blackrock) — Subs — Kathleen Coughlan (South Pres P.P.) Anne O'Shea (Blackrock), Mary O'Connell (do.), and Monica Cotter (do.).

Easy Win for Ennis Girls

ENNIS V.S. 5-4
MIDDLETON V.S. 0-0

Having accounted for Nenagh in an earlier round of the vocational schools camogie championship, Ennis easily defeated Middleton in the Munster final played at Croom on Friday.

As the score indicates all sections of the Ennis team played very well. Ennis scored their first goal in the opening minutes when Clare McInerney pulled on a loose ball on the edge of the square, thanks to a combination of wides and good play by the Middleton full back scores were very slow to follow and by half time Ennis although dominating the match had only scored two more goals — one by Deirdre Carey and a second by Clare McInerney.

Meanwhile the backs dealt competently with anything which came their way and Nuala Hurley and Breda Rynne were outstanding.

During the second half the

Ennis midfield of Marie Gormley, Patricia Rynne and Brenda Daffy were completely in control and Patricia Rynne scored a goal and a 2 points all from frees. All the Ennis forwards played well with Deirdre Carey showing some very skillful touches throughout the match while A. Foudys efforts were rewarded with 1-1 late in the game and Brenda Daffy scored the final point for Ennis.

Ennis now face the Leinster champions either Thomastown (last years final opponents) or Mooncoin in the semi-final this week-end. Here the opposition will be much stronger and a close contest is anticipated. Hopefully Ennis will be able to produce a repeat of last years final result.

TEAM: J. Malone, M. Naughton, B. Rynne, D. Daffy, N. Hurley, M. Gormley, P. Rynne, B. Daffey, D. Carey, B. Burke, A. Foudy, C. McInerney.



MARYFIELD COLLEGE, Drumcondra, Dublin, who won the All-Ireland Colleges Senior camogie title for the first time.

CAMOGIE

Congress motions call for changes in rules

LEGATES from all over the country will assemble in Portrush on Saturday and Sunday for the annual congress of the Camogie Association. As this is a year in which motions on the playing rules may be tabled, the agenda is extensive. It is expected that a businesslike approach to the task is to be completed on schedule.

The president, Mary Fennelly, and the PRO, Mary Moran, will retain their positions. Phyllis Breslin, secretary of organisation, is seeking re-election. A motion calls for the scrapping of this post, as the work of this office is now undertaken by the full-time development officer.

Congress will welcome Jo O'Leary back to the top job. She was appointed the association's first full-time development officer in August, 1980. She spent two years at Croke Park, before returning to her teaching post. As a most capable official, Jo's energy and foresight will be invaluable in the important role of treasurer. She steps into the position left vacant by the untimely death of U.C.D. colleague, Agnes Reilly.

RULES MOTIONS

Sixty-one motions are expected for discussion. Included is a Kilkenny package which seeks to change many of the playing rules to be applying to hurling. They propose to introduce a ten-a-side game, full size playing pitch measurements, and on tackling the goalkeeper, and an additional ten minutes' playing time for the inter-county draw competition.

These revolutionary suggestions will undoubtedly produce lively argument. The playing rules of camogie have been virtually unaltered since first drawn up in 1904. It will take very able negotiators on behalf of the Kilkenny proposers to per-

suaude Congress to adopt what would, in fact, be a new game.

Limerick have done their homework in assessing the present format of the C.C.D. They put forward a number of suggested changes, and express a desire for a compulsory involvement of camogie personnel in certain events. They are joined by Roscommon in seeking to confine solo singing entrants to one song.

HARDY ANNUAL

The hardy annual of banded sticks makes another appearance. The rule prohibits metallic banding. In these days of synthetic materials, an acceptable compromise should be found. Parish rule, re-grading, runners-up medals and National Camogie Day are other subjects which will get an airing over the weekend.

The colleges season reached its conclusion at Croke Park last Saturday. St. Raphael's, Loughrea were impressive winners of the junior title. I have previously mentioned Brid Stratford and Deirdre Costello as being two very bright prospects. They showed their class on Saturday. Deirdre's wristwork and stickwork enable her to pick off some delightful scores. She finished with a personal tally of 3-6, and some of her scores would have done justice to a senior inter-county forward.

The senior final was a much closer tie. Maryfield College got off to a dream start with a goal from Denise O'Leary. This enabled the side to settle. However, while Maryfield, looked superior, they were slow in converting their advantage into scores. This was partly due to the fine job which Irene O'Leary of North Pres did in policing

Maryfield's star forward, Carmel O'Byrne.

North Pres played gamely to the finish, and were never far behind. The positioning of Irene O'Leary at centre-back obviously weakened their attack. They exerted great pressure in the closing minutes, but Maryfield held out to win by two goals.

One of Maryfield's notable players is Colette Hanley, who must have a great future. She is only 13, but has played on both the senior and junior teams. She recently won Leinster senior and junior medals on the same day.

Camogie Congress Adjourned

The annual camogie congress in Portrush, with 60 delegates attending, was adjourned until April 15 in Dublin, because of the lengthy agenda.

President, Mary Fennelly, returned unopposed for her third and last year, stressed the need for everyone in the association to work hard and get as many young players as possible to join.

She urged delegates to develop better relations with the new development officer and secretary, Ann Sheehy, who was appointed full-time last August.

Officials Elected: President, Mary Fennelly; Secretary and Development Officer, Ann Sheehy; Treasurer, Jo Golden; PRO, Mary Moran.

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Lorna O'Flaherty

Hurling Champ.

According to those who saw her play, Lorna O'Flaherty was one of the most talented young hurlers on the St. Conaire's team of 1982. In the Clare primary schools hurling championships that year, she was the only girl on the div. 1 team which took the title. On the same day, she was the star of the St. Conaire's camogie side which defeated Kilmaley in the final by 1-3.

However, Lorna also qualifies as an all-round sportswoman. Hurling and football were her GAA interests but there was also the high jump, cross country running, the long jump and the relay. The shot putt and discuss also featured on her programme and she now lines out in camogie for the Shannon Comprehensive School and the local camogie club.

Lorna had an early start in sport - playing pitch and putt at age two. She won the Clare BLOE all star award in 1981, and '83 and she took the community games all star award in 1982. In '81, she was also the St. Conaire's skills champ., beating off the challenge of about sixty boys.



At fifteen she no longer plays hurling or football. "Hurling is just too physical and camogie is just as good a game". However, she has taken up gymnastics since her arrival at the Comprehensive School and she hopes eventually to go into the field of physical education.

50 Years Ago

LEE HOISERY had a decisive 5-0 to 0-1 win over Thurles when they met in the Jubilee Cup camogie tournament at the Tivoli Sportsfield, Cork. The teams were: Lee Hoisery: S. Hennessy (captain), S. Cahalane, D. Quirke, M. Valley, B. Murphy, K. McCarthy, N. Garrett, S. Burke, C. Cashman, S. Dalton, M. McCarthy, B. O'Callaghan, E. Cronin, N. Radley, M. Bowen. Thurles: M. Witherow (captain), S. Moroney, P. Lanigan, L. Prior, M. Bolton, B. Scally, B. Roche, K. O'Brien, M. Turner, B. Cleary, C. Dwyer, A. Healy, M. Morris, M. Harney, P. Power.

50 YEARS AGO

CARA CLIODHNA scored a 5-1 to 3-1 win over Muskerry in the first round of the Cork County Senior Camogie Championship at Coachford. The teams were: Cara Clíodhna — B. Holland (capt.), M. Cotter, P. Kelleher, P. Fry, T. O'Callaghan, M. O'Hea, N. O'Hea, M. Lehan, N. O'Dowd, M. Buckley, E. Cotter, M. Kirby; Muskerry — N. Kelleher (capt.), E. Stanton, M. Connolly, E. Conroy, K. Dunlea, N. O'Leary, K. Dunlea, A. Kelleher, K. Donovan, M. McSweeney, M. Lyons, J. Conroy.



ST. RAPHAELS, LOUGHREA . . . who are the new All-Ireland Colleges Junior camogie champions



Madeleine McCarthy

The Spread of Camogie

Few things absorb Madeleine McCarthy more than the subject of Clare camogie. She took over the top job in the county board just four months ago and her avowed aim is the establishment of a club in every parish.

Her own introduction to the game was fairly standard, lining out for the Ennis V.S. side while still a student. However, she was already left school and a clerical officer with Clare County Council when the county team won their first all Ireland title. She says now it was that Croke Park win of '74 which first awakened her interest.

When she began to take camogie seriously, there were no half-measures. Dal gCais were an Ennis-based club, whose heyday was in the mid-seventies and Madeleine served as both player and secretary. When they folded, she took a break but she turned up again in 1980 as treasurer of the camogie board.

She resigned from that particular post after two years but she was elected to the chair at the 1983 camogie congress. That same year, she was also approached to consider going forward for the post of county treasurer. However, she turned down the proposal on the grounds that she wouldn't have enough time for the job.

As things stand, most of her free time is given over to camogie. She believes that interest is growing all the time in the game and she wants to see it on a firm footing in hitherto uncharted territory West Clare being a case in point. She'd also like a better promotion of the sport at national school level.

Although the camogie board can send delegates to county board meetings, this administrative set-up seems ideal to Madeleine. "I think it's working out fine at the moment, camogie wants to retain its separate identity. In any case, we get tremendous support from the GAA around the county".



Mr. Paddy Buggy, President of the GAA, pictured with the Colaiste Muire, Crosshaven, camogie team, who recently reached the semi-finals of the Munster Intermediate Camogie Championship, after beating North Presentation, Cork, in the quarter-final. Also in picture are Sr. Antonia, Principal, Michael Murphy, camogie trainer, and Pat O'Flynn, P.E. teacher. This is a great achievement for the school as it is their first year playing camogie.



ST. RAPHAELS College, Loughrea, Junior Camogie team and substitutes who defeated St. Patricks Comprehensive, Shannon in the All-Ireland final. Front row (l to r), Angela Cooney, Imelda Hobbins, Rita Dolan, Deirdre Costello (captain), Pauline Linnane, Ger Fahy, Triona Dolphin, Brigid Fahy. Back row (l to r), Anne Donnelly (coach), Mary Dolphin, Clare Robinson, Marian Corcoran, Joan Cooney, Siobhan Maher, Cora Curley, Brid Stratford, Sr. Catherine (coach).



Mary Fennelly, president of the Camogie Association, pictured at the G.A.A. Congress in Belfast.

Congress motions may not get majority vote

CAMOGIE

Louth will cause Kilkenny hearts to flutter.

Louth managed a draw against Antrim in their initial match which gave them their first league point in senior competition. But the quality of the opposition next Sunday will be much higher.

Ann Downey, Margaret Farrell, Geraldine Sutton, Jo Dunne and Angela Downey have been playing together on the Kilkenny side for several seasons and should prove too skilful and experienced for the Louth girls.

Louth will have gained in confidence from their Antrim outing. It would be a major shock if Vivienne Kelly, Ann Currid, Anne Harrington and Noleen Maguire could slip one over on the fancied opponents.

There are a number of

new faces on the Galway senior team this season. Nono McHugh, who captained her county to victory in the 1972 All-Ireland junior final, has retired from inter-county camogie.

Over a long career, Nono gave wonderful service to Galway and Connacht. Former colleges star, Una Jordan, is out of action with a knee injury and also missing from last season's side are Marion Freney and Paula Carr.

Yet they have the makings of a good side. Breege Holland, Chris Silke, Breda Kenny, Madge Hobbs and Ann Gallagher are showing good form. Their performance against Wexford at Rathnure should give a reasonable indication

of what is in store for the county in 1984.

The Wexford side continues to be built around the reigning club champions, Buffer's Alley. Back on the team is Dorothy Kenny and there are moves afoot to entice that marvellous exponent of the game, Margaret Lacey, to don the county colours once more. Kathleen Tonks, Elsie Cody, Geraldine Wynne, Stella Sinnott and Caroline Farrington will work hard to earn the points for Wexford.

At Littleton, Tipperary entertain Limerick in both grades. Tipperary looked good against Clare but were unable to overcome Wexford. While they have very useful players like Jenny English, Rosie Ryan, Mona Quigley, Breda Kennedy and Eithne Bonnar, Tipperary are slow to organise themselves early in the season.

Because of this and on

their showing against Wexford, Limerick may collect the points. Two stars of the Limerick side for the past decade, Vera Mackey and Geraldine O'Brien, appear on the team sheet under the surnames of Mulcahy and Coleman.

A good display from this pair aided by Helen Sheehy, Margie Dore, Helen Collins, Pauline McCarthy and full-forward Brid Stokes should swing the game in Limerick's favour. Limerick should take the points from the junior match also.

Roscommon will endeavour to break their duck at Tullamore when they line out against Offaly. Some of the players will be sitting for the leaving certificate in June and not anxious to play at the moment.

In addition, former Mercy, Roscommon star Pauline O'Connor is now in America. Anne Marie Kelly,

Carina McDonnell, Catherine Carty, Ann Hynes and Teresa Finneran will have to put their act together to prevent a further slide.

Monaghan, who field a young side, hope to do well against Westmeath at Carrickmacross. Mary McCabe, Mary Murphy, Bridget Linden, Frances Byrne and Maria Garland are the backbone of the team and they will be encouraged by Westmeath's poor showing in the Donegal outing. Waterford travel to Portlaoise in search of points and should be good enough to take them home.

FIXTURES

SATURDAY

Renewed Congress at Crook Park 11 o'clock.

SUNDAY

National League

At Thomastown — Kilkenny v Louth, Junior 2.00; Senior, 3.15.

At Littleton — Tipperary v Limerick, Junior 2.30; Senior 3.30.

At Rathnure — Wexford v Galway, Junior 2.15; Senior 3.15.

At Tullamore 2 offaly v Roscommon, 3.00.

At Carrickmacross — Monaghan v Carrickmacross, 3.00.

At Portlaoise — Laois v Waterford, 4.30.

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CAMOGIE AFFAIRS

Mary Fennelly in her address to Congress at Portrush last weekend underlined the need for development as a matter of urgency at all levels of the Association. She saw room for improvement within each county. She called for the appointment of Liaison Officers who would adopt three or four counties and work in co-operation with our Development Officer.

She stressed the need to attract youth in great number to our game and suggested the formation of an independent group to look at our set-up and to submit a report on ways and means of improvement. She commended the work being done at colleges level and sought ways of tracing graduates leaving third level colleges so that they may be channelled into promoting the game.

Before the Congress was the newly published short history of the Camogie Association. The ground work for this undertaking was prepared by the late Paddy and Agnes Purcell and stands as a monument to their memory.

Finance proved a major

talking point at the meeting. However, a motion to introduce a membership fee throughout the Association was turned down. All were in agreement regarding our financial needs for the future. As a result, Ard Chomhairle will be directed to set up a fund-raising committee at its next meeting.

The post of Director of Organisation has been deleted from the officer list of Ard Chomhairle. For many years this position was filled by the late Sean O'Duffy. The work of this office is now undertaken by the Development Officer.

The counties strongly favoured the continuance of National Camogie Day. Gradam Tailte is also proving to be a popular event. The delegates voted to extend participation to county junior team members. Players who win All-Ireland senior or junior medals, may not be regraded in future within three years of their success.

Several motions covering the Ceol, Cainte agus Damhsa were passed. Entrants in the solo singing contest will now perform with one song only. The

The number of participants in the Novelty Act may vary from three to five and the order of events on the night shows a new line up.

Killeagh girls sound warning

Killeagh 4-6
Eire Og 1-5

Killeagh sounded a warning to their opponents in this year's Cork County Camogie Championship that they intend to regain the title they lost last year when they decisively beat old rivals Eire Og in the county club tournament held at Burges, Killeagh last night. The power of former Cork senior player Bernie Costine in attack proved to be the trump card for the winners as she contributed 3-2 of her sides tally.

Killeagh led at the break by 2-5 to 1-4 on the resumption they produced some fine camogie and only for the brilliance of Eileen Dineen at full-back and Marian McCarthy in goal, Killeagh's victory would have been far more decisive.

EIRE OG ARE CHAMPIONS

Eire Og 3-5,
St. Finbarr's 2-1

EIRE OG regained the Cork senior camogie league title, which they last won in 1980, when they defeated St. Finbarr's 3-5 to 2-1 at St. Finbarr's Grounds. But how they had to fight to stop a determined St. Finbarr's from causing a major upset.

Ahead at the interval by 1-4 to nil, the winners faced a very different Barrs side in the second-half. When playing with the wind, the Barrs really got to grips with the Owens girls and it took a great Mary Geaney goal, ten minutes from time, to clinch the issue.

Scorers — Eire Og: N. O'Driscoll 1-4, M. Geaney and Clare Kelleher 1-0 each, S. Murphy 0-1; St. Finbarr's: M. Walsh and S. Curtin 1-0 each, C. O'Mahony 0-1.

Three undefeated in Senior League

WITH the National Leagues at a standstill over the Easter weekend, it is a good opportunity to examine the present position of the competitions. In the senior league, three counties have full points.

Dublin, Kilkenny and Cork, the dominant teams of the past few seasons are undefeated. Wexford and Limerick are nicely placed in Section Two should Cork slip up. Down, Louth and Antrim have made a poor showing in the competition to date.

In the junior league,

Donegal and Wexford are blazing a trail with six points each. Heading their sections with two wins from two games are Dublin, Armagh and surprise packet of the competition, Carlow. With less games played, Clare, Laois and Derry are undefeated. The present position of the league tables is as follows:—

SENIOR LEAGUE—SECTION 1

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Dublin	2	2	0	0	4
Kilkenny	2	2	0	0	4
Antrim	2	0	1	1	1
Louth	2	0	1	1	1
Down	2	0	2	0	0

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SENIOR LEAGUE—SECTION 2

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Cork	2	2	0	0	4
Wexford	2	2	0	0	4
Limerick	2	1	0	1	2
Galway	2	1	0	1	2
Tipperary	2	1	2	0	2

JUNIOR LEAGUE—SECTION 1

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Dublin	2	2	0	0	4
Antrim	2	1	1	0	2
Down	2	1	1	0	2
Kilkenny	2	0	2	0	0
Louth	2	0	2	0	0

JUNIOR LEAGUE—SECTION 2

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Wexford	3	3	0	0	6
Limerick	3	2	1	0	4
Clare	3	2	0	1	4
Galway	3	2	0	1	4
Tipperary	3	0	3	0	0

JUNIOR LEAGUE—SECTION 3

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Donegal	3	3	0	0	6
Tyrone	3	1	1	0	2
Cavan	3	1	0	2	2
Westmeath	3	1	2	0	2
Monaghan	3	0	2	1	1

JUNIOR LEAGUE—SECTION 4

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Carlow	2	2	0	0	4
Laois	2	1	0	1	2
Kildare	2	1	0	1	2
Waterford	2	0	1	1	1

JUNIOR LEAGUE—SECTION 5

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Armagh	2	2	0	0	4
Derry	2	1	0	1	2
Meath	2	1	1	0	2
Offaly	2	0	1	1	1
Roscommon	2	0	2	0	0

Annual Congress resumed last Saturday with motions on the playing rules as the main item on the agenda. The delegates were in no

mood to change the game. The Kilkenny package of twenty motions calling for fifteen players on a full-sized hurling pitch received no support.

The meeting was in favour of extending the width of the pitch. However, it took much discussion before the figures of 60-80 metres were finally decided on. The maximum width is strongly recommended for inter-county matches.

Dublin, finalists in the 1983 All-Ireland Junior championship, set out on the long road back to Croke Park when they play Westmeath in the first round of

Clare unlikely to stop Cork

CORK have yet to win the National League. They have reached the final on occasions but fell at the final hurdle. The championship is their target and they achieved that goal four times in the past seven years.

With over 30 senior-graded names currently in their selectors notebooks, is there not sufficient talent within the county to spread over the two competitions? Five weeks ago, they recorded a comfortable win over Galway. Ruan is the next stop for a meeting with Clare.

Clare disappointed in a home fixture with Tipperary last month. Chances were not availed of and, consequently, the scoreboard did not flatter Clare at the finish. The sight of red and white will help them to lift their game but it will be more than a mild surprise if Cork are halted.

Dublin should make further progress both in the Senior and Junior leagues at the expense of Antrim. A draw against Louth was a poor result for Antrim in the opening round. Not so long ago, Antrim were a challenge for the best. But they have fallen on lean times and will take a little while to rebuild.

NO PROBLEMS

Dublin had no problems in defeating Down. Marion Conway settled in easily in the full-back spot. Yvonne Redmond, Una Crowley, Edel Murphy and newcomer, Carmel O'Byrne played well enough to suggest that Dublin will go far in the competition.

Carlow and Kildare meet at Myshall. Both have had a successful outing to date. Kildare collected the points from Waterford and Carlow gave the same treatment to Wicklow. Kildare are the choice for the brace of points on offer on Sunday.

The Donegal revival continues. Team manager Ann Carroll was very pleased with the side's showing against Westmeath. At this stage, she is quietly harbouring hopes of topping the section. A repeat of the Westmeath performance should be sufficient to advance past Cavan.

Congress attracted a large gathering to the seaside town of Portrush last weekend. It was gratifying to see

position of Director of Organisation has been deleted.

National Camogie Day is here to stay. Councils have the option to fine or suspend defaulters on fixtures. A county may now select their Gradam Tailte representative from either their Senior or Junior team.

Winners of all-Ireland Senior and Junior medals may not be regarded within three years of their success. Club registrations in future must be signed by the county secretary.

The Ceol, Caint agus Damhsa competition will have a number of amendments in its rules. Players around the country, who were anxious to learn the outcome of the motions on the playing rules, will have to wait for another two weeks.

Dublin in control

DUBLIN 5-7

ANTRIM 7-2

DUBLIN easily overcame Antrim in this League game at Russell Park yesterday. Three goals from Marie O'Connell in the first 10 minutes virtually finished the game as a contest, but both teams played with determination throughout.

SCORERS—Dublin—M. O'Connell (3-0), A. Thorpe (1-0), B. Reynolds (1-1), A. Colgan (0-2), J. Gormley (0-2), M. Duane (0-1), U. Crowley (0-1). Antrim—A. McAtamney (0-1), J. McClements (0-1), R. McAuley (1-0).

DUBLIN 6-3

ANTRIM 7-1

WITH Carmel O'Byrne in fine form, scoring 4-4 of Dublin's goals, Antrim were left with little hope in this Junior League game at Russell Park yesterday. Dublin led by 4-4 to 1-1 at half-time. Antrim failed to score in the second half, which left Dublin easy winners.

SCORERS—Dublin—C. O'Byrne (4-4), A. Cooper (1-0), S. Cronin (1-1), Antrim—H. Lochran (0-1), A. Higgins (1-0).

Leinster Colleges Senior B Semi-final—Presentation, Castlemeane, 2-1; Presentation, Kilkenny, 1-0.

Vocational Schools—Roscommon, 7-1; Cavan, 0-1.

CORK 2-9

CLARE 2-0

WITH an experimental team, Cork had a comfortable win over Clare at Ruan yesterday. Ahead by 2-5 to 0-0 at half-time, Cork proceeded to an impressive victory.

SCORERS—Cork—M. O'Leary (1-5), C. Kelleher (1-2), G. McCarthy (0-1), A. Landers (0-1), Clare—L. Fox (1-0), M. Beggan (0-0).

Maguire Cup—Armagh, 3-0; Monaghan, 1-3. Ulster Minor League—Armagh, 2-4; Monaghan, 2-3.

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20 Years Ago

OIL REFINERY, Whitegate, won the 1963 Cork County junior camogie championship title, when they had a 4-1 to 2-1 win over St. Bernadette's in their delayed final at Church Road, Cork. The teams were — Oil Refinery — M. O'Halloran, B. Dwyer, U. O'Mahony, B. Scully, M. Collins, M. Mulcahy, C. Mulcahy, T. Sweeney, J. Dorgan, M. Buckley, A. O'Gorman, A. Mulcahy, Sub. N. Veale, St. Bernadette's — B. O'Keefe, A. Deasy, B. McCoy, N. O'Riordan, B. Blackshields, K. Long, B. Sugrue, E. Lysaght, D. Walsh, M. Sullivan, P. O'Mahony, C. O'Connor.



Jury's 'Sportstar of the Month' Mary Geaney receives her award from Peter Malone, manager, Jury's.

BIGGEST TEST TO COME, SAYS MARY

By RUTH O'MAHONY

MARY GEANEY (Old Ursulines) is the March winner of the Jurys Hotel Cork Sportstar Award. Yesterday Miss Geaney was honoured for her outstanding play as goalkeeper on the Irish ladies hockey team in their recent success in the Home International Championship. They beat England 1-0 in Wembley, beat Wales by the same score in Shotin, and drew in Belfast with Scotland 0-0.

Miss Geaney, who comes from Castleisland, Co. Kerry, is an all round sportswoman and indeed has already won a Jurys Hotel Award when she

captained the Cork Camogie team to victory in the Senior All-Ireland camogie final. Miss Geaney also plays badminton and gaelic football and is now trying her hand at golf.

In accepting her award, Miss Geaney paid tribute to the wonderful loyalty of the Irish squad members and the great team spirit that has been built up over the last three years when they have played over 20 internationals successfully.

The biggest challenge is still to come. On May 2 the Irish squad will set out to take part in the first European Cup in Lille, France.

"This is the biggest challenge", said Miss

Geaney, "here we will be in world class competition. We will play seven matches in 11 days. West Germany and England are in our pool and we have to either beat one of these or draw with both to hope for a place in the semi-finals."

It is a tough assignment for the Irish squad who are amateurs in the semi-professional world of European hockey. But the spirit of which Miss Geaney spoke is of paramount importance, and with a goalkeeper of Miss Geaney's calibre Ireland will at least reach their seeded sixth position, and indeed could get further up the final placings.

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Cork skill can make trip pay

FURTHER PROGRESS will be made in the National Senior and Junior Camogie Leagues on Sunday. Three senior matches and five junior games are listed for decision. These matches will be of particular importance to the five counties involved which have full points to date.

All - Ireland senior champions, Cork have had successful outings against Clare and Galway. They travel to Tipperary on Sunday in the hope of advancing a step further towards their goal. The A.I.B. National League cup has yet to find a home by the Lee.

In the current competition Cork have used several of the newly promoted All - Ireland winning junior squad. To date Lilian Zinkant, Mary Ring, Margo Twomey and Ann Marie Landers have been given an opportunity to prove themselves. They responded willingly and will be hoping for inclusion when the panel is cut for the championship.

Although short B & I award winner, Clare Cronin who is holidaying in America, Cork should carry sufficient power and skill in Marion McCarthy, Sandie Fitzgibbon, Mary O'Leary, Martha Kearney and Canthy Landers to emerge on top. Tipperary ran Limerick to three points recently and should not be taken for granted. Breda Kennedy, Cora O'Brien, Martina Ryan, Mona Quigley and Jenny English will make Cork work hard.

Wexford let the points slip against Limerick in their opening game. They have since improved and disposed of Tipperary and Galway. Their next assignment is a home game with Clare. Clare have yet to earn a point in the competition and it is unlikely that Maureen Davoren, Carmel Wall, Claire Jones, Liz Condron and Ann Marie Russell will be able to prevent Wexford from notching another pair of points.

These counties also meet at junior level. With six points to their credit, Wexford juniors are riding on the crest of the wave. Teresa Hobbs, Annette Morris, Imelda O'Leary and Nora Gahan should steer Wexford from notching another section honours.

ANXIOUS RIVALS
Antrim and Down meet in both senior and junior grades. League honours would appear to have slipped out of reach at this stage. With the championship only around the corner, both counties will be anxious to use this opportunity to iron out any problems of weaknesses. Games between these close neighbours have always been keenly fought and next Sunday's matches should be no exception.

Armagh are heading Section 5 of the junior league. They entertain Meath on Sunday. A further two points on Sunday would leave them with only Derry to overcome for section honours. Trying their best to achieve this will be Bernadette McNally, Margaret Moriarty, Eileen Lennon, Rita McGuigan and the McStays.

Carlow are making an impact this season. Wicklow and Kildare have fallen to

them. Waterford are next on the list. Another win would leave Carlow in a very strong position. Tyrone and Cavan play in Section 3. The result will have little effect as Donegal have drawn way ahead in this group.

The colleges season is drawing to a close. The provincial colleges councils are winding up the secondary competitions. Five of the six Munster colleges competitions have been completed. As already known North Pres and Shannon took the championship titles. St. Josephs, Tulla won the Intermediate A League having defeated Scoil Mhuire, Cashel in the final.

The Munster junior losers competition produced a great final. St. Aloysius School, Cork returned to the winners enclosure after a long absence. They pipped St. Josephs, Tulla in a welter of excitement.

The Munster Colleges blitz at Charleville produced some great camogie. A team from Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis coached by Kilkenny hurler, Michael Maher, ran out clear winners. Michael has his eye on Croke Park and the All Ireland Colleges junior final. He would seem to be on course at the moment.

Cork Face Their Most Difficult Tasks

AT the half way stage Cork lead the National Senior League with two wins from two games, but the most difficult games have yet to come, with Tipperary on Sunday next and Limerick and Wexford in the coming weeks.

On tomorrow (Saturday) evening, St. Finbarrs will again be in action in an Under Age final this time against Killeagh in the Under 18 League, when they will be hoping to chalk up yet another success,

although the East Cork girls will have other ideas.

When Cork take the field against Tipperary on Sunday they will do well to remember this time last year when they were shocked at the same stage of the competition by a rejuvenated Tipperary team at Ballincollig. Tipperary have already beaten Clare in the competition and although they lost to Wexford and to Limerick last time out by a goal, they put up a creditable performance. They will be without their star forward Deirdre Lane, who apart from getting married on Saturday is out through an injury received in the Tipperary-Wexford clash. But they will have Jenny English, their most stylish player at centre-forward, Maura Hackett at full-back and Agnes Brophy at centre field. They also have the advantage of a home venue so Cork can expect a cracker.

Because there was no Board meeting on Monday evening last the Cork selectors have delayed picking the team but it is unlikely to include any major changes although some of the juniors may be given a run. Eileen Dineen, who missed the Galway and Clare games is almost certain to be back on the side, however, which would release Miriam Higgins to play her normal role at right corner-back. Of all the Juniors given a chance so far this season, only Ann Marie Landers has shown signs of the class needed for Senior competition. So she may well be in the side again on Sunday at centre-field in place of Clare Cronin, who is on holidays. Angela Higgins, who was a regular before a nasty injury, did reasonably well against Clare but is unlikely to retain the full forward spot if Mary Geaney makes herself available.

Noelle O'Driscoll could be given a game in the attack, while Liz Dunphy, who has yet to make her Senior debut, may also line out.

But overall the Cork team is likely to be on usual lines.

1984 Senior League Table to date:

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Cork	2	2	0	0	4
Limerick	3	2	0	1	4
Galway	2	1	0	1	2
Wexford	2	1	0	1	2

Tipperary	3	1	0	2	2
Clare	2	0	0	2	0

Central Council are worried that the game of Camogie, especially at Senior Inter-County level is becoming too rough and over-competitive and they are at present in the process of meeting with those involved all over the country.

On this Friday evening it will be Cork's turn when all members of the Cork Senior panel, selectors and trainer will have their meeting at Na Piarasigh Club at 7.30 p.m.

Members of the Referees Committee will travel from Belfast and Dublin for the occasion and it is therefore imperative for every member of the panel to make a special effort to be in attendance. The committee have already met players from other counties so there should be a useful exchange of views.

On tomorrow, (Saturday), the first official referees course for many years will be held, also at Na Piarasigh. We are all aware of the importance and shortage of good referees so all clubs are asked to send as many present and potential referees as possible. The course will be conducted by Miss Lily Spence of Antrim.

St. Finbarr's look likely to collect their third trophy in a week when their Under 18s take on Killeagh in the Championship Final. The latter, who had an exciting win over Eire Og in the semi-final may not have as much all round experience as the city girls, who can call on several members of the Cork Under 16 and Under 18 panels, and will be fancied to win.

FIXTURES

This evening (Friday): meeting with Referees Committee at Na Piarasigh, 7.30 p.m.

Tomorrow (Saturday)

Referees Course at Na Piarasigh Club, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; U/18 Final: St. Finbarr's v Killeagh (venue to be decided), 7.15 p.m.

(Sunday)

NSL: Tipperary v Cork at Roscrea, 3 p.m.; Ref: Brid Stokes; S and JNL: Clare v Wexford, at Wexford 3.30 p.m. and J. 2.30 p.m.

No trouble to Wexford

WEXFORD 2-4
CLARE 0-2

WEXFORD had a comfortable victory over Clare in the National Camogie League at Cloughbawn. Good work by Kathleen Teeks, Elsie Coady, Catherine Murphy, and Jackie Codd, saw Wexford ahead by 1-1 to 0-0 at half time. A. McInerney, C. Jones, V. Casey, and L. Fox worked hard for Clare but could not prevent a home victory. Scorers: Wexford - J. Codd (1-2), A. Reddy (1-1), C. Murphy (0-1). Clare - J. McInerney (0-2).

TIPPERARY 2-2
CORK 1-5

Cork were lucky to snatch a draw at Roscrea. Playing with a stiff breeze, Tipperary dominated the game and led at half-time by 1-2 to 0-2. Cork improved on the changeover and a last minute point by substitute, L. Zinkant, gave them a draw. Scorers: Tipperary - S. Hickey (1-1), J. English (1-0), A. Gleeson (0-1). Cork - M. O'Leary (1-2), A. Higgins (0-1), L. Dunphy (0-1), L. Zinkant (0-1).

ANTRIM 1-8
DOWN 2-4

THE RETURN to Mairead McAtamney to the Inter County scene marked the first Antrim victory in the current League. While not yet at peak fitness, she made her presence felt in the centre of the field. Scorers: Antrim - D. O'Rawe (1-0), M. McAtamney (0-4). Down - B. McGreevey (2-2), T. Allen (0-2).

Junior League - Clare 1-6, Wexford 2-1; Armagh 2-8, Meath 1-1; Carlow 6-5, Waterford 3-3; Antrim 2-6, Down 3-6.

Leinster Junior Championship - Kilkenny 2-2, Offaly 1-2.

Leinster Minor Championship - Kilkenny 4-2, Offaly 2-2.



Ann Marie Landers (Killeagh) who could be in Cork side for Sunday.

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Late Zinkant point earns Cork a draw

CORK 1-5 TIPPERARY 2-2

CORK came dangerously close to defeat in this National League Camogie game at St. Cronan's Park, Roscrea yesterday. It was only a last minute point from substitute Lilian Zinkant which gave them the draw their performance deserved.

It took Cork 18 minutes to open their account as Tipperary, helped by the breeze and a good start, looked to be well in command thanks to points from Susan Hickey and Jenny English and a goal from Triona Bonner. Angela Higgins added to Mary O'Leary's opening point before the break at which point Tipperary led by 1-2 to 0-2. Tipp. might have scored another goal just before half-time but Jenny English was narrowly off target.

For the second half the Cork selectors introduced Liz Dunphy to mid-field in an effort to remedy a problem area. The early stages of the second half produced few scores and many wides. After Tipp. had two wides Cork registered seven wides in succession before Liz Dunphy opened the second half scoring with a good Cork point after 11 minutes.

Mary O'Leary then put Cork ahead when she hand passed to the net following good work by Noelle O'Driscoll. Jenny English replied quickly with a goal for Tipp. after a nice build-up by the Tipperary forwards. Mary O'Leary reduced Cork's deficit to a point and the excitement mounted for the last seven minutes of the game. Anne Keeshan made a good save from Ger McCarthy and Sandra Fitzgibbon was wide from close range.

A Cork defeat looked on the cards then until Lilian Zinkant struck the late equaliser. Cork may have underestimated an understrength Tipperary, but despite maintaining their unbeaten record they need to improve, especially in attack, if they are to lift the AIB Cup for the first time.

CORK — M. McCarthy, E. Dineen, M. Higgins, M. Kearney, C. Landers, S. Fitzgibbon (capt.), G. McCarthy, A. M. Landers, A. Higgins, C. Kelleher, N. O'Driscoll, M. O'Leary, Subs: L. Dunphy and L. Zinkant.
TIPPERARY — A. Keeshan, C. O'Brien, M. Hackett, R. Ryan, M. Madden, S. Hickey, M. Ryan, K. McCuskey, T. Bonner, S. McDonnell, G. English, A. Gleeson, Sub: M. Graham.

Referee: Brid Stokes (Limerick).

EASY FOR CORK

By JOAN MORLEY

CORK 7-9
LIMERICK 0-2

A much-improved Cork had a very easy win over a disappointing Limerick team in the first round of the Munster Senior Camogie Championship played at Ballincollig on Saturday evening.

The All-Ireland champions were always in command and, although Limerick played quite well in the first period, their obvious lack of fitness saw them tire after the interval when then trailed by 2-5 to 0-1. In the end, Cork could have won by even more than their 7-9 to 0-2.

The winners' defence did not have a lot to do on this occasion but dealt adequately with anything that came their way. In centrefield, one of last season's junior stars, Liz Dunphy, played very well and scored some marvellous long-range points, and Sandy Fitzgibbon played her usual all-action game on the wing.

Unlike Sunday last when missed chances were the order of the day, the Cork forwards were hungry for scores on Saturday and Val Fitzpatrick's return at centreforward added much-needed drive to the attack. Angela Higgins was a revelation at full-forward, where she not only scored 3-2, but was also the architect of many more Cork scores, while Mary O'Leary was always a threat in the corner.

Limerick were fighting an uphill battle from the start. They did quite well in the first half. But, as well as fading after the interval, they also lost Vera Mulcahy, one of their top players, through injury at the break.



Cork's Angela Higgins soles towards the Limerick goal chased by Bernie O'Dea during the Munster Senior Camogie Championship game at Ballincollig.

Pauline McCarthy, Helen Collins, Agnes O'Sullivan and Liz O'Sullivan, who came on as a substitute for Vera Mulcahy, tried to the very end for the losers, but Limerick will certainly have to improve greatly if they are to have any chance at all of a run in the All-Ireland championship.

Scorers—Cork:—A. Higgins 3-2, M. O'Leary 1-4, V. Fitzpatrick 2-0, G. McCarthy 1-0 and L. Dunphy 0-3. Limerick:—P. McCarthy 0-2.

CORK:—M. McCarthy, E. Dineen, M. Higgins, C. Landers, M. Kearney, A. M. Landers, L. Dunphy, S. Fitzgibbon, M. O'Leary, V. Fitzpatrick, G. McCarthy, A. Higgins.

LIMERICK:—H. Sheehy, B. O'Dea, M. Dore, G. Coleman, H. Collins, V. Mulcahy, P. McCarthy, H. Clifford, B. Chawke, B. Stokes, A. O'Sullivan, A. Sheehy.

Subs: L. O'Sullivan for V. Mulcahy; A. Power for B. Stokes; M. Treacy for M. Dore.

Donegal can wrap up the title in Carndonagh

Donegal who have been enjoying their most successful season can wrap up Section 3 of the National Junior League at Carndonagh tomorrow. With full points from three games they will face Monaghan confidently.

It is less than a decade since Ann Carroll introduced camogie to the Letterkenny area. Some of her early pupils had never seen or held a hurley. Ann patiently taught the element skills of the game to the youngsters of Loreto, Letterkenny. It was a slow process as no tradition of camogie or hurling existed.

She entered the school in Ulster College's competition, formed a club in the locality and brought her players all over the country in search of experience. In her previous surroundings in County Kilkenny honours came quickly but here in Donegal the leading procedures takes time.

How pleasing it will be for Ann should her charges qualify for the play off stages of a national competition. On form to date they should attain this target. Led by Margaret Ronney a former Ashbourne captain at U.C.D., the side contains a good blend of youth and experience. Gerry Murphy, Josie McCusker, Ita Blake, Brid Ronaghan, Anne

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McGrath and Margardt Curran are dedicated players who will give their best for Donegal.

Monaghan deserve no bouquets for their performances in the current league. They have yet to registered their first point. Mady McCabe, Rosemary Hughes, Ann Clarke and Maria Gartland will have to step up on recent displays if they are to halt Donegal's.

Derry have less games played than the others counties of their section. They recorded a win over Meath but their big test has yet to come. Armagh are well out in front and have only Derry left to play. Helping to prepare them for that major confrontation, Derry have a date with Roscommon at Clady on Sunday.

In Sarah Ann Quinn, Breige O'Doherty, Martina O'Kane, Aylene McWilliams and Nuala McIlver Derry should have the makings of a side to overcome Roscommon. The Connacht representatives have dropped points to Armagh and Meath so far. With the Leaving Certificate looming up ahead, they have not been able to call on their full panel. Carina McDon-

nell, Ann Hynes, Teresa Finneran, Catherine Carty and Eileen Moylan should be in action but may find Derry too much to cope with.

Kildare and Laois have brought forward their league fixture. Carlow are riding high in this section and only Laois are between them and section honours. Tomorrow's game at Clane is of greater importance to LAOIS. Margardt Dowling, Peggy Carroll, Martina Dunne, Alice Cuddy and Bed Fitzpatrick will be going all out for a win to leave them nicely placed for the following Sunday's clash with Carlow.

The Munster senior semi-finals are scheduled for tonight. Limerick travel to Ballincollig to play Cork who were stopped in their tracks by Tipperary in the league last Sunday and will have to show a vast improvement if they are to advance. Jenny English was in fine form for Tipperary and her skills will trouble Clare in the second semi-final at Cusack Park. Tipperary have already beaten Clare this season and should repeat the dose.

The Munster minor championship opens tomorrow. Tipperary travel to Waterford and with college players to draw from in Cashel, Nenagh and Hospital, they should return with the spoils.

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GAEILIC WORLD



Top: Deirdre Costello, who scored 3-6, leads St. Raphael's, of Loughrea, in the parade prior to the All Ireland Colleges' junior final. Loughrea won the title, beating St. Patrick's Comprehensive School, Shannon, by 5-8 to 2-1. Above: Maryfield College, Dublin, winners of the All Ireland Colleges' senior camogie title for the first time by beating North Presentation, Cork, by 2-5 to 0-5. Below left: Paula Morgan, of North Presentation, in a race for the ball with two Maryfield players. Below right: Jean Paula Kent, the winner of the Felle na nGael skills title last year, in control of the situation for North Presentation in the colleges' senior final.



FOCUS ON CAMOGIE

— by —
Gerry Mullan

THE GOAL FOR DOWN?



Down
YEARBOOK

Before we can evaluate what the future may hold for camogie in Down, it is necessary to look back.

The Association as exists at present, is the result of its rebirth after a meeting in Canon's Hall, Downpatrick, on 7th December, 1963. This was convened by the Ulster Council to re-establish the game in Down as the County Board had fallen through about 1956/7. After being dormant for a few years, it re-appeared in Ballycran in 1960 and quickly spread to Portaferry. These two clubs kept camogie alive by way of friendly matches, etc., as well as representing the county in Ulster Junior Championship, and continued so until 1963.

Therefore, in 1983, we can safely say that camogie is now twenty years developing. Evidence of this can be seen in a variety of ways — seven clubs attended the original meeting, there are now twenty-three. Also from a total East Down base then, the game is now particularly strong in Mid and South Down and Mourne area. All grades and age groups are provided for in competitions. Willingness to develop may also be evidenced by the disproportionate number of offices held by County Down personnel on Provincial and Central Councils, etc. Referees, coaches and administrators are playing their part at every level of the Association. As the record will show, county teams have had an abundance of notable achievements; the first came very soon after our re-organisation, i.e. Ulster Minor Championship in 1966. The big breakthrough, however, came in 1968, when Down annexed the first All-Ireland Junior Championship ever staged. Further National titles followed, in 1974 the Minor Championship; and, in 1976, the Junior Championship.

These successes prompted the County Board to realise that the dawn of a new era may be at hand. Senior status had been achieved by right as Junior winners; now it had to be earned. A five year plan was formulated with this target in mind. 1977 was a year of quiet consolidation and team building, mainly from the good minor teams of the early 1970's allied to the experience and skill already there. This bore fruit in 1978 with Down defeating Antrim in the Ulster Senior Championship final, breaking twenty-five years dominance of that county in this competition, and they took the Maguire Cup (Ulster League Trophy) for good measure. Down now entered a period where our position as the premier camogie county in Ulster was firmly established. From 1977 until the present, every senior title has

come to Down with three exceptions, i.e. 1979 and 1982 Senior Championships and 1982 Senior League. In addition Junior B titles were won by the county and Ulster Club Championships were annexed by Kilkeel, with Newry having already won the latter in the early 1970's. Down have also acquitted themselves well in the National League, Senior and Junior, having recorded wins over every county with the exception of Kilkenny, Dublin, Wexford, Limerick and Tipperary. Cork have not been played. Unfortunately minor honours have not been won during this period. To round off field successes, Down Juniors out in Ulster in 1983 and were defeated by a good Dublin team in the All-Ireland semi-final. Representative honours on Ulster Gael Linn selections have been on the increase, culminating in all-time record of eleven seniors and four juniors on provincial panels in 1982.

Colleges in the county, whilst not achieving the same pinnacles of success, have made their presence felt, particularly in Ulster. Sacred Heart, Newry and St. Louis's, Kilkeel in Senior with St. Mary's, Downpatrick and St. Columba's, Portaferry in Junior having some reward also. Newry Technical always figure prominently in their particular section.

Down have been one of the few counties in Ireland that continue to work hard for success of CCD (the equivalent of Scór). They are perhaps the most successful and certainly the best organised county in Ulster. Naturally this hard work has led to many titles coming to Down over the years, with success at national level being achieved by Killyleagh and Attical clubs in instrumental music, recitation and novelty acts.

So much for the present. What now of the future? Only the best will suffice as a target for Down. But before we can move forward to this ideal, both the strengths and the weaknesses of the present situation must be recognised.

Though opinions may differ here, the greatest advantage are qualities which are inherent in all Down organisations, the determination to be first, to lead by example (and good sportsman-like example at that), the acceptance of central authority as well as it's decisions good and bad, and finally the ability to persevere when the situation seems hopeless. Add a large share of public sympathy (largely untapped), more than reasonable access to the finest playing fields and the generosity of many G.A.A. clubs in helping with transport, camans and sliothars as well as many of their personnel acting out the role of coaches, trainers, referees and selectors, etc. These

Refereeing and coaching must be given urgent and in-depth consideration with, perhaps, sub-committees being set up to organise seminars and courses with a view to raising standards.

Juvenile competitions require a complete change of scenery. It is time they also had a separate Board to deal with fixtures and in particular the extension of under-age teams to all parts of Down. A development committee comes to mind here as distinct from fixtures.

It is imperative that a League Programme is adhered to on dates arranged; this would, if nothing else, give county selectors an opportunity to follow the progress of more skilful players.

Championships, in particular Senior, must be built up so that the final will be seen as the highlight of club activity for the year. This would also attract the public interest if properly publicised.

Clubs would benefit from a programme designed to instruct them in management etc., by

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And the personnel to man these sub-committees? We know a lot are already there, many more have become inactive after years of service. If the right environment were created, many would be encouraged back, and hopefully good publicity and development would produce more.

It would be unrealistic and even foolhardy if we did not realise that the task is difficult. It will be, but then it was just as daunting in 1956-60. Until those resources of determination, leadership, responsible thinking and perseverance are tested by way of careful and realistic planning and organisation, then the shame of constant failure will remain. The failure of not having tried! The Gaels of Down were never known to have been beaten "before" they tried.

QUEENS OF THE KINGDOM

AN RÍOCHT
DOWN SENIOR CHAMPIONS, ALL-IRELAND '7's' RUNNERS-UP



Back: Christine Rooney, Debbie Morgan, Therese Allen (Capt.), Maura Arterton, Carmel Morgan, Mickey Brown (Manager)

Front: Carmel O'Hare, May Curran, Veronica McGreevey, Andrea McDowell, Teresa McVeigh.

The best team ever in Down Camogie! That is the title claimed for the girls of An Ríocht, who, in the eleven years since their foundation won every major honour open to them on the county and provincial scene. 1983 stands out as another golden year for the 'Mourne Maids', not only did they retain their county crown, beating Leitrim 3.6 to 3.3 in a thrilling final, but they distinguished themselves also on the National scene in the All-Ireland Seven-a-side tournament in Dublin.

The Kingdom lasses overcame such outstanding teams as Ardkeen (Waterford),

Crumlin (Dublin) and Buffers Alley (Wexford) to qualify for the decider, and the pain of losing to a star-studded St. Paul's (Kilkenny) team was eased somewhat by the news that two of their number carried off the top individual awards. Teenager, Andrea McDowell won the "Golden Goal" prize with a score reminiscent of Jimmy Barry-Murphy's immortal "double" in the All-Ireland Semi-final. And 'Bonnie' McGreevey from Glassdrumman, Down's first ever Gradam-Tailte Camogie All-Star, was adjudged "Player of the Tournament", despite competition from many of the top stars in Ireland.

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LEITRIM DOWN JUNIOR CHAMPIONS, 1983



Back: A. McCartan, M. Keown, Sharon Gribben, Sheila Gribben, C. McKay, L. McCartan, G. McCartan, R. Malone, T. Turley, C. O'Higgins.
Front: M. Owens, B. McAleenan, D. Greeran, P. McCullough, R. Greeran, S. Hynes, M. McCartan,
Mascot: Bernadette McCartan.

LEITRIM MINORS 1983 Feis Champions



(Back: Sharon Gribben, Sheila Gribben, Anne McCartan, Angela McCartan, Fionnuala Greeran.
Front: Clare McKay, Dymphna McCartan, Monica McCartan, Mary Keown.

Lovely Leitrim

LEITRIM'S ALL-IRELAND



Teresa O'Hare, P. F. M. McCartan and Rosaleen McCartan, winners of C.C.D. Quiz Competition, 1983

Easy assignments for the front-runners in Senior League

Front runners in Section One of the National Senior League, Kilkenny and Dublin have easy assignments this coming weekend. Dublin take their senior and junior teams to Phillipstown where they have double engagements with Louth.

The revised Dublin forward line has scored freely in the Antrim and Down games. The Louth rearguard are likely to have problems coping with Joan Gormley, Marie Connell and Edel Murphy.

At the other end, the Dublin defence has not faced any real pressure in the games played to date. A win for Dublin is expected

in both grades. Their supporters will have to wait another week to learn the true worth of the side when the crunch match of the section will be decided with Kilkenny.

Kilkenny host Antrim at Larchfield. Mairead McAtamney made a very welcome return to the Antrim side in recent weeks. However, Antrim are in the process of rebuilding and may not be ready to depose Kilkenny just yet in the senior grade.

The junior game is a different set-up. Kilkenny's record in this level is not impressive and the North-

erners could collect the points.

Assessing the form of the Munster counties is a precarious occupation. Tipperary raised eyebrows by taking a point from Cork at Roscrea. Short four regulars, they travelled to Cusack Park in the Munster senior championship and failed to register a point in the league campaign.

Tipperary cross the Shannon en route to Tynagh on Sunday to meet Galway in a match which has no bearing on the league. With Wexford sitting on top of the points table with six points, neither Tip-

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perary or Galway can come back into contention. The game will serve as a training exercise for the championship which is only eight weeks away.

Limerick took a hiding from Cork in the Munster senior championship on Saturday night. Cork's pride was hurt in the Tipperary game and they bounced back in style.

Limerick had their regular players on duty but they looked far from fit. When Vera Mackey retired at half-

time, the Limerick challenge ended.

Mathematically speaking, Limerick are still in the reckoning for league honours. But they will have to pick themselves off the floor and get into the right frame of mind for the visit of Clare on Sunday.

The defence looked vulnerable at Ballincollig and requires tightening. The players, who brought Limerick to Crock Park in 1980 are nearly all still available and with training could turn into a formidable side.

Clare will be heartened with their victory over Tipperary. The league is over as far as they are concerned.

They have a date with our rivals, Cork in the Open Draw and will be anxious to avail of all opportunities to help their team to settle. Clare juniors are undefeated in the junior grade and should make further progress on Sunday.

The unexpected defeat of Donegal by Monaghan opens up section three of the junior league. Westmeath and Cavan face one another at Turin. In section four, Carlow play their last scheduled game. They are at home to Laois at Myshall and can clinch a place in the league semi-finals.

Pan Celtic Festival takes place in Killarney this

coming weekend. The camogie competition has catered for the under sixteen age group up to now. This year the organisers have added a senior competition. Mary Treacy has attracted eight teams to participate. The entry would probably be higher but for the heavy list of league games.

Woodville and Marino will travel south from Dublin to participate. The Cork contingent includes Eire Og, St. Finbarrs and Bishopstown. Regular visitors, Croagh-Kilfinny of Limerick will be present once again.

Tullamore and An-

derstown complete the senior entry. Several of the senior clubs are bringing their underage team along also. Salthill and Mervue of Galway will head for the scenic town.

FITURES

Sat. and Sun.—Pan Celtic Festival at Killarney.
Sunday—National Leagues.
At Tynagh—Galway v Tipperary—sen. 3.30; jun. 2.00.
At Phillipstown—Louth v Dublin—jun. 2.00; sen. 3.15.
At Larchfield—Kilkenny v Antrim—jun. 2.00; sen. 3.15.
At Crecora—Limerick v Clare—jun. 2.00; sen. 3.15.
At Turin—Westmeath v Cavan—jun. 3.00.
At Myshall—Carlow v Laois—jun. 3.00.

EASY FOR CLARE
CLARE 4-6; LIMERICK 1-5
Clare ran out easy winners in the Junior National League camogie game against Limerick at Mungret yesterday. Scores for Clare: M. McNicholas 2-2, A. Madden 1-0, C. Carmody 1-0, A. Quinn 0-3, J. Mullins 0-1, Limerick: A. Sheedy 1-1, R. Fitzgerald 0-2, T. McFarley 0-1, L. O'Sullivan 0-1.

LIMERICK had a comfortable win over Clare in the Senior National League game at Mungret, Co. Limerick, yesterday. Limerick was the too strong side for Clare, who were out of their league. Limerick's scorers were: A. O'Sullivan (1-1), B. Charvillat (1-0), A. W. Sullivan (0-2), Clare scorers were: C. Keating (1-0), C. Jones (0-1), M. McElveney (0-2), C. Wall (0-1).
National Senior League—Dublin, 8-8; Louth, 3-3; Kilkenny, 5-4; Antrim, 0-5; Limerick, 1-5; Clare, 1-4; Galway, 1-0; Tipperary, 0-8.
National Junior League—Dublin, 9-0; Louth, 2-3; Kilkenny, 2-2; Antrim, 2-3; Clare, 4-4; Limerick, 1-5; Carlow, 4-3; Laois, 0-0; Galway, 2-6; Tipperary, 2-0.

EIRE OG TRIUMPH
Eire Og (Cork) 5-2; Croagh-Kilfinny (Limerick) 0-2
Eire Og, who had an outstanding performer in Clare Kelleher, had a facile win over Croagh-Kilfinny in the senior final of the Pan Celtic camogie tournament in Killarney at the weekend.
Eire Og had their toughest match against Woodville of Dublin in the preliminary stages of the competition.
St. Finbarr's, Cork, 5-4; Marino, Dublin 0-3
Superior talent in attack made the difference between the sides in the under 16 A final at Fitzgerald stadium yesterday. Under 16 B final: Croagh-Kilfinny 2-1, Mervue, Galway 0-0.

Antrim have dropped three points in the national senior league but that does not mean that they will be taking their trip to Kilkenny lightly on Sunday. Foremost in the minds of the Antrim officials is the Open Draw meeting with Wexford on the 8th July.

The selectors are preparing the side for that fixture. So far Mairead McAtamney has been coaxed back, and it is hoped that two more former Antrim stars will return to the fold. The intention is to blend these in with Mary McMillen, Carol Blaney, Mary Lundy and Siobhan McAtamney.

This year the St. Pauls club of Kilkenny celebrate their coming of age. The majority of Kilkenny's All-Ireland medal holders have worn the colours

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of St. Pauls. With the impending celebrations scheduled for next month, preparations are well in hand. The results will undoubtedly rub off on the county team which should account for Antrim at Larchfield. The much awaited showdown with Dublin will take place on Sunday week.

In the meantime, the Metropolitans visit Phillipstown to play Louth. Louth are still trying to find their feet in senior competition. They were pleased to take a point from Antrim but Dublin may prove too much

to cope with in both senior and junior games.

Little heed was paid to league form in the Munster senior championship semi-finals last Saturday night. The previous week Tipperary held Cork at Roscrea. Clare, pointless to date, eliminated Tipperary from the provincial championship at Cusack Park. Granted Tipperary travelled short some regulars. But Clare had a merited 1-7 to 0-7 victory.

Annoyed with their poor showing in Roscrea, Cork moved into top gear at Ballin-

collig and left Limerick wondering where they go from there. Some of the Limerick stalwarts were pale shadows of their former selves on the night. It is obvious that they have not reached the same level of match fitness as the Cork counterparts. They will be anxious to redeem themselves and use the Clare outing next Sunday in preparation for the more important fixtures ahead.

The unexpected defeat of Donegal has opened up section three of the junior league. Westmeath entertain Cavan at

Turin in this section. The impending examinations have taken their toll on counties fielding young sides. Both Westmeath and Cavan fall into this category. Only Laois stand between Carlow and a place in the semi-finals of the junior league. Carlow have full points from outings with Waterford, Wicklow and Kildare.

The Pan Celtic Festival takes place in Killarney this weekend. This year the organisers have added a senior competition to the usual under-sixteen championship. The heavy

league programme has curtailed entries. However, Woodville, Croagh-Kilfinny, St. Finbarrs, Eire Og, Marino and Tullamore will be among the visitors.

SUNDAY

NATIONAL LEAGUES

At Tynagh—Galway v. Tipperary, Junior (2.0); Senior (3.30).
At Phillipstown — Louth v. Dublin, Junior (4.0); Senior (3.15).
At Larchfield — Kilkenny v. Antrim, Junior (2.0); Senior (3.15).
At Crecora — Limerick v. Clare, Junior (2.0); Senior (3.15).
At Turin — Westmeath v. Cavan, Junior (3.0).
At Myshall—Carlow v. Laois, Junior (3.0).

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Historic Year for St. Mary's Camogie Club — Glenamaddy/Kilkerrin

"St. Mary's seek their first Senior Championship victory" — was the heading in a local paper at the end of June 1983. Little did the writer realise how fully the hope expressed would be fulfilled over the following months.

Centred on the neighbouring parishes of Glenamaddy and Kilkerrin in the north east of the county, St. Mary's Camogie Club was formed in 1971. Although this is a football area, camogie was played in the two post primary schools, Coláiste Sheosaimh and St. Benins Vocational School. With a team composed of players from both these schools St. Mary's won the County Junior Championship in their first year by defeating Gurteen by 0-2 to 0-0 in a replay at Mountbellew and went on to defeat Roscommon Gaels in a special Connacht final in the Spring of 1972.

Although St. Mary's won the County Junior League in 1975 and 1976, the Junior championship again in 1976 and the minor league in 1982 and had representatives on County and Inter-provincial teams over the years, the club had never tasted ultimate success at senior level. They reached the final of the County championship in 1979 but were defeated 3-6 to 0-1 by Athenry.

Breakthrough

The big breakthrough came on the 6th June 1982 when they defeated Athenry 3-4 to 2-5 in the County Senior League final. This victory showed that the potential to win the Senior Championship was there but hopes were quickly dashed and St. Mary's were defeated by Oranmore in the semi final.

So to 1983 and the newspaper heading referred to above. The team members and everyone involved in the Club realised that, while the potential was

there, a supreme effort would be required if their hopes of success at senior level were to become a reality. All concerned pledged to do everything possible and a plan of regular training was drawn up and adhered to.

Ahascragh, the 1982 Junior champions provided the opposition in the first round and after a keenly fought game at Ahascragh St. Mary's emerged winners by 1-6 to 0-1. They were then drawn to meet Castlegar in the semi-final and after two thrilling games in Loughrea won the replay 1-3 to 0-3 on the first Sunday in September.

County Final

Through to the County Final, for only the second time in their history, St. Mary's travelled to Loughrea for the third Sunday in a row to face the champions Athenry. They were well aware of the mammoth task that faced them but they had really prepared well and were determined to do all that was humanly possible to bring the championship to North East Galway for the

first time. At half time they led by 1-2 to 0-0 but Athenry, relying on their great experience and ability made strenuous efforts to get on top in the second half. St. Mary's sensing victory were not to be denied and finished deserving winners on the score 2-5 to 1-3. The promise and the dream had become a reality and the victory celebrations indicated how much it meant to all concerned.

Connacht Final

Since Spring there had been so much concentration of mind and effort on winning the County Championship that no thought had been given to any further ambition. Now the sights had to be raised and on the last Sunday in September St. Mary's became champions of Connacht when they defeated Knockcroghery (Roscommon) 9-6 to 0-1 at Glenamaddy.

All Ireland Series

They were again favoured with a home venue for their first venture into the All Ireland series but were up against very formidable opponents in the Limerick and Munster champions Croagh/Kilfinny, who had been All Ireland champions in 1975. The Galway ladies upset the pre-match forecast and in one of the best displays ever given by a local team, won by 3-3 to 1-0, much to the delight of their large following.

Two buses, as well as many car loads,



St. Mary's Camogie Team (Glenamaddy/Kilkerrin) 1983. Standing (left to right): Monique Scholman, Kitty Hoey, Rita Divilly, Christina Divilly, Teresa Garvey, Teresa Raftery, Kathleen Comer, Brenda Divilly, Catherine Warde. Front Row (left to right): Patricia Hession, Patricia Keady, Mary Kelly, Kathleen Garvey, Claire Geraghty (Capt.), Ann Gallagher, and Ann Divilly.



St. Paul's who won their 19th Kilkenny senior camogie title this year.

Back row (l. to r.): Carmel Savage, Liz Neary, Marie Fitzpatrick, Catherine Neary, Agnes Reddy, Breda Ryan, Breda Ryan, Marie Lawlor. Front (l. to r.): Hanora Fogarty, Mary Canavan, Nelly Coakley, Angela Downey, Ann Downey (capt.), Judy Fry, Kathleen Holohan, Catherine Rafter.

St. Als PPU Celebrate Its 40th Anniversary

By DECLAN COLLEY

THE St. Aloysius School's Past Pupils' Union celebrates its 40th anniversary in the coming months and several events are planned to mark the occasion.

Originally set up in June, 1944, to help their mentors, the Sisters of Mercy, in all their endeavours in sport, the arts, charities and their missionaries abroad, the St. Als PPU has grown in strength and stature over the years.

The first president of the union, a teacher and former pupil, Noelle Scanlon, is now a Sister of the Dames de San Maur (Drishane) and works as a missionary in Japan at present.

At the first PPU meeting she was unanimously elected as president and was a major factor in the development of the union in its early years.

In more recent times, the union has spread its wings and formed branches in Dublin and Limerick. The Dublin branch was inaugurated in 1962 and the first President was Aine (O'Donoghue) Darby. In 1972, the Limerick branch was founded and Noreen (Kidney) McFadden was its first President.

The union prides itself on the fact that it keeps in contact with many 'exiled' through reports and functions which delegates attend.

Over the years they have involved themselves in many fund raising activities for such worthy causes as the provision of a new chapel and the Gamma Camera at the Mercy Hospital and they also raised money towards the rebuilding of the Opera House in Cork.

In addition to that work, they have also raised funds for their original commitment to the Sisters of Mercy and, to this end, have organised fashion shows, cookery demonstrations, flower arrangement demonstrations, whist drives, dances, bring and buy sales and carol singing.

The St. Aloysius Past Pupils Union also involved themselves in amateur dramatics and, under the guidance of the late Eileen Curran and Mrs. O'Shaughnessy, won many trophies over the years.

Swimming was also always a strong school sport and the P.P.U. has organised many galas at the old Eglantine baths. People such as Mary Wylie, Claire O'Sullivan, Eileen Campion and Mary Fitzgibbon went on from the P.P.U. to swim at inter-

the Cork Camogie Bord. The holder of six All-Ireland medals, Lil now, Mrs. Crowley, lives at Clancoolbeg, Bandon.

The next person to represent the club at the highest level was Lil O'Grady (now Mrs. John O'Neill), who held office from 1965 to 1968. She had fielded with Old Als for many seasons and won both junior and senior County Championship medals. Also an All-Ireland referee, she is currently chairwoman of the Munster Colleges Council and president of the All-Ireland Colleges Council.

county and inter-provincial level.

However, Camogie has always been the major sporting involvement of the school and, as such, the Old Al's Camogie Club has, since its inception in the 1930's, been to the fore.

Indeed, the club has an unequalled record in that it has provided the camogie association with three presidents over the years. Lil Kirby was accorded this honour in 1939 having also had the honour to be the first lady chairman of

Elected in 1979 to the presidency at the annual congress in Blarney, Mary Moran was the club's third representative in the office.

Mary coached Cork teams to All-Ireland suc-

cess at minor, junior and senior grades. A national coach, she has directed coaching in almost every county and produced two books on the game and is the national P.R.O. and camogie correspondent for the national newspapers.

Old Als input in the Cork Camogie Board has been immense. The club gave six chairmen, Lil Kirby, Mary Coffey, Siobhan O'Sullivan, Eileen Keating, Lil O'Grady and Mary Moran. Six Old Als girls, Alice Quigley, Eithne Ahern, Josie McGrath, Reenee Fitzgerald, Catherine O'Regan and Maura Brennan held office as secretary of the board. Eleven Old Als girls looked after the finances of the board and Joan Morley acting as P.R.O. for many years still reports on the games.

Carmel Desmond has had a long involvement with the game at schools level culminating with her election as president of the All-Ireland Colleges Council.

Twenty Old Als players have won All-Ireland senior medals and eleven have represented Munster. Four Old Als girls have captained Cork to win All-Ireland senior crowns — Lil Kirby, Josie McGrath, Renee Fitzgerald and Kitty Buckley.

The club has produced a galaxy of glittering stars from Josie McGrath, Kitty Buckley (whose record of six goals in an All-Ireland final still stands), Peggy Hogg, Mona Hobbs, Eileen Casey, Renee Fitzgerald, Lil Kirby, Illa Horgan, Gretta O'Sullivan, Joan Clancy, Angela Lane, Mona Joyce, Lil Coughlan, Rena Manley to



Mary Moran

the more modern performers like Liz Garvan, Anne McAuliffe, Rosie Hennessy and Clare Cronin.

Old Als won 16 Cork County Senior Championships: 1937, 41, 43, 46, 49, 53, 55, 56, 59, 61. Betty Walsh captained the 1949 team.

In golf, there has been an annual past pupils' competition for the Scanlon Cup, which was presented by the first presi-

dent of the P.P.U. and run, since its inception, by Rebecca (Buckley) Flynn.

Past pupils from all over the globe have returned to Cork to compete in the competition, and some have distinguished themselves in the sport. "Girle" (Cotter) Hegarty was runner-up twice in the Irish Close Championship at Rosslare and Kilmaley, as well as having been an Irish selector and president of the Irish Ladies Golf Union.



Lil Crowley, nee Kirby



Lil O'Neil, nee O'Grady

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Dublin can advance claims to League title

have won the Senior Camogie more often than any other county. They will add the title to their collection of trophies in the next Sunday when they face the stiff Kilkenny.

The main reasons for their success do so well in the game is linked to the commitment of their players. In recent years, Dublin has reached the final of the National League and the All-Ireland Championship. The players have reached a level of fitness that is not seen in other counties.

Camogie form does not give a true indication of the team's ability as the other counties are not as fit as Dublin.

Several of the Dublin team play their club camogie for either Celtic or Crumlin. As these clubs contested the closing stages of the Dublin senior championship, players like Marion Conroy, Una Crowley, Barbara Redmond, Ann Colgan and Bernie Toner should be fully tuned up.

Kilkenny are slower starters. Like their hurlers, they regard the All-Ireland Championship as their main target and plan their preparation with the Open Draw in mind. A major boost to their chances is the return of their stylish centreback, Bridie McGarry. She has taken up where she left off by dominating her section of the pitch.

AN ABSENTEE

A notable absentee will be Anne Downey who has entered hospital for a knee operation and will be out of

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the game for six weeks. Newcomer Breda Holmes is settling in nicely in the side and linking up with the experienced Angela Downey and Jo Dunne. Liz Neary, Margaret Farrell, Biddy O'Sullivan and Geraldine Sutton are talented players who will make Dublin work hard to earn any points from this outing.

An equally attractive game will be staged at Passage West, where Cork entertain Wexford. Before the side had time to settle, Wexford dropped two points to Limerick in their initial outing. Since then they have made no mistakes. Cork impressed early in the League campaign but were held by Tipperary.

In the Munster championship semi-final against Limerick, Cork showed that

they had shaken off the inferiority which befell them at Roscrea. The defence reverted to last season's format and presented very few openings to the Limerick forwards. The return of Val Fitzpatrick gave a directness to the forward line.

In the absence of Mary Geaney, the selectors tried former midfielder Angela Higgins at full forward. She performed admirably in her new role and helped herself to 3-2. Former colleges star Liz Dunphy did sufficient in the centre of the field to merit inclusion when the panel is reduced for the championship.

NO EASY TASK

The Cork championship first round games were staged last week so their players should be reasonably fit. Cathy Landers, Sandle Fitzgibbon, Martha Kearney, Marion McCarthy and Mary

O'Leary should help the home side to two points but they would not want to take Wexford for granted with players of the calibre of Elsie Cody, Kathleen Toaks, Dorothy Kenny, Stella Sinnott and Gertrude O'Leary in their ranks.

Derry have a Saturday night engagement at Tullamore. Two weeks later they meet the section leaders, Armagh. In preparation for this showdown, the Derry mentors will be calling for an all-out effort from Nuala McIliver, Jean McQuillan, Pauline Robinson, Sarah Ann Quinn and Breige McLaughlin.

Tyrone will be anxious for a win at Cremartin on Sunday. Anything less than victory will be inadequate to force a play-off for section honours with Donegal. Their opponents, Monaghan, stopped Donegal in their tracks and will make Tyrone work hard to finish on top.

The Gaelic Athletic Association are staging a special exhibition this week at the RDS as part of their Centenary celebrations. The Camogie Association will have a stand at the exhibition where Development Officer Anne Sheehy will be on hand to offer assistance to any school, group or individuals interested in taking up our game.

The programme at the RDS includes matches played under the conditions which prevailed when these two organisations were founded. The 1904 camogie match is scheduled for Saturday afternoon. The main difference from the present game will be seen in the attire of the players. In the early days, the girls wore long flowing skirts and team colours were uncommon. The smaller playing area and the shorter time will also be noticed by those who come along to view the novel event.

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History will be created tomorrow when St. Anne's GAA Club, Bohernabreena, host the vital National League games between Dublin and Kilkenny. It will be the first time that Dublin have played at this south county venue and one hopes that by tomorrow evening it will provide pleasant memories for both the Dublin mentors and players.

Both counties have arrived at this stage of the competition without dropping any points and for the winning Senior team a place awaits them in the National League Final. The winners of the Junior tie will still have to battle through the closing stages of the competition. In the Senior game Dublin will field without the services of their goalkeeper Yvonne Redmond who is unavailable this weekend because of examinations. Handed the daunting task of trying to repel the Kilkenny attack is Toni O'Byrne, the junior goalkeeper who is no stranger to big time camogie and will certainly not let her county down. The defence starts as it did against Louth, while at centre-field Barbara Redmond regains her place on the left wing. Much will be expected from the Dublin attack, who may have to field without their corner forward and captain Anne Colgan due to illness. An interesting feature of the game will be the performance of Carmel O'Byrne, Mary Duane and Marie Connell, the three promoted junior players from last year's All-Ireland team and much will depend on how they settle down against their more experienced opponents.

Dublin will not concede their title easily, but will have to be on their guard against such well known and accomplished players as Bridie McGarry, Angela Downey, Margaret Farrell and Biddy O'Sullivan.

In the Junior tie Dublin will have high hopes of advancing a stage further and will look to the likes of Mairead Cronin, Patricia Clinton, Suzanne Doyle and Eunice Keogh to carry them through.

The Senior game is scheduled for 2.0 p.m. and the Junior 3.15 p.m.

DUBLIN (Senior) — Toni O'Byrne, Marion Conroy, Catherine Ledwedge, Mary Duane, Bernie Toner, Una Crowley, Edel Murphy, Barbara Redmond, Anne Thorp, Carmel O'Byrne, Joan Gormley, Marie Connell.

DUBLIN (Junior) — Toni O'Byrne, Patsy Murphy, Patricia Clinton, Mairead Cronin, Lorraine Ormond, Suzanne Doyle, Bridget Reynolds, Deirdre Byrne, Jo Holden, Eunice Keogh, Ann Cooper, Adele Campbell.

At Phoenix Park No. 1 — J.A.I.

Naomh Bríd v Na Fianna 11.0.
No. 2 — S.B.L. Cum. UI Chomail v Marino, 11.0. I.A.I. Kilmacud Crokes v Fingallians, 12.0.

No. 3 — I.A.I. Cameron Park v Presentation, 11.0. I.B.L. Crumlin v Marino, 12.0.

No. 4 — J.C.(2)L. Naomh Chiarán v An Caisleán, 11.0.

TUESDAY

At Russell Park — J.C.(1) Cham.
Final. Comann Seanta v Whitehall Colmcille, 4.45. J.B. Cham. Final. Woodville v Round Towers/Marino, 7.45.

WEDNESDAY

J.C.(2) Cham. Final — Thomas Davis v Lucan Sarsfields, 4.45.
J.A. Cham. Final — Naomh Barróg v Portobello, 7.45.

Dublin finish off Kilkenny

Dublin 6-10, Kilkenny 2-1

DUBLIN, the holders, qualified for the final of the senior National League when they beat Kilkenny in the semi-final at Blanchardstown yesterday. Scorers were level at the break and again midway through the second half but the home side rallied to win by three points.

Scorers, Dublin: E. Murphy (0-6), A. Colgan (0-2), M. Mernagh, J. Gormley (0-1 each), Kilkenny: A. Downey (1-1), B. Fitzgerald (1-1-0).

Results — National I.L. — Dublin 4-6, Kilkenny 2-1, Tyrone 4-2, Monaghan 3-2, Derry 8-3, Offaly 1-0, Dublin Regional Feile na nGael Competition — An Caisleán 1-0, Na Fianna 0-1.

50 Years Ago

EMMETS and Crosshaven played a 1-2 each draw when they met in the Cork County Junior Football Championship at Carrigaline. The teams were: Crosshaven—F. Cogan, P. Donovan, M. Best, F. Fitzgibbon, J. McGrath, J. Ahern, J. O'Connor, D. Power, J. Hogan, D. Ahern, H. Maher, Mr. Loughnan, J. Searl, M. Cantillon, D. O'Keeffe, G. Harrington. Emmets—D. Spillane, S. Locke, M. Hayes, E. Horgan, J. Potter, T. O'Brien, D. Daly, P. Drummond, J. Hosford, J. Galvin, J. Murphy, C. Brown, P. Walsh, J. Donovan, V. Donovan.

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ST. RITA'S and Sarsfields played a four goals each draw, when they met in the Cork County Senior Camogie Championship at Rope Walk, where Miss M. O'Sullivan (3-0) and Miss K. Murphy scored for St. Rita's. Unfortunately, scores for Sarsfields were not published.

40 Years Ago

St. Aloysians easily won the Cork Schools Camogie Championship title as a result of their 11-4 to no score win over School of Commerce in the final at Douglas, where Betty O'Brien (5-1), E. Long (5-0), Una O'Leary (1-1), Ina O'Callaghan (0-1) and Eileen Hogan (0-1) scored for the winners.

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Thrilling win for the Glen

Glen Rovers 2-5
Killeagh 2-4

GLEN ROVERS stormed to a thrilling win over Killeagh in the 1983 Cork county senior club tournament final at Carrigrohilly last night. This game will be long remembered by the good sized attendance as it produced some of the best camogie ever seen at the venue.

Glen Rovers deserved their victory and it looks as if they will take some beating in the championship.

The Glen led at the break by 1-3 to 1-2 and with the advantage of a stiff breeze on the turnover it looked as if Killeagh were in with a chance when Shelly Spillane pointed. Again some petty fouling by the Killeagh girls resulted in Ger McCarthy scoring two more points for the Glen. With her next free she dropped the ball into the square and Val Fitzpatrick was in quickly for a great goal.

Sensing the game slipping away Killeagh hit back but found their path to goal a difficult task. Marian Sweeney pointed and when Bernice Costine slipped inside Mary Ring, Patricia Fitzgibbon was on hand to score a goal. In a nail biting finish Glen held out and scored the coveted double they having already won the 1983 senior championship.

Scorers Glen Rovers: G. McCarthy 0-4 (frees), V. Fitzpatrick 1-3, Denise Cotter 1-0, S. Fitzgibbon 0-1.

Killeagh: P. Fitzgibbon 1-1, B. Costine 1-0, A. Leahy, M. Sweeney, S. Spillane 0-1 each.

Glen Rovers: D. Sutton, M. Ring, C. McCarthy, T. O'Callaghan, M. Mackey, S. Fitzgibbon (capt), M. Currid, P. Mackey, V. Fitzpatrick, D. Cotter, G. McCarthy, R. Scutts.

Killeagh: K. Costine, M. Spillane, M. O'Donovan, B. Landers, C. Landers, A. Landers, S. Spillane, B. Kirby, M. Sweeney (capt), P. Fitzgibbon, B. Costine, A. Leahy.

Referee: Mary Maher (Douglas).



Glen Rovers senior camogie team, who defeated Killeagh in the final of the Cork County Camogie Tournament final at Carrigrohilly.



Mary O'Callaghan, chairperson of Cork Co. Camogie Board, presents the shield for the Cork Co. Tournament to Sandra Fitzgibbon, captain of Glen Rovers senior team who defeated Killeagh.

CORK SLAM TIPPERARY

CORK 10-11
TIPPERARY 0-1

Cork scored a runaway victory over Tipperary in the Munster minor camogie championship at Boherlag, Cashel last night.

The winners were superior in all departments and while Tipperary fought bravely they were no match for this brilliant side.

Cork led 5-5 to 0-0 at the interval, they increased the pressure in the second half and added a further 5-6 to their tally.

Paula Kelly, Aileen Barry, Jean Paula Ken were in devastating form and contributed largely to the high score.

Tipperary got their only score in the closing stage when Joan Tobin pointed free. Niamh Bonnar stood out for the losers.

Glen Rovers and Killeagh advance

By NOEL SPILLANE

GLEN ROVERS 4-11;
SARSFIELDS 0-2

GLEN ROVERS, who dominated the camogie championship scene last year winning the senior, junior and under-18 Cork county titles, opened the defence of their senior crown at Ballinlough last evening and eased into the second round with a comfortable win over Sarsfields.

Two goals from newcomer to senior ranks, Regina Scouts and two more from Val Fitzpatrick was the difference between the sides for, after Sarsfields opened brightly with two points from frees by Liz Dunphy in the opening 20 minutes, they faded as the game progressed.

Sarsfields, who made their exit at the first round stage last year to Killeagh, were swamped in the second half by a free flowing Glen side that led 1-4 to 0-2 at the interval.

But for goalkeeper Eithne Barry, Marie Kearney, Liz Dunphy and Lilliam Zinkant it could well have been a far greater setback for Sars.

Glen Rovers had a fortunate opening goal when Val Fitzpatrick's drive was blocked by the goalkeeper, but the ball spun away from her stick and dropped into the net. It gave the Glen a 1-4 to 0-2 lead with four minutes to go to half time.

Two minutes into the second half Regina Scouts had another goal, and again there was a touch of luck about the goal as the ball was scrambled into the net to make it 2-4 to 0-2. Midway through the half, Scouts scored a superb third goal, and just before the end, Val Fitzpatrick hit a long range effort that went all the way to the net.

Ger McCarthy at midfield for the Glen also played a starring role with five points, one from a free. Denise Cotter and Martha Kearney, from a free, were the other scorers for the Glen.

Scorers — Glen Rovers: Val Fitzpatrick 2-2, Regina Scouts 2-1, Ger McCarthy 0-5 (0-1 free), Denise Cotter 0-2, Martha Kearney 0-1 (free). Sarsfields: Liz Dunphy 0-2 (free).
Glen Rovers: D. Sutton, C.

McCarthy, M. Ring, M. Mackey (capt.), M. Kearney, M. Currid, P. Mackey, S. Fitzgibbon, G. McCarthy, V. Fitzpatrick, D. Cotter, R. Scouts.

Sarsfields: E. Barry, M. Kearney, M. Fitzpatrick, G. Brady, E. Noonan (capt.), A. Brady, J. O'Sullivan, L. Dunphy, J. O'Regan, L. Zinkant, L. Twomey, C. Murphy.

Referee: M. Higgins (Eire Og).

KILLEAGH 1-10;
ST. FINBARRS 1-4

A PURPLE patch in the last quarter gave Killeagh their passage to the second round at Caherlag last night, but if they hope to regain the title they held for three years from 1980 to 1982 they would have to show a vast improvement on last night's form.

St. Finbarrs, without four of their first string and playing against a stiff breeze, matched their opponents stroke for stroke and were unlucky to be behind at the break by 1-3 to 0-2 as Killeagh's goal came direct from a 60 metres free from Cathy Landers.

On the resumption, Killeagh went further ahead when Bernie Costine pointed a 30 but inside four minutes only two points separated the sides. A ball from Mary Walsh seemed to be going wide and with Kathleen Costine, the Killeagh, keeper, watching it, at the last second it hit a rut and St. Finbarrs were in with a chance.

When it seemed as if Killeagh were in danger of bowing out of the championship Anne Leahy picked off two fine points, Bernie Costine had another to increase Killeagh's lead further, before Maria O'Sullivan had a brace of points for the Barrs to leave four points between the sides.

Killeagh, with Maria O'Donovan excelling at fullback and Cathy Landers outstanding at centre back, held out and for good measure scored three more points.

Scorers — Killeagh: B. Costine 0-4 (free), C. Landers 1-0 (free), A. Leahy 0-3, S. Spillane, P. Fitzgibbon, A. Landers 0-1 each. St. Finbarrs: M. O'Sullivan 0-4 (free), M. Walsh 1-0.

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

St. Finbarrs: A. Collins, M. Henchion, L. Cosgrave, M. O'Sullivan, V. O'Mahony, C. O'Leary, F. Broderick, A. Christy, M. Horgan, G. Kelleher, S. Curtin, M. Walsh.

Referee: M. Maher (Douglas).

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Killeagh red hot

Killeagh 10-7
Aghabullogue 1-2

ANNE LEAHY, the brilliant international volleyball player, wrote her name in the history books of Killeagh camogie when she became their highest individual scorer in a major game — she scored 7-0 in her sides facile victory over Aghabullogue in the semi-final of the senior club tournament at Caherlag last night.

Killeagh, moving far better than in their game against St. Finbarrs in the championship last week, never looked in danger.

Anne Leahy set the ball rolling with a goal in the second minute and two minutes later added her second goal. The winners led at the break 5-5 to nil and went further ahead in the third minute of the second half again through Anne Leahy.

Aghabullogue had good individual players in Sheila Barrett, Norma Delaney and Joan O'Riordan, but the East Cork girls were far superior in all phases of the game. By virtue of their victory they now meet Glen Rovers in the final fixed for Carrigtwohill on Monday, May 21. Annmarie Landers, Margaret Kirby and Shelly Spillane dominated midfield while Catherine Landers was as usual in brilliant form at centre back for Killeagh.

Scorers: Killeagh: A. Leahy 7-0, B. Costine 2-1, P. Fitzgibbon 1-1, M. Sweeney 0-3, C. Landers 0-2. Aghabullogue: J. O'Riordan 1-0, N. Delaney 0-1, M. O'Shea 0-1.

Teams: Killeagh: K. Costine, M. Spillane, M. O'Donovan, B. Landers, C. Landers, S. Spillane, A. Landers, B. Kirby, M. Sweeney, P. Fitzgibbon, B. Costine, A. Leahy. Subs.: V. Motherway for B. Kirby, B. Kelly for M. Sweeney, N. Motherway for M. Spillane. Aghabullogue: M. Noonan, E. Noonan, S. O'Shea, G. Barry, Murphy, S. Barrett, E. Cooney, E. Jennifer, M. Lynch, M. O'Shea, J. O'Riordan, N. Delaney, S. Hayes. Subs. B. Noonan for E. Jennifer.

Glen Rovers just hold on

Glen Rovers 2-6
Watergrasshill 2-4

Glen Rovers survived a second half assault from Watergrasshill to qualify for the Cork County club final at Watergrasshill last night. They added just 0-2 to their first half total, but it was enough to see them through.

In that first half, goals by Val Fitzpatrick and Deirdre Cotter enabled the Glen to be in a comfortable position at the interval, leading 2-4 to 1-1. But how things changed on the re-start!

The home side, inspired by Cork player Mary O'Leary, piled on the pressure and the Glen goal survived many anxious moments, O'Leary, indeed, scored all but one goal of her side's total but those two second half points by the Glen proved crucial in the end.

Scorers — Glen Rovers: V. Fitzpatrick and D. Cotter (both 1-1), M. Currid (0-2) and B. O'Sullivan and R. Scouts (0-1 each). Watergrasshill: M. O'Leary (1-4) and M. Cashman (1-0).

Glen Rovers — D. Sutton, M. Ring, C. McCarthy, M. Mackey, M. Currid, P. Mackey, S. Fitzgibbon, V. Fitzpatrick, R. Scouts, T. O'Callaghan, D. Cotter, B. O'Sullivan.

Watergrasshill — M. O'Leary, L. Gardiner, N. O'Riordan, S. Curtin, M. Butler, D. Featon, A. Higgins, H. O'Callaghan, M. O'Leary, M. Cashman, M. O'Callaghan, M. O'Torrell.

Referee: M. Kearney (St. Finbarrs).

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Mary Moran's

CAMOGIE

Column

THE eighth National Senior League campaign is well advanced. It is an opportune moment, therefore, to question the success of the competition. To answer that query it is necessary to reflect on the reasons why the competition was inaugurated.

There was a time when a player was launched from the club scene into the championship arena. It was a make or break situation. Several players did not match up to the required standard and were discarded. A means of bridging the gap between club and county levels had to be found.

Relieved of the pressures of championship camogie, a player was able to adapt to her new surroundings and prove over a few games that she possessed the ability to make the grade. The team as a whole was given an opportunity to settle, develop teamwork and iron out weaknesses. Selectors were able to experiment and assess the progress of the side.

The attitude to the National League varies from county to county. Some see the competition as an end in itself. Others use it as a preparation ground for the more serious business of the Open Draw Championship.

Dublin field their top players in every League match. With their local scene in full swing, the standard of fitness of their side is high. Consequently, their success rate is impressive with three National League titles to their credit.

Cork, on the other hand, use the League to try out new talent and to work on the strengths and weaknesses of the team. As a result, they have yet to engrave their name on the League trophy.

But this approach has paid rich dividends for them. In the period which the League has been in operation, they have won four All-Ireland Senior Championship titles.

THE BENEFITS

The League has not raised the standard of the counties which do not use it properly. It is important



A touch of class . . . Deirdre Costello, St. Raphaels, guides the ball out of reach of Tara Magee (St. Patricks, Shannon) in All-Ireland Colleges junior final. Eavan Drysdale (Shannon) arrives too late to tackle.

that the players reach a certain level of fitness before their first match. Otherwise, the benefits will be greatly reduced.

A very successful colleges season has drawn to a close. Many games played were of exceptionally high standard. A new batch of skilful players has emerged and is ready to make an impact on the inter-county scene.

The newcomer who impressed me most was Deirdre Costello. She captained St. Raphael's Secondary School, Loughrea to win the All-Ireland Colleges' Junior Championship. A gifted player, she delighted the attendance at Croke Park when displaying superb stickwork she notched three goals and six points in the junior decider.

Right through the senior campaign, Maryfield forward, Carmel O'Byrne stood out. An unrestricted player, she exhibited the full range of skills. Her Maryfield team-mates Denise O'Leary, Patricia Clinton, Pauline Strutt and Cheryl Whittaker may look back on a great season.

Irene O'Leary set Paire Uí Chaoimh alight in the Munster final when she tore through the St. Patrick's defence to score two goals and four points. Her North Presentation colleagues, Deirdre O'Shea, Evelyn Healy, Paula Morgan and Jean Paula Kent had their moments.

Apart from those mentioned, Brid Stratford (St. Raphaels), the Shannon youngsters, Lorna O'Flaherty and Mary Higgins and the Clady forward, Margaret Stockman caught the eye.



Ann Leahy, Killeagh, Co. Cork (left), and Lil Dunphy, Sarsfields, Cork, taking part in Gradim Tailte, the Cork camogie skills competition at North Presentation Secondary School, Cork.

(Echo)

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Cork Camogie Teams Doubly Engaged

CORK Seniors and Minors will be in action this weekend with the seniors meeting Wexford in the second last game of their National League section and the minors setting out in defence of their All-Ireland title. The Cork heats of the Gradam Tailte will be held tomorrow and on Monday evening the final of the Senior Club tournament will be held at Carrigtwohill.

Cork seniors dropped a point to Tipperary and so have to win on Sunday if they are to stay in contention for their section of the National League. This is a competition that Cork have never won and they would dearly love to fill that vacant spot in their long list of successes over the past fourteen years.

Cork were very impressive in their last outing in the Munster Championship against Limerick, and as they have to play that county in the League on June 2, when they should take two more points, the Wexford game becomes one of the most important of the campaign.

Wexford can almost always produce a very strong side with marvellous players in Elsie Walsh, Geraldine Butler, and goalie Kathleen Tonks, who had an outstanding game recently against Tipperary. And for Sunday's game that fine player Dorothy Walsh returns to the side.

Surprisingly enough Wexford were defeated by Limerick in the League, but

although Cork hammered Limerick by 7-9 to 0-2 they would not want to feel that Wexford will be "easy meat", as they always seem to find that extra bit of strength against Cork, while at the same time Limerick are hardly likely to play as badly again, as they did against Cork.

Against Limerick the Cork selectors must have been very pleased with the performance of the attack, who got some marvellous scores and really made a good job of snapping up their chances. Angela Higgins at full-forward was excellent while Mary O'Leary was in great form and the return of Val Fitzpatrick made a big difference.

Liz Dunphy, one of Cork's junior stars of last season played very well in midfield while Sandy Fitzgibbon was also excellent in this section.

The defence had little to do but dealt capably with anything that came their way.

So it is no big surprise that the selectors have retained the side which finished against Limerick and unless things go very wrong Cork should take those valuable points, especially on home ground.

Cork Team — M. McCarthy, E. Dineen, M. Higgins, C. Landers, M. Kearney, S. Fitzgibbon, L. Dunphy, A. M. Landers, M. O'Leary, V. Fitzpatrick, G. McCarthy, A. Higgins.

Subs — M. Twomey, C. Cronin, L. Zinkant, N. O'Driscoll, C. Kelleher, M.

Ring, L. Lynch, M. Geaney. The bus leaves for the game from the City Library at 1.45 p.m.

With the Cork Minors making their first appearance of the season, it is difficult to know how good they are, but Cork has so much talent in this age group, that followers take it for granted they can field a good side. Among the players listed in the Cork side are girls already experienced beyond their years including Deirdre Christie, Colette O'Mahony and Paula Carey of St. Finbarr's; Niamh Coughlan of Bishopstown, and Evelyn Healy and Jean Paula Kent of Na Piar-saigh.

The Tipperary team was not available at the time of writing but no doubt they will be in a position to field a pretty strong side, and although Cork will be expected to advance, they could find it tough especially on home ground.

Cork Minor Team — B. Walsh (Cloughduv); K. O'Keeffe (Brian Dillons); V. O'Brien (do.); C. Cronin (St. Finbarr's); N. Coughlan (Bishopstown); D. Cristie (St. Finbarr's); C. O'Mahony (do.); E. Healy (Na Piar-saigh); J. P. Kent (do.); P. O'Shea (Black-rock); H. Barry (Brian Dillons); P. Carey (St. Finbarr's).

Subs — Y. O'Neill, N. O'Connor, L. Aherne, K. Mellerick, C. Currid, I. Leahy, A. Barry.

The bus leaves St. Patrick's Church for the game at 4.15 p.m.

Cork's Clare Cronin won the Gradam Tailte (Camogie Allstars) last season in a most exciting national final. This season competition is now about to begin and on tomorrow in North Presentation School the Cork Heats will be held, beginning at 11 a.m. This year the competition is open to the Junior Panel in addition to the Seniors, and there will be great interest in the competition which has now become a very important part of the camogie season.

Two of Cork's fancied sides for the County title, the holders Glen Rovers and Killeagh, will meet on Monday next in the final of the Senior Club Tournament in what should be a marvellous game. On Wednesday last Killeagh had a huge 10-7 to 1-2 win over the young Aghabullogue side, while Glen Rovers had to fight all the way for their 2-6 to 2-4 win over Watergrasshill. So Carrigtwohill at 7.30 on Monday night is certainly the place to be.

FACILE WIN FOR CORK

CORK 6-6, WEXFORD 1-3

CORK scored a runaway victory over Wexford in the national senior camogie league at Passage yesterday.

First half goals from Ger McCarthy (2) and Angela Higgins left the score 3-2 to 0-2 at half time. The Cork points coming from Mary O'Leary, while Elsie Coady scored for Wexford.

In the second half Ger McCarthy, Mary O'Leary and Angela Higgins hit the net for Cork, while Anne Reddy with a goal and a Val Fitzpatrick point replied for Wexford.

Sandy Fitzgibbon, Ger McCarthy, Catherine Landers and Eileen Dineen were best for the winners, while Wexford had good players in Anne Butler, Catherine Murphy, Gertrude O'Leary and Geraldine Wynn.



The Cork team who defeated Wexford, in the National Camogie League at Passage West, Co. Cork

Orla and 1904 look



ORLA RYAN modelling the 1904 camogie playing attire, and displaying the stick and ball used in those days.

Rolling back the years...

CAMOGIE rolled back the years at the R.D.S. last Saturday. Two teams, suitably attired in the dress of the day, re-enacted a 1904 style match. Celtic and Marino supplied the players who really entered into the spirit of the occasion.

When handling the old-fashioned sticks and the much bigger ball for the first time before the game, the players had reservations as to their ability to master the implements of 80 years ago. Their fears were totally unfounded. They adapted excellently to the game.

The shape of the sticks ruled out solo running and the currently common practice of swooping the ball from hand to stick. With the result, the spectators were treated to an entertaining display of fast direct camogie.

NO PROBLEMS

Una Crowley took very easily to the original game and within minutes was handling the unfamiliar stick as if she had played with it throughout her career. Orla Ryan, Carmel O'Byrne, Claire Harrington and Evelyn Sweeney had no problems in adjusting. The old adage that ground play is the mainstay of camogie was proved to be so correct.

Seal na Camogaiochta, a short history of Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael, has been published. It traces the growth of the game from its foundation in 1904 to the present day. The major developments of that 80-year period are highlighted.

The research for this booklet was undertaken by Padraig Puirseal and the work was completed for publication by his wife, Una, formertitle.

camogie correspondent of The Irish Independent and President of the Association from 1976 to 1979.

The launching of "Seal na Camogaiochta" coincides with the celebration of the G.A.A. Centenary and recognition is given throughout to the close links which have existed between the two Associations during the decades of their concerted efforts in the promotion of gaelic games. Copies of the booklet, modestly priced at £1, are available from the Ard Runai, Paire an Chrocaigh.

The two senior league matches listed for Sunday have no bearing on the outcome of the competition. Louth are at home to Down in Section One which has already been won by Dublin. In the second game, Clare meet Galway in Section Two. This Section will be decided on Sunday week with the meeting of Limerick and Cork.

SURPRISE WIN

The junior tie between Clare and Galway is of vital importance to the Banner County. One point from this game will be sufficient to see them into the play-off stages of the competition.

Munster have reached the final of their minor championship. Limerick were surprise winners over Clare. Much was expected from this Clare side which was drawn from three Munster Colleges winning teams.

Tipperary accounted for Waterford but could not cope with Cork. Containing seven players from their 1983 All-Ireland winning team, this talented Cork side should make a formidable attempt to retain their formertitle.

Narrow wins for Glen, Ballinora

GLEN ROVERS 0-10, EIRE OG 1-5
BALLINORA 1-2, AGHABULLOGUE 1-1

THE holders, Glen Rovers, and new seniors Ballinora, are through to the semi-finals of the Cork Senior County Championship following narrow wins over Eire Og and Aghabullogue respectively at Ballyanley yesterday.

As expected the quarter-final tie between Glen Rovers and Eire Og was a tension-packed affair with victory in the balance and an abundance of tough, exciting camogie.

The marking was very close with defences at both ends taking most of the credit as they had to contend with so many top attackers. Chances were missed — probably because of the importance of the occasion — but overall it was a game which lived up to expectations for the fine attendance.

Glen looked very good in the opening quarter and were ahead by 0-5 to 0-1 and looking very good, when Grainne Mackey shot home a goal from a melee to put Eire Og right back in the game, and at half time only a single point separated the sides with the winners ahead 0-6 to 1-2.

The second half was a marvellous struggle with Eire Og equalising immediately and then the sides swapping two further points before Ger McCarthy put Glen in the lead for the last time with seven minutes to go.

It was all heady stuff as both sides battled for a place in the semis and while the winners had top class players in Mary Ring, Val Fitzpatrick, Ger McCarthy, Denise Cotter, and Marie Mackey, Eire Og had their stars in Marian McCarthy, Eileen Dineen, Margo Twomey, and Kay O'Doherty.

Scorers: Glen Rovers: G. McCarthy 0-5, V. Fitzpatrick 0-4, D. Cotter 0-1. Eire Og: G. Mackey 1-0; N. O'Driscoll and C. Kelleher 0-2 each, M. Geaney 0-1.

GLEN ROVERS: D. Sutton, M. Mackey, M. Ring, C. McCarthy, G. McCarthy, M. Currid, T. O'Callaghan, V. Fitzpatrick, S. Fitzgibbon, D. Cotter, R. Scutts, M. Kearney, Sub., A. Connolly for R. Scutts.

EIRE OG: M. McCarthy, E. Dineen, M. Twomey, M. Higgins, M. Beck, C. Kelleher, N. O'Driscoll, P. O'Reilly, G. Mackey, M. Geaney, M. O'Driscoll, K. O'Doherty. Subs, S. Murphy for G. Mackey.

Referee: S. Golden, Inniscarra.

BALLINORA BEST

Ballinora are through to the semis by virtue of the closest of wins over near neighbours Aghabullogue. Again defences were very much to the fore and no doubt Aghabullogue will rue the missed chances, especially in the second half when only a single point separated the sides.

At half time Ballinora were ahead by 1-2 to 1-1, and in a very exciting second half held on tenaciously.

The winners had their top players in Caroline, Margaret, and Kay Murphy while for Aghabullogue, Geraldine Barry Murphy, Norma Delaney and Joan O'Riordan were best.

SCORERS: Ballinora — Mary Hourihane 1-0, Margaret Murphy 0-2. Aghabullogue — Sheila Hayes 1-0; Joan O'Riordan 0-1.

BALLINORA: A. Murphy, R. Barrett, C. Murphy, H. O'Mahony, Mary Murphy, K. Murphy, Margaret Murphy, B. Murphy, G. Murphy, K. O'Shea, M. Lane, M. Hourihane.

AGHABULLOGUE: S. Barrett, E. Noonan, M. Noonan, J. O'Riordan, N. Delaney, E. Cooney, M. O'Shea, G. Barry Murphy, M. Cotter, M. Lynch, S. Hayes, A. Buckley. Subs, S. O'Shea for M. Cotter, E. Buckley for A. Buckley, B. Kelleher for E. Cooney.

Referee: M. O'Leary (Watergrasshill).

On Saturday the Cork Feile na nGael competition reached the semi-final stages, with the holders Bishoptown and Watergrasshill qualifying from the section held in Ballinacollig, and Na Piarasigh and St. Finbarr's coming out of the section decided at St. Finbarr's.

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Na Piarasigh camogie team who defeated Imokilly in the Cork county senior camogie championship at Carrigrohilly.

Deserved Award For Anne

In East Cork there are many outstanding sports personalities, and judging by the list that went before the judges, each in their own right could and should be rewarded in the Searson's Seasonal Sports Shield.

Now in existence twelve months, it is fitting that a member of one of the countries minor sports, Volleyball, should come to the fore for the Spring award of 1984.

This award goes to Anne Leahy, a member of the All-Ireland Championship and Premier League holders — Middleton Ladies. Anne, is one of three sisters on the Middleton team, her sister Marie being also a member of the Irish Squad, while another sister Theresa is also prominent.

She learned the basics of the game in St. Mary's High School, Middleton, where she finished her second level education in 1980. Now based in Thomond College, Limerick, where she is in her third year as a P.E. teacher, Anne is also prominent in Camogie, she being on the Killeagh side.

Anne wrote her name in the history books for Killeagh when she scored seven goals in the County Senior Club Tournament semi-final against Aghabullogue.

Different from other sports Volleyball is a tough game, a game we in Cork seldom see, but in Olympic Games it is regarded as one of the most exciting to watch.

Anne, like her colleagues in the Middleton club are forced to travel at their own expense to Dublin, Drogheda and Dunlaoire for 99% of their championship games. She impressed in the International games at Easter for Ireland also. While the award is judged from March to May, it is the end of the first year, previous winners being Liam O'Brien, Catherine Landers, John Fenton, Miss Joan O'Brien, Captain Middleton Volleyball team and current International.



Ray Searson of Searsons, Middleton, presents the Spring Sports Star Award to Anne Leahy of Killeagh, a member of Middleton volleyball team.

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Camogie

By Owen McCann

Although the national senior and junior leagues have been providing worthwhile fare in camogie in recent weeks, the coming months will see the major events of the season. An event that promises top-class fare this month is the third annual Gradam Tailte, the sport's annual camogie player of the year competition, and July will see the start of the All Ireland senior championship.

Gradam Tailte is a day of skills competition involving the camogie player of the year from each county. The two promotions so far proved highly successful, and showed that this competition has the potential to develop into one of the really major developments in the sport in modern times.

This is an expensive promotion, but

mence early in July. And, already we can confidently predict a somewhat "new look" final.

This is because the draw has brought Cork, Dublin, Kilkenny and Limerick the only counties to appear in a final in the 'eighties so far, all together in the same half.

Some say this state of affairs will detract from the decider. However,

We have to go back to 1977 for Wexford's last outing in a decider, when they lost to Kilkenny.

Wexford, Tipperary and Antrim, therefore, have plenty to play for, and the fact that they will avoid the now recognised "big guns" until the decider is bound to give these counties great heart.

Competition in the other half will be razor keen, and a first round game that has all the makings of a cracker is that between Dublin and Kilkenny.

This could well prove the game of the series, in fact, as both counties have outstanding players in all departments. Dublin, of course, are finding it frustratingly difficult to regain lost glory, the glory that brought the county 25 All Ireland titles. But, alas, the last was as far back as 1966.

It is not easy to pinpoint the reason for Dublin's long absence from the winners' rankings, all the more so as they have been a prominent force in the new National League. But the game continues to be on a firm footing in the county, and who knows, but that better times in the All Ireland championship series may be just around the corner.

Meantime, the switch from the provincial championships as qualifying tests for the All Ireland series proper to the open draw plan in 1973 has been very successful. The move has injected new variety to the scene, and also resulted in novel pairings.

The draw for the All Ireland senior open-draw championship is:

A: Dublin v Kilkenny; B: Galway v Limerick; C: Wexford v Antrim; D: Tipperary v Louth; E: Down v Wexford or Antrim; F: Clare v Cork; G: A v B.

Semi-finals: D v E, G v F.

Some interesting games in prospect, then. Cork will be bidding for the first treble of titles since a great run of four successive crowns in 1970-'73.

Finally, camogie has launched "Sceal na Camogaiochta", a history of the sport. A review will appear in our next issue.



Paul Gribben



Flashback to last year's Gradam Tailte — Claire Cronin, Cork, left, the winner, Brid Holland (Galway) who was fourth, and Angela Downey (Kilkenny) runner-up in 1983.

one that in time is bound to do much in furthering the development of the game nationwide.

Gradam Tailte will be held again on June 16 in Dublin and while it is not possible in this issue to preview the event as the closing date for entries had not arrived at press time, the indications were that competition would be particularly keen. Among those who will be in the field is Angela Downey, the brilliant Kilkenny All Ireland senior medalist, and one of the leading scorers in the game, who finished second in 1983.

The race for the All Ireland senior championship, won for the second successive year last September, will com-

while a second Cork-Dublin final in succession, or a Cork-Kilkenny showdown, or even a Kilkenny-Dublin tie would have been a major attraction, the 1984 decider should still prove a big event in its own right.

Tipperary and Wexford appear the leading contenders in the other half of the draw, although it would be unwise to dismiss some of the other starters, particularly Antrim. The Northerners, who for so long were a real power in the game, have been building up strength in recent months in their bid to recapture a trophy they last held in 1979.

That was the year that Tipperary last appeared in the concluding round.

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Senior League Final place

A PLACE in the National Senior League final is the prize for the victors at Ballyhea next Saturday night. Both Limerick and Cork were very willing to bring forward their league game so that they would be free to cheer their favourites in the Munster hurling championship at Thurles.

These sides already met in the semi-final of the Munster championship when the leaders had an easy victory. In that outing Limerick were strangely out

of sorts and did not do justice to themselves.

It has come through the grapevine that their county squad had just commenced training. Following two very hard sessions in the week of the match, their players were muscle-bound at Ballincollig.

A vast improvement in the Limerick performance is expected. The Cork forwards are unlikely to enjoy the space and time which was afforded in the previous outing.

Helen Sheehy has estab-

lished herself in goal and can play a vital role in the outcome of next Sunday's game. She will be fronted by the experienced quartet of Margie Dore, Vera Mulcahy, Geraldine Coleman and Bernie O'Dea.

Further afield Helen Collins, Pauline McCarthy, Angela O'Sullivan and Brid Stokes should make their presence felt. This Limerick side has a point to prove against Cork. It is probable that the players will respond

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with a committed performance.

The Cork team is taking shape. The experiments which have been tried over the league campaign are nearing an end. Clare Cronin, who was replaced during her American holiday, came on for the second half in the Wexford game. The side as it finished that game shows two changes in personnel from

the team which won the 1983 All-Ireland title.

Liz Dunphy the former St. Patrick's School player, is holding down the centrefield position which formerly was occupied by Marion Sweeney. Mary Geaney's hockey commitments allowed Angela Higgins a run at full-forward.

Three goals against Limerick and a further two in the Wexford game should be sufficient to pencil in her name in the number twelve spot in the immediate future.

With the senior cham-

Cork are through to decider

CORK 5-9 LIMERICK 3-2

Cork qualified for the National League final on June 17 against Dublin, by virtue of a fine 5-9 to 3-2 win over Limerick at Charleville on Saturday evening.

Cork stormed into an early lead with two goals in the first three minutes, and they were ahead by 3-5 to 0-2 up to the last seven minutes of the first half. However, Limerick came back into the game with two easy goals and a third on the stroke of half time to put Cork under pressure at the interval, when they led by 3-7 to 3-1.

In the second half it was all Cork and they added a further 2-2 to Limerick's single point, to give them an easy win at the end.

Cork, who have never won the National League title, had their best players in Angela Higgins, Val Fitzpatrick, Sandy Fitzgibbon, Liz Dunphy and Clare Cronin, while for Limerick Pauline McCarthy, Ann Sheehy in the second half and Ann O'Brien did best.

the prize at Ballyhea

pionship at full swing in Cork, their players are reasonably fit. Good displays from Marion McCarthy, Martha Kearney, Cathy Landers, Sandie Fitzgibbon, Val Fitzpatrick and Ger McCarthy should see Cork qualify in a close finish.

Donegal will be heartened by their comprehensive Ulster Junior Championship win over Antrim and will approach their section play-off against Tyrone with confidence.

Tyrone, who already lost to Donegal in the League,

were ousted from the Ulster Championship by Down. Although the Donegal team includes a number of payers with examinations on their mind, they should qualify for the junior league play-semi-finals.

Two undefeated sides in Section 5. Derry and Armagh meet at Eglis. Derry recently eliminated Fermanagh in Ulster but Armagh will provide stiffer opposition. The remaining league fixture, Meath versus Offaly will have no bearing on the outcome of the section.

Those interested in attending the NNational Coaching Course at Gormanston College, commencing on June 29, should contact their County Boards or write direct to Rosina McManus, 75 Bloomfield Road, Belfast. It is particularly suited to aspiring coaches.

Leinster have planned a busy weekend. Five under 1g games are scheduled for Saturday night. Carlow visit Killare at Clane while Westmeath head for Ferns to play Wexford. Kilkenny

are at home to Dublin. Offaly entertain Wicklow at Birr and Navan will stage the Meath versus Laois game.

On Sunday, the semi-finals of the senior championship are listed. Wexford host Kilkenny in the more attractive game. Greater scoring power in the Kilkenny forward line should swing the game in their favour. Home advantage is unlikely to be sufficient to help Louth overcome Dublin. Another Kilkenny v Dublin decider is the probably outcome.



Limerick goalkeeper, Helen Sheehy, who can play a vital role in Senior Camogie League semi-final on Sunday.

Dublin sides on a scoring rampage

DUBLIN 88 7-3 CLARE 1-1

DUBLIN qualified for the semi-finals of the National Junior League when they defeated Clare in a well-contested quarter-final at Parnell Park yesterday. Though Clare raced to the attack from the throw-in, they were quickly repulsed and the home side got into their stride to score 3-3 before the interval.

The winners were under pressure for the first ten minutes of the second period and while Clare rallied towards the end, the more experienced Dublin side had a deserved win.

SCORERS — Dublin: B.

Reynolds (2-1), C. Whittaker, A. Campbell (2-0 each), N. Fleming (1-1), U. Keogh (0-1), Clare: N. Quinn (1-1).

DUBLIN..... 10-6 LOUTH 0-3

AT PARNELL Park yesterday, Dublin had a runaway victory over Louth in the semi-final of the Leinster Senior Championship. The winners who were the more experienced side, were in top form scoring 7-0 to 0-1 before the interval.

SCORERS — Dublin: M. Connell (4-2), C. O'Byrne (4-1), A. Colgan (1-2), B. Redmond (1-0), A. Thorpe (0-1), Louth: H. Maguire (0-3).

Dublin Juniors to reach the last four

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their team to meet Clare leaving Marie Connell, Carmel O'Byrne and Mary Deane waiting in the wings. These girls are eligible to play and may be called on if the need arises.

The Dublin side is made up of colleges stars of the past few years. Assumption, Walkinstown, St. John of God, Artane and Maryfield College provide the majority of the players either through past or present pupils.

Toni O'Byrne is an experienced keeper and has done duty for the senior side on occasions. She is fronted by a formidable quartet comprising of Mairead Cronin, Lorraine Ormond, Patricia Clinton and Antoinette Kelly who

will give very little away to the Clare forwards.

Centres Suzanna Doyle, Jo Holden and Noreen Fleming should keep the ball moving and provide a good supply of ball to the inside players. Bridget Reynolds, Eunice Keogh, Anne Cooper and Adele Campbell. If the forwards are unable to put the scores on the board, replacements will be found from the experienced substitutes.

Clare have a good record in the junior grade. They captured the All-Ireland Junior Championship in 1974 and again in 1981. The colleges off the Banner

county had a great season in the Munster Colleges competitions.

Three schools — St. Patrick's Comprehensive School, Shannon; Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis, and St. Josephs, Tulla — picked up titles. In addition, Vocational School, Ennis, had a great run in the Vocational Schools championship.

Young players like Maura McNicholas, daughter of former Clare full-forward, Kitty, Anne Murnane, Anne Kierse and Geraldine Morey are exciting prospects. Clare impressed in the Munster under 18 final against Cork last season and several of the players involved will be in action on

Sunday. I expect a very close game with Dublin slightly in front at the finish.

Fixtures are reduced to a minimum at the moment as so many players are involved in examinations. However, the period of inactivity will not last long. On the horizon are the senior league final, Gradam na nGael, Tailte, Feile na nGael, National Coaching Course and the Open Draw Championships.

Former President and Ard Rúnai, Sheila McAnulty, makes a very welcome return to Ard Chomhairle in the role of trustee. She fills the vacancy created by the death of the late Agnes Purcell. Sheila's advice and

experience will be a great asset to the Council. Iney Leonard retains her position as the second trustee.

The Finance Committee will comprise of M. Fennelly, Jo Golden, A. Sheehy, S. McAnulty, I. Leonard, L. Spence and M. Moran. The foregoing with the exception of A. Sheehy will form the Management Committee.

The Fixtures Committee has A. Sheehy, B. O'Loughlin, R. Malone, S. Brack and M. Collins as its members. M. Moran, R. McManus and P. Maher make up the Coaching Committee and the Referees Committee call on K. Quinn, M. Higgins, L. Spence, O. Ni Rlain and J. Golden.

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Big Date For The Bishopstown Girls

THE Bishopstown Under-14 camogie team made history for their club recently when they won the Cork Feile na nGael title for the third time in four years, having also won it in 1981 and last year.

On Thursday next they will be travelling to Wexford to represent Cork in the Centenary All-Ireland Feile finals.

Their hosts in Wexford will be St. Ibar's whom the Bishopstown girls will play in their first game on Saturday morning. The clubs previously met in the 1981 Feile quarter final in Galway, when Bishopstown emerged victorious. Although none of the present squad played in 1981, they hope that history will repeat itself.

Bishopstown were quite impressive in winning the Cork area from a record

entry of 18 teams. They had decisive wins over Newcestown and Castlemartyr in the early rounds and in the semi-final accounted for arch rivals St. Finbarrs by 3-5 to 0-2. They had a big battle on their hands in the final against Na Piarsaigh in which they trailed at half time by 3-0 to 1-2 but came back after the break to play some tremendous camogie and score five successive goals before Na Piarsaigh scored a consolation goal, to leave them worthy winners by 6-2 to 4-0.

Since that final Cork's representatives have been training very hard under the guidance of coach Pat Murray and selectors Sheila Harrington and Rosemary Desmond.

Competition in this prestigious competition is always very keen and this being the Centenary Feile

should make it all the more difficult to win. Bishopstown know they have a tough time ahead of them, with such teams as St. Ibar's, An Caislean from Dublin, and excellent sides from Kilkenny, Galway, Roscommon and Clare also involved. The Cork side will rely on their great fighting spirit and considerable experience to enable them to give a good account of themselves, however, and they will not easily give up the chance of bringing the Feile trophy back to Cork for the first time since 1977 (when Killeagh won it).

The Bishopstown captain Bernie Hayes, Judith Coughlan, Evelyn Mahon, Oonagh Buckley, Sheenagh Morley, Aine Buckley, Nuala Hobbs and Brid Corcoran all played in last year's Feile finals and along with these Theresa

Geary, Karen Higgins and Leon Collins were on the 1983 Bishopstown Community Games team which won the Cork and Munster titles.

Newcomers Clare Murphy, Mary Walsh, Edel Ryan, Aine Walsh and Eithne Duggan are also very capable players, while also travelling will be Joanne O'Flynn, Lelia Holmes and Ann Ryan.

The Cork representative in the Feile Skills Competition, Mary Mulcahy of Brian Dillons will be going to the finals with Bishopstown, and Cork supporters will be hoping that both Mary and Bishopstown will prove successful, especially in this Centenary year.

Picture shows: Back row (left to right): R. Desmond (selector), P. Murray (coach), J. Coughlan, E. Mahon, L. Collins, A. Ryan, B. Corcoran, T. Geary, L. Holmes, O. Buckley, J. O'Flynn, C. Murphy, Mrs. S. Harrington (selector), Mrs. Breda Ryan (committee). Front row (left to right): N. Hobbs, E. Ryan, K. Higgins, E. Duggan, B. Hayes (capt.), S. Morley, A. Walsh, A. Buckley, M. Walsh.



Mary Mulcahy of Brian Dillons Camogie Club, winner of the under 14 skills competition in the recent Cork Feile na nGael finals at Togher. Mary will represent Cork in the All-Ireland Feile Na nGael finals at Wexford on June 23 next. ("Echo")

Feile na nGael

Success For Bishopstown

**Bishopstown 6-2
Na Piarsaigh 4-0**

IN a most exciting game at St. Finbarrs last evening Bishopstown won the Cork area final of Feile na nGael with a 6-2 to 4-0 win over Na Piarsaigh.

Na Piarsaigh were ahead at half time by 3-0 to 1-2 and looked very good at that stage, but the holders stormed back in the second half. They scored five marvellous goals in this period to Na Piarsaigh's one, and ran out worthy winners.

The Bishopstown scorers - Brid Corcoran, Seanna Morley and Theresa Geary, as well as Evelyn Mahon, Nuala Hobbs, Aine Buckley and Bernie Hayes - were most impressive, while Na Piarsaigh had their best

players in Lorraine and Dawn Kelly, Michele Coade and Yvonne Fox.

Scorers: Bishopstown - S. Morley 2-2, B. Corcoran and T. Geary 2-0 each; Na Piarsaigh - M. Coade 2-0, D. Kelly and L. Sheehan 1-0 each.

Bishopstown: K. Higgins, J. Coughlan, U. Buckley, A. Buckley, M. Walsh, B. Hayes, N. Hobbs, E. Mahon, L. Collins, S. Morley, B. Corcoran, T. Geary, Subs. C. Murphy for L. Collins, A. Walsh for B. Corcoran, E. Duggan for T. Geary.

Na Piarsaigh: A. Martin, J. Tobin, P. Daly, S. Conlon, L. Kelly, L. Sheehan, R. Butterworth, E. O'Connell, D. Kelly, M. Coade, Y. Fox, L. Murphy, Sub. L. Walsh for Y. Fox.

Ref. M. Maher, Douglas

Can Cork Win Their First League Crown?



Fitzgibbon who captains Cork on Sunday

only seriously troubled by Kilkenny.

Both sides have named very strong teams for Sunday. Cork will have the ever dependable Marian McCarthy in goal and Eileen Dineen at full-back, an Eire Og partnership that has given sterling services to Cork in recent years. The centre-back line which has been the same now for a couple of seasons contains a variety of talents. Miriam Higgins is experienced and tight-marking. Martha Kearney is talented and likes to press forward, while Catherine Landers, the pivot of the defence has rarely given any centre-forward much scope.

Dublin on the other hand have announced a surprise choice at full-back in Marian Conroy, last year's captain and left corner forward. However, Marian is currently in that position with her club, county champions, Celtic, so it is not as drastic a move as it looks at first. Yvonne Redmond will once again be between the posts, while the half back line will contain Catherine Ledwich, Bernie Toner and Germaine Noonan, a trio that gave Cork some problems in the All-Ireland final.

Many observers feel the game will be won or lost at centrefield, with both counties parading some fine talent in this section. Cork's speedy Sandy Fitz-

gibbon will be confronted by the equally fast Una Crowley. Una had to retire early from the All-Ireland tie with an ear injury and many Dublin followers feel that her departure was a vital factor in Dublin's defeat.

Both centre-fielders are newcomers to senior ranks. Sarsfield's Liz Dunphy won a junior title last year and has settled down extremely well on the senior side. Her opponent will be Mary Dwane, a former Dublin junior, and a very highly-rated new "cap."

Clare Cronin and her opponent Barbara Redmond are no strangers to each other, having played on opposing sides in two All-Irelands and a League decider, and their dual should be a vital one with Cork expecting Clare to get the upper hand here.

Cork have two changes in the forward line since the September meeting of the sides with Ger McCarthy playing at left corner forward instead of Mary Geaney and Angela Higgins replacing Clare Kelleher, who scored that spectacular vital goal in last year's Championship win. But both Clare and Mary are listed among the substitutes. Mary O'Leary and Val Fitzpatrick are retained in their right corner and centre-forward positions and this is no surprise. Angela Higgins, in particular has been showing good form in her new position at full-forward, and is hoping that a nagging leg injury, which put her out of the game for a lengthy spell last season, will not rear its ugly head again on Sunday.

Dublin have also made changes in the attack, but they have been far more sweeping. Only Joan Gormley remains, and she changes position from full to right corner. In to the side at left corner comes

Ann Colgan (nee Keane), holder of a number of All-Ireland medals with Cork in the seventies. Ann will also captain the side. Marie Connell at full and Carmel O'Byrne at centre were substitutes last year, but are regulars this season.

And so the stage is set for what should be yet another marvellous tie between two top class sides, and those who go to Ballinlough on Sunday can expect a thriller, with little between the sides, but maybe the Cork venue could give the Leesiders that slight edge and their first National League trophy.

Teams:
Cork: M. McCarthy, E. Dineen, M. Higgins, C. Landers, M. Kearney, C. Cronin, L. Dunphy, S. Fitzgibbon, M. O'Leary, V. Fitzpatrick, G. McCarthy, A. Higgins. Subs: A. M. Landers, C. Kelleher, L. Lynch, M. Ring, M. Twomey, L. Zinkant, N. O'Driscoll, M. Geaney.

Dublin: Y. Redmond, M. Conroy, C. Ledwich, B. Toner, G. Noonan, U. Crowley, M. Dwane, B. Redmond, J. Gormley, C. O'Byrne, A. Colgan, M. O'Connell.

Subs: T. O'Byrne, A. Thorpe, M. Mernagh, N. Fleming.

Cork's Sandy Fitzgibbon will have a busy weekend as she will also be the county's representative at the Gradam Tailte Finals to be decided in Dublin on Saturday. Sandy will be hoping to emulate the feats of Clare Cronin, who won the National crown last season, but she will have tough opposition especially from Kilkenny's Ann Downey, who was so narrowly piped by Clare last year.

FIXTURES

Tomorrow (Saturday):
Gradam Tailte Final at Na Fianna Ground, Dublin.
Sunday, at Ballinlough:
A.I.B. National Senior League: Cork v. Dublin, 2.30 p.m. (Referee: Brid Stokes, Limerick).



Eileen Duncan, at full back for Cork on Sunday

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Cork girls to take league title

CORK ARE in line to make history on the double in camogie when they entertain Dublin, the holders, in a National Senior League final that promises exciting fare and high standard play today at Ballinlough (2.30). Victory would give the Leesiders their first big double of the All-Ireland senior championship and the League, and also, surprisingly, their first League crown.

Dublin are the League specialists. Last year's win was their third title success, but as against this, they lost their two important meetings with Cork — the All-Ireland finals of 1982 and 1983.

The Southerners are well represented in the midfield area, where Liz Dunphy, a former Colleges' star, is an impressive newcomer since last year's championship final win.

But it is in attack that Cork may score in more ways than one. The forward's good finishing in recent games suggests that the scoring power is there over-all to end the county's losing sequence in League finals — this is Cork's fourth meeting at this stage since 1978 — but only after a keenly contested game.

CORK — M. McCarthy; M. Higgins; E. Dineen, C. Landers, M. Kearney; S. Fitzgibbon, L. Dunphy, C. Cronin; M. O'Leary, V. Fitzpatrick, G. McCarthy; A. Higgins.

DUBLIN — Y. Redmond; M. Conroy; C. Ledwich, B. Toner, G. Noonan; U. Crowley, M. Dwane, B. Redmond; J. Gormley, C. O'Byrne, A. Colgan; M. Connell.

SPORTING FITZHENRYS

By MICHAEL O'HEHIR
THE FENNELLYS from Kilkenny are probably Ireland's best-known family of hurlers and camogie players.

However, when Martin Fitzhenry trots out in the Wexford colours against Kilkenny today he will be striking a blow for the fifteen-strong family of Killealy. There are ten boys and five girls in this family and all the boys play hurling and football, while three of the five girls are camogie players.

Last Sunday, Seamus was on the Wexford football side (friends do not discuss that outing with GAA folk in Wexford) and, in fact, last year Seamus, John and 21-year-old Martin played on the Wexford county team that played in Croke Park against

Wicklow in the Leinster football championship.

Thirteen-year-old Mary is on the Wexford Under-14 camogie side, while Tina is on the senior side. There's no need to guess what is the topic of conversation at meals in the Fitzhenry home.

Martin, who has been playing well in local games and I understand did well against Tipperary recently, is part of the youth support for Tony Doran in attack.

"Seeing that jersey in opposition lifts our lads to greater heights," was a comment made to me during the week by both Wexford and Kilkenny mentors. With both teams "rising it" this should be a wonderful centrepiece to a terrific triple-decker programme.

Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael



SRAITHCHOMORTAS SINSIR NA HÉIREANN
CLUICHE CEANNAIS - 17 Meitheamh 1984 - BAILE AN LOCHA
1 gCORCAI - 2.30 pm.

RÉITEOIR: BRÍD DE STÓC (Luimneach)

Clár Oifigiúil
Luach 10p

Clár na Staille
Ardrúna:

CORG, 1-8; DUBLIN, 0-4

DUBLIN surrendered their AIB National Senior League trophy at Ballinlough, yesterday in what just ave been the side's poorest showing for many years.

Cork ensured victory when they raised their game in the final quarter, but up to then both teams played well below their potential.

Maire Connell opened the scoring with a Dublin point at and at the interval, when Dublin led by 0-3 to 0-2.

Cork shot into the lead on the resumption when Mary O'Leary deflected the ball to the net. Clare Cronin moved to centre forward where she opened up the game for the other forwards. Six Cork points followed and Dublin's only reply was a point from Carmel O'Byrne.

Dublin lose camogie title to Cork

Cathy Landers was the best player on view, scoring two points from the centre back positions. Cork were also well served by their captain Sandie Fitzgibbon, Martha Kearney, Mary O'Neill and Eileen Dinneen.

For Dublin Bernie Toner, Germaine Noonan, Carmel O'Byrne, Yvonne Redmond and Ann Colgan did best.

Scorers - Cork - M. O'Leary (1-3), C. Landers, G. McCarthy (0-2 each), C. Cronin (0-1). Dublin - M. Connell, C. O'Byrne (0-2 each).

Cork - M. McCarthy, E. Dinneen, M. Higgins, C. Landers, M. Kearney, C. Cronin, E. Dunphy, S. Fitzgibbon, M. O'Leary, V. Fitzpatrick, G. McCarthy, A. Higgins.
Dublin - Y. Redmond, M.

Conroy, C. Ledwiche, B. Toner, G. Noonan, U. Crowley, M. Dwane, B. Redmond, J. Gormley, C. O'Byrne, A. Colgan, M. Connell.

Referee - B. Stokes (Limerick).



Cork forward Claire Cronin passes to a team mate while being tackled by Dublin player B. Redmond during their National League final at Ballinlough, Cork. (Picture: Des Barry)

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CAMOGIE

At last — Cork league winners

By JOAN MORLEY

CORK 1-8; DUBLIN 0-4

THE National League has come to Cork for the first time following the county's 1-8 to 0-4 win over arch rivals Dublin at Ballinlough yesterday.

The game, which was played in glorious weather conditions, did not live up to pre-match predictions as a spectacle, but, for Cork followers at least, it all ended very happily with Sandy Fitzgibbon, the Cork captain, receiving the AIB trophy from Mary Fennelly, the Association president, and so ended the county's wait for this prestigious title which has eluded Cork since its inception in 1977.

Both teams were obviously lacking in fitness and so the camogie in this game was not up to the standard one expects from these two top sides. However, there was plenty of excitement as the sides battled for supremacy and, with very little separating them until the closing 10 minutes, competition for every ball was very keen.

Dublin, the League holders, were first to score with a point from Marie Connell in the opening minutes. But this was soon negated by Mary O'Leary for Cork, and the All-Ireland champions took the lead for the first time with a marvellous long-range point from centreback Catherine Landers after 10 minutes.

Marie Connell came back for Dublin with a similar score to equalise before Carmel O'Byrne put the holders in front just before the interval on the score 0-3 to 0-2.

In this first period Dublin looked the better side, although Cork missed some wide open chances. However, after the break Cork came more into the game and almost immediately Mary O'Leary tapped home a lovely goal to put Cork in front again.

Carmel O'Byrne reduced the arrears with a point from the visitors but then came a golden final 10 minutes for the winners when they suddenly showed signs of their true championship form and sent over six glorious points to leave Dublin reeling and the All-Ireland champions clear 1-8 to 0-4 winners.

The Cork defence was always solid in this game with Catherine Landers at centreback giving one of the top performances of the day. In the centre captain Sandy Fitzgibbon played her usual non-stop game, while Clare Cronin also did well.

The forwards, however, took a long time to settle and missed some golden opportunities throughout the game. But then came a change which brought Clare Cronin to centre forward at the expense of Val Fitzpatrick, and this appeared to give the attack the fillip they needed and the scores began to come.

For Dublin, Yvonne Redmond made some marvellous saves in goal and the defence were always adequate with Bernie Toner particularly good. Young Carmel O'Byrne, the Colleges star, showed great promise in the forward line while former Cork junior Ann Colgan also played well.

Scorers — Cork: M. O'Leary 1-3; C. Landers and G. McCarthy 0-2 each; C. Cronin 0-1. Dublin: M. Connell and C. O'Byrne 0-2 each.

CORK: M. McCarthy, E. Dineen, M. Higgins, C. Landers, M. Kearney, C. Cronin, E. Dunphy, S. Fitzgibbon, M. O'Leary, V. Fitzpatrick, G. McCarthy, A. Higgins. Sub: A. M. Landers for V. Fitzpatrick.

DUBLIN: Y. Redmond, M. Conroy, C. Ledwith, B. Toner, G. Noonan, U. Crowley, M. Dwane, B. Redmond, J. Gormley, C. O'Byrne, A. Colgan, M. Connell. Subs: M. Mernagh for M. Dwane, N. Fleming for C. Ledwith, A. Thorpe for U. Crowley. Referee: B. Stokes, Limerick.

St. Paul's year to celebrate

THIS YEAR one of the most successful clubs in the country comes of age. The name of St. Paul's, Kilkenny, is known and respected throughout the length and breadth of the country. To celebrate 21 years of camogie, the club has organised a national seven a side competition.

An impressive entry of 24 clubs will participate. The list includes three winners of the All-Ireland Club Championship, Burren's Alley, Celtic and Croagh-Kilfinny. Speaking of the Club Championship, the host club leads the chart with five titles. St. Paul's collected their first crown in 1968. Their most recent success in 1977 was captained by the current President of the Camogie Association, Mary Fennelly.

Many outstanding exponents of the game have worn the colours of St. Paul's. The names of Ann Carroll, Angela Downey, Liz Neary, Helena O'Neill, Bridie McGarry, Jo

Golden and Teresa O'Neill, all Kilkenny and Leinster players, have appeared on St. Paul's team sheets time and again.

Congratulations are extended to St. Paul's on their accomplishments and standards of their first 21 years. The many visitors to St. Kieran's College for Saturday's sevens will wish them continued success for the future.

The annual National Coaching Course, at Gormanston College, this coming weekend, has attracted a very satisfactory number of students who wish to improve their coaching techniques.

Feile na nGael provided great entertainment in Wexford last weekend. The standard of the last four in Division One was very pleasing. An caisleán (Dublin) edged out Shamrocks (Kilkenny) in the final. Annacurra and Raharney had a ding-dong battle in the Division Two final before the honours went Wicklow's way.

Camogie's newly-crowned League champions



CORK, the newly crowned National Senior League Camogie champions . . . FRONT: M. Ring, M. McCarthy, L. Dunphy, L. Lynch, S. Fitzgibbon (capt.), C. Landers, C. Cronin, A. M. Landers and M. Twomey. BACK: N. O'Driscoll, A. Higgins, G. McCarthy, V. Fitzpatrick, M. Higgins, C. Kelleher, E. Dineen, M. O'Leary, M. Kearney, L. Zinkant and M. Geaney.

Leitrim Fontenays (Down) had a close victory over holders Paris (Mayo) in Division Three. The Skills title went to Clare for the first time. Their representative, Yvonne McInerney from Sixmilebridge, had a narrow win over local girl Deirdre Hearne of St. Ibars.

On Sunday, afternoon, Limerick travel to Cork for the Munster Minor final. Cork have a great record in this competi-

tion. Seven of the All-Ireland winning team are available including Jean Paula Kent, Evelyn Healy, Paula Carey, Collette O'Mahony and Niamh Coughlan. Limerick surprised Clare with the help of Terry Finn, Marion Bigane, Miriam Magnier and Esther Sheehan but may find Cork a hardened nut to crack.

Cork had an easy victory in the Munster Junior semi-final over an unprepared Tipperary side.

Their final opponents will be Clare. Helen Cusack, Caroline O'Meara, Patricia Ryan and Ann Murnane helped the Banner County to dispose of Limerick.

Leinster stage their minor final at Kilkenny next Sunday where the local girls take on the holders Dublin. Dub's are always able to put out a competent minor side and I have no reason to believe that the current wearers of the blue will not match the standard of

their predecessors. Kilkenny have not done well in this grade in recent seasons and it will come as a surprise if they eliminate Dublin.

FIXTURES

Friday and Sunday 2 National Coaching Course at Gormanston College.

Friday — St. Paul's Sevens, at St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny.

Sunday — At Ballylough, Munster, M.F., Cork v Limerick.

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