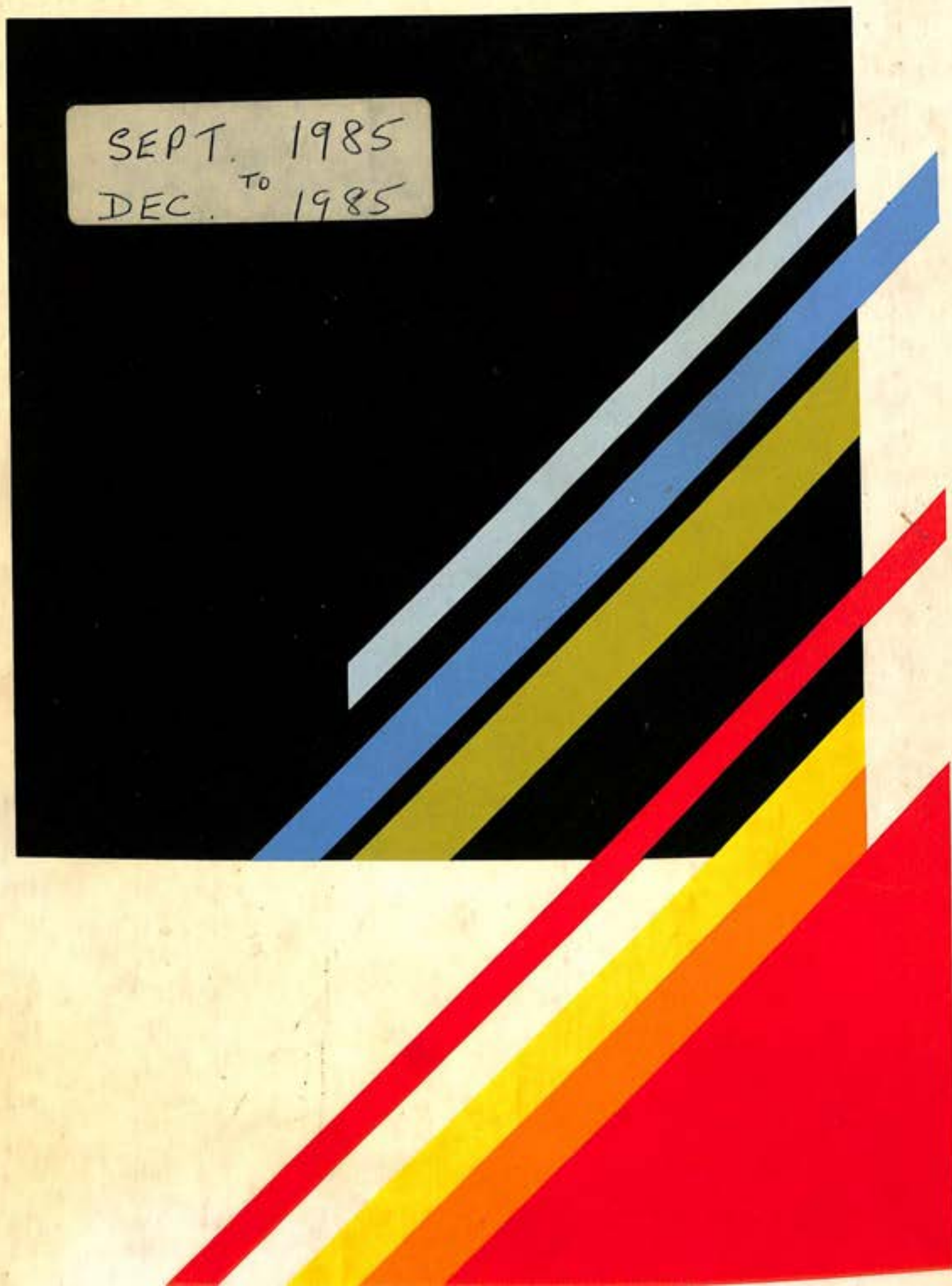


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DUBLIN AND KILKENNY TO RENEW KEEN RIVALRY

By Owen McCann

This is proving a great year for Leinster in senior camogie. Kilkenny beat Dublin in a National League final replay, and these counties have further advertised the standards in the province by qualifying for the All-Ireland open-draw championship final.

This is only the second meeting of Dublin and Kilkenny at this stage of the championship. The first in 1976 was a low scoring game, with Kilkenny having the better of the exchanges to win by 0-6 to 1-2, and take their second crown. They have won two titles in the meantime — 1977 and 1981.

Dublin beat Tipperary in last year's decider to regain the title after an amazing break of 18 years. Amazing, considering that Dublin once dominated the championship to such an extent that, despite the lack of success in modern times, they still have at 26 championships just a single crown less than all the other counties combined.

Both teams had anxious moments in their semi-finals. Dublin had to battle hard to overcome the challenge of

Cork in Cork, and had the home team made better use of some good scoring chances they might well have caused an upset. As it was, Dublin won through to their fourth final in succession by 1-10 to 3-1.

It must be said, in favour of the defending champions that they gave a good all round showing, and did well to come away from Cork with their hopes of a successful title defence still very much alive.

Kilkenny were given a great run by Wexford at Rathnure, and only won a very exciting game by the minimum margin 2-6 to 2-5.

Still, the National League champions did well to have won on an away venue, and they will no doubt, like the All-Ireland champions, profit from that game.

The finalists have some of the most exciting personalities in the game today in their squads. Edel Murphy leads Dublin this year, and she is again proving an excellent score-getter.

Last year the U.C.D. player coloured the final with her useful work in general play and expert finishing. She scored seven golden points.

Edel is again in fine form this year, and collected eight points in the win over Cork.

Joan Gormley and Marie O'Connell are other All-Ireland senior medalists in attack to whom many will be looking to for the inspiration for a winning effort.

Dublin's defence is very sound, with Yvonne Redmond keeping a good goal, and Bernie Toner and Germaine Noonan very much to the fore, and the champions have a capable midfield.



Kilkenny's Ann Downey (left) prepares to block Marie O'Connell's shot in the National League Final.

obviously prove one of the challengers' main hopes to set the scene for a winning show.

Ann Holden at full back, Ann Downey at half back, Liz Neary at

midfield, and Breda Holmes and Jo Dunne in the attack, are other potential match-winners in what is a good all round Kilkenny side, and one that is sure to approach the game with a



Angela Downey gathers the ball on the run watched by Liz Neary (Kilkenny).

SECOND YEAR

Angela Downey remains a key figure on the Kilkenny attack. Winner of Gradam Tailte a few weeks ago for the second successive year, she had a capital game in the semi-final against Wexford, scoring 0-5, and will

fair degree of optimism following the League final replay win.

There does not appear to be a great deal between the sides, however, and a very competitive game is in prospect. But, Dublin's defence may do a better job in curtailing the striking power of the Kilkenny attack than the Noreiders against the holders' forward deviation.

Given that, the accuracy of Edel Murphy from play and frees and the goal scoring powers of Joan Gormley may enable Dublin to hold on to their crown.

Incidentally, Kilkenny are in line to make history as no county has won the National League title and the All-Ireland senior crown in the same year.

The curtain-raiser at Croke Park will bring Armagh and Galway into opposition for the All-Ireland junior title. Galway won the title in 1972 and 1979, but the Northerners have still to take the crown.

Galway won the National Junior League title earlier this season, and the odds are that they will prove capable of completing the big double in what is sure to be a very keen game.



Carmel O'Byrne (Dublin) shoots for goal. Ann Holden (Kilkenny) stretches to reach the ball.

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Dublin to take title again



Liz Neary, wing centre for Kilkenny.

Months and months of hard work and preparation comes to a climax tomorrow when, Armagh face Galway and Dublin oppose Kilkenny in the junior and senior All-Ireland finals respectively in Croke Parke. Can the national League holders for 1985 add the O'Duffy Cup to their collection or can the metropolitan manage to find a resting place for the trophy for the second year in succession by the banks of the Liffey.

This question will be answered sometime around 4.45 tomorrow when the victorious captain will proudly lead her team up the steps of the Hogan Stand to be presented with the coveted prize by the president of the Camogie Association Mary Lynch.

Respective captains Edel Murphy, Dublin, and Bridie McGarry, Kilkenny will both be hoping that the Gods will look favourably on them on this marvellous occasion. No matter what the outcome or the result may be the ingredients are there for a first class tussle and many feel that this game has the makings of one of the best All-Ireland finals ever played.

Both sides are very evenly matched and much will depend on how certain individuals perform on the day. Undoubtedly Kilkenny possess better individual players than Dublin but the Liffesiders work more effectively as a unit.

Both sides had narrow escapes in the semi-finals with Kilkenny pipping Wexford at the post while Dublin triumphed with a great defensive display in the second half, against Cork.

While Dublin now seem to be stronger in their defence with the placing of Bernie Toner in her best position at centre back, the inclusive Anne Redmond her club-mate at left back may have come as a mild surprise. Anne was the regular full back in the early stages of the League until Marian Conroy replaced her in the League final replay.

With the exception of one outing against Wexford in the provincial final she has not featured on the team during the championship. Nonetheless Anne has been playing extremely well for her club Crumlin in the club championship and her experience could be invaluable tomorrow.

B&I player of the year for 1984 Yvonne Redmond will again be the custodian while right back Germaine Noonan will be hoping for a better performance than against Cork.

With Kilkenny possibly possessing the more potentially dangerous forward line of Angela Downey, Margaret Farrelly, Breda Holmes and Jo Dunne the Dublin defence know that they are in for a busy afternoon's work.

They will be hoping that they will not see as much of the ball as they did in the semi-final and to this end Dublin's centre field of the diminutive Lina Crowley, the industrious Edel Murphy and the effervescent Anna McManus will have to settle down early and get on top of their opposition of Liz Neary,



●MARIE CONNELL (Dublin).

Deirdre Malone and Anna Whelan.

With regular left winger Barbara Redmond unavailable for this final conflict the selectors have brought Anna McManus out from the corner to left wing and have placed Edel Murphy in the centre with their most consistent centre field player Una Crowley retaining her normal position of right wing.

Indeed Una will need better support from her mid-field colleagues than she received against Cork when she almost single handedly tried to quell the onslaughts of the Leesiders around the middle of the park.

The placing of Mary Mernagh at centre-forward in direct opposition to the Kilkenny captain Bridie McGarry can be taken as a measure to try and reduce the effectiveness of this brilliant player.

It will be interesting to see what effect Mary's bustling style of play will have on the experienced Bridie Joan Gormley, who was the most dangerous forward in the semi-final now switches to right corner forward with Carmel O'Byrne operating in the other corner.

Marie Connell who has not regained the form she is capable of producing, again mans the



●ANNA McMANUS (Dublin).

vital full forward position, but this young player has the flair for the big occasion and I confidently expect her to raise her game tomorrow.

Indeed all the Dublin forwards will have to improve on recent displays where they have been failing to notch up the scores with regularity. The Kilkenny defence of Ann Downey, Bridie McGarry, Anna Holden and Biddy O'Sullivan will not stand on ceremony and any chances the metropolitans get will have to be put away.

As has been seen in Croke Park on the last two Sundays, its no use enjoying possession of the chances created are not taken and the scores not registered. Marie Fitzpatrick, the young Kilkenny goalkeeper is growing with confidence in every game and nothing will be given away easily by her.

All in all this should be a great game of camogie with players on both sides anxious to display their skills. The principle responsibility for free taking will once again fall on the shoulders of captain Edel Murphy whose accuracy from placed balls has not faltered throughout this campaign.

It promises to be a compelling encounter and in the final analysis a decisive feature will be how the Dublin defence cope with the promptings and skills



●UNA CROWLEY (Dublin).

of Angela Downey and her forward colleagues.

There are many factors which can influence this game and whilst accepting that there will always be uncertainty in forecasting the result of any sport I will make Dublin favourites to take the title.

Dublin: Yvonne Redmond, Marian Conroy, Germaine Noonan, Bernie Toner, Anne Redmond, Una Crowley, Edel Murphy (capt), Anna McManus, John Gormley, Mary Mernagh, Carmel O'Byrne, Marie Connell.

Kilkenny: Marie Fitzpatrick, Anne Downey, Anna Holden, Bridie McGarry (capt), Biddy O'Sullivan, Liz Neary, Deirdre Malone, Anna Whelan, Margaret Farrelly, Angela Downey, Breda Holmes, Jo Dunne.

Early comers to Croke Park will see a very intriguing Junior final between Armagh and Galway. Both counties had easy passages in the semi-finals with comprehensive victories over Limerick and Wexford respectively. It promises to be a most entertaining game and a great start to the afternoon's entertainment.

Referees for the finals tomorrow are Miriam Higgins (Senior) the Cork All-Ireland star and Sheila Wallace (Junior) the popular Dublin player.

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Confident Armagh Contest All-Ireland Camogie Final On Sunday

Sunday is a big day for camogie in the county with Armagh contesting the final of the All-Ireland Junior at Croke Park. The flags are at the ready and all week the big game has been the main topic of local sporting conversation. It's fixed for 2 o'clock and awaited with eagerness and anticipation. For the Armagh cailini it is just one step away from glory and an All-Ireland title. The girls have great faith in themselves and although Armagh failed at this particular hurdle before Sunday's team are confident that they can go one better.

Armagh are expected to stage a good performance against Galway who will be hoping for the double, having already collected National League honours. It is hoped that every club and camogie enthusiast within the county will be at headquarters to cheer on the girls in Orange.

DESPONDENT

After being beaten in last year's Ulster Final the Armagh girls became very despondent and some were actually contemplating on calling it a day. But manager Tom Monaghan has no time for quitters and he immediately set about injecting new confidence, helped by a weekly camogie profile in the "Armagh Observer". So far things have been working out as planned with Armagh gaining revenge over Cavan for last year's defeat and going a step further by beating Limerick quite comprehensively in the All-Ireland semi-final. A win on Sunday would be the perfect ending and what better wedding present for recently wed Lily Evans, now Mrs Clifford, who is so much involved with the team.

FINE MIX

The Armagh team have a fine mix of youth and experience - the perfect recipe for any successful side. Young players like Andrea McAlinden, Jacqueline Donnelly and Roisin Toal mingle with familiar names like Margaret Moriarty, Denise McStay and Pat Daly - their ambition being one and the same - to win an All-Ireland title for Armagh.

This year on their way to the final, Armagh initially faced Derry at their home base in Swatragh. With home

advantage combined with the fact that the Oak Leaf County had already beaten Armagh in the National League, Derry were firmly the favourites. Armagh turned on the style that evening and showed their true potential, quelling any possible chance of defeat whilst silencing the critics.

The Ulster semi-final saw Armagh make another long journey to the North West - this time to Carrdonagh to take on Donegal, who like Derry had already beaten Armagh. This time it was different and Armagh's three point winning margin was rather flattering to the hosts. In the Ulster Final against Cavan there was more success and revenge for that defeat the year previous. Against Limerick in the semi-final the Armagh lassies continued on their merry way and now they are only an hour away from glory.

REALLY ALIVE

Camogie is really alive in the county at the moment. Down through the years there have been many great teams and names associated with the game in County Armagh. Indeed when one speaks of the game it's usually the past they are referring to. At the moment this Armagh team is capable of rubbing shoulders with the elite of camogie. They have certainly the potential and the will to win games. All the girls featured in the "Observer" camogie profile expressed their wish of playing in Croke Park in an All-Ireland final. Sunday sees the realisation of such.

BEATEN IN 1970

Armagh's Junior Championship win this year has brought their tally of Championship victories to

seven. They won their first title in 1961 and later in 1966 before the four in a row from 1970-1973. Their only All-Ireland appearance was in 1970 when they were narrowly defeated by a strong Dublin team.

The girls who played in that memorable game - Kathleen Fearon (Ballymacnab), Elizabeth Scullion (Clan-na-Gael), Sheena McKeown (Clan-na-Gael), Ann McCone (Carrickcruppen), Marion Courtney (Carrickcruppen), Angela Toal (Clan-na-Gael), Marian Delaney (Carrickcruppen), Irene Patterson (Clan-na-Gael), Alice Beagan (Ballymacnab), Ann McGuinness (Whitecross), Ann Cairns (Clan-na-Gael) and Patricia McLoughlin (Clan-na-Gael).

Reserves - Joan Austin (Derrytrasna), Lucy O'Rourke (Whitecross), Linda Magill (Clann Eireann), Aileen McCrory (Clann Eireann), Sheila O'Hara (Clan-na-Gael).

Three of the team, captain Sheena McKeown, Angela Toal and Patricia McLoughlin were also members of the 1967 Armagh Minor team who won the County's first and only Minor Championship.

HAS TO BE ONE BETTER

As Armagh approach their final date with Galway memories of the 1970 final decider will surely be to the fore in the minds of the supporters and players alike. It has to be one better this time.

Looking at the 1985 squad one can sense that they are a panel who can match the greatness of the 1970 stars. The 1984 season saw them reach three finals - National League against Dublin, the Ulster Junior against Cavan and Maguire Cup final, their only success, in which they defeated the might of the Antrim senior squad.

BEST SUMMED UP

Words from team manager Tom Monaghan, spoken at the beginning of the year when appointed to the post for another year, best sum up the feeling within the county relating to this present Junior squad.

"Over all the years in Armagh there have been many great camogie teams. This panel has got the potential to accomplish greater feats."

Hopefully Tom's words will come true in Dublin this Sunday afternoon. The atmosphere is really electrifying and if the camogie girls can succeed where the footballers have failed then quite a welcome will await them on their arrival home with the silverware. The panel have trained exceedingly hard for the final and according to reports every player is fit and well and raring to go. Again we would appeal for support. The Saffron colours and the Hogan Stand know other quite well. The girls are to be congratulated on reaching the final so let's hope they will be able to prove their real worth and give their supporters plenty to cheer about. It's not every Sunday, Armagh appear in an All-Ireland camogie final, so this Sunday is undoubtedly a red letter day.

Some words from the team captain Margaret Moriarty

Many an Armagh team from several codes of sport has gone to Croke Park and been beaten so there is a fierce determination in the panel that we are not coming home empty handed on the 15th. I often said: "If only I could just get playing in Croke Park I would be happy" - well, that has changed. Along with the rest of the panel, playing alone will not satisfy us - we want to win.

We are going into Sunday's final with a limited knowledge of our opponents. What we do know is that much of their success stems from the senior colleges and schools in Galway which have been extremely strong over the past couple of seasons.

Our own strength lies in the blend of youth and experience which is in the present squad and so far the two have gone along together successfully. Add to this a real determination and some 'awful' hard physical training as well as a lot of coaching and we should have the recipe for success. There has been a great deal of pride restored to Armagh camogie over the past two seasons and a lot of interest is being shown in this match, throughout Armagh and Ulster.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those people who have sponsored our training fund and helped us in any way and also the various clubs throughout the county which have held functions to raise some very welcome cash.

What of the opposition?

This year's Galway are already National League champions and are naturally keen to complete the 'double' by winning the Championship - a feat not yet achieved by any county.

Their success can be linked to the success of one of their College side - St. Raphael's, Loughrea who won the All-Ireland Schools and Colleges Junior and Senior Championships earlier this year. This unique double was achieved after they defeated St. Patrick's, Cork and Colastie Muire Ennis respectively.

One player who is prominent in the Galway Junior side is Deirdre Costello who was captain of the Senior Loughrea school side and who scored 2-1 in their semi-final clash against Wexford. Other prominent Galway players are Ena Gannon their midfield captain Ann Fahy and their centre back Brid Stratford. They scored a great win over Wexford in the semi-final on the same day that Armagh disposed of Limerick by a margin of 3-11 to 1-3.

With Galway's record this year and their eagerness to achieve the elusive double the scene is set for an exciting clash in Croke Park. But Armagh are far from daunted by their task and their determination to capture their first All-Ireland title will spur them on to achieve what they consider as rightfully theirs.



Margaret Moriarty, the Armagh captain.

MEET THE ARMAGH PLAYERS

MARGARET MORIARTY (St. Enda's, Derrymacash)

Margaret is captain of the squad and needs no introduction to camogie followers. She holds many honours including a Gael Linn All-Ireland winners medal, a National League medal and Ulster Championship medal and Maguire Cup medal won last year.

She normally plays in centre half position in defence where her tackling ability and covering lends stability to the rest of the back line. She has often turned defence into attack by her long decisive clearances and in role of captain does much to inspire her team members.

SALLY McCONE (St. Brenda's, Ballymacnab)

Sally is a talented player who normally plays in midfield but more recently has moved up to a wing forward position. She is a player who contributes many important scores to nearly all games Armagh has played. A character off the pitch she has also been known to do quite unorthodox things like kicking the ball over the bar for a point.

Her list of honours include National League and Maguire Cup medal as well as many honours won with the Poly. Has also played for the Combined Colleges and Combined Universities sides.

DENISE McSTAY (Clan-na-Gael, Lurgan)

Denise normally plays midfield with Armagh but can also very easily adapt to playing in the forward line.

Like Margaret Moriarty has played many times for Ulster and holds many honours won with her county and club. She is one of the many girls who first learned her camogie at St. Michael's, Lurgan. She in turn is passing on her camogie knowledge and experience to the young teams she coaches at school in Magherafelt.

Denise is a very determined and committed player who has made a great contribution to Armagh's success to date and Croke Park will be a fulfillment of her dreams.

RITA McGUIGAN (St. Joseph's, Lurgan)

For many years Rita displayed her talent in the full-forward position for Armagh making her name as Armagh's most prolific goalscorer. Yet Rita won her first Ulster medal this year playing as a goalkeeper against Cavan - surely the mark of a good player who can turn her hand to any task on the pitch.

She came through the County Minor ranks along with team mate Paula Brown and since first wearing the Armagh colours has shown total dedication and commitment to her county and club. A player who deserves the respect and admiration she gets and a great example to the younger teams she works with in Madden.

PATRICIA DALY (St. Anne's, Annaghmore)

Patricia is full back in the Armagh squad and controls her area of the field with cool, effective play. Has played a key role in many of Armagh's fine wins this year.

She has been involved with the County team since 1976 and her total interest and involvement with the squad is surely an example to others.

Camogie plays a big part in her life and the experience of participating in an All-Ireland final will be for Patricia the ultimate but something she knew Armagh were capable of all the time.

FIONNUALA O'CONNOR (St. Brigid's, Armagh)

Fionnuala is the tireless worker of the Armagh team who gives so much every game and has so much to give. She is normally in a midfield role but is no stranger to moving into the attack as a half forward.

In the Limerick game she was for many people 'the player of the match' and turned on a brilliant display as a wing midfielder.

Again a very committed member of the panel she shares with the rest of the girls the dream of winning that All-Ireland title. We know for sure that her contribution on September 15th will be a vital one.

URSULA McGIVERN (St. Enda's, Derrymacash)

Ursula is a very talented

should show well in Armagh's attack.

PAULA BROWN (Clann Eireann)

Paula is another player who has come through the County Minor ranks before establishing herself on the Junior team. A measure of her contribution to the panel can be seen by the fact she was chosen last year as Player of the Year.

She is a tireless worker in the midfield area and she plays with determination and intelligence. In the semi-final against Limerick she excelled in fielding and her high ball catches were a joy to watch.

Paula is a modest player when it comes to her own ability but she has total belief in the girls and their ability to win on Sunday.

BERNIE McCLELLAND (St. Mary's, Granemore)

Bernie normally plays around the midfield area and she has been involved with the County since playing on the Minor squad. During the season she was unfortunate to pick up a hand injury, but she has fought her way back.

She plays her club camogie with Granemore but she originally learned her skills in Keady under Sr. Mercades.

Bernie is a valuable asset to any squad and she shows great determination in her play as well as displaying some fine camogie skills.

MARY DONNELLY (St. Brenda's, Ballymacnab)

Mary Donnelly has made the full forward position her very own and she is truly queen of her area. Her devastating style of play witnessed against Cavan in the Ulster Final and Limerick in the semi-final must make any goalkeeper apprehensive at the thought of facing her. She is a fast skilful player with a deadly finish.

She has a long record with the County and the only member of the present squad to hold 2 Maguire Cup medals won in 1973 and 1984 along with various other honours for club and County.

ANDREA McALINDEN (St. Enda's, Derrymacash)

One of the youngest members of the panel Andrea has established her position firmly as wing back. She is surely one of the best of the recent finals and deserves her place on the County panel deservedly.

She is an effective defender with a great eye for the ball and the intelligence to "read the game". Her positive attitude to defensive play has actually turned many a defence into attack on many occasions.

As yet Andrea has won very few County honours but we can be sure the future will change that. Holds two Senior Championship medals with the 'Cash and still turns out for their U-18 squad.

SHEELAGH RAFFERTY (St. Colmcille's, Grange)

Sheila, brother of County footballer Peter, has established herself as a regular wing back in the County colours. Last year she was honoured to have been selected for Ulster and she plays with confidence and cool effectiveness.

She played camogie for the Poly but she shares an interest in other sports including volleyball and ladies soccer.

1984 was her debut year for the County and what a year it was for her, but she is convinced 1985 is going to be a lot better.

PAULINE O'HARE (St. Brenda's, Ballymacnab)

Pauline is one of the 3 Ballymacnab girls to wear the County colours. She is a

has been involved in the County squad for quite a few seasons now. Earlier this year she was touring in U.S.A. with the Queens camogie team from Belfast, so she missed out on some of their Ulster campaigns.

An experienced player who played for both the Poly and Queens and on top of honours won with the Poly was selected for Combined Universities team and Ulster last year.

One of the characters of the squad who makes sure there's always a 'bit of crack' around.

BRENDA JORDAN (Clan-na-Gael, Lurgan)

Brenda is yet another of the young set of players who are coming into the squad. Normally a wing forward Brenda is a fast and skilful player whose bursts of speed can cause havoc to any defence.

She plays with Clan-na-Gael and seems to be gaining much from the example of the McStay sisters clubmates who also wear the County colours.

A very determined young player, Brenda puts her heart into all her games and she seems assured of a bright future with the squad for many years to come.

TERESA McNALLY (St. Enda's, Derrymacash)

A sister of Bernie who plays on the team too, Teresa is a relatively new member of the Armagh squad.

She is a determined player who shows commitment and gives her best at all times. Plays either in defence or can easily step into a midfield role.

Has been a vital part of Derrymacash for the past few years and like many of the others holds 2 Championships won during the past 2 seasons.

LORRAINE FINN (St. Colmcille's, Grange)

Lorraine who plays her club camogie with the Grange club is another newcomer to the County squad. In this her debut year as a county player she is really experiencing an action packed season.

Plays normally in goals and for her club put on many fine displays this year. Lorraine also plays hockey and of course she occupies the goalkeeper position in that sport too.

A girl who shows enthusiasm and who fitted in well with the present squad we are assured of seeing a lot more of Lorraine Finn in the future.

ROSHEEN TOAL (St. Colmcille's, Grange)

The third member of the Grange club, Rosheen is again a newcomer to the County scene. Normally plays in a midfield position although she can play in an attacking role as a wing forward.

Rosheen's other sport is that of Road Bowls or 'bullets' and she is at present All-Ireland ladies champion. So Rosheen has extra reason to see Armagh lift the title and so claim All-Ireland success in 2 sports.

AILEEN McSTAY (St. Enda's, Derrymacash)

More familiar to those in camogie circles as "Twin" McStay, Aileen is again a newcomer to the scene. Plays her club camogie with Derrymacash. Aileen is a player with determination and should feature well in Armagh's future.

She missed the Ulster Championship but did play her part on the team in the

Thoughts from the 1970 All-Ireland finalists

"The greatest team never to have won an All-Ireland" was the description applied to the 1970 Armagh team who were narrowly beaten by Dublin on that memorable day in September 1970. It was a tribute to their skill and strength when they faced Dublin on what was Armagh's first and up to now, only visit to Croke Park.

The girls who played on that day are surely brought back to 1st September 1970 by the achievement of the present squad. It's good to know their thoughts are with the girls as they walk in their steps on to Croke Park on the 15th to meet Galway.

Kathleen Fearon (now Kathleen Lavery is living in Benburb), was goalkeeper on that day. Her thoughts are naturally with the goalkeeper on the present squad, she says: "Remember when you stand there, just do your best - there are 11 others in front of you all striving for the one thing."

She remembers the feeling of Croke Park. "It was a marvellous feeling to know you're really there. It's something you always dreamed of. Croke Park is so big but I can still hear the Armagh supporters as they cheered us on - it's funny but you can hear your own fans - you can almost hear individual voices."

"I always wondered would it ever be repeated by Armagh, now it is - only I hope they go one better."

Sheena McKeown (now Sheena McStay, who still lives in Lurgan where she played with Clan-na-Gael). Sheena was the captain of the Armagh squad that faced Dublin. Her memories of the game are still vivid and she speaks of the "high standard of pure camogie" that was played on the day.

She remembers preparing her speeches for the day. "I prepared 2 speeches - one for winning and one for losing but I must admit I only really knew one - because we were so determined to win. So my speech as losing captain was a bit badly prepared."

Sheena also remembers their semi-final clash against Cork in the Mardyke when Armagh who were completely relaxed played their best camogie and ran out convincing winners. She remembers too the official reception with Cork's Lord Mayor Peter Barry, now Minister for Foreign Affairs and a presentation made to all the girls.

Her words to the present squad - "Enjoy the experience of playing in Croke Park but go there determined to come out winners. Remember the whole of the County is behind you."

Patricia McLoughlin (now Patricia Cafolla who still lives in Lurgan). Patricia played as half forward against Dublin. She traces the roots of that great Armagh squad to the foundation laid at St. Michael's in Lurgan.

She has nothing but the highest of praise for the 2 teachers responsible for camogie in the school at the time Sr. Mary Rita and Sr. Mary St. Ann and also for Barney McGilly.

"It was from St. Michael's that many of the Armagh players came including Joan Austin, Sheila O'Hara, Elizabeth Scullion, Irene Patterson and we were well

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Kilkenny face tough test to make a bit of history

KILKENNY senior camogie team is poised to make a little bit of history.

For if it wins the all-Ireland senior championship final against Dublin on Sunday at Croke Park, it will become the first county to win the league and championship in the same year.



Anna Whelan



Deirdre Malone

Strangely this has never been achieved throughout the long history of camogie, so Kilkenny may have the honour of achieving it for the first time.

However, their task is no easy one. For they could have no more formidable opponents than Dublin, the title holders.

It took a thrilling replay before Kilkenny could cap-

ture the laurels in the national senior league final in July, beating a depleted Dublin side. Subsequently, Dublin came roaring back and with an almost full-strength side reversed this result in the Leinster championship.

And, they will be stronger than ever for Sunday's final with the return of Yvonne Redmond, arguably the best goalkeeper in the country.

A physical education student in Belfast, she was working for the Summer in the 'States and missed most of the championship.

Fifty fifty

"There is virtually nothing between the sides. It breaks even at fifty-fifty. Kilkenny have everything to play for against this tough Dublin side", comments Mary Fennelly, former president of the Camogie Association, and former Kilkenny star.

Despite the tough opposition, Kilkenny have a lot going for them. They are one of the most experienced and skilful sides in the country and have an enormous pool of talent.

This is Kilkenny's seventh time to contest an all-Ireland senior final and they have four titles to their credit. Of the present team only two are not all-Ireland medal holders - 17-year-old goalkeeper Marie Fitzpatrick of Piltown, and Breda Holmes of Tullaroan. Three on the team have B + I awards.

Undoubtedly Kilkenny's biggest star is Angela Downey, a virtual scoring powerhouse. Probably the best camogie player in the country, her speed, accuracy and sheer guts have un-

nerved the toughest of opponents. And, her scoring record is phenomenal.

Her list of awards and honours is a glittering one, with the most recent one a second place in the Opel Supergirl of Ireland competition last week, proving her all round ability as a top athlete and competitor.

"What new can you say about her? Everything has been already said.

There is simply no nobody to touch her", says Mary Fennelly.

Stylish

Captain of the side is the very stylish Bridie McGarry. Motherhood kept her out of action last season but on her return she has served up some of her best camogie ever, and is a vital link in the supply line to the forwards.

Often appearing at centre-field, she features in the backs on Sunday where her big clearances should be a great boost to her team's efforts.

Staunch defenders alongside her are the experienced Ann Downey, twin sister of Angela, Ann Holden who starred in the All-Ireland semi-final against Wexford which Kilkenny were lucky to win by two points, and Biddy O'Sullivan, the



Liz Neary



Biddy O'Sullivan

enthusiastic Tullaghan player.

At centrefield are Liz Neary, a four-goal hero in the league final replay, Ann Whelan who started the Kilkenny resurgence in the all-Ireland semi-final when they were facing defeat, and Deirdre Malone, again a very classy player.

In the forward line are Margaret Farrell, a supreme opportunist who has been enjoying a great season, Jo Dunne who had a particularly good game in the Wexford semi-final and lynch-pin Angela Downey.

Full-forward and goal poacher Breda Holmes is

making her first all-Ireland final appearance. A 22-year-old primary school teacher in Tullaroan, she is very dangerous in attack and is always good for a score.

Kilkenny also has a wealth of reserves. The four substitutes are Rita Weymss (Bennettsbridge), Siobhan Ryan (Shamrocks), Anne Marie Brennan (Thomastown) and Nora Whelan (Blacks and Whites).

Training

Training on up to four nights each week has been

going very well for the squad under the watchful eye of trainer Tom Ryan of Shamrocks. His first season to train the side, he has made a big impact with his main concentration on fitness. This is crucial as Dublin seemed fitter than Kilkenny in their last few meetings.

And, such is the dedication of the girls that two of them are travelling long distances to make the intensive sessions. Margaret Farrell travels from Cork where she is employed as a health inspector, while Ann Holden winds her way from Galway where she moved when she got married earlier this year.

Fit

"The girls have done very hard training and are very fit. Kilkenny has the best side out and I reckon they are a far more skilful outfit than Dublin", a confident Carmel Savage, selector, told the 'People' after a training session at St. John's Park on Friday night.

The other selectors are Tom Ryan, Billy Malone and Kathleen Whitehead.

Meanwhile officials have appealed to the public to support the team on Sunday. It is the only Kilkenny side left in the hunt for all-Ireland honours, they point out.



The Kilkenny senior camogie team have been presented with All-Ireland at Croke Park on Sunday by Fruit Importers. Picture taken at the presentation shows (from left): Breda Camogie Board, Ann Downey, Billy Malone (County Manager, Fruit Importers and Angela Downey.

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CLUICHÍ CEANNAIS NA hÉIREANN

Páirc an Chrócaigh

15 Meán Fómhair, 1985



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Áine Ní Shéithigh
Árd-Rúnai



Fáilte ón Uachtarán

Is mór an pléisiúr dom fáilte ó chroí a chur romhaibh go léir go Páirc an Chrócaigh ar an lá mór seo. Fearaim fáilte faoi leith roimh na fóirne as Baile Átha Cliath agus Cill Chainnigh, as Árd Macha agus Gaillimh, mar is leo féin an lá speisialta seo agus is ceart a bheith. Tá fíor fáilte freisin roimh na reiteoirí, na h-imreoirí óga as gach árd de'n tír agus an lucht féachana.

The Senior game promises a fine display of skill and excitement as witnessed in the League Final earlier in the year which ended all square. The replay provided a further top class exhibition of camogie and Dublin will be anxious to make amends for their defeat in that game and add to their already 26 Senior titles by retaining the O'Duffy Cup which they captured last year after a lapse of 18 years.

Nevertheless, Kilkenny encouraged by their League win and their victory over Dublin in 1976 will be striving to gain their fifth title having already won in 1974, 1976, 1977 and 1981.

The Junior game today holds a special interest for me being the First President from a junior county and an Ulster neighbour of Armagh who will be hoping to overcome the Galway challenge and capture the first All-Ireland title for the Orchard County having narrowly failed in their last attempt against Dublin in 1970.

However, the western champions will be encouraged by their victory over Kildare in the Junior League Final only two months ago. They will be anxious to make this their third title by adding to their wins in 1972 and 1979, and so we look forward to a very close contest between these two great teams.

It is my privilege to extend a sincere welcome to everyone here today and hope that the games will be enjoyable for both players, officials and spectators thus ensuring that our game will be portrayed in the best possible light, and that all will have contributed to enhance the image of Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael with the dignity which this occasion demands.

Tá súil agam go mbeidh dhá cluiche spórtúla againn agus go mbeidh an bua ag na fóirne is fearr, is go mbeifidh sibh uilig spórt mór as eachtraí an lae ar fad. Is é mo ghúileanfaidh ár gCumann ar aghaidh i ngach Conndae agus go mbeidh ár gcluiche á n-imirt go spórtúil i gconai.

Gabhadh fíor-bhuíochas le Cumann Lúthcleas Gael a chuir Páirc an Chrócaigh ar fáil dúinn inniu.

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CLÁR AN LAE ÁRD MACHA v. GAILLIMH

Sóisir: 2.00 p.m.

Réiteoir: Síle de Bhailís (Áth Cliath)

ÁTH CLIATH v. CILL CHAINNIGH

Sinsir: 3.30 p.m.

Réiteoir: Máire Ní Uiginn (Corcaigh)

Buachaillí Árd Aidhin a bheidh ag seinm.

Na Réiteoirí



MIRIAM HIGGINS Miriam refereed the 1977 Junior Final. A member of the National Referees Committee, she has directed courses for aspiring referees. Regular right-back with Cork, she has won 3 All-Ireland senior, an All-Ireland junior, Gael-Linn, National League, Munster and Cork championship medals. Presently the Cork and Munster P.R.O., she is a tax inspector. Also plays hockey and tennis.

A former colleges player with St. Vincents, she now lines out with Éire Óg. Spent some years in Dublin when she figured on Celtic championship winning sides.



SHEILA WALLACE Captain of the Dublin Senior team which played in the 1977 All-Ireland Final. She led her county to success in the 1981 National League. Sheila plays for Cuala Club whom she helped to win the Dublin Senior B championship and league this season. Former Secretary of the Dublin County Board and a Dublin Senior Selector.

Holder of an All-Ireland Junior medal, Sheila enjoys the odd game of handball or racquetball.



KATHLEEN MILLS

A Camogie legend

Who holds the record for winning the most All-Ireland Senior Camogie medals? This question crops up frequently. Every quiz competitor has the answer on the tip of her tongue. But who is Kathleen Mills and how did she come to win so many medals?

Arguably the best known camogie player of all time, she had an unrivalled career. Often likened to a greyhound, she was extremely fast and had a particularly neat style of play. She could lift and strike very quickly. Her fine wristwork enabled her to score goals and points from any angle. Lengthy striking and the ability to distribute were features of her play.

She was very pleasing to watch. Always eager in training and free from any weight problems, she maintained her very high standard over a remarkable number of years. She struck up a great partnership with Kay Cody, her Dublin midfield colleague.

Nobody in camogie has scored as many long range goals as Kathleen. She had an amazing talent for dropping in high balls which so often finished under the bar.

She commenced her inter-county career with Dublin in 1941 and wore the blue gym with distinction until her retirement in 1961.

Kathleen Heads the Roll of Honour of the All-Ireland Senior Championship with fifteen medals. She was successful in 1942, 1943, 1944, 1948, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960 and 1961. She led Dublin to victory in 1958.

She played her club camogie with G.S.R. later known as C.I.E.

In the left wing position, she won Gael-Linn medals in 1956 and 1958 and played for Leinster in the special Golden Jubilee Inter-Provincial match in 1954.

Despite her dedication to the game, she did not talk about camogie. She lost contact with the camogie scene following her retirement.

Kathleen married George Hill and together they ran a handbag manufacturing business. Unfortunately, she has not enjoyed the best of health in recent times.

Kathleen played in the golden era of Dublin camogie. She was surrounded by a galaxy of stars including Ide O'Kiely, Peg Griffin, Doreen Rogers, Kay Cody, Sophie Brack, Eileen O'Mahony and Una O'Connor. Una came close to Kathleen with thirteen medals.

No county is allowed to dominate the modern game as Dublin did in earlier decades. Kathleen's name will remain on top of the Roll of Honour for the imaginable future.

Winning captains

A glance along the list of All-Ireland winning captains brings to mind great characters and outstanding exponents of our game. The O'Duffy Cup has been presented on fifty three occasions. Each recipient follows in a proud tradition.

Maire Gill was the first to step up to receive the trophy. Wearing the Dublin colours, this fine centre-back from the Crokes Club returned in 1933 to carry the cup home for a second year. Maire was, of course, a President of the Association and one of the leading administrators of her time.

Kitty Delea from Muskerry in Mid-Cork was the first to carry the trophy out of Dublin. Schoolgirl Josie McGrath, later to become Lady Mayoress of Cork, brought the cup back to Cork in 1935. Kitty Cotter of Mayfield was captain for Cork's hat-trick. The Cotters, Kitty and Joan, were the first sisters to win All-Ireland medals.

Mary Walsh, a trojan worker for colleges camogie, accepted on behalf of Dublin in 1937. A superb midfielder, Emmy Delaney lead Dublin to victory in 1938. Renee Fitzgerald, a speedy full-forward from Old Aloysians, brought the cup to the Leaside in 1939. Cork's captain in 1940, Lil Kirby, filled the role of Chairman of Central Council.

Interprovincial tennis player, Kitty Buckley, whose record of six goals in an All-Ireland final still stands, lead Cork in 1941. Peg Griffin, a fragile looking but most accomplished centre-back, captained Dublin in 1942 and 1943. Winner of six All-Ireland medals, Doreen Rogers, a fast elusive left forward also received the cup twice.

Marie O'Gorman, a fine winger from St. Teresa, Belfast, crossed the Border with the cup in 1945. Majorie Griffin, a native of Ennis, housed the trophy in Belfast again in 1946. In the following year, Celia Quinn made it three in a row for the St. Teresas Club and Antrim.

Sophie Brack, an intelligent forward who distributed the ball brilliantly and scored her share as well, captained six All-Ireland Dublin teams — surely a record never to be broken. Pat Rafferty of Colaiste San Dominic climbed the steps in 1950.

Madge Rainey, a fine midfielder player, hoisted the cup in Dunloy in the Glens of Antrim in 1956. Star goalkeeper, Eileen Duffy brought it back to Dublin in 1957. Winner of fifteen All-Ireland medals, Kathleen Mills held the cup aloft in 1958. The stout-hearted Brid Reid from Austin Stacks was next in line.

Wexford born Doreen Brennan captained Dublin in 1960. Gerry Hughes, a determined defender and natural comedian, lead Dublin in 1961 and 1962. A born forward of exceptional ability, followed in 1963 and 1964. Kay Ryder, a very hardworking player from Naomh Aoife, completed Dublin's long reign in 1965 and 1966.

Texaco Award winner, Sue Ward guided Antrim in 1967. Mary Walsh from Monageer was the first girl to raise the cup wearing the purple and gold of Wexford. Bridget Doyle, a member of the famous Clonleigh Kehoe family, returned with the cup to the Slaneyside.

The exuberant Anne Crawford heralded Cork's return in 1970. The midfielder with a businesslike approach, Betty Sugrue kept the red and white flags flying. Hannah Dineen from Timoleague, a defender with a great catch and lengthy clearance, headed south with the cup. Cloyne's Marie Costine, a truly outstanding full-back, lead Cork to a four-in-a-row.

Teresa O'Neill, an accomplished goalkeeper, signalled Kilkenny's breakthrough in 1974. It was Wexford's turn in 1975 when Gretta Quigley created a unique record. A sister of 1969 captain, Brigid Doyle, she became the second member of her family to lead a winning side.

Mary Fennelly, destined to become President of the Association, held the cup high for Kilkenny in 1976. High-scoring forward, Angela Downey had her moment of limelight in 1977. Nancy O'Driscoll, who captained the Cork juniors to success in 1973, made it a double with the seniors in 1978. That marvellous all-rounder from Portglenone, Mairead McAtamney made it number six for Antrim.

Mary Geaney, who captained the Irish Ladies Hockey side, lead Cork in 1980. The versatile Liz Neary was on the rostrum in 1981. Pat Linehan whose incisive solo runs outstretched opposing defences, shook the President's hand in 1982. Her Killeagh clubmate, Cathy Landers, a sterling centre-back was Cork's captain in 1983. After eighteen years absence, Anne Colgan brought the O'Duffy Cup home to Dublin.

Before you leave Croke Park today another name will be added to this illustrious list. Either Edel Murphy (Dublin) or Bridie McGarry (Kilkenny) would be a worthy addition to the Roll of Honour.



Angela Downey (Kilkenny) gathers the ball on the run watched by Liz Neary in the League Final.



Anne Ryan (Galway) sends the ball goalwards in the All-Ireland junior semi-final against Wexford.

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Pen picture-Armagh

Rita McGuigan

(St. Josephs, Madden) Rita had a marvellous game in the Ulster Final when she defended her goal heroically against the Cavan forwards. A stylish player with a keen eye for the ball, she is also a useful forward. Her dedication to the game has won National Junior League, Maguire Cup and Armagh senior championship and league medals.

Patricia Daly

(Annaghmore) Patricia is a skilful and wholehearted player. She marks her opponent very closely. She was unfortunate in picking up a number of injuries this season but her determination has kept her going. Enjoying an excellent season so far and looking forward to her first match in Croke Park.

Andrea McAlinden

(St. Endas, Derrymacash) A very dependable defender. Andrea gives one hundred per cent effort into every performance. Has a very high work rate and keen anticipation. Her collection includes Maguire Cup, Ulster Junior championship and Armagh championship and league medals.

Margaret Moriarty

(St. Endas, Derrymacash) Captain of Armagh and a very experienced player. A former colleges star, she has fielded with Queens, Combined Universities, St. Teresas, Belfast and Ulster. A highly skilled player, Margaret is a sister of Armagh footballer, Paddy. Her collection includes Gael-Linn, National Junior League, Ulster and Armagh championship medals.

Sheila Rafferty

(Grange) Sheila made her debut for Armagh last season and won a place on the Ulster Gael-Linn side. A hardworking and dependable member of the Armagh defence, she quickly established herself on the team. Holds Maguire Cup and Ulster Junior Championship medals.



Leistiar: Denise McStay, Andrea McAlinden, Theresa McNally, Patricia Daly, Roisin Toal, Sheila Rafferty, Pauline McCone, Aileen McStay, Bernie O'Hanlon, Pauline O'Hare.
I dtosach: Brenda Jordan, Jackie Donnelly, Ursula McGivern, Fionnuala O'Connor, Margaret Moriarty, Roisin McGuinness, Mary Gray, Bernie McNally, Rita McGuigan.

Fionnuala O'Connor

(St. Brigid's) Fionnuala covers a lot of ground and gets through an amount of work in the centre of the field. Had an excellent game in the semi-final against Limerick. Toured the U.S.A. for a series of exhibition games. Has Maguire Cup and Ulster Junior Championship medals and individual awards with her club.

Denise McStay

(Clan na Gael) A fine midfielder who keeps working for her team until the final whistle. Denise has fielded for Ulster and has a wealth of experience behind her. Much is expected from Denise in the final today. She already holds National junior league, Ulster championship and Maguire Cup medals.

Paula Brown

(Clan Eireann) Was honoured with the County Player of the Year Award in 1984. Her good anticipation enables her to field the ball capably. A valuable member of the Armagh team, she tackles very effectively. She holds National junior league, Ulster championship and Maguire Cup medals.

Pauline O'Hare

(Ballymacnab) An elusive player who contributes much to the forward division. hardworking and enthusiastic in her approach to the game, she has been a regular for several seasons. She has National junior league, Ulster and Armagh medals.

Sally McCone

(Ballymacnab) A fine exponent of camogie, her skill and pace is expected to create problems for Galway today. Former colleges player, she played with Jordanstown in the Ashbourne Cup and represented the Combined Universities. An Ulster player, she holds National junior league and Ulster championship medals.

Ursula McGivern

(Derrymacash) Has represented Armagh at Gradam Tailte. Ursula is a talented player and an accurate freetaker. She came up through the juvenile ranks winning a number of trophies with her club. Has worn the Ulster colours and holds Maguire Cup and Ulster and Armagh medals.

Mary Donnelly

(Ballymacnab) Mary had a marvellous game in the semi-final when she scored 3-3 against Limerick. She uses possession to great effect and rarely misses a chance. Fit and determined, she has done exceptionally well since joining the Armagh side.

Bernadette McNally

(St. Endas, Derrymacash) Goalkeeper with very good blocking skills and a particularly long puck out. Former Queens and Polytec player, she toured the United States with the college party. Was on Ulster panel last season. Holds National junior league, Ulster and Armagh championship medals.

Roisin Toal

(Grange) First season with the Armagh county side, Roisin is a promising midfielder who improves with every outing. She is the All-Ireland Ladies Bowl Champion.

Catherine McStay

(Clan na Gael) Has a lovely ground stroke and is very much a team player. A clever forward who sets up scores for her team-mates. Has won championship and league medals with her club and Maguire Cup and Ulster medals with her county.

Brenda Jordan

(Clan na Gael) A nippy forward with an effective side-step, Brenda has good positional sense. A very fit and enthusiastic member of the panel she holds a Maguire Cup and Ulster medals.

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Galway- stronghold of the West

Galway camogie players are no strangers to Croke Park. Peg Morris led her team onto the field in the first All-Ireland Final in 1932. The county has contested eight senior finals in all but unfortunately the O'Duffy Cup has eluded them to date.

The first visit of a Galway junior team to Croke Park had a happy ending. Nono McHugh led her side to victory over Wexford and earned the New Ireland Cup across the Shannon. A completely new Galway team won their way back to Croke Park in the following year but finished as runners-up to Cork.

Six years later, Galway and Cork faced one another in an All-Ireland Junior Final. Marion Freeney's side reversed the previous decision and brought the New Ireland Cup to Galway for the second time.

Galway made the breakthrough in the minor grade in 1977. Played as a curtain-raiser to the Armagh v Roscommon senior football semi-final, the Galway girls thrilled the huge attendance and defeated Dublin by 5-4 to 2-1. Incidentally, Eileen Howley, who featured at full-back for the Galway minors in that game, fills the same position for the juniors today.

Corn Taitteann, the All-Ireland Minor Championship trophy, was back in Galway in 1981. At Tynagh, Galway led by present day senior, Breda Kenny, overcame Antrim by a single point. Anne Ryan, who starred for Galway on that occasion, takes her place at full-forward today.

Galway players have been the backbone of Connacht teams over the years. Indeed all-Galway selections have done duty for their province. The Gael-Linn Senior Cup rested in Galway in 1973 and 1974 and the Gael-Linn Junior Trophy in 1981.

Clubs from Galway have made their mark on the national camogie scene. Josie Kelly captained Oranmore to take the All-Ireland Club Championship title in 1974. Two seasons later Mary Daly lead Athenry to victory.

The record of Galway Colleges is very impressive. Presentation, Oranmore, Presentation, Athenry and St. Raphaels, Loughrea have their names inscribed on Corn Sceilig, the All-Ireland Colleges Senior Cup. Pres. Athenry and St. Raphaels share a unique record. They are the only schools in the country to have won the All-Ireland Colleges senior and junior championships on the same day.

Sarsfields won the premier division of Feile na nGael in 1983. Brid Stratford and Deirdre Costello were members of that Sarsfield team. This season's Feile na nGael top prize went to Mullagh. Undoubtedly, several of their talented side will be seen in Galway colours in the years to come.

From earliest times, U.C.G. has been a stronghold of the game. The Ashbourne Cup has been won by the Galway University on twelve occasions.

Galway have monopolised the Connacht Championships. Their tally stands at 31 senior, 15 junior and 11 minor championships.

The present side contains some exciting players. They have already proved their worth by taking the National Junior League Cup. If successful today, some of these players may go on to fill the only void in Galway's proud record — the All-Ireland Senior Championship.

Gaillimh

Dathanna: Dubh-dearg agus bán

(1)

Christiona Ní Duibhiolla
(Chris Divilly)
St. Mary's

(2)

Eibhlín Ní hUallaigh
(Eileen Howley)
Castlegar

(3)

Julia Ní Fhloinn
(Julia Glynn)
Ahascragh

(4)

Brid Stratford
Sarsfields

(5)

Aingeal Ní Chuana
(Angela Cooney)
Sarsfields

(6)

Ena Ní Cheannáin (Capt.)
(Ena Cannon)
Kiltulla

(7)

Treasa Ní Ráifeartaigh
(Teresa Rafferty)
St. Mary's

(8)

Clár Ní Dhúláin
(Claire Dolan)
St. Mary's

(9)

Aine Ní Fhathaigh
(Ann Fahy)
Davitt's

(10)

Deirdre Ní Choisteala
(Deirdre Costello)
Sarsfields

(11)

Deirdre Laighléis
(Deirdre Lawless)
Davitt's

(12)

Aine Ní Riain
(Anne Ryan)
Pearse's

Ionadaithe:

- (13) **Pádraigín Misteál** (Patricia Mitchell), St. Mary's.
- (14) **Mairéad Ní Ghiolla Chumhaill** (Mairéad Coyle), St. Mary's.
- (15) **Sile Ní Chadhain** (Sheila Coen), Pearses.
- (16) **Mairéad Ní Raghallaigh** (Margaret O'Reilly), Davitts.

Pen picture-Galway

Chris Divilly

(St. Marys, Glenamaddy) A fine goalkeeper, she helped St. Marys to reach the All-Ireland Club Championship final in 1983. Holder of two Galway and Connacht Championship medals, Chris won a National Junior League medal earlier in the season.

Eileen Howley

(Castlegar) Was a member of Galway's first All-Ireland Minor winning team in 1977. A capable full-back, she holds Galway medals with her club and Connacht minor and junior awards. Played on the National Junior League side which defeated Kildare in the final.

Julie Glynn

(Ahascragh) Julie won Galway and Connacht Community Games. An efficient defender, she holds Galway Junior championship and league medals. She played her part in Galway's National League success.

Angela Cooney

(Sarsfields) Angela captained Sarsfields to win All-Ireland Feile na nGael in 1983. An outstanding colleges player, she holds All-Ireland junior and senior medals with St. Raphaels, Loughrea. Captain of the 1985 Galway minor side, she is a sister of hurlers, Jimmy and Joe and a twin of Joan. Angela had a great game at left-back against Wexford.

Brid Stratford

(Sarsfields) Brid has had a very successful career to date. Her collection of medals includes All-Ireland Community Games, All-Ireland Feile na nGael, All-Ireland Colleges (junior and senior), Connacht minor and junior and a National Junior League award. Has lined out with Bullaun National School hurling team. Possesses a long clearance from centre-back position.



*Laistiar: Patricia Mitchell, Deirdre Lawless, Brid Stratford, Deirdre Costello, Teresa Rafferty, Anny Fahy, Chris Divilly and Mary Kilkelly.
Idiosach: Mairéad Coyle, Eileen Howley, Claire Dolan, Ena Cannon (Capt.), Julie Glynn, Angela Cooney, Sheila Coen and Anne Ryan.*

Ena Cannon

(Kiltulla) Ena will lead Galway onto Croke Park today. She captained the Connacht Junior side in last season's Gael-Linn. With Presentation College, Athenry she won an All-Ireland Colleges medal. Galway junior championship and league, national Junior League and two Connacht junior medals are also on her sideboard.

Teresa Rafferty

(St. Marys, Glenamaddy) One of the most experienced players in the Galway side. She has represented Galway and Connacht at senior level. A strong midfielder, she has two county senior championship as well as Connacht and National Junior League medals. Married with two children, she finds time to play Ladies football and has worn the county colours in this code.

Claire Dolan

(St. Marys, Glenamaddy) A sister of Teresa Rafferty, she holds Galway and Connacht senior club championship medals. Figured prominently in the National Junior League success. Is a talented footballer and won an All-Ireland Gaelic Football medal with Galway Gaels.

Deirdre Costello

(Sarsfields) One of the youngest members of the side. Yet Deirdre's name is well known in camogie circles for she has won Community Games, Feile na nGael and Colleges at national level. She captained St. Raphaels Loughrea to win All-Ireland junior colleges in 1984 and led the senior team to victory in 1985. A runner-up at Gradam Tailte, she is a delightful ball player.

Deirdre Lawless

(Davitts) Deirdre has won several Galway Feile and minor medals. She helped Davitts to take the 1983 County Senior League title. Deirdre, who has represented Connacht, is a very committed member of the panel and keeps fit all the year round. Has National Junior League medal.

Anne Fahy

(Davitts) Anne is the freetaker of the team and is very accurate. She won an All-Ireland Senior Colleges medal with St. Raphaels, Loughrea, Connacht minor and junior, National Junior League and Galway senior league with her club.

Anne Ryan

(Pearses) Anne won the All-Ireland Feile Skills Competition in 1981. A gifted player, she holds Galway junior championship and league medals, Connacht minor and junior, National Junior League and an All-Ireland minor medal. Anne is a sister of hurling twins, Pascall and John.

Patricia Mitchell

(St. Marys, Glenamaddy) Reserve goalkeeper, Patricia won Galway senior championship with Glenamaddy. Holds Connacht junior and National Junior League medals.

Sheila Coen

(Pearses) Represented Connacht in Gael-Linn last year. Has Galway junior championship and league medals. Was a member of National Junior League winning panel. Is a noted referee.

Mairéad Coyle

(St. Marys, Glenamaddy) Formerly lined out with Oranmore Maree. Played Ashbourne Cup camogie with U.C.G. and was selected for Combined Universities. An experienced performer, she holds several medals.

Mary Kilkelly

(Gort) Mary was her club's heroine when she scored two goals and seven points in the final of the Galway junior championship. An all-rounder, she has represented her country at hockey.

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Dublin's proud record

Dublin's record in the All-Ireland Senior Championship is second to none. They won the first All-Ireland, the last All-Ireland and twenty four more in between. Practically every record associated with the championship is held by Dublin.

From 1948 to 1966, Dublin enjoyed a glorious reign as All-Ireland champions. They amassed eighteen titles in that nineteen year period including a run of ten in-a-row.

These figures paint a picture of the strength and depth of Dublin camogie at that time. Club camogie was well organised and players had regular competition of a high standard. C.I.E., Austin Stacks, Celtic, Eoghan Ruadh and U.C.D. fielded top class sides in several grades.

Naturally, outstanding players emerged from this set up. The ability to select, train and manage teams was on hand. Players were moulded into highly efficient teams with great individual and collective skill. Here, one must recognise the coaching talents and motivating powers of Nell McCarthy. Her contribution to the Dublin set-up was immense.

It is equally amazing that this era was followed by a barren spell of similar length. Many theories have been put forward for the decline within Dublin. However, the most influential factor was beyond their control. The game was quickly spreading throughout the country and the opposition which Dublin met was of better quality and properly prepared.

Dublin has had its share of success in other competitions. The All-Ireland Club Championship was inaugurated in 1964, the Golden Jubilee of the Camogie Association. Celtic became the first holders of the trophy. Eoghan Ruadh equalled this performance in 1967 and Austin Stacks made a double in 1972 and 1973.

The All-Ireland Junior Championship commenced in 1968. Two years later, Vera Feely lead a successful Dublin side. Pat Morrissey captained the side which retained the New Ireland Cup in 1971. In 1975, Brigid Kennedy guided Dublin to their third title.

The Dublin Minors came good in 1982. Three members of that squad, Carmel O'Byrne, Patricia Clinton and Denise O'Leary, are on the senior panel today.

Dublin have a good record in the National Leagues. Anne Redmond brought home the A.I.B. Cup in 1979. The cup was back in Dublin in 1981 and 1983. The Dublin juniors captured Corn de Burca in three successive years from 1982 to 1984.

The All-Ireland Colleges Senior Championship started in 1969 but Corn Scelig was slow in finding its way to a Dublin school. St. John of God, Artane broke the deadlock in 1983 and Maryfield College had their moment of glory in 1984. These two colleges also won the colleges junior championship.

Feile na nGael has rested with two Dublin clubs. Both Woodville and Marino won and retained the premier division trophy for the second year. Ann Wolfe was crowned Feile Skills Champion in 1982.

DUBLIN'S RECORD

All-Ireland Titles	26 senior	3 junior	1 minor
Leinster Titles	41 senior	7 junior	7 minor
National Leagues	3 senior	3 junior	

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Yvonne Redmond

(Crumlin) Winner of a B+I Award for her performances in 1984. Yvonne is one of the top goalkeepers in the game. A product of Assumption, Walkinstown, she played in two colleges finals with her School. Is studying physical education in Belfast and lines out at centre-back for Queens. Yvonne has won All-Ireland, Gael-Linn, National League, Leinster senior and minor championship and Dublin championship and league medals.

Marion Conroy

(Celtic) A native of Laois, Marion has fielded for Palmerstown, Austin Stacks and Celtic. Captain of Dublin in 1983 when she featured at left forward. Marion has since moved to the full-back position where she is performing very well. Won Leinster colleges medals with Presentation, Mountmellick. Acted as Secretary of Dublin Board in 1979. Represented Dublin at Gradam Tailte in 1983. Employed at the Central Statistics Office, Marion has won All-Ireland senior and junior, National League, Gael-Linn, Leinster and Dublin championship medals.

Germaine Noonan

(Marino) Lead University College Dublin to their fifth successive Ashbourne Cup title in February 1984. A commerce graduate, she has helped Marino become a major force in Dublin senior camogie. A reliable and committed player, she has won All-Ireland, Ashbourne, National League, senior and junior, Leinster and Dublin championship medals. Has worn the colours of Leinster and the Combined Univs.

Bernie Toner

(Crumlin) Formerly Bernie Conway, she is playing in her sixth final today. A very effective player, she sets her forwards in motion with long attacking clearances. Helped her club make a break-through in the Dublin senior championship this season. An interprovincial player, she is married with four children. Bernie holds All-Ireland, Gael-Linn, National League, Leinster and Dublin Championship medals.



Láistiar: Christy Hayes (Coach), Denise O'Leary, Anne Redmond, Yvonne Redmond, Patricia Clinton, Bernie Toner, Edel Murphy (Capt.), Catherine Ledwidge, Marie Connell, Cathy Hickey, Jo Holden and Una Crowley.
I dtosach: Gráinne Burke, Barbara Redmond, Carmel O'Byrne, Marion Conroy, Joan Gormley, Anna McManus, Mary Mernagh and Germaine Noonan.

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Carmel O'Byrne

(Marino) Made her senior debut last season and in a short time had blossomed into a valuable member of the side. She can adapt her game to either defence or attack. A brilliant colleges player, she helped Maryfield College to win All-Ireland Colleges senior and junior titles. Carmel came up through the ranks with Marino and was instrumental in the club gaining senior status. A player with an exciting future, she already holds All-Ireland senior and colleges, National junior league and Leinster championship medals.

Una Crowley

(Celtic) Originally caught the eye in Community Games competition. Una progressed to represent Dublin at all levels. She captained Celtic to win Dublin championship and league in 1984. A fast attacking player, she can adapt her game to several positions but has a preference for right wing. Her sporting activities are not confined to camogie. She loves to run and also play squash and soccer. Her collection includes All-Ireland, National League, Gael-Linn and Leinster championship medals.

Mary Mernagh

(Crumlin) A former colleges player with Assumption, Walkinstown, Mary played in the 1977 Dublin v Kilkenny finals. Mary enjoys a fast tough game and can switch effectively to several positions. Was prominent in Crumlin's championship success. An employee of Usit Student Travel, she holds a large collection of medals including Gael-Linn, All-Ireland senior and junior, National League, Leinster and Dublin championships.

Barbara Redmond

(Crumlin) Like her sisters Anne and Yvonne, she learned the skills of the game at Assumption, Walkinstown. She captained Dublin in the 1982 All-Ireland final. A regular in the Dublin side for many years, she enjoys a game of hockey or basketball. An employee of Aer Lingus, Barbara has won All-Ireland, Gael-Linn, National League, Leinster and Dublin championship medals.

Edel Murphy

(U.C.D.) Captain of Dublin today. Edel came to prominence with Presentation, Terenure with whom she won Leinster Colleges medals. She lead Dublin in the 1978 All-Ireland minor final. A strong forceful player, she works very hard during the course of a match. She collected Ashbourne and C.C.I.A. medals while taking a science degree at U.C.D. An accurate freetaker, she sets a very high standard of fitness for herself. Edel has All-Ireland, National League, Gael-Linn, Leinster senior and minor and Dublin championship and league medals.

Joan Gormley

(U.C.D.) Physiotherapy graduate of U.C.D. where she won four Ashbourne Cup medals. Was honoured with a Bank of Ireland student sportstar award and included in the A.I.B. top ten student star awards. Joan has slotted home many vital goals since joining the Dublin forward line and works well with the other attackers. A representative player with Leinster and the Combined Universities, she holds All-Ireland, Gael-Linn, National League and Leinster medals.

Marie Connell

(Celtic) Had a wonderful season in 1984. Suffered a setback this year with an ankle injury which caused her to miss a number of games. Tall and strong with the ability to round her opponent, she presents problems for opposing defences. An international netball player, she has represented Dublin at Gradam Tailte. Holds Dublin senior championship, Leinster senior, junior and minor, All-Ireland, National Junior League medals in addition to her All-Ireland.

Anna McManus

(Crumlin) While Anna has played with Dublin for many seasons she missed out on last year's All-Ireland victory. Now back in action she is playing as well as ever. A former Austin Stacks player, she won an All-Ireland Junior medal with Dublin in 1971. Married with two children, she has Leinster senior and junior, Gael-Linn, National League and Dublin senior championship medals.

Anne Redmond

(Crumlin) Anne figured at full-back on the Leinster side for a number of seasons. She captained Dublin to their 1979 National League success. A former colleges player with Assumption, Walkinstown, she is a sister of Yvonne and Barbara. Anne holds Gael-Linn, National League, Leinster and Dublin championship medals.

Jo Holden

(Cuala) Jo has given great service to Cuala. She played a major part in bringing the Dublin Senior B championship and league titles to Dalkey. Super-fit Jo won the Gym Tests at Gradam Tailte and came joint second over all. A sister of Dublin footballer Mick, she should soon establish herself on the senior side. Jo has Gael-Linn and National League junior medals, Leinster minor, junior and senior awards.

Patricia Clinton

(Marino) A member of the highly successful Maryfield College teams of 1980/84. Patricia featured on the wing for Dublin's All-Ireland winning minor team of 1982. As yet she has not played senior championship but must be regared as a player of the future. Patricia has All-Ireland senior and junior colleges, All-Ireland minor, Leinster minor, junior and senior and several medals won with Marino.

Denise O'Leary

(Marino) Denise joined the Dublin senior panel this season and was introduced in the semi-final against Cork. She was an outstanding colleges player with Cross & Passion, Maryfield. A strong runner, she has represented Dublin in the Community Games. Already Denise has All-Ireland senior and junior colleges, All-Ireland minor and Leinster championship medals.



Anne Downey (Kilkenny) prepares to block down Marie Connell's shot at goal in the National League Final at Parnell Park.

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Kilkenny turn on the style

KILKENNY 0-13; DUBLIN 1-5

THE WINTER months will not seem so long down around Kilkenny after all with the fairer sex coming to the rescue of their sporting pride. They have always been noted for their skill on the hurling fields and at Croke Park yesterday it was the turn of their women folk to display it in abundance, as they wrenched the All-Ireland Camogie title from Dublin with a superb second half performance in a final that was a little disappointing.

That was not Kilkenny's fault and when Bridie McGarry took hold of the Sean O'Duffy cup from Camogie President, Marie Lynch, she had reason to feel proud of her team's performance. They literally ran Dublin ragged during the second half with a show of speed, skill and accuracy.

In the end Dublin had no answer, the reigning champions being found wanting in many quarters. It was Kilkenny's fifth all Ireland victory and not alone was it richly deserved, but there is every reason to believe they can repeat the effort next year.

Dublin were outplayed by the girls in black and amber for practically the entire second half and there can be no greater proof than the fact that the new champions held the holders to a single point after the interval — and that came from a 30 metre free by Edel Murphy.

Indeed, that was Dublin's only score in a 35 minute spell after Maire Connell put them further ahead with a point 10 minutes before the interval. That score put Dublin four points clear 1-4 to 0-3 and obviously Kilkenny began to realise for themselves that any further relaxation in their commitment and sharpness of defence would be punished still further.

STRONG WIND

Admittedly the strong wind favoured Dublin in the first half, but there was no comparison between Kilkenny's performance in that opening spell and the show they put on after the break. They took control of the midfield exchanges with Liz Neary, Deirdre Malone and Anna Whelan winning vital

possession, while Anne Downey, Bridie McGarry and Biddy O'Sullivan closed off any attempts Dublin made to retrieve the situation.

McGarry had a fine game, but it was up front that Kilkenny really pulled the carpet from under Dublin and punished them with some excellent scores. Angela Downey failed to score in the first half, but how she made up for it after the interval, notching four points, while Margaret Farrell added three more to her tally for another excellent contribution.

Dublin looked very strong and resourceful for long periods in first half and put the Kilkenny defence under heavy pressure. However, they might have had more scores, but for the tenacity of Kilkenny's defence. Nevertheless, with Edel Murphy, Una Crowley, Germaine Noonan and Bernie Toner setting up several attacks it looked as if the champions would surely make the breakthrough that would be vital.

INSPIRED SAVE

The Dubs' Yvonne Redmond made an inspired save inside two minutes to turn the shot from Brda Holmes over the bar and almost immediately arreil put Kilkenny two points clear.

It was then we saw some excellent hurling from the Dublin girls with Murphy pointing and then equalising from a free. Farrell took an excellent point to put Kilkenny back in front, but in the space of 45 seconds, Joan Gormley had them reeling at the other end.

Anna Condon dropped in a smashing sideline "cut"

but a Kilkenny defender only succeeded in pushing the ball out to the full forward and she duly cracked the ball out to Gormley and she duly cracked the ball to the net. Connell then added a point while at the other end Murphy made a great tackle to deny Kilkenny.

Connell and Holmes exchanged points to leave Dublin leading 1-4 to 0-4 at the interval, but within four minutes of the re-start Kilkenny were not alone level, but back in front with three of their four points coming from the accurate stick of Angela Downey.

McGarry came into the Kilkenny attack and should have netted from close range, but then, after Downey notched her fourth point the Noreiders struck gold once more for Farrell (2) and Holmes to notch three points within two minutes.

Dublin tried hard to cut back their five points deficit, but they could not find a way through the Kilkenny defence. Maire Fitzpatrick made an excellent save from Murphy, who then pointed the "30", but any hopes of further headway were diminished, when Whelan landed a good free to clinch a well deserved Kilkenny success.

SCORERS: Kilkenny — M. Farrell (0-5), Angela Downey (0-4), B. Holmes (0-3) and A. Whelan (0-1 free). Dublin — J. Gormley (1-0), M. Connell (0-2), E. Murphy (0-3).

KILKENNY — M. Fitzpatrick, Anne Downey, A. Holden, B. McGarry (capt.), B. O'Sullivan, L. Neary, D. Malone, A. Whelan, M. Farrell, Angela Downey, L. Dunne, B. Holmes.

DUBLIN — Y. Redmond, M. Conroy, G. Noonan, B. Toner, A. Redmond, U. Crowley, E. Murphy (capt.), A. Condon, J. Gormley, M. Mernagh, C. O'Byrne, M. Connell. Subs — P. Clinton for Redmond; D. O'Leary for O'Byrne. Referee — M. Higgins (Cork).



Kilkenny's Margaret Farrell on the attack against Dublin in the All Ireland Camogie Final in Croke Park yesterday.



Galway storm to Junior title

Galway 8-7

Armagh 3-7

Galway romped away with the All-Ireland Junior Camogie title at Croke Park thanks to a four goal burst in the first half, writes John Brennan.

Deirdre Costello of the Sarsfield Club took the scoring honours with three splendidly fashioned goals to which she added another in the second half as Galway took their third junior crown.

Leading at half time by 4-6 to 1-4 Galway were never in any danger of being caught as Armagh's main scoring threat came from the frees of Ursula McGivern, while their most dangerous forward, Mary Donnelly was well policed by the Galway defence.

Costello had willing acolytes in attack in Anne Fahy and Anne Ryan who always had yards to spare in the chase for the ball.

Scorers: GALWAY: D. Costello (4-0), A. Fahy (1-5), A. Ryan (1-1), P. Mitchell (1-1),

and M. Coyle (1-0), for ARMAGH: U. McGivern (0-6), S. McCone (1-1), M. Donnelly (1-0), R. McGuigan (1-0).

GALWAY: C. Divilly, E. Howley, J. Glynn, B. Stratford, A. Cooney, E. Cannon, T. Rafferty, C. Dolan, A. Fahy, D. Costello, D. Loftus, A. Ryan. Subs. M. Coyle for Cannon (31 mins.), P. Mitchell for Dolan 40 mins.

ARMAGH: B. McNally, P. Daly, S. Rafferty, M. Moriarty, A. McAlinden, F. O'Connor, D. McStay, P. Brennan, S. McCone, U. McGivern, P. O'Hare, M. Donnelly. Subs. B. Jordan for O'Hare, 33 mins. B. O'Hanlon for Daly 38 mins., R. McGuigan for O'Connor 43 mins.

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Camogie: All Ireland final

Kilkenny again too good

KILKENNY.....0-13
DUBLIN.....1-5

A CROWD OF a little more than three and half thousand in Croke Park yesterday were treated to a fine display of skill and opportunism by the National League winners, Kilkenny, who overcame the challenge of a disappointing Dublin team for the second time this year, to capture their fifth All-Ireland title by a five-point margin.

Kilkenny, who last won the O'Duffy Cup in 1981 by defeating Cork, opened the scoring with two quick points, the first a fiercely-struck shot from Breda Holmes which was deflected over the crossbar by Dublin keeper, Yvonne Redmond, when a goal was on the cards.

Dublin captain, Edel Murphy, replied by flicking over two equalising points — the second from a free. Moments later Kilkenny were in front again with Margaret Farrell, one of the most impressive players on the day, getting her first of five with a quick point from close range.

A goal at that stage would really have brought the game to life, but the first period was 14 minutes old before Dublin found the net. Right half-forward Joan Gormley rose well to catch a well-directed sideline puck from Una Crowley and swerved round the Kilkenny defence to plant the ball low into the net.

That goal, the only one of the match, should have injected life into the Dublin players who had the advantage of a strong breeze as they attacked the Hill goal in the first half. But, although they managed to add two further points — the first of them a well-struck shot within one minute of the goal by Marie Connell — the number of wides they recorded and their failure to use the wind made them suspect to a rally from Kilkenny.

In the last minute Kilkenny gave us an indication of their intentions when Angela Downey, who had been strangely subdued, cracked over a fine point following a move which included her sister Anne and Breda Holmes.

Downey's score was enough to ensure that Kilkenny went in at the break a mere three points adrift.

Kilkenny got on top from the restart, utilising the breeze as Dublin had consistently failed to do. Three quick points from Angela Downey, easily the outstanding player on the team, saw Kilkenny draw level within two minutes. A minute later yet another in the litany of Dublin defensive errors during the second half led to another fine score from Downey and when Margaret Farrell clipped over two further points in quick succession Kilkenny had the title virtually sown up.

KILKENNY — M Fitzpatrick; Anne Downey, A Holden, B McGarry (capt), B O'Sullivan, L Neary, D Malone, A Whelan, M Farrell (0-5), Angela Downey (0-6), J Dunne, B Holmes (0-2).
DUBLIN — Y Redmond; M Conroy, G Noonan, B Toher, A Redmond, U Crowley, E Murphy (capt) (0-3, 1 free), A Condon, J Gormley (1-0), M Mernagh, C O'Byrne, M O'Connell (0-2, 1 free).
Referee — Miriam Higgins (Cork).

Armagh outclassed by Galway

GALWAY.....8-7
Armagh.....3-7

As a curtain raiser to the senior game, the All-Ireland junior camogie final at Croke Park had all the necessary ingredients. It was played at a fast and furious pace, the action swung from end to end and the small crowd were entertained by no fewer than 11 goals goals — eight of them scored by Galway who ousted the Ulster champions by 15 (or five clear goals) to take a title they truly deserve.

Great credit must be given to Armagh, however, who despite being totally outclassed in every department never gave up hope. The half-time score 4-6 to 1-4 fails to adequately reflect the superiority of the Connacht team. Centre-forward Costelloe contributed four goals and the rattled Armagh defence were unable to cope with her speed, power and accurate passing. The attack played well as a unit and Anne Fahy was outstanding.

Armagh must have wondered what they could do to stem the Galway flow. They were not, playing badly — Sally McCone and Ursula McGween both impressed — but from as early as 10 minutes into the first period it was obvious that Galway were not going to be beaten. Armagh continued to push forward even in the closing stages when Galway led by six clear goals (7-7) and were rewarded by two late consolation goals from Sally McCone and substitute Rita McGuigan. In the end, however, they must have been left thinking along with the majority of the crowd, how could two teams so vastly unmatched be pitted together in an All-Ireland decider?

GALWAY: C. Divilly, E. Howley, J. Glynn, B. Stratford, A. Cooney, E. Cannon, T. Rafferty, C. Dolan, A. Fahy (1-4, two 30s, two frees), D. Costelloe (4-0), D. Lawless, A. Ryan (0-2).
Substitutes: P. Mitchell (2-0), M. Coyne (1-0).
ARMAGH: B. McNally, P. Daly, S. Rafferty, M. Moriarty (capt), A. McAlinden, F. O'Connor, D. McStay, P. Brennan, S. McCone (1-1), U. McGween (0-7, 2 30s, 4 frees), P. O'Hara, M. Donnelly (1-0). Substitute: R. McGuigan (1-0).
Referee: S. Wallace (Dublin).

Bridie McGarry, captain of the victorious Kilkenny team, holding the All-Ireland camogie trophy aloft at Croke Park yesterday and (below) Ann Downey resisting strong Dublin pressure with skilful stickwork. Photographs: Eddie Kelly.



● KILKENNY . . . beat champions Dublin in Sunday's All-Ireland senior camogie final at Croke Park.

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SPIRITED KILKENNY OUST DUBS!

By JOHN BRENNAN

Dublin 1-5

Kilkenny 0-13

Thanks to silky-stick work, strong support play and unerring accuracy in front of the posts, Kilkenny relieved Dublin of their All-Ireland senior camogie title at Croke Park yesterday.

Before an approximate attendance of 3,000 the Kilkenny girls were always the better team. But they could only convert this fact on to the scoreboard in the second period when assisted by a very strong breeze.

In that half they scored nine points to Dublin's one and the title was going to Kilkenny long before referee Miriam Higgins sounded the final whistle.

It was a match that never really came to life. Whether because of the wind, big game nerves or the tight marking there was no chance of a spectacular contest and it settled into a dour battle which clearly suited the Kilkenny girls.

Their heroines were wing-forward Margaret Farrell who scored five glorious points from play, steady full back Ann Downey and, in the second half, Ann's sister Angela.

Only two Dublin girls managed to score and that gives some idea of the problems they faced. Indeed Dublin were often the architects of their own troubles, preferring to pick the ball when a quick delivery on the ground might have reaped better dividends.

The fact that their best players, Marian Conroy, Bernie Toner and Anne Redmond were in defence shows just which direction the play was travelling for most of this match.

On one occasion, midway through the first half Dublin looked to be in with a chance to establish themselves in the match when full forward Marie Connell scored a goal and a point to convert a one point deficit into a one goal lead.

Connell herself got one more point in that half but that was all Dublin managed to score when helped by the elements.

But when the teams resumed after the break what a different story unfolded. Kilkenny's star centre forward Angela Downey, who until then had been well contained by Toner, broke loose and whipped over four points to put Kilkenny firmly in command.

Further points from Farrell and full forward Breda Holmes put Kilkenny well clear on the scoreboard and it was only seven minutes from the end that Edel

Murphy got Dublin's only score of the second half. But just before the end, as if to emphasise the new order in camogie, Anna Whelan had Kilkenny's final point.

For her splendid points from both wings Kilkenny's Margaret Farrell gets the player of the match award ahead of the Downeys and Marian Conroy.

Scorers: KILKENNY M. Farrell (0-5), A. Downey (0-4), B. Hoopes (0-3), A. Whelan (0-1) for **DUBLIN:** M. Connell (1-2), E. Murphy (0-3).

KILKENNY: M. Fitzpatrick, A. Downey, A. Holden, B. McGarry, B. O'Sullivan, L.

Neary, D. Malone, A. Whelan, M. Farrell, Angela Downey, J. Dunne and B. Holmes.

DUBLIN: Y. Redmond, M. Conroy, G. Noonan, B. Toner, A. Redmond, U. Crowley, E. Murphy, A. Condon, J. Gormley, M. Mernagh, C. O'Byrne, M. Connell, Subs. P. Clinton for Anne Redmond 38 mins. D. O'Leary for O'Byrne 47 mins. Referee: M. Higgins, Cork).

● Our photographer at Croke Park yesterday was Austin Finn.



●CLEARED . . . Anna Whelan, centre, of Kilkenny with her boot as Dublin's Una Crowther, left, and challenge during yesterday's senior camogie.



● ON THE ATTACK . . . Anna Condon of Dublin breaks between Kilkenny's Bridie McGarry and Anna Whelan to get her shot in at goal.

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TRIUMPHANT TWINS . . . Anne (left) and Angela Downey, members of the Kilkenny senior camogie team, celebrate their victory over Dublin in the All-Ireland final. Picture: AUSTIN FINN



ANN DOWNEY (K) C. O'BYRNE (D)
MARY MEENAGH (D) & MARIE O'CONNELL (D)



● Dublin's Edel Murphy in possession

**SEAN
O'CEALLACHAIN'S**
review
of yesterday's
big game
at Croke
Park.



● Fine action shot as Dublin's Marie Connell gains possession and shoots despite the efforts of Kilkenny's Anne Downey

Kilkenny girls grab the glory

KILKENNY grabbed their fifth All-Ireland senior camogie title yesterday when they toppled holders Dublin in a very well contested decider at Croke Park. Galway easily captured the All-Ireland junior crown with a fairly comprehensive win over Armagh.

Kildare veteran footballer Paddy Dunne failed in his bid to win a record eight county senior football medals when his club Raheens were beaten by Carbury in the final at Newbridge and the Louth senior football title returned to Clanna Gael after a long lapse.

Kilkenny were worthy winners of the O'Duffy Cup on a 0-13 to 1-5 scoreline. The basis of the Kilkenny win was laid in the first half when they held the more fancied Dublin team to a narrow three points lead 1-4 to 0-4.

"The fact that we held Dublin to just three points in the first half after they had played with the wind really set us up. We were able to capitalise on the wind in the second half and the points came quickly," said Kilkenny's captain Bridie McGarry.

Bridie agreed that the switch of Liz Neary to mark Dublin full forward Maire Connell was a virtual match winner. The Dublin full-forward brought her side back in contention midway through the first half when she shot a good goal and added a quick point.

One of the heroes of the winning side was Margaret Farrell who notched five telling points. "Things just went right for us and when we got those opening points in the second half we just went from strength to strength."

Angela Downey and her sister, Ann, holders of four All-Ireland medals, claimed that

playing against the wind was a major factor in her team's success. "We had decided to play against the wind had we won the toss, but it didn't matter us losing the toss, because Dublin elected to play with the wind anyway," said Angela.

Angela also admitted that Kilkenny came out to defend in the first half to try and keep Dublin's tally as low as possible and in that they succeeded.

Dublin were very disappointing and at no stage really did they produce the type of hurling which brought them highest honours last year.

Their attack was pinned down and the fact that they could only manage one point, and that from a free, was proof of how well the Kilkenny defence did its job.

Kilkenny also dominated midfield, where Liz Neary, Deirdre Malone and Anna Whelan held the whip for long periods over their Dublin opposites.

Dublin team coach Christy Hayes agreed that the team just did not get going. "We had a number of scoring chances in the first half and we didn't take them. It was

essential to build up as big a lead as possible in the first half when we had the assistance of the breeze but three points were hardly sufficient." "Kilkenny marked very tightly and closed us down in attack and there were times when we were slow to get to the ball... it was not our day but fair play to Kilkenny. They used their chances very well and more important still, they got their scores at the right time," said the Dublin coach.

Galway's title

GALWAY were deserving winners of the Junior title when they easily defeated a gallant Armagh side by 8-7 to 3-7. Some of the best scores of the day were shot by the Galway forwards with Deirdre Costello displaying admirable marksmanship. Her three first half goals were pure gems, two of them following clever solo runs past a bewildered Armagh defence.

Armagh, however, played exceptionally well and they too had able score takers in Ursula McGivern, Sally McCone and Mary Donnelly.



Anna Whelan gets in front on her Dublin counterpart at Windy Croke Park.



Double completed . . . proud Kilkenny senior camogie captain, Bridie McGarry, holds the Seán Duffy Cup aloft after leading the county to a thrilling all-Ireland final victory over Dublin. The ladies thus completed a unique double of National League and Championship in the one year.



Kilkenny's Anne Holden giving no space to Dublin's Carmel O'Byrne at Croke Park, yesterday.

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Sportstar of the Week



Angela Downey

In dethroning the champions, Dublin, in last Sunday's All-Ireland Camogie final, Kilkenny were fortunate to have in their ranks a player of the calibre of ANGELA DOWNEY, our Sports Star of the Week, who inspired her teammates to a great second-half rally after they had been in arrears at the interval. Scoring four points, she lifted the Nonesiders' morale and helped them to a well-deserved fifth All-Ireland title.

THE LOVELY RIVER FLOWS SWEETLY ON

If we are to believe all we hear, every small boy in Kilkenny is a born hurler—or at least he comes into the world with a caman in one hand and a sliothar in the other.

Seemingly the girls in that fair county are not so privileged: Kilkenny didn't appear in an All-Ireland Senior Camogie final until 1970.

Before yesterday they had won four titles—but it was a long way behind Dublin's twenty-six.

The position is almost the reverse of that in hurling: Kilkenny have twenty-three All-Irelands; Dublin have six.

And so, curiously enough, Dublin had tradition on their side in yesterday's final.

This was generally expected to be one of the best All-Ireland deciders ever but it didn't turn out that way—Kilkenny won by several lengths.

However, three little pieces of history were made. For the first time a county won the League and the All-Ireland in the same year.

And Kilkenny's points total was the highest ever in a final. The third morsel of history is unlikely to find its way into the records—and perhaps it wasn't unique at all.

It concerned Dublin's goalkeeper, Yvonne Redmond: she didn't wear the traditional skirt or even a track-suit bottom—she sported a very stylish overall.

It didn't prevent her from giving a typically "professional" performance—at any given moment she looked as if she knew what she was doing.

There are great changes in camogie since the era of Kathleen Mills and Kay Cody and Una O'Connor.

The standard may not be as high now but the training and the coaching are far more intensive.

SIGNIFICANT TALLY

And Yvonne probably gives a hint of what is to come; she is a student of physical education (in Belfast) and spent the summer in the United States.

The most significant of those three morsels of history was Kilkenny's tally of points.

They sent over thirteen—and most were from difficult positions or situations.

Points in camogie can be more impressive than goals because the ball is so often kept low.

And it isn't unusual to see more goals in a game than points.

In the 1943 final, for instance, Dublin beat Cork 8-0 to 1-1.

And in the 1965 final Dublin beat Tipperary 10-1 to 5-8.

And in 1978 Cork beat Dublin 6-4 to 1-2.

In the intervening years the imbalance has disappeared. In the last eight finals the points have exceeded the goals.

The new ball is possibly a factor—and so perhaps is the better organisation in defence.

Both teams covered very well yesterday and it wasn't easy to get in a full-blooded shot at goal.

At times gaps appeared—but before the would-be goalsmith could set herself for a shot, they were sealed.

Only once did a goal come—and that was after a placed ball dropped near the rectangle and broke nicely for the attackers.

It was a strange game: the brilliant, the indifferent, and the downright bad were mixed bewilderingly.

The tension engendered by the occasion had, no doubt, much to do with this—but it was surprising that such expert

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This was to be Kilkenny's last full shot for goal: in the second half they hurled in the best black-and-amber tradition.

And this includes taking the points and letting the goals look after themselves.

The point has long been to Kilkenny as the grape to the Loire valley and the potato to Kerry and the apple to Somerset—now they flowed.

And Angela Downey gave an action replay of her exhibition in the 1977 final.

In the first half her forays had been contained, mainly because she seemed bent on going for goals.

Now she modified her ambition: a score within a minute of the restart was a fingerpost to a pointstream.

Now Kilkenny took over to a degree that couldn't be explained by only the wind.

Kilkenny drew level in five minutes—and thenceforth Dublin were battling against rampant opponents and the elements.

Long before the end it was obvious that they needed at least one goal for salvation.

It was a daunting task against a well-organised defence in which schoolgirl keeper, Marie Fitzpatrick, showed a coolness beyond her years.

And as the big hand of the clock on the scoreboard reached half-past four, it was clear that Dublin needed a score-burst in the style of the footballers in the 1977 semi-final.

A half-chance came but Biddy O'Sullivan swept the ball to temporary safety. And then in a last desperate assault Bridie McGarry was the girl in the breach.

And Kilkenny were deep in their opponents' half when Miriam Higgins signalled that all was over.

The tally was 0-13 to 1-5. And those thirteen scores to six told a true tale.

Kilkenny's second-half display was superb, marred only by some faulty shooting.

But they compensated with some glorious points: in this art Margaret Farrell equalled even Angela. Margaret got five, Angela four, and Breda Holmes three. Anne Whelan got one.

Dublin's points came from Marie Connell (two) and Edel Murphy (three).

A strange feature of the game was that Dublin, much more than Kilkenny, favoured the lift rather than the ground stroke.

A stranger feature was the scarcity of the hand-pass. I remember only one—in the 47th minute Deirdre Malone palmed a sweet ball to Liz Neary.

It was a symptom of Kilkenny's confidence and started a movement deep in their own half and almost brought a goal.

This was a fine all-round performance by Kilkenny, and if I haven't yet mentioned Anne Downey, Anne Holden and Jo Dunne, it was because they were so quietly effective.

Dublin's best were Yvonne Redmond, Anna Condon, Marie Connell, Edel Murphy and defenders Marion Conroy, Bernie Toner and Anne Redmond.

Galway swept to a five-goal victory in the junior final. Armagh scored 3-7—usually it would have been sufficient for a win.

The girls in saffron-and-white sat just in front of me during the senior final.

They were in excellent spirits: for them it had been a notable achievement to reach Croke Park.

There was a fair-sized crowd, mainly made up as usual of next-of-kin—and about a thousand children, some of whom are probably still wandering around Croke Park.

Despite the races in Gowran Park, the black-and-amber had a big following.

It was the county's last chance of an All-Ireland this year—and joy was unconfined.

Fogra Speisialta—The Kerry Association in Dublin are putting on the style next Sunday night.

Seemingly it has something to do with a football game in Croke Park—I'm not sure.

Anyhow, the venue is The Grand Hotel, Malahide. The Kerry team will attend—and may be accompanied by someone called Sam.

Tickets can be had at the door from seven p.m. They will cost about the price of four pints. Come early.



Kilkenny defender Biddy O'Sullivan in charge of this situation at Croke P

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Sheer magic as Kilkenny captures camogie crown

FOUR minutes of sheer magic set up Kilkenny's marvellous victory over Dublin in the all-Ireland senior camogie final on Sunday.

Kilkenny hammered home four points during this golden spell at the start of the second half, and won themselves a lead which they never lost.

The dazzling star of this inspired performance was Angela Downey who yet again came to the rescue with an astonishing display of speed, accuracy and power.

This was a sweet win for Kilkenny. For not only did they bring home the Sean O'Duffy Cup after a gap of four years but they also made the history books with a unique league and championship double.

Surprisingly no county had ever achieved this before.

The camogie crown was also very welcome after a barren year for Kilkenny on the inter-county hurling front.

Determined

This camogie final at Croke Park was not one of the classic 'greats' but the blame for this was largely Dublin's as they fell to pieces

in the second half when the winners mounted a huge challenge.

However, Kilkenny compensated somewhat for the lack of a contest as such with a fine display of skilful hurling and opportunist scoring. Forwards Angela Downey, Margaret Farrell and Breda Holmes picked off some beautiful points and watching them in action was a true delight for the large attendance.

Also affecting matters considerably was a very strong wind which blew in Dublin's favour in the first half and helped them to a one-goal advantage at half-time. But, they had to face into the wind and the Kilkenny avalanche in the second half and this completely grounded them.

First blood

Kilkenny struck first blood

KILKENNY	0-13
DUBLIN	1-5

in this long awaited showdown when rising county star Breda Holmes of Tullaroan, sent home a stylish point two minutes after the start. And, another dashing Kilkenny forward and the game's top scorer Margaret Farrell added to this two minutes later with another fine point.

Dublin were determined however not to let Kilkenny race ahead, and some good defensive and midfield work established a supply line to the forwards. But, it was a midfielder and talented captain of the Dubs, Edel Murphy who first registered her team on the scoreboard with a well taken point. This left Kilkenny 0-2 to 0-1 ahead after four minutes.

The pace soon hotted up with Angela Downey making some spectacular and very dangerous moves. A shot at goal from her in the 5th minute was saved by Dublin's goalie Yvonne Redmond, probably the best goalkeeper in the country. Indeed throughout the game she brought off some marvellous saves and frustrated the Kilkenny at-

Dublin's Joan Gormley who netted it for a vital goal in the 15th minute, to put Dublin two points ahead.

This spurred Dublin on to great things and they outplayed Kilkenny for the rest of the first half, and added another point to their tally by the good work of full forward Marie Connell.

Kilkenny seemed to have no answer to the Liffesiders who swarmed all over them and they looked a defeated side as they left the field at half-time with arrears of three points, 1-4 to 0-4.

Transformed

A new determination seemed to have gripped Kilkenny when they re-appeared in fighting form for the second half. Gone were the nerves that wracked them earlier on and instead we saw a transformed side who took total control and held Dublin to a single score throughout the half.

It was in the opening four minutes however that Kilkenny really established their ascendancy. Angela Downey



Kilkenny, the new all-Ireland champions. On the winning team were (back row from left): Angela Downey, Biddy O'Sullivan, Jo Dunne, Breda Holmes, Liz Neary, Ann Downey. (Front row from left): Anna Whelan, Deirdre Malone, Slobhan Fitzpatrick, Bridie McGarry, Ann Holden, Margaret Farrell.

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DUBLIN . . . beaten by Kilkenny in the All-Ireland Camogie final.



The clash of the ash as Kilkenny goalie Marie Fitzpatrick blocks out a Dublin shot at goal. Liz Neary looks anxiously on.



Kilkenny's Anne Downey chased by Dublin's Carmel O'Byrne during the All Ireland Camogie final at Croke Park yesterday.



Kilkenny full back Ann Downey races with a Dublin forward for possession of the ball while Ann Holden awaits the outcome.

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A civic reception was awarded to Kilkenny senior camogie team who became the all-Ireland champions on Sunday with a fine win over holders Dublin. Pictured here in City Hall is team captain Bridie McGarry surrounded by the team members and officials, proudly displaying the Sean Duffy Cup to deputy Mayor John McGuinness.

Bishopstown Girls Do Cork Proud

THE Bishopstown u-14 community games team did Cork and Munster proud in the recent community games All-Ireland finals.

In the semi-final, they defeated Knockbride - the Ulster champions from Co. Cavan. Two goals by Cora McCarthy early in the game, and three points from Edel Ryan sealed an impressive victory for the Bishopstown girls.

Cecilia Crowley, Moira Harrington, Clare Murphy and Eithne Duggan also impressed in this game.

Bishopstown met an older and more experienced opposition - Freshford from Co. Kilkenny - in the final.

They lost to the Leinster champions by four goals to two goals and two points in a very exciting game.

Elaine O'Connor was the star for Bishopstown in this game, with Ashling O'Leary, Cecilia Crowley,

Sinead White and Eithne Duggan also giving sterling performances.

Edel Kearney and Edel Ryan were the goal-scorers for Bishopstown.

Eight of the Bishopstown team will be underage again next year, and will obviously have benefited greatly from this year's experiences.

Bishopstown coach, Cllr. Pat Murray, said he was pleased that his young charges had progressed so far in the competition. He added that the girls did their club and area proud in bringing home the silver medals.

The Bishopstown panel was: Moira Harrington, Clare Murphy, Eithne Duggan, Edel Kearney, Ashling O'Leary, Cora McCarthy, Orla Higgins, Sinead White, Cecilia Crowley, Elaine O'Connor, Edel Ryan, Siobhan Barry

Blaithin Keating, Judy Walsh, Louise O'Mullane and Shirley Kelleher.

Death of former Co. camogie star

SPORTS enthusiasts throughout Co. Wexford were grieved to learn of the death at her home on Monday of Mrs. Mary Cahill, Rathnure, who was captain of the first Wexford team to win the All-Ireland senior camogie championship.

Mrs. Cahill (nee Walsh) had been in failing health, but her sudden death came as a very great shock to her husband, Larry; her children, Janet, Gerard and Enda; and to her mother, brothers, and sister, and her legion of friends.

She was one of the great

camogie players of Wexford's "golden era."

In that year of 1968, still in her early twenties, she was already a veteran of the game having served in county championships with St. David's (Oylegate) and Castlebridge St. Ibar's.

She was a brilliant captain and following on her achievement in leading Wexford to victory in the O'Duffy Cup (All-Ireland), she was captain of the Leinster team that won the provincial competition of 1969.

Mary was also a member of the winning Wexford All-Ireland team

of 1969 and of the team that lost to Cork in the final of 1971.

A native of Ballysimon, Monageer, she was a member of a family long associated with the GAA and National organisations and married into another with similar roots in Rathnure. When she retired she still maintained an avid interest in all sport and especially the one she adorned with such grace and success for many years.

Before she married, she worked in the drapery business of Bourke-Roches, Castle Street, Enniscorthy and she won many lasting friendships in that capacity.

Her remains were removed to Rathnure Parish Church on Tuesday evening and interment took place in the adjoining cemetery on Wednesday after Requiem Mass. — R.I.P.

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Superb Galway girls make camogie history

GALWAY 8-7
ARMAGH 3-7

GALWAY Junior Camogie team wrote themselves into the history books with a clear-cut victory over Ulster Champions, Armagh in the All-Ireland Junior Camogie final at Croke Park on Sunday.

For they became the first team in the game to win both the league and championship in the same year and must be ranked as the best team to represent the county in this grade.

They gave a delightful display of camogie in a decider that far outshone the senior final for skill and artistry.

Within seconds of the start, Galway full forward Ann Ryan rocked the crossbar with a brilliant shot and soon the huge Galway contingent were in full voice when Ryan shot over two great points. In the eighth minute she had the first of the Galway goals.

Then Sarsfields star Deirdre Costello tore the Armagh defence to ribbons before scoring a brilliant goal and Ann Fahy had a point from a free. Armagh swung into attack and Sally McCone had a goal for Armagh but from the puck-out, Costello gathered the ball in midfield and in a lightening burst of speed finished with a marvellous goal. Armagh's Ursula McGivern had some good points from frees before again Costello from a fine clearance from Angela Cooney completed her hat-trick to leave Galway ahead 4-6 to 1-4 at the interval.

Although Galway faced a slight wind in the second half there was never much doubt about who would be crowned the Queens of Junior Camogie. Full forward Mary Donnelly raised Armagh's hopes momentarily with an early second half goal but Davitts star Ann Fahy had a magnificent goal to stretch the Galway lead yet again.

From one of Armagh's rare breakthroughs sub Rita McGuigan netted before Costello, taking a great pass from Ann Ryan had her fourth goal of the day. Galway went further ahead when Sheila Coen had a good goal and a point. Almost on the call of time Mairead Coyle increased the Galway goals tally to a staggering eight when the College star netted from close range.

After the game captain Ena Cannon was presented with the trophy by Mrs. Mary Lynch, President of Cumann Camógálaíochta na nGael.

On the day the defence was excellent. Full back Eileen Howley completely blotted out danger girl Mary Donnelly and wing backs Julia Glynn and Angela Cooney were both outstanding.

Best Stratford had a magnificent outing and goalkeeper Cris Divilly brought off some fine saves.

Midfield was dominated by Claire Dolan, Ena Cannon and Teresa Raftery. The forwards stole the show and the skill of Costello, Ryan, Ann Fahy and Deirdre Lawless was remarkable. Sheila Coen and Mairead Coyle when introduced also continued the remarkable scoring spree of the side.

Ursula McGivern, Sally McCane and Paula Brennan were Armagh's stars on a day that belonged to Galway.

Galway: C. Divilly, E. Howley, A. Cooney, B. Stratford, J. Glynn, E. Cannon (captain), C. Dolan, T. Raftery, D. Costello, A. Fahy, D. Lawless, A. Ryan. Subs: P. Mitchell, M. Ryan, M. Coyle, S. Coen, C. Ryan, M. O'Reilly, C. Stratford.

Armagh: B. McNally, P. Daly, S. Raftery, M. Moriarty (captain), A. McAlindin, F. O'Connor, D. McStay, P. Brennan, S. McCane, U. McGivern, P. O'Hare, M. Donnelly. Subs: R. McGuigan, B. Jordan, T. McNally, B. O'Hanlon.

Referee: S. Wallace (Dublin).

Rousing welcome for Galway's history makers

GALWAY'S All-Ireland Junior Camogie champions were given a rousing homecoming on Monday night. On their arrival in Ballinasloe the team was transported through the town in a lorry to the square when the Bishop of Clonfert, Most Rev. Dr. Joseph Cassidy and Chairman of Ballinasloe UDC, Mr. Patsy Geraghty addressed the team. Bonfires greeted the team in Mullagh and Duniry where Galway Senior Hurling team manager Cyril Farrell was on hand to greet them.

Mr. Norman Morgan, Chairman of Loughrea Town Commissioners and Camogie Chairperson, Mrs. Jane Beatty addressed the big crowd in Loughrea. At New Inn, Councillor Michael Mullins and Jimmy Cooney addressed the team.

Co. Board Chairman, David McGann also spoke to the huge gathering.

A big crowd were in Kiltulla to welcome the team and their local girl and captain, Ena Cannon. They were also well received at Altymon and Bullaun where Paddy Corcoran addressed them. Then it was on the Kilconnell, Ahascragh and a midnight finish at Glenamaddy where former Football Board Chairman, Mattie Potter welcomed the team. Co. Secretary, Sean Geraghty thanked the Glenamaddy club on behalf of the County Board. Later the team were catered for in the Social Centre.

On Tuesday evening the team were hosts of the Mayor of Galway, Alderman Bridie O'Flaherty at Aras Faile before they visited Castlegar and Mervue. There was a victory reception in the Sacre Coeur Hotel, Salthill.



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SEE WHAT YOU ARE MISSING

By MAOL MUIRE TYNAN



Angela Downey, Kilkenny, gets in a good shot despite the Dublin backs.

"IF WE had hurlers like Angela Downey or Margaret Farrell down in Kilkenny, we'd be elected," blurted an old man in the Hogan Stand at the recent match after they had wrenched a five-point win from ending champions, Dublin, in the Camogie All-Ireland final at Croke Park.

So they might. Kilkenny held the aces in the vigorous form of les enfants terribles, Ms. Downey and her twin, Ann, Ms. Farrell at wing forward, Anne Holden and Biddy O'Sullivan.

Dublin were physically fit, admirably stylish and evenly endowed with ability, but they did not possess any one player with the brass neck to take a ball through defence and score.

And, while it is easy to be wise in retrospect, that is where Kilkenny shone. They were, arguably, not as fast as Dublin, but they had outstanding individuals who were prepared to risk doing something brave and brash. And they got away with it.

The official crowd estimation at Croke Park was a mere 3,000 — a sharper disappointment than cumann Caomgaíochta na nGael is used to. At this stage one wonders if the repeatedly low attendances are due to pure apathy or lack of appreciation of the game.

The poor public response was the only sad

aspect in a day of some truly superb play. And when poor Kilkenny captain, Bridie McGarry, with her front tooth severely dislodged, held the O'Duffy Cup, one could only feel regret that more people had not witnessed the marvels of our only indigenous female sport.

Despite the fact that Dublin ended up trailing 1-5 to 0-13, they did set a blistering pace in the opening half and seemed to unhinge the heavily-fancied opposition. They were four points clear at the interval, taking full advantage of a strong breeze, and were winning crucial possession at centre-field through their marvellous captain, Edel Murphy, Una Crowley and Anna Condon.

Giving the impression of having plenty of tricks in hiding, Dublin's Joan Gormley, Mary Mermagh and Carmel O'Byrne dashed through repeatedly in an attempt to extend their lead while, at the other end of the pitch, Kilkenny's attack seemed surprisingly ineffective.

But, they must have suffered a resounding



All-Ireland Camogie Champions who defeated Dublin in the final.

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St. Raphaels are the side to watch

CAMOGIE

With the students back at school, provincial Colleges Camogie Councils have been busy holding meetings and drawing up fixture lists. At this stage of the season it is impossible to predict who the front-runners will be in the All-Ireland Colleges Championships.

On last year's form, dual All-Ireland champions, St. Raphaels, Loughrea will be the side to beat. The majority of their players are still available to them. In addition, a number of the winning Mullagh Feile na nGael team have enrolled as students.

Ulster schools have not been as successful in the colleges championships as other provinces. Lack of quality competition within their own area has been put forward as a reason for their lack of sharpness at All-Ireland semi-final stage.

In order to redress this situation, they have selected the eight best sides in the province and confined the senior championship to them. Now every game will present a difficult hurdle and the team to emerge from the competition will have been well tested.

Jerry O'Dwyer has retired as

Secretary of the Leinster Colleges Council and is replaced by Breda Donnelly of St. David's Community School. Paddy Maher of Vocational, Wicklow is the chairman of the council.

Munster Colleges Council have a new figure-head. Lil O'Neill has stepped down and is replaced by St. Patricia of Scoil Pol, Killifinane. Martin Quirke of Scoil Mhuire, Cashel fills the vacant vice-chairman position.

The draw for the Munster senior championship shows some interesting first round pairings. North Pres, Cork will be at home to St. Joseph's, Tulla. Scoil Mhuire, Cashel and St. Patrick's, Cork travel to meet St. Patrick's, Shannon and Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis, respectively.

Sunday signalled the end of an era for Butler's Alley. The Wexford club built up a fantastic record over the past few years when they captured five out of the last six All-Ireland Club titles and won the

Leinster Club title seven years in succession.

Some of the players could not reproduce their best form on Sunday and they were forced to concede the Leinster club title to a fine Crumlin team.

Eire Og, Cork looked home and dry in their Munster Final game with Portroe at the change-over. But Portroe proved to be a very different proposition with the aid of the wind and slope. They crashed in four goals and Eire Og had to struggle to hang on by three points.

Of the four semi-finalists in the Club Championship, only one is a previous winner of the competition. Ahtenry who will be at home to Tyrone champions, Eglish, are former holders of the cup. Crumlin travel to Cork to face Eire Og in the second game.

It is sad to report on the unexpected death of former Wexford player Mary Walsh. Mary captained Wexford to a historic victory in 1968. A fine centre forward, she wore the Leinster colours on many occasions. The sympathy of all camogie followers is extended to her husband and three children.

Camogie

The Colleges will soon be back in action in a big way and the draw for the Munster Senior championship has been announced. St. Patrick's, who reached last season's All-Ireland final, only to be stopped by St. Raphael's are away to Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis in their first round tie this season, while North Presentation meet St. Joseph's Tulla, in a preliminary round tie; St. Patrick's Shannon meet Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, and St. Aloysius meet Ballincollig Community School, in first round ties.

The full draw is: Prelim Rd. "A" North Presentation v. St. Joseph's, Tulla. First round: "B" St. Patrick's, Shannon v. Scoil Mhuire, Cashel.

"C" Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis v. St. Patrick's, Cork. "D" St. Aloysius v. Ballincollig C.S.

"E" Charleville v. winners of "A".

Semi-finals — Winners "D" v. winners "E". Winners "B" v. winners "C".

The games in the championship will begin on October 12.

There are no games fixed for Sunday next as the Co. Board is holding a collection at the Hurling Final at Páirc Uí Chaoimh and all clubs are asked to send representatives to help out in this vital fund raising exercise, and they should assemble outside the ground at 1.30 p.m.

50 YEARS AGO

MAYFIELD qualified for the final of the Cork County Camogie Championship as a result of their 6-4 to 1-0 win over Marshalstown in the semi-final at Fermoy. The teams were: Mayfield — K. Cotter, J. Cotter, E. Cotter, B. Hickey, S. Geaney, R. Geaney, B. Riordan, K. Riordan, M. O'Brien, M. O'Connor, P. Lyons, J. Lyons. Marshalstown — H. Luddy, M. Luddy, M. O'Mahony, B. Bradfield, P. Bradfield, P. Barry, M. Smith, E. Finn, L. Walsh, M. McGregor, K. McGregor, L. Cotter.



The Glen Rovers camogie team, winners of the Cork County Championship in 1951.

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Eire Óg Face A Mighty Hurdle

EIRE ÓG will be hoping to take a step nearer All-Ireland club honours on Sunday next when they meet Crumlin, Dublin, in the All-Ireland club semi-final at Ovens.

On the same day the two semi-finals of the Intermediate Championship, a Junior "A" semi-final and quarter-final, and seven Under-16 championship ties will be decided.

And on tomorrow (Saturday) the final of the 1984 Under-18 Championship between Bishopstown and Na Piarsaigh will be played.

County champions Eire Óg have contested the All-Ireland club championship on three

occasions before this season, but each time were knocked out before getting out of the province. This year, however, they won the Munster title for the first time, and now that they have got so far they are determined to take their first All-Ireland crown.

And on Sunday next they can take a major step in that direction if they can account for surprise packet Crumlin in the national semi-final.

The home venue will be a big help to Eire Óg, and if their stars such as Marian McCarthy, Miriam Higgins, Noelle O'Driscoll, Joan Shannon and company can play up

to scratch then they must be there with a chance.

Almost unheard of before now, Crumlin have got the services of Dublin senior players Mary Mernagh, Bernie Toner and Anna McManus in recent times to strengthen their side. And when you add the Redmond sisters, Yvonne, Ann and Barbara, all of whom have played for Dublin, then it is obvious that Eire Óg have the toughest of challenges on their hands.

As well as winning the Dublin championship Crumlin defeated St. Pauls, Kilkenny, and Buffers Alley of Wexford

in their Leinster trail, and when you consider that Buffers Alley have won the All-Ireland title five times since 1979 and are the present holders, Crumlin's strength becomes more and more formidable.

However, Eire Óg are always at their best when the cards seem stacked against them, and if they play with their usual fighting spirit then they can win. But it will be very tough.

The Under-18 championship final tomorrow evening should be worth watching as both Na Piarsaigh and Bishopstown have plenty of up-and-coming talent in their sides and it should be a very good game between two stylish sides.

Na Piarsaigh, who can call on such excellent youngsters as Evelyn Healy, Paula Morgan, Jean Paula Kent, will probably start as favourites to win but Bishopstown will not give up the chance of the title easily.

FIXTURES

Tomorrow (Saturday)

1984 C. Final: Na Piarsaigh v. Bishopstown at Ballincollig, 5 p.m. (ref. June Hammond).

Sunday

All-Ireland C.C.C. semi-final: Eire Óg v. Crumlin at Ovens, 2.30 p.m. (ref. B.



Mary Geaney



MARION MCCARTHY... In goal for Eire Óg in the All-Ireland Club Camogie championship game with

Henry's experience could be telling

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tackling quartet of Anne Byrne, Ger Bradp, Anne Redmond and Bernice Toner. The experienced Mary Mernagh features in the centre of the field, where she is ably assisted by Cathy Walsh and Ger Byrne.

The Crumlin forward line moved well in the Leinster final and will present problems for Eire Óg. Galway's Mary Keane figures at centre forward from where she links up well with Aileen Redmond and the speedy Anna McManus. The fourth Redmond sister, Barbara, uses her skill and experience to great effect in front of goal.

Eire Óg won the Cork championship from 1977 to 1979 but failed to come out of Munster. Like her opposite number, goalkeeper Sarah Murphy picked up

a leg injury in the Portroe Marion McCarthy is a B I Award winner. Miriam Higgins, their experienced right back, is joined in defence by three All-Ireland junior medal holders, Joan Shannon, Marion Reck and Margo Twomey.

Nancy O'Driscoll, who captained the Cork senior team successfully in 1978, is back in action with her club and is likely to be assisted in midfield by Grainne Mackey and Anne O'Leary. Eileen Dineen has been Cork's full back since 1981. Eire Óg moved her to the attack in the Cork championship and she linked up well with county player Mary Geaney.

game and it is likely that the Eire Óg selectors will have to look to the substitutes to complete the side.

Eire Óg are a tough, dogged side. Before their own supporters they will not give in easily. Crumlin have been the more impressive side en route to Sunday's game. Whether they can maintain their momentum so far from home remains to be seen.

Eglish needed a second game to dispose of the Swatragh challenge in the Ulster Final. The Tyrone club had four points to spare at the second attempt. Their assignment is a difficult one.

They travel to Athenry to face a club which has several club championship en-

gagements behind them and know what it takes to come out on top at this level. The last line of defence for Eglish. In front of her will be Ann Burke. The half back line is comprised of Celia McKay, Anne Daly and team captain Pauline Vallyely.

Ann Jordan, Kathleen Casey and Tyrone's Grádaí Tailte representative Catherine Daly for the lively midfield line. Ursula Jordan leads the Eglish attack from centre-forward. Sheila Burke, Anne McKenna and Maureen Ogle complete an effective forward line.

The Athenry club won the All-Ireland club championship in 1978. They drew on the outstanding colleges teams of Presentation, Athenry. Some of those players are still wearing the colours

of the Athenry club and will be in action on Sunday.

It is significant to note that Athenry had no member on the Galway team which won the All-Ireland Junior Championship or on the county side which reached the minor final. And Noreen Treacy are idet reached the minor final. Breda Coady, Chris Silke and Noreen Treacy are tried and tested defendeds who will concede little, however.

The Munster Colleges Junior Championship opens on Saturday with twelve knock-out ties down for decision. Holders are Colaiste Mhuire.

SUNDAY

All-Ireland Club Championship semi-finals
At Ovens, Co. Cork (2.0) — Eire Óg v. Crumlin, Dublin.
At Athenry, Co. Galway (2.0) — Athenry v. Eglish, Tyrone.

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Crumlin in last minute

CRUMLIN (Dublin) 2-4
EIRE OG (Cork) 1-5

A LAST MINUTE goal by A. McManus gave Crumlin victory over Eire Og in this closely contested and hard fought semi-final of the All-Ireland Camogie club championship played at Ovens yesterday.

The winners had an interval lead of 1-3 to 0-4 but the home side came into the picture early in the second half when N. O'Driscoll and E. Dineen put them ahead with a point and a goal.

They retained the lead for most of the second period but Dublin rallied and Miss McManus got the vital goal just on call of time.

Scorers: Crumlin—B. Redmond (1-1), A. McManus (1-1), M. Mernagh (0-2). Eire Og—E. Dineen (1-1), N. O'Driscoll (0-2), Nancy O'Driscoll, M. Geaney (0-1 each).



Eileen Dineen, Eire Og outpaces her Crumlin opponent during the All-Ireland Camogie Club semi-final at Ovens, Co. Cork.

ÉIRE ÓG HOPES SHATTERED

CRUMLIN 2-4, ÉIRE ÓG 1-5

CORK and Munster champions Éire Óg had their hopes of All Ireland glory shattered by Crumlin from Dublin in the penultimate stage of the national camogie competition at Ovens yesterday.

On home ground Éire Óg were unable to contain the spirited challenge of Crumlin particularly in the first half when this game was won and lost. Despite playing against the breeze the visitors knocked Éire Óg out of their stride with the vigour and purpose of their play. Their defence was magnificent with goalkeeper Evonne Redmond in splendid form. They were on top at midfield with Mary Mernagh and Anna McManus dominating and when brilliant full forward Barbara Redmond finished off a classic move for a magnificent goal in the 13th minute Éire Óg found themselves in dire trouble.

The Cork side with two fine points from Eileen

Dineen and Mary Geaney fought their way back into contention and trailed by just two points at the interval when the score stood at 1-3 to 0-4 in Crumlin's favour.

Éire Óg went ahead after the resumption when first Nancy O'Donovan pointed and then Eileen Dineen soloed through to hit a goal of quality to power the home side into the lead. The tide, however, swung in Crumlin's favour five minutes from the end when Anna McManus pounced to flick home the decisive goal following a free from Bernice Toner.

Scorers — Crumlin: A. McManus 1-1, B. Redmond 1-1, Mernagh 0-2. Eire Óg: E. Dineen 1-1, N. O'Driscoll 0-2, O'Donovan and M. Geaney 0-1 each.

Crumlin — E. Redmond, A. Byrne, B. Toner, G. Brady, Redmond, M. Mernagh, P. Dawson, G. Byrne, M. Krane, Redmond, B. Redmond, A. McManus. Sub: A. Healy for Dineen.

Eire Óg — M. McCarthy, J. Shannon, M. Twomey, M. Hagan, M. Reck, G. Mackey, A. O'Leary, N. O'Donovan, E. Dineen, O'Driscoll, C. Kelleher, M. Geaney.

Referee: B. Martin (Kilkenny).

Cork In Final Without Playing!

THE Cork under-18 camogie team could win a Munster title with only one game as they received a bye in the first round of the under-18 provincial championship, and in the semi-final got a walk-over. Now they face Clare in Ennis on Sunday in the final and

the Clare girls have had two games so far having defeated Limerick and Waterford in the competition.

It is a most unsatisfactory situation for Cork as they now face the final without any match practice and to add to their difficulties one of their big stars, Linda Mellerick, who made such an impression in the Cork senior side this season, is out through injury.

On Saturday the Munster Senior Colleges Championship gets under way with four first round ties listed, and over the weekend too there are four junior 'B' and one junior 'A' championship ties down for decision.

Cork u-18 team: Fiona McCarthy, Kathleen O'Keefe, Evelyn Healy, Liz O'Neill, Niamh Coughlan, Ina Leahy, Magg Finn, Liz O'Sullivan, Jean Paula Kent (capt.), Colette O'Mahony, Paula Carey, Georgina Collins. Subs.: Brid Walsh, Diane Deane, Paula Morgan, Patricia O'Shea, Colette Cronin, Elaine Buckley. The team will be meeting at the Opera House

at 11 a.m. to travel by bus to Ennis.

FIXTURES

SATURDAY

Munster under-18 'C' final: Cork v. Clare at Eire Og pitch, Ennis 3 p.m.; JBC quarter finals: St. Finbarr's v. Castle-magner at St. Finbarr's 4.30 p.m. (referee: Douglas); Blackrock v. Courcy Rovers at Ballinspittle 5.30 p.m. (referee: Newcestown).

MSC first round: St. Patrick's v. Colaiste Mhuire at Colaiste Mhuire; North Presentation v. St. Joseph's at Tulla; St. Aloysius v. Ballincollig C.C. at St. Aloysius; Scoil Mhuire v. St. Patrick's Shannon (times to be arranged).

SUNDAY

JBC quarter finals: Eire Og v. Bishopstown at Ovens 12 noon (referee: Ballinora); St. Fanahans v. Sarsfields at Sarsfields 3 p.m. (referee: Watergrasshill); JAC: Inniscarra v. Nemo Rangers at Inniscarra 2 p.m. (referee: Ger Lynch, Cloughduv); JAL: Douglas v. Ballincollig at Ballincollig 3 p.m. (referee: Eire Og).

Na Piarsaigh celebrate

Na Piarsaigh 3-5,
Bishopstown 2-4

NA PIARSAIGH celebrated on Saturday evening because for the first time in nine years they won a camogie trophy — the under-18 championship (1984) — at the expense of Bishopstown in a most exciting final at Ballincollig.

Na Piarsaigh won the Feile na nGael national title in 1976 and since

then they have won promotion to senior ranks. But they had not won a single trophy until Saturday night. They were "hot favourites" to take this crown with a very strong and stylish team. But what a fright the young Bishopstown side gave them with a brilliant first half performance which saw them ahead at the interval by 2-3 to 0-1.

But on the resumption the big Na Piarsaigh "guns" Irene O'Leary, Paula Morgan, Evelyn Healy, Jean Paula Kent and Loraine Kelly came into their own and although Bishopstown, and especially Bernice Power, Nuala Hobbs, and Liz Towler, battled gallantly to the end, they had to admit defeat to a superior side, but only in the closing minutes.

Scorers — Na Piarsaigh: J. P. Kent and I. O'Leary 1-1 each; P. Morgan 0-3, L. Kelly 1-0. Bishopstown: G. Collins 1-1, D. Carroll 1-0, E. Buckley 0-3.

Na Piarsaigh: D. O'Shea (capt.), D. O'Riordan, C. Martin, E. Healy, L. Kelly, I. O'Leary, G. Donovan, S. O'Sullivan, P. Morgan, P. Fox, M. McCarthy, J. P. Kent. Sub: V. Martin for P. Fox.

Bishopstown: B. Power, E. Buckley (capt.), K. Higgins, A. O'Sullivan, L. O'Neill, L. Towler, N. Hobbs, L. Walsh, D. Carroll, D. Enright, S. Moran, G. Collins. Sub: J. Buckley for A. O'Sullivan.

Referee: M. Higgins (Eire Og).

KILLEAGH TRIUMPH

St. Finbarrs 4-3,
Glen Rovers 1-4;
Killeagh 3-5,
Eire Og 2-5;
Killeagh 0-11,
St. Finbarrs 2-1

Killeagh, beaten Cork county finalists by Eire Og, gained some compensation when they accounted for their old foes in another cracker at Burgess yesterday in the semi-final of their own tournament.

In the first semi-final, St. Finbarrs were too strong for Glen Rovers. In the final, Killeagh, who have never been beaten in this competition, coasted to a decisive victory.

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Experienced St. Patricks taken to advance

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Ennis, Cork, Ireland senior, round senior today, Strac-out

Several of that team, including Angela Kileen, Catherine O'Loughlin, Claire Bracken and Anne Hennessy must come into the reckoning for places on the senior side. However, they will be up against it as St. Patrick's field a very experienced team and are very anxious to do well this year.

Tracey O'Riordan, Aileen Barry, Karen Mellerick and Carmel Currid picked up All-Ireland minor medals with Cork in August. They will feature in the colours of St. Patricks. Also wearing the brown and yellow will be Linda Mellerick, Liz O'Sullivan, Mary Rose and Mary Mulcahy. St. Patricks should advance.

There has been very little

between North Pres. Cork and St. Joseph's, Tulla, in recent years. Tulla have won the Intermediate Leagues and the Junior Losers Competition but the championship titles have so far eluded them.

North Pres. have lost many of the side which reached the Munster Final last February. Jean Paula Kent, Evelyn Healy and Lorraine Kelly remain on the school roll but the rest of the side may not be strong enough to defeat Tulla on the home ground.

St. Patricks, Shannon and Scoil Mhuire, Cashel are

both former All-Ireland senior champions. They have not figured prominently in recent years. However, both sides have been working away at the game and will put more than useful sides on the field on Saturday. They should provide a close exciting game in Shannon on Saturday.

The fourth tie brings St. Aloysius, Cork, and Ballincollig Community School into contact. St. Aloysius have been steadily climbing up to the position which they held a decade ago.

Paula Carey, Sheenagh Morley and Brid Kelleher are Cork minors who form the backbone of their side. Relatives newcomers to senior colleges camogie, Ballincollig may find the going too much for them.

The Munster Under 18 Championship has always produced great matches. Next Sunday's final between Cork and Clare should prove no exception. Many of the players on both sides will have had colleges championship games on Saturday.

Clare have shown excellent form in defeating Limerick 1-6 to 0-1 and Waterford 9-6 to 1-1 en route to the final. Cork, on the other hand, have not had an outing. They received a bye in the first round and a walkover from Tipperary in the semi-final.

Pauline O'Brien, Tina O'Connell, Catherine

O'Loughlin, Patricia O'Grady and Maura McNicholas will be in action for Clare. Holders of the cup, Cork, will look to Evelyn Healy, Mag Finn, Liz O'Sullivan, Colette O'Mahony and Linda Mellerick to bring it home again.

Athenry and Crumlin will contest the All-Ireland Club Championship final on October 27. Crumlin survived a tough encounter at Ovens to overcome Eire Og by two points. Athenry had to struggle with English before pulling clear to win by 5-9 to 3-7.

FIXTURE

Sunday — Munster Under 18 Championship Final at Ennis (3.0). — Clare v Cork.

Clare's crown

CLARE 0-5.
CORK 0-2

CLARE captured the Munster under-18 camogie championship title when they had a deserving victory over Cork at the Eire Og grounds, Ennis, yesterday. This was Clare's second success in this competition, the previous one being in 1978. It came as some measure of consolation for their defeats in both the under-16 and junior finals, both of which they lost by a point.

Clare were on top throughout and led at the interval on the score of 0-3 to 0-1. Their first half scores came from Maura McNicholas (2) and Yvonne McInerney. Cork's reply was from a Jean Kent free. Maura McNicholas had two further points in the second-half with Colette O'Mahony, again from a free, replying for Cork.

Clare centre-back Tina O'Connell was the outstanding player on view while others to play well were Sheila O'Halloran, Patricia O'Grady, Maura McNicholas, Yvonne McInerney and Catherine O'Loughlin.

For Cork, Liz O'Sullivan, Colette O'Mahony, Noele Coughlan and Jean Kent were best. CLARE: P. O'Brien, C. McMahon, E. McTaggart, T. O'Connell, S. Reidy, S. O'Halloran, P. O'Grady, N. Comyns, C. O'Loughlin, Y. McInerney, C. Molloy, M. McNicholas, Subs. C. Bracken for P. O'Grady, M. Twomey for N. Comyns.

CORK: P. McCarthy, E. Healy, N. Coughlan, K. O'Keeffe, L. O'Neill, L. O'Sullivan, M. Finn, U. Leahy, C. O'Mahony, J. Collins, G. Kent, P. Carey.

Clare Capture Munster U. 18 Title

CLARE 0-5

CORK 0-2

Appearing in their third camogie final of the season in Munster, Clare scored a great victory over Cork to capture the u. 18 title at the Eire Og grounds on Sunday. This victory marked Clare's second success in this competition with their previous win in the grade being in 1978.

This well merited victory brought compensation to Clare fans who earlier in the season saw teams from the county lose both the provincial u. 16 and junior finals by a single point. There was no doubt about last Sunday's result and its fair to say that Clare would not have been flattered by a greater winning margin.

In addition Clare had the added enjoyment of providing the best player on view in Kilkishen's Tina O'Connell who had a superb game. Indeed there were many fine performers in the Clare side with such as Maura McNicholas and Yvonne McInerney also playing a major role.

Clare led at the interval on the score of 0-3 to 0-1. Maura McNicholas accounted for two of those points with the other coming from Yvonne McInerney while Cork's only reply came from a Gene Kent free. In the second half Eire Og's Maura McNicholas added a further two points, one from a free while Cork's score, again from a placed ball, came from Colette O'Mahoney.

The Clare defence and mid-field sectors were outstanding and this is certainly reflected in the opponents scoreline. In addition to Tina O'Connell, there were great displays from Sheila O'Halloran, Carmel McMahon, Patricia O'Grady and sub.

Clare bracken.

The forward division did, however, miss a number of scoring opportunities and its fair to say that Cork can count themselves fortunate not to have suffered a heavier defeat. In this department Maura McNicholas, Yvonne McInerney and Catherine O'Loughlin produced some great play.

Clare: P. O'Brien, Bodyke C. McMahon, Kilkishen, E. McTaggart, Shannon, T. O'Connell, Kilkishen, S. Reidy, Bridge, S. O'Halloran, Kilkishen, P. O'Grady, Eire Og, N. Comyns, M. Cusacks, C. O'Loughlin, Kilnamona, Y. McInerney, Bridge, C. Molloy, Shannon, M. McNicholas, Eire Og, Subs. C. Bracken, Kilmaley, for P. O'Grady, M. Twomey, Bridge for Comyns.

Cork: F. McCarthy, E. Healy, N. Coughlan, K. O'Keeffe, L. O'Neill, L. O'Sullivan, M. Finn, M. Leahy, C. O'Mahoney, G. Collins, G. Kent, P. Carey.

TULLA BY A POINT

St. Joseph's, Tulla 4-2
North Presentation, Cork 3-4

In the opening round of the Senior Colleges Camogie championship at Cork on Saturday last, Tulla had just one point to spare over a fancied North Pres. side. This was a top class encounter with the Tulla side showing the greater determination on the day. Tulla opened the scoring and held the lead all the way except for a short period in the second half.

The defence was excellent throughout while at midfield the Tulla trio had a slight edge over their opponents. Up front the forwards took the chances that came their way, some fine goals resulting.

Team: E. O'Halloran, B. Mulready, N. Quinn, A. Power, M. Keane, P. Torpey, M. Twomey, B. Moroney, Y. McInerney, B. Reidy, N. Boyce, V. O'Halloran, Subs. A. Boland, C. Baird, P. Corbett, K. Guilfoyle.

Win for Comprehensive

Shannon Comp. 5-5
Scoil Mhuire Cashel 0-3

St. Patricks Comprehensive School, Shannon defeated Scoil Mhuire, Cashel in impressive style in this Munster colleges senior camogie first round played at Wolfe Tones na Sionna last Saturday.

The Shannon girls were lucky to score two goals early in the game which meant they settled into their game early on. Their forward line was in great form and it was Frances Phelan and Mary Higgins in particular who tested the Cashel defence in this open-

ing half. Shannon led by 2-3 to 0-3 at the interval.

The home side didn't let their grip on the game slip and their superiority was transferred into scores with good goals from Frances Phelan and Lorna O'Flaherty (2), for St. Pats, P. Diviney, E. McTaggart and B. O'Halloran impressed in defence. C. Molloy and E. Drysdale impressed at centrefield while in attack all four players did well with F. Phelan and L. O'Flaherty on the wings showing particularly good form.

They now meet St. Patricks, Cork in the semi-final.

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Rival captain, Edel Murphy (Dublin) and Bridie McGarry (Kilkenny) shake hands as referee, Miriam Higgins (Cork) prepares to toss the coin at the All-Ireland Senior Final at Croke Park.

MOST SUCCESSFUL YEAR EVER FOR KILKENNY

What a year for Kilkenny in general, and for Angela Downey in particular, in senior camogie. An historic national double by the county senior squad, and three All-Ireland awards for Angela mark out 1985 as the most successful season ever for the game by the Noreside.

Kilkenny relieved Dublin of the O'Duffy Cup for the All-Ireland senior championship when the counties met at Croke Park in September. The clash drew the biggest attendance to a decider in some years, but unfortunately, the game did not come up to general expectations as Kilkenny romped home to a convincing 0-13 to 1-5 win.

But if the issue was not seriously in doubt from early in the second half, Kilkenny still delighted with their stylish play during that spell. They gave as good a showing as I have seen in any final in years as they ran Dublin ragged with purposeful play, good combination, some top class individual performances and well-taken scores.

Once Kilkenny got into their stride after the interval, Dublin just had no

answer, and the title returned to the banks of the Nore after an interval of four years. Earlier in the year Kilkenny beat Dublin in a replay to take the National League title, and they thus became the first county to win the Leagues and All-Ireland crowns in the same year.

Dublin played with a strong wind in the opening half of the All-Ireland final, and ten minutes before the interval they led by four points. Kilkenny cut the deficit to just three points as the half-time whistle sounded.

In the second half we saw Kilkenny take control, thanks to the excellence of midfielders Liz Neary, Deirdre Malone and Anna Whelan. So dominant were the League champions that Dublin managed to score just a single point in the second half.

It was in that period as well that we

saw yet again what a great competitor and tremendous player Angela Downey is, and what a wonderful asset she is as well to the side. She failed to score in the opening half, but set that right in no uncertain manner in the second as she coloured the game with four wonderful points. Her contribution in general play was equally important as the gifted forward from St. Paul's proved a real inspiration to the side with her telling display.

That win set the seal on a remarkably successful season for Angela . . . a season that has unquestionably enhanced her right to rank as one of the greatest camogie players of all time.

She was in the Kilkenny team that beat Dublin in the League final replay. Some week later she gave a superb performance when convincingly retaining Gradam Tailte, camogie's suerstar title, and then came the exciting showing as Dublin were beaten and Miss Downey collected her fifth

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Kilkenny goalkeeper, Marie Fitzpatrick comes out to meet a high ball as backs and forwards clash. Awaiting the outcome on the right is Kilkenny's Liz Neary.

All-Ireland senior championship medal.

NOT THE END

I doubt if that will prove the end of the story for Angela Downey before 1985 has finally passed into history. She has stamped her personality so impressively on the senior inter-county scene this year that she must surely be firm favourite now for the B+I Line Camogie Personality of the Year Award winner in December.

Angela has already one such honour. She was awarded the B+I Line trophy in 1977, and I think I am right in saying that no player has yet won two such trophies. A double here would set the seal on a great year for Angela.

But she was not the only Kilkenny star. The midfielders, as mentioned, did much to show the way in the second half, and Biddy O'Sullivan at left half back, Bridie McGarry, who was a first-class captain and centre half and Margaret Farrell, top scorer on the day with five points, were others whose names will always be prominently associated with the Kilkenny victory.

What of Dublin. They were a disappointment. They never got going with the fluency we have come to expect from their side, and they also paid the penalty for lost opportunities.

But they still have some of the leading personalities in the game, and will undoubtedly be back again next year challenging strongly for the game's top honours.

Soon after the All-Ireland final, Dublin standards received a big boost when Crumlin, with a team that included Yvonne Redmond, Bernie Toner, Anne Redmond, Anna Condon and Mary Mernagh, won the Leinster club senior championship for the first time ever.

In fact, Crumlin did more than that. They beat Buffer's Alley, Wexford, in the provincial final to end a great era in senior camogie.

The Wexford side went into that game with an unbeaten record in Leinster stretching back to 1978, and they were also chasing a fifth All-Ireland crown in a row. But they were well beaten by the history-makers from Dublin, who finished comfortable winners by 4-7 to 1-0.

It has been a year of change in the club championship in general. Éire Óg, of Cork, won the Munster senior title for the first time, and Eglis, of Tyrone, also took their initial Ulster crown.

On the inter-county front, however, it was undoubtedly the year of Kilkenny. Their achievement in becoming the first county to complete the national double of League and Championship, and to do it against such a powerful force as Dublin, was a first-class one by any standard.

The county also provided the top personality of the season in Angela Downey, all of which makes one wonder if there are any more Everests for Kilkenny to scale in senior camogie in the years ahead. No doubt new challenges will come about, but for now, Kilkenny folk can rejoice in the events of the past year in camogie.

All the more so, because the girls more than compensated for the disappointing season for the county in all grades of inter-county hurling.



Una Crowley (Dublin) arrives too late to prevent Anna Whelan (Kilkenny) from getting in her shot.



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Camogie stars who clash in Cork



Margaret Moriarty (Ulster) and Angela Cooney (Connacht) who will be in action in the Gael-Linn Cup Interprovincial competition in Cork at the weekend.



Sandy Fitzgibbon — plays at midfield for Munster tomorrow



Catherine Landers, Munster's centre-back

Stars go South for the Gael Linn Cups

cream of the country's camogie players will assemble in Cork this weekend to challenge for the Gael Linn Cup.

The programme features a series of matches in the senior and junior grades at the Croker Grounds on Saturday and Sunday. Meanwhile, the Connacht team will be in action at the GAA Grounds.

Ulster's holders both teams and, as will be expected by the formidable players they are facing, they will be heavily favoured to do well in the competition.

Ulster's senior team is an uphill task in the Gael Linn Cup. The side is expected to be promoted by the McCartan brothers, Nuala and Sheila, and by the McGee family.

Ulster's junior team is also an uphill task in the Gael Linn Cup. The side is expected to be promoted by the McCartan brothers, Nuala and Sheila, and by the McGee family.

Armagh's Ursula McGivern joins Anne McGlew, Bonnie McGreevey and Arlene McWilliams in a forward line which will need to perform at peak to outmanoeuvre the tight Leinster defence.

With four senior counties to choose from, competition for places on the Leinster senior team is very keen. An outfield player on the junior team last year, Marie Fitzpatrick caps a wonderful season by winning the goal position. The very efficient Marion Conroy stands in front of her. Bridie McGarry at centre-back is flanked by Tina Fitzhenry and Biddy O'Sullivan.

Dublin captain Edel Murphy forms a strong midfield line with Una Crowley and Ann Reddy. Margaret Farrell secured the right forward position with a fine showing in the All-Ireland final. Catherine Murphy, Angela Downey and Joan Gormley complete the side.

The Ulster Leinster junior team is also an uphill task in the Gael Linn Cup. The side is expected to be promoted by the McCartan brothers, Nuala and Sheila, and by the McGee family.

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Malone, Nuala Smithers, Mairead Cronin and Rose Merriman.

Ulster draw heavily from junior provincial champions, Armagh and the English Club. Margaret Moriarty, Fionauala O'Connor, Catherine Daly, Ann Jordan, Mary Donnelly and Denise McStay will be anxious to make up for recent disappointments.

There is a very strong Cork presence on the Munster senior team, but there is a doubt about Liz Dunphy and Linda Mellerick, both of whom are carrying injuries. Should Liz be unavailable, it is likely that either Mary Sheedy or Maura Hackett will step up to join Marion McCarthy, Eileen Dineen, Miriam Higgins and Cathy Landers in defence.

Vera Mackey of Limerick will be partnered by the Cork pair, Sandie Fitzgibbon and Clare Cronin in the middle of the field. Val Fitzpatrick, Brid Stokes and Mary Geaney will probably have Jenny English or Mary

O'Leary complete the forward line should Linda not recover in time.

Connacht have not finalised their senior line-out but it is reasonable to assume that it will be the Galway senior team under a different name. With eight of the side involved in the All-Ireland Club final on the following Sunday, their approach may be one of caution. This might open the door to the final for Munster.

FINE PLAYERS

When Galway played Cork in the Open Draw, there was little between the sides until the closing quarter when Cork drew away. Kitty Hoey, Breda Kelly, Una Jordan, Mary Kelly, Brid Holland and Mary Keane are fine players who can make it tough for Munster should they decide to go all out.

It is a different story in the junior game. The Galway junior made such an impression in the league and championship that any Roscommon or Mayo players would have a job to dislodge any of them.

From Chris Divilly to Anne Ryan this is a highly talented team which will go a long way in the competition. Marguerite Guiry, Margaret Finn, Maura McNicholas, Margo Cassidy and Jean Paula Kent will do all in their power to swing the game in Munster's favour.

ULSTER (Senior) — C. Lambe, M. McMullen, N. McCartan, S. McCartan, J. CVampbell, A. McGarry, T. Allen, M. Lundy, U. McGivern, A. McGlew, B. McGreevey and A. McWilliams. Subs. — B. McAteer, N. McMahon, P. Robinson and P. Brown.

ULSTER (Junior) — T. McVeigh, M. Moriarty, N. McKendry, S. A. Quinn, S. Rafferty, F. O'Connor, A. Jordan, C. Daly, P. Quinn, D. McStay, S. Burke and M. Donnelly. Subs. — R. McGulganm, C. McKay, A. Trainor and S. McCone.

LEINSTER (Senior) — M. Fitzpatrick, M. Conroy, T. Fitzhenry, B. McGarry, B. O'Sullivan, U. Crowley, E. Murphy, A. Reddy, M. Farrell, C. Murphy, A. Downey and J. Gormley. Subs. — V. Kelly, A. Downey, J. Dunne and B. Redmond.

LEINSTER (Junior) — R. Merriman, T. Dreehan, A. Dargan, M. Cronin, A. Merrimann, C. Grey, C. Sinnott, M. Walsh, A. Desmond, N. Sullivan, B. McNicholas and E. Campbell. Subs. — S. Cowan, B. Higgins, M. Ryan and S. Cronin.

MUNSTER (Senior) — M.

McCarthy, E. Dineen, M. Higgins, C. Landers, L. Dunphy, V. Mackey, S. Fitzgibbon, C. Cronin, B. Stokes, V. Fitzgibbon, L. Mellerick and M. Geaney. Subs. — H. Sheehy, P. McCarthy, M. Sheedy, P. Keniry, M. Hackett, J. English, B. O'Dea and M. O'Leary.

MUNSTER (Junior) — P. McCarthy, M. Guiry, L. O'Grady, M. Barry, M. Finn, N. Quinn, T. O'Connell, M. Clifford, J. P. Kent, M. Cassidy, M. McNicholas and C. O'Mahony. Subs. — M. Treacy, A. Sheedy, D. Cleary and S. O'Halloran.

CONNACHT (Senior) — B. Coady, N. Treacy, C. Silke, B. Kenny, B. Holland, M. Kelly, M. Keane, S. Egan, U. Jordan, A. Morris, M. Freaney and J. Hoey.

CONNACHT (Junior) panel — C. Divilly, E. Howley, J. Glynn, B. Stratford, A. Cooney, C. Dolan, E. Cannon, T. Rafferty, Anne Fahy, D. Costello, ID, Lawless and A. Ryan, P. Finneran, M. Finneran, J. Rogers, S. Coen, M. Ryan, C. Ryan, M. O'Reilly and R. Mitchell.

FIXTURES

Gael-Linn Cup

Inter-provincial championships

Saturday — At Blackrock G.A.A. Grounds Cork (7.30) Ulster v Leinster, Junior (3.45) Ulster v Leinster, Senior

At Delaney's G.A.A. Grounds, Cork (7.30) Munster v Connacht, Junior (3.45) Munster v Connacht, Senior

Sunday — At St. Finbarr's G.A.A. Club, Cork (7.00) Junior Final, 7.15 Senior Final.

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CÚIGE CHONNACHT

SOISIR (JUNIOR)

1. C. Ní Duibhiolla (Chris Divilly) Gaillimh
2. T. Ní Raifeartaigh (Theresa Rafferty) "
3. C. Ní Dholáin (Claire Dolan) "
4. M. Ní Giolla Chomhaill (Mairéad Coyle) "
5. P. Ní Mhisteil (Patricia Mitchell) "
6. M. Ní Riain (Mairéad Ryan) "
7. E. Ní hUallaigh (Eileen Howley) "
8. E. Ní Cheannáin (Ena Cannon) "
9. A. Ní Riain (Ann Ryan) "
10. S. Ní Chadhain (Sheila Coen) "
11. J. Ní Fhloinn (Julia Glynn) "
12. D. Ní Choisteala (Deirdre Costello) "
13. Bríd Stratford "
14. A. Ní Chyana (Angela Cooney) "
15. A. Ní Fhathaigh (Anne Fahy) "
16. P. Ní Fhinnthrin (P. Finneran) R. Comáin
17. T. Ní Fhinnthrin (T. Finneran) "
18. S. Ní Ruairí (Jackie Rogers) "

SINSIR (SENIOR)

1. B. Ní Óda (Breda Cody) Gaillimh
2. N. Ní Threasaigh (N. Treacy) "
3. C. Ní Shíoda (Chris Silke) "
4. B. Ní Chionnaoith (B. Kenny) "
5. B. Ní hAoláin (Bríd Holland) "
6. U. Ní Shiúrthain (Una Jordan) "
7. A. Ní Bhrioscú (Ann Briscoe) "
8. M. Ní Cheallaigh (Mary Kelly) "
9. A. Ní Mhuiris (Anne Morris) "
10. Madge Hobbins "
11. M. Ní Chuthain (Mary Keane) "
12. M. de Fréine (Mary Freaney) "
13. S. Ní Aogáin (Susan Egan) "
14. N. Ní Chormaic (N. McCormack) "
15. C. Ní hEocaidh (Kitty Hoey) "

CÚIGE LAIGHEAN

SOISIR (JUNIOR)

1. M. Ní Mheanman (M-R. Merriman) Cill Dara
2. T. Ní Dhraoileáin (T. Dreehan) Loch Garman
3. A. Ní Dheargáin (Anna Dargan) Cill Dara
4. M. Ní Chroinín (Mairéad Cronin) Ath Cliath
5. A. Ní Mheanman (A. Merriman) Cill Dara
6. C. de Grae (Carmel Gray) Ath Cliath
7. C. Sionóid (Catherine Sinnott) L. Garman
8. M. Ní Mhaoileáin (M. Malone) Cill Dara
9. A. Ní Reamoinn (Aileen Redmond) A. Cliath
10. Nuala Smithers, Ceatharlach
11. M. Ní Riain (Margaret Ryan) Ceatharlach
12. E. Ní Cathmhóil (Edel Campbell) "
13. S. Ní Chomhain (Sinead Cowman) Loch Garman
14. B. Ní hUiginn (Bernice Higgins) " "
15. "
16. S. Ní Chroinín (Siobhan Cronin) Ath Cliath

SINSIR (SENIOR)

1. M. Ní Giolla Phádraic (M. Fitzpatrick)
2. M. Ní Conraoi (Marion Conroy) A. Cliath
3. T. Ní Einrí (Tina Fitzhenry) L. Garman
4. B. Ní Fhearaigh (B. McGarry) C. Chainnigh
5. B. Ní Shuilleabháin (B. O'Sullivan) "
6. U. Ní Chruaileáin (Una Crowley) A. Cliath
7. E. Ní Mhurchú (Edel Murphy) Ath Cliath
8. A. Ní Roidigh (Anne Reddy) Loch Garman
9. M. Ní Fhearghail (Mgt. Farrell) C. Chainnigh
10. C. Ní Mhurchú (Catherine Murphy) L. Garman
11. A. Ní Dhúnaigh (Angela Downey) C. Chainnigh
12. S. Ní Ghormáile (Joan Gormely) A. Cliath
13. V. Ní Cheallaigh (Vivian Kelly) An Dún
14. A. Ní Dhúnaigh (Ann Downey) C. Chainnigh
15. S. Ní Dhúinn (Jo Dunne) Cill Chainnigh
16. B. Ní Reamoinn (Barbara Redmond) A. Cliath

CÚIGE ULADH

SOISIR (JUNIOR)

1. T. Ní An Bheatha (T. McVeigh) Muineacháin
2. M. Ní Mhuireartaigh (M. Moriarty) Ard Macha
3. N. Ní Einrí (Noelen McKendry) Doire
4. S.A. Ní Chuinn (Sarah-Ann Quinn) Doire
5. S. Ní Raifeartaigh (S. Rafferty) Ard Macha
6. F. Ní Choncuphair (F. O'Connor) " "
7. A. Ní Shiúrthain (Anne Jordan) Tír Eoghain
8. C. Ní Dhálaigh (Catherine Daly) " "
9. P. Ní Chuinn (Patsy Quinn) Doire
10. D. Ní Mhaoilste (Denise McStay) Ard Macha
11. S. de Búrca (Sheila Burke) Tír Eoghain
12. M. Ní Dhonnaile (Mary Donnelly) Ard Macha
13. R. Ní Eocháin (Rita McGuigan) Ard Macha
14. C. Ní Aodha (Celia McKay) Tír Eoghain
15. A. Ní Threáinir (Anne Trainor) An Dún
16. S. McCone (Sally McCone) Ard Macha

SINSIR (SENIOR)

1. C. Ní Luáin (Colette Lambe) An Dún
2. M. Ní Maoláin (M. McMullan) Aontroim
3. N. Ní Artáin (Nuala McCartan) An Dún
4. S. Ní Artáin (Sheila McCartan) " "
5. S. Ní Cathmaoil (J. Campbell) Aontroim
6. A. Ní Fhearaigh (Ann McGarry) "
7. T. Ní Ailín (Theresa Allen) "
8. M. Ní Giolla Fhiondaín (M. Lundy) Aontroim
9. U. Ní Uidhrín (Ursula McGivern) A. Pacht
10. A. Ní Glue (Anne McGivern) Aontroim
11. B. Ní Riadháigh (Bonnie McGivern) Doire
12. A. Ní Uilliam (Arlene McWilliam) Doire
13. B. Ní an tSaoir (B. McAteer) Aontroim
14. N. Ní Mhathúna (N. McMahon) Muineacháin
15. P. Ní Roibín (Pauline Robinson) Doire
16. P. de Bhruin (Paula Browne) Ard Macha

SOISIR (JUNIOR)

1. F. Ní Chárthaigh (Fiona McCarthy) Corcaigh
2. M. Ní Ghadhra (Marguerite Guiry) Luimneach
3. E. Ní Ghrada (Liz O'Grady) Luimneach
4. N. Ní Chuinn (Noeleen Quinn) An Clár
5. M. de Barra (Margaret Barry) Luimneach
6. M. Ní Fhinn (Margaret Finn) Corcaigh
7. T. Ní Chonail (Tina O'Connell) An Clár
8. M. Ní Chlúmhain (Masie Clifford) Luimneach
9. J. P. Ceannt (Jean-Paula Kent) Corcaigh
10. M. Uí Chaiside (Margot Cassidy) Luimneach
11. M. Ní Míoclais (Maura McNicholas) An Clár
12. C. Ní Mhathúna (Colette O'Mahony) Corcaigh
13. M. Ní Threasaigh (Mairéad Treacy) Luimneach
14. A. Ní Shíthigh (Agnes Sheehy) Luimneach
15. D. Ní Chleirigh (Debbie Cleary) Luimneach
16. S. Ní hAlluráin (Sheila O'Halloran) An Clár

SINSIR (SENIOR)

1. M. Ní Chárthaigh (Marion McCarthy) Corcaigh
2. E. Ní Dhuinnín (Eileen Dineen) Corcaigh
3. M. Ní hUiginn (Miriam Higgins) Corcaigh
4. C. de Londras (Cathy Landers) Corcaigh (Capt.)
5. E. Ní Dhonnchaidh (Liz Dunphy) Corcaigh
6. B. Ní Mhaca (Vera Mackey) Luimneach
7. S. Ní Gíobuín (Sandy Fitzgibbon) Corcaigh
8. C. Ní Chroinín (Claire Cronin) Corcaigh
9. B. de Stoc (Brid Stokes) Luimneach
10. V. Ní Giolla Phadraigh (Val Fitzpatrick) Corcaigh
11. L. Ní Mhaolghéiric (Linda Mellerick) Corcaigh
12. M. Ní Gheibheannaigh (Mary Geaney) Corcaigh
13. H. Ní Shíthigh (Helen Sheehy) Luimneach
14. P. Ní Chárthaigh (Pauline McCarthy) Luimneach
15. M. Uí Shíoda (Mary Sheedy) Tiobraid Arann
16. P. Ní Eanáir (Patsy Keniry) Corcaigh
17. M. Haiceid (Maura Hackett) Tiobraid Arann
18. J. Inglis (Jenny English) Tiobraid Arann
19. B. Ní Dhéa (Bernie O'Dea) Luimneach
20. M. Ní Laoire (Mary O'Leary) Corcaigh

Leinster in control

**LEINSTER 4-9,
MUNSTER 1-6**

FIRM favourites Leinster had a convincing win over Munster in the final of the Gael-Linn senior camogie cup at Togher yesterday.

The visitors went into an early lead with a superb goal from Angela Downey from 40 yards out. Twenty minutes into the game Edel Murphy added another goal to set up Leinster's 2-4 to 0-5 half time lead.

The visitors dominated the second half, adding a goal and three points in the opening 20 minutes. Ten minutes from the end Pauline McCarthy brought Munster back into the game briefly with a goal from a penalty. However, Leinster replied immediately with a goal from Joan Gormley and Anne Downey added another point before the final whistle to seal a clear-cut win for the favourites.

Munster scorers: Pauline McCarthy 1-4, Linda Mellerick 0-1, and Brid Stokes 0-1.

Leinster: Una Crowley 0-2, Edel Murphy 1-0, Bridie McGarry 0-1, Joan Gormley 1-1, Catherine Murphy 1-0 and Anne Downey 0-1.

Munster: M. McCarthy, E. Dineen, M. Higgins, C. Landers, V. Mackey, S. Fitzgibbon, C. Cronin, B. Stokes, V. Fitz-

patrick, L. Mellerick, M. Geaney, P. McCarthy. Subs: M. O'Leary, P. Keniry, B. O'Dea, J. Shannon.

Leinster: M. Fitzpatrick, M. Conroy, T. Fitzhenry, B. McGarry, B. O'Sullivan, U. Crowley, E. Murphy, Anne Downey, M. Farrell, C. Murphy, Angela Downey and J. Gormley.

**MUNSTER 1-7,
ULSTER 2-3**

IN the junior final, Munster had a narrow victory over Ulster.

Margot Cassidy opened Munster's account with an early goal, followed by two points from Maura McNicholas and Colette O'Mahony, before Ulster replied with a goal from Ann Trainor. Munster led 1-5 to 1-3 at the break.

Sarah Ann Quinn scored Ulster's second goal shortly after the interval to put them into the lead, but two points from McNicholas and O'Mahony put Munster back on the road to victory.

Munster: F. McCarthy, M. Guiry, L. O'Grady, N. Quinn, M. Barry, M. Finn, T. O'Connell, M. Clifford, J. P. Kent, M. Cassidy, M. McNicholas, C. O'Mahony.

Ulster: T. McVeigh, M. Moriarty, N. McKendry, S. A. Quinn, S. Rafferty, F. O'Connell, A. Jordan, C. Daly, P. Quinn, D. McStay, S. Burke, M. Donnelly. Sub: A. Trainor.



CAMOGIE CAPERS: Ulster player Mary Donnelly having a half-time jig during the Gael-Linn Junior Interprovincial Camogie Championship at St. Finbarr's Hurling and Football Club, Togher, Cork. (Picture: Des Barry)



SMASH OF THE ASH: Ulster defender Denise McStay having her clearance blocked down by Munster's Tina O'Connell during the Gael-Linn Junior Interprovincial Championship final at St. Finbarr's Hurling and Football Club, Togher, Cork. (Picture by Des Barry)

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BERNIE TONER: Crumlin's solid half back and a barrier to Athenry in next Sunday's All-Ireland Camogie Club Championship Final in Dublin.

CAMOGIE

Crumlin to cap great year with club crown

CRUMLIN (Dublin) will attempt to lift the All-Ireland Club Championship in their initial assault on the title. In the last major competition of the inter-county season, they face the 1978 champions Athenry at Lorcán O'Toole Park on Sunday. Following their breakthrough within Dublin, Crumlin accounted for St. Pauls (Kilkenny), Baffer's Alley (Wexford) and Eire Og (Cork) en route to the final. They field a well-balanced side with strong, experienced players in each sector of the team.

Yvonne Redmond has been unchallenged as Dublin's goalkeeper for several seasons. Anne Byrne, is a dependable full-back who affords little scope to her opposite number. The half-back line of Gery Brady, Anne Redmond and Bernie Toner will present a barrier to the Athenry attack.

Senior inter-county player, Mary Mernagh should play a dominant role at midfield. She should be partnered by Cathy Walsh provided she has recovered from a hand injury, and Ger Byrne. And Crumlin have a formidable quartet up front in Aileen Redmond, Mary Keane, Anna Condon and Barbara Redmond.

Athenry's path to the final has not been as impressive. They struggled to overcome the Roscommon champions and English from Tyrone. On the other hand, almost half the side club championship medals and know what it is all about.

DEPENDABLE

The long-serving and dependable Breda Coady is in goal and she will receive protection from the tight-marking Noreen Treacy. The half-back line of Olive Molloy, Chris Silke and

Mary Bellew, all All-Ireland Colleges senior medal holders, can have a major influence on the tend of the game by placing reins on the Crumlin attack.

Una Jordan whose stylish play caught attention from her teenage days, Brid Holland and Anne Coleman should win a fair mount of ball at midfield. Athenry put their faith in Teresa Kavanagh, Madge Hobbins, Anne Morris and Marion Freaney to take sufficient scores to win the game.

Performances in earlier rounds suggest that Crumlin will cap a great season by becoming the fourth Dublin club to win this competition. However, it will be the better display on the day that will count in the finish.

GAEL-LINN FORMAT

The new format Gael-Linn Cups proved very successful from the players point of view in Cork last weekend. Four semi-finals were staged on Saturday with the finals on Sunday. The teams spent the weekend in Cork and had plenty of time to socialise.

The junior championship provided excellent competition. There was not more than a goal between any of

the four teams. Munster won by a point from Ulster in the finish but a lucky hop of the ball could have seen the trophy rest in any of the other provinces.

As expected Leinster had things much their own way in the senior grade. The semi-finals provided one-sided fare with the interest of spectators waning long before the final whistle. While Munster tried hard in the final, they were unable to match the play of the Leinster girls.

Clare, who were pipped in the Munster junior and minor championships this season, received some measure of consolation by defeating Cork 0-5 to 0-2 in the Munster under 18 final. Tina O'Connell, Noeleen Quinn, Maura McNicholas and Patricia O'Grady played excellently.

CRUMLIN — Y. Redmond, A. Byrne, G. Brady, A. Redmond, B. Toner, C. Walsh, M. Mernagh, G. Byrne, A. Redmond, M. Keane, A. Condon and B. Redmond.

ATHENRY — B. Coady, N. Treacy, O. Molloy, C. Silke, M. Bellew, U. Jordan (capt), B. Holland, A. Coleman, T. Kavanagh, M. Hobbins, A. Morris and M. Freaney.

FIXTURES

Sunday — All-Ireland Club Championship Final — At Lorcán O'Toole Park, Dublin (2.30)
Crumlin (Dublin) v Athenry (Galway).

OIFIGEACH FORBARTHA

EAGRAS: Cumann Camógachta na nGael.
AN POST: Beidh an té a cheapfar ina Ardriachtán na nGael. Beidh sé de churam air/iurthi sócáil forbartha chur i bhfeidhm.

TUARASTAL: Inaistrithe. Liúntas do ghluaisne do chostais reatha eile a tháinig leis an bpost.

COINNIOLLACHA: d'Fhágfaí teacht ar réiteach leathair, Aois-liúntas post inspéise atá ann a éilíonn do a cheapfar cumas riarachain agus cinnreacht a bliain/inti, maille le dílseacht d'aidhmeanna an Chomann aige/aici. Uas-teorainn aoise: 32 bliain. Ba cheart iarratais agus curriculum vitae a sheoladh chuig:

Máire Uí Loinsigh, Páirc an Chrócaigh, Ath Cliath 1. Ní mór dóibh a bheith istigh faoi 05 Samhain, 1985.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

THE ORGANISATION: Cumann Camógachta na nGael.
THE JOB: To act as General Secretary to the Association and to be responsible for the implementation of a development programme.

REMUNERATION: Negotiable, with allowances for car and expenses as appropriate.

CONDITIONS: Appointment on contract or secondment from existing post will be considered. Contributory Pension Scheme.

The position is interesting and challenging and calls for personal initiative, administrative ability, qualities of leadership and dedication to the aims and ideals of the Association. A working knowledge of the Irish language is essential. Upper age limit: 32 years.

Letter of application, with curriculum vitae, should be sent to:

Máire Uí Loinsigh, Páirc an Chrócaigh, Ath Cliath 1. Latest date for receipt of application is 05 November, 1985.

Galway star plots Athenry's downfall in camogie final

CRUMLIN

(Dublin) 4-8
ATHENRY 3-3

CONNACHT champions
Athenry failed in their bid for the All-Ireland senior camogie title, when they went under to a star studded Crumlin side at O'Toole Park, Dublin on Sunday. It was ironic that the Crumlin girl who did most damage to Athenry's hopes was Galway senior star Mary Keane.

Playing at centre-forward Kearns speed added to her goal on the stroke of half time, put the Dublin side in the driving seat. The Galway champions started in dynamic fashion and Una Jordan opened the scoring in the fourth minute with a point from a free.

Mary Mernagh had a similar point for Crumlin in the 12th minute and three minutes later Ann Condon broke the deadlock with a well taken goal. This was followed a minute later with a point from Barbara Redmond.

When Athenry's Ann Morris was fouled going through captain Una Jordan shot the resultant free to the net and Teresa Kavanagh followed up with a point to put Athenry on level terms despite missing numerous chances, that were to prove costly later on.

Then with half time approaching tragedy struck when Mary Mennoek had a point followed by a Keane goal to give Crumlin a flattering lead of 2-3 to 1-2 at the interval.

Within three minutes of the resumption Crumlin had a further goal and a point on the board scored

by Aileen Redmond and Condon.

Athenry got their game together and Una Jordan had a point a minute later Teresa Kavanagh from a pass from Madge Hobbins had a smashing goal to leave four points between the sides. Redmond and Ann Morris exchanged goals in the 11th and 12th minute of the second half. Morris's goal was to be Athenry's last score and in the final minutes Crumlin's fitness was enough to capture the title and one each for Ann Condon and Kathy Walsh.

On a day when little seemed to right for Athenry they can be proud of their contribution to a great game and with a little more accuracy up front the issue would have been much closer.

Crumlin outstanding player without doubt Mary Keane and Yvonne Redmond, Bernie Toner, Mary Mernagh and Ann Condon most to keep the cup in Dublin. Of the Athenry girls did well in Noreen Treacy, Chris Silke, Madge Hobbins and Ann Coleman stood out.

Crumlin: Y. Redmond, G. Brady, A. Redmond, B. Toner, K. Walsh (0-1), M. Mernagh (0-4), G. Byrne, A. Redmond (1-1), M. Keane (1-1), A. Condon (2-2), B. Redmond (1-1).
Athenry: B. Coady, N. Treacy, O. Molloy, C. Silke, M. Bellew, U. Jordan (1-1), T. Kavanagh (1-1), A. Morris (1-1), M. Freaney, Subs: N. Gannon, Naughton, L. Hermon, V. Murphy, E. Cooley, C. Murphy.

Referee: B. (Kilkenny).

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Crumlin supreme

CRUMLIN 4-3
ATHENRY 3-3

CRUMLIN, the new Dublin champions, confirmed their success by defeating the Galway winners, Athenry, by 4-3 to 3-3 at O'Toole Park, Dublin to win the All-Ireland club title for the first time. The visitors star forward Una Jordan opened the scoring with a point in the 15th minute and then quickly added a goal from a free. But the home side did not settle down until the 15th minute when Mary Mernagh pointed and they turned over with a lead of 2-3 to 1-2.

There was a keen struggle to get on top in the second period and the more accurate Crumlin forward line added 2-5 to Athenry's 2-1 to become worthy winners.

Scorers — Crumlin — A. Condon 2-0, A. Redmond 1-1, B. Redmond 0-2, M. Mernagh 0-3, M. Kane 1-0, P. Dalton and C. Walsh 0-1 each. Athenry — U. Jordan 1-2, T. Kavanagh 1-1, A. Martin 1-0.

Athenry, the Galway champions, who went under to Crumlin of Dublin, in the final of the All-Ireland Camogie Club Championship.



The Munster junior camogie team which defeated Ulster in the Gael Linn Interprovincial Championship at St. Finbarr's Club, Toghher, Cork.

Éire Óg hit back

ÉIRE ÓG 2-8, ST. FINBARRS 2-5

ÉIRE ÓG won the Cork County Senior Camogie League at Ballincollig yesterday with a comfortable three points win over a St. Finbarrs team which looked like winning in the early stages.

Two goals just before half-time appeared likely to set the Barrs on the road to victory, but the hard work and consistency of Éire Óg saw them off in the end.

The Barrs had gone in at half-time with a three-point lead, but they saw that whittled down right from the re-start and it was a Mary Geaney goal for Éire Óg that more or less killed off their challenge with just minutes left.

Indeed, it was Geaney who also scored Éire Óg's other goal in the first-half and these scores, allied to the regular point scoring of Noelle O'Driscoll, that really settled the issue.

The Éire Óg defence, shaky on occasions, especially in the first-half when the Barrs knocked in their two goals, held out resolutely in the second half.

Scorers — Éire Óg: M. Geaney 2-1, Noelle O'Driscoll 0-4, Nancy O'Driscoll, S. Murphy and C. Kelleher 0-1 each, St. Finbarrs: P. Carey 1-0, M. O'Donovan 1-0, C. O'Mahony 0-5.

Éire Óg — M. McCarthy, J. Shannon, M. Higgins, M. Beck, M. Twomey, Nancy O'Driscoll, G. Mackey, A. O'Leary, S. Murphy, M. Geaney, Noelle O'Driscoll, E. Dineen. Sub.: Claire Kelleher.

St. Finbarrs — M. O'Sullivan, Claire Cronin, Colette Cronin, N. Coughlan, M. A. Horgan, S. Curtin, C. O'Mahony, M. O'Donovan, M. Henchion, M. Farrell, M. Walsh, P. Casey. Sub.: P. O'Grady.

Last gasp Aghabullogue

Aghabullogue 1-4
Glen Rovers 1-3

A last gasp goal by Aghabullogue won them the Cork County Intermediate Camogie League title after a thrilling match against an inexperienced Glen Rovers side at Ballincollig yesterday.

Aghabullogue started well and went into an early two point lead. But after an exchange of points it was the Glen who went in ahead at half-time after Marie Deane scored a fine goal just before the break.

In the second period, Aghabullogue levelled the score after just five minutes, but two further points from team captain Mary O'Brien

seemed to put the Glen in the driving seat.

However with just seconds remaining, Aghabullogue launched a final desperate attack and it was Joan Riordan who struck the vital ball into the Glen net.

Scorers: Aghabullogue — Joan O'Riordan 1-1, Theresa Walsh 0-2, Geraldine Barry-Murphy 0-1. Glen Rovers: Marie Deane 1-0, Marie O'Brien 0-3.

AGHABULLOGUE: E. Buckley, M. Cotter, E. O'Callaghan, S. O'Shea, M. Lynch, B. Kelliher, Anne Downey, E. O'Riordan, J. O'Riordan, G. Barry-Murphy, T. Walsh, N. Delaney.

GLEN ROVERS: D. Cronin, C. O'Flynn, R. Mackey, H. Fox-Mullins, D. Deane, M. Deane, C. Courage, T. O'Riordan, M. Boland, A. Lonergan, M. O'Brien, A. Lenthian. Sub.: A. O'Donovan.

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Munster u.16 camogie champs., Clare - back row, l. to r.: C. Molloy, Y. McInerney, C. Carmody, Justice, C. O'Loughlin, T. O'Connell, E. McTaggart, Y. Torpey, Front: P. O'Grady, M. McNicholas, S. O'Halloran, P. O'Brien, S. Reidy, capt., L. O'Flaherty, M. Twomey, C. McMahon.

Fitting result

Fr. O'Neill's 3-7,
Killeagh 2-10

A DRAW was a fitting result of this highly exciting Cork county junior camogie final played at Ballynoe yesterday.

In a game in which only a couple of scores divided the sides at any stage Fr. O'Neill led 3-3 to 2-5 at the interval.

ANGELA IS THE FIRST

A WOMAN was this week chosen as the first winner of the Kilkenny sports personality of the month award.

Camogie heroine Angela Downey was feted for her wonderful exploits with the Kilkenny senior camogie team, who she helped to victory in the National League and all-Ireland championship.

Angela was chosen as the September winner and was presented with a suitably inscribed Kilkenny crystal rose bowl by Mr. Richard Butler, manager Hotel Kilkenny. The scheme was introduced by Hotel Kilkenny in co-operation with the Kilkenny People.

Angela, who is registered under her maiden name of Downey with the Camogie Association, was entertained to a celebrity lunch at Hotel Kilkenny with her husband, Mr. Ted Brown.

Mr. Butler congratulated Angela on her selection and wished her the best of luck in the future.

Along with Mr. Butler, other members of the selection committee are Noel Skehan (all-Ireland senior hurling medal record holder), Willie Duggan (Ireland's most capped No. 8 rugby international), Donie Butler (secretary Kilkenny and District League) and John Knox (Kilkenny People).



Kilkenny's ace camogie scorer Angela Downey, winner of the first Hotel Kilkenny/Kilkenny People "Sports Personality Of The Month" award is pictured receiving her Kilkenny crystal bowl from Mr. Richard Butler, General Manager, Hotel Kilkenny.

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THE KILLEAGH TEAM WHICH FINISHED AS RUNNERS-UP TO BUFFER'S ALLEY IN THE ALL-IRELAND SEVENS PLAYED AT KILMACUD. Front Row L to R - Breeda Lander, Shelley Spillane, Anne Marie Landers, Marion Sweeney, Patricia Fitzgibbon. Back Row L to R - Mary Spillane, Kathleen Costine, Cathy Landers, Anne Leaby, Patsy Keniry. Photo (Mary Moran)



AN IMOKILLY SELECTION WHICH REACHED THE SEMI-FINAL OF THE ALL-IRELAND SEVENS AT Kilmacud (Photo-Mary Moran)

Deirdre junior player of year

GALWAY'S Deirdre Costello has been named as the Junior Camogie Player of 1985. The talented Sarsfields forward will receive the A.I.B./Gaelic Stars Awards for her outstanding achievements and marvellous displays during the season.

Her right to the award is not in dispute. She picked up three all Ireland medals in 1985. But it was her vast contribution to these successes and the very high standard of her own performances which placed her name on the top of the list.

Last March she captained St. Raphaels, Loughrea to win the All Ireland Colleges Senior Championship. Deirdre registered 3-5 in the semi final against Loreto, Letterkenny and notched three goals in the final against St. Patricks, Cork.

She figured prominently on the Galway side which sailed unbowed through the National Junior League campaign. In Gradam Tailte at Kilkenny, she finished second to Angela Downey. Not surprisingly, she picked up valuable marks in the camogie skills events.

SIX SCORES

She helped the Galway minors to retain the Connacht title and piled up six scores in the semi final with Down. Cork took the minor crown despite another 2-1 from Deirdre.

Galway recorded a historic National League and All - Ireland Junior Championship double. In the final against Armagh at Croke Park, Deirdre's contribution was four beautiful goals. Many people, watching her for the first time, were highly impressed with her ball control, ease of beating her opponent and devastating shot.

Connachta called on her services for the Gael - Linn Cup. Once again she caught the eye in the junior game when Connacht were pipped by Munster. When things were going badly for the senior side she returned to the field. She raced away from Miriam Higgins with

the ball on her stick and crashed it past the experienced Marion McCarthy.

Deirdre had a wonderful season in 1985 and is fully deserving of this honour. A new season will open in a few months time when she will be graded as a senior player. She has the potential to make a great impact on the senior scene. Her progress will be followed with interest.

Congratulations to Crumlin who became the 12th club in the country to reach the status of All - Ireland Club champions. In a close and exciting game, they finished in front of Athenry by 4-8 to 3-2.

FOUR SISTERS

Crumlin added their own bit of history to the competition. As far back as 1965 St. Patricks, Glengoele set up a record with the three Graham sisters, Anne Mary and Peggy on their winning team. Crumlin took the record for the number of sisters one step further. Yvonne, Barbara, Anne and Aileen Redmond played a major part in bringing the trophy to Crumlin.

Dublin will have a new County secretary before the close of their Annual convention at Na Fianna on Saturday. Liz Gentley has decided to step down and will be replaced by Aine Derham of Cumann Uí Chonaill. Chairman Pat Rafferty will remain at the helm and Gretta Grey and Sophie Brack, vice chairman and registrar, are unopposed.

Treasurer, Mary Matthews is not seeking re-election. Peg Tierney is a likely successor. A motion to reduce county selection committees from five to three persons is gathering support and may be passed.



DEIRDRE COSTELLO: Junior Camogie Player of 1985 and winner of A.I.B. Gaelic Stars Trophy

Castlemagner take title

CASTLEMAGNER 2-4
COURCEY ROVERS 1-2

CASTLEMAGNER had too much skill for Courcsey Rovers in the Cork County Junior "B" camogie final at Ballynally yesterday.

Castlemagner last won this title in 1952 and their captain then was the mother of yesterday's captain, Mary Hannigan.

A goal in the first

minute from corner forward Mary Barry caught Courcsey Rovers on the hop and even through Courcseys tightened up subsequently they were caught for another Mary Barry goal.

Courcsey Rovers had their goal from Ann O'Mahony in the 10th minute and they added two points from the outstanding Mary Brennan as Castlemagner led 2-2 to 1-2 at half time.

Scorers - Castlemagner: M. Barry 2-0, C. Henchion 0-4. Courcsey Rovers: A. O'Mahony 1-0, M. Brennan 0-2.

Castlemagner - A. Lawlor, N. McCarthy, M. Hannigan, B. McCarthy, L. Twomey, A. Murphy, M. Lucey, C. Sheehan, G. Henchion, D. Cronin, C. Henchion, M. Barry. Subs.: C. Lawlor for G. Henchion.

Courcsey Rovers - N. Quinn, M. O'Donovan, H. Calvert, C. Keohane, M. Brennan, B. O'Donovan, B. O'Reilly, M. Connolly, M. O'Reilly, A. Nyhan, A. O'Mahony, A. Cahalane. Subs.: S. McCarthy for B. O'Donovan, C. O'Regan for A. O'Mahony, J. Keohane for M. Connolly. Referee: Mrs. S. Golden.

Cork squad to reach decider

WITH THE mid-term break over, it is back to the action on the colleges scene this weekend. Munster Colleges have listed a quarter-final tie between St. Joseph's, Tulla and St. Mary's, Charleville and a keenly awaited semi-final between St. Patrick's, Cork and St. Patrick's, Shannon.

A deserved one point win over North Pres., Cork, has boosted the chances of St. Joseph's. The school has won Munster Colleges honours at both A and B levels but so far has not won a championship and the right to represent the province at a higher level.

Mary and Kathleen Lenthall have worked hard with the St. Joseph's girls over the past number of years. That the side is now a force in senior camogie is attributable to their efforts. Several promising players line out in the school colours including Yvonne McInerney, Feile Skills champion in 1984, N. Quinn, B. Moroney, V. O'Halloran and M. Twomey.

St. Mary's, Charleville, were disappointed to lose last year's Munster Colleges final to Colaiste Mhuire. They had done extremely well up to that game. Many of those girls have moved up to the senior team and should give St. Joseph's a very stiff test.

Helen Cagney, the 1985 Feile Skills champion, Frances Brindertick, Ann Cotter, Rosin Daly, Eve Watson and Frances Cremin feature on the Charleville side. Prepared by Breda Larkin, the St. Mary's players should give a good account of themselves.

Many great matches have been played between St. Patrick's, Cork and St. Patrick's, Shannon. The spoils have been shared and both sides have taken the All-Ireland Colleges Championship. This test of the old and keen rivals is no less intriguing.

INTRIGUING TEST

St. Patrick's, Shannon dispatched Seoil Mhuire, Cashel from the competition on the impressive scoreline of 5-5 to 0-3. Whereby the Cork St. Patrick's had to struggle for a time against Colaiste Mhuire, last year's junior champions.

The Shannon team is largely based on the side which played in the 1984 All-Ireland Junior final. While these players have improved in the meantime, their experience in the game is on a par with that of their opponents, Shannon.

look to Frances Phelan, Patricia Diviney, Eavan Drysdale, Lorna O'Flaherty and Mary Higgins to carry them over this hurdle.

On paper, St. Patrick's, Cork, would appear to be the fancy to come out of Munster. But then matches are won and lost by the attitude of the players on the day. This side has been together. On paper, St. Patrick's, Cork, would appear to be the fancy to come out of Munster. But then matches are won and lost by the attitude of the players on the day. This side has been together for a number of seasons, firstly as junior and later as seniors.

MATCH-WINNER

Linda Mellerick, who had a very satisfactory season with the Cork seniors, can be a match-winner. She has capable players around her in Tracy O'Riordan, Liz O'Sullivan, Carmel Currid, Karen Mellerick, Mary Mulcahy and Aileen Barry. The team has the skill and experience to do well but they would not want to take Shannon for granted.

Waiting the outcome of these games with more than passing interest will be St. Sylvius, Cork, who have already won their way to the second semi-final. Slowly working back to former glory, St. Al's had a comprehensive quarter final victory over Ballincollig Community School.

Dublin Convention decided to reduce the senior and junior selection committees from five to three members. A motion was passed which requires each team to pay one pound per game for the services of a referee. If it is ratified by Congress, Dublin referees will pick up two pounds per match.

Eire Og, Cork, completed a Munster Club Championship and League double on Sunday. In a close entertaining match, a good second half performance left them on goal ahead of St. Finbarr's.

FIXTURES SATURDAY

Munster Colleges Senior Championship — Semi-final — St. Patrick's Cork v St. Patrick's Shannon, Cork, 3.0.
Quarter-final — St. Joseph's, Tulla v St. Mary's, Charleville, Tulla, 3.0.

Another top prize for Bridie



Bridie McGarry, the captain of the victorious Kilkenny camogie team in this year's All-Ireland Championship, with her trophy as the Cospoir/Irish Mutual Borden Society Women in Sport winner for September/October.

40 Years Ago

C.B.C. (Cork) and P.B.C. (Cork) played a three points each draw when they met in the semi-final of the Bowen Shield at the Mardyke where J. O'Regan scored a try for P.B.C. and F. O'Shea equalised for C.B.C. with a penalty goal. The team lined out as follows: C.B.C.—B. Reidy, P. Scannell, R. Lane, P. McGrath, F. Walsh, F. O'Shea, N. Coleman, B. Murphy (Capt.), B. Horgan, P. Barry, P. Kearney, D. O'Sullivan, B. Lucey, B. Lucey, B. O'Neill, J. Whelan. P.B.C.—N. Murphy, F. O'Mahony, F. O'Leary, J. O'Regan, M. Collins, R. Attwood, N. Noonan, J. Byghrove, S. English, L. Shorten, E. Heaphy, J. Crowley, P. Grant, A. O'Leary, R. O'Donnell.

OLD ALOYSIANS won the Cork County Senior Camogie Championship title for the third year in successive years, when they defeated Glen Rovers by 4-2 to 0-0, in the final at the U.C.C. grounds. The teams were: Old Als.—P. Hogg, L. Walsh, N. O'Sullivan, M. Hegarty, M. Fitzgerald (Capt.), M. Hobbs, E. Horgan, K. Buckley, E. Horgan, T. Crowley, K. Barry-Murphy, E. Brady, Glen Rovers—M. O'Brien, L. O'Sullivan, E. O'Donovan, L. Griffin, E. O'Sullivan, M. Hallissey, M. Spillane, T. Long, A. O'Brien, E. O'Connell, S. O'Brien (Capt.), S. O'Shaughnessy.

UCC win

UCC 2-4
THOMOND COLLEGE,
LIMERICK 1-6
UCC made a winning start to their CCIA League campaign when they defeated Thomond by 2-4 to 1-6 over the weekend, at the Mardyke. This was an exciting encounter which was decided by a last minute dramatic goal from Ann Downey of UCC.

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The Old Aloysians team which defeated South Presentation Past Pupils in the final of the Cork County Senior Camogie Championship at the Mardyke on October 16, 1960. (469L)

This motion may end Ashbourne Cup pro

THE ELIGIBILITY of players for the Ashbourne Cup has been a bone of contention in third level Camogie circles for many years. Now the executive council of the C.C.I.A. have taken steps to solve this problem.

They have listed a notice for their AGM at Belfield, Dublin, on Sunday to delete existing bye-laws and have circulated a new set to close the loop-holes.

Many changes have occurred on the Third Level scene since the current bye-laws were drafted. Alterations were made piecemeal to cope with additional colleges and competitions. It is hoped that the new set will streamline the running of the C.C.I.A. activities.

At the moment a girl may enrol as a main student for

a diploma of catechetics and find herself eligible for the premier competition of Third Level, the Ashbourne Cup. The Executive Council feel that this should not be the case. However, opposition is expected from colleges which have benefitted under this rule.

It is planned to separate the Colleges of Education from the RTCs and NIHEs. The Purcell Cup will be confined to St. Patricks, Carysfort, Marino, Thomond, St. Marys and Mary Immaculate. The remaining colleges will be catered for in a new competition. The details will be worked out on Sunday.

The status quo is maintained regarding the number of affiliated colleges this season. Waterford and Cork Regional Technical Colleges

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have dropped out but are replaced by their counterparts from Letterkenny and Galway.

Elections to the Council are held every two years. Therefore, Mary Rose O'Connor (President) and Patricia McAllister (Secretary) proceeds on the second year of their cycle. The Ashbourne Cup will be hosted by University of Ulster at Coleraine and the Purcell Cup will be staged at St. Marys, Belfast.

Twelve to 14 teams are expected to take part in the Universities Freshers Competition at Belfield on Saturday. All the universities are sending a side — Dork have had a

intake of newcomers to field two teams. While no big names are included on their list, significant capture has been made by U.C.D. in the person of Dublin full-forward, Marie Connell.

Only a single goal separated the two St. Patricks in the semi-final of the Munster Senior Colleges semi-final on Saturday. On the unusual scoreline of 3-0 to 2-0 for this standard of competition, the Cork school reached their fourth consecutive Munster Final. St. Josephs, Tulla, dispatched St. Marys, Charleville, without undue trouble.

The Munster Colleges Junior Championship is taking shape. Presentation, Bandon, entertain

the same afternoon Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis (the holders) play host to St. Patricks, Cork.

The Cork school had the better of things when these two met in senior competition. But the Clare school possesses some lovely players and should be too strong for a hard-working St. Patricks side.

St. Marys, Charleville, play Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, in a Section final of the same competition. St. Marys, Middleton, should emerge from the final section to be completed.

Naomh Aoife have returned from a highly successful tour of America. They played a number of games including one against the North

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The Fr. O'Neill's team, who defeated Killeagh to win the Cork Junior Camogie Championship. The final score was Fr. O'Neill's 2-6, Killeagh 0-10.

Fr. O'Neills tops in replay

FR. O'NEILLS 2-6
KILLEAGH 0-10

FR. O'NEILLS won the Cork County Junior Camogie Final replay at Shanagarry yesterday, beating spirited Killeagh by a narrow margin.

The game was really decided by Fr. O'Neill's ability to convert scoring chances, while Killeagh missed many opportunities.

Killeagh dominated the early stages with scores coming regularly from the consistent Betty Joyce. Their lead was eroded however, by two opportunist goals from Josephine Rumley and Fiona O'Driscoll for Fr. O'Neills, which left the scores at 2-3 to 0-6 in their favour at the break.

An early point in the second half by Mary Kennefick stretched their lead, but they were then faced with a Killeagh onslaught when Betty Joyce and Pat Linehan added four points between them to level the scores.

With just minutes left, Fr. O'Neills took advantage of two breakaway moves, from which Mary Kennefick pointed twice to give them breathing space again.

Killeagh came back strongly, but they were unable to turn possession into points and were denied a number of scores by the excellent Fr. O'Neills goalie, Eileen Hennessy.

Scorers: Fr. O'Neills—M. Kennefick 0-5, F. O'Driscoll 1-1, J. Rumley 1-0, Killeagh—B. Joyce 0-9, P. Linehan 0-1.
FR. O'NEILLS: E. Hennessy, A. Griffin, B. O'Donoghue, N. O'Driscoll, C. Shanahan, F. O'Driscoll, F. Bernard, M. Finn, M. Kennefick, M. Aherne, J. Rumley, J. O'Flynn.
KILLEAGH: D. Doyle, V. Motherway, M. Kenly, U. O'Connor, H. Kelly, B. Kelly, P. O'Connor, B. Landers, B. Joyce, P. Linehan, B. Kirby, M. Kelly.



Joan O'Flynn, Fr. O'Neills outpaces her Killeagh opponents during the Cork Junior Camogie Championship final at Shanagarry, Co. Cork. (Picture: Maurice O'Mahony)



Fr. O'Neill's goalkeeper, Eileen Hennessy, clears as a challenge comes from Betty Joyce, Killeagh, during the Cork Junior Camogie Championship. (Picture: Maurice O'Mahony)

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The Naomh Aioife club have certainly had a busy 1985. Following their return recently from their historic trip to America they held their golden jubilee celebration dinner dance in the Garda Club, Harrington Street on Wednesday night last. Many of the game's best known personalities were in attendance with Mary Lynch, the president of the Camogie Association, the principal guest of honour.

In her after-dinner speech to the audience, Mrs. Lynch said that she was honoured to be part of the Naomh Aioife celebrations and thanked the members of the club for their sportsmanship and loyalty shown to the association down through the years.

Also present to enjoy the evening's entertainment were: Mr. and Mrs. Willie Lupton of the Liffey Gaels GAA Club, Phyllis Breslin, chairman of Leinster Council; Brother Kiely, former trainer of Naomh Aioife; Kathleen O'Duffy, whose husband Sean was a founder member of the association, and the former trainer of numerous All-Ireland winning Dublin team, Neil McCarthy, who nowadays lends her expertise to the players of the enterprising Naomh Aioife club.

Former senior All-Ireland medal holders seen in attendance were: Kathleen Ryder, Patricia Timmons, Eithne Leech, Carmel Cooper and Judy Doyle. The biggest cheer of the evening was reserved for founder and chairman Kathleen Timmons, who told everyone present that it was one of the happiest nights of her life to be able to address such a distinguished gathering, particularly when the occasion was such a noteworthy one.

She thanked everybody who had helped the association in any way and hoped that it would grow from strength to strength in the years ahead. The highlight of a very enjoyable evening came when captain of the present senior team presented Mrs. Timmons with a magnificent colour television set for the tremendous amount of dedication and work she had channelled into the club in the years gone by.

Delegates are reminded that the re-convened convention will be held in 5 Belvedere Place on Monday night next at 7 p.m. sharp. Clubs are earnestly requested to send along their representatives as there are some very important items listed on the agenda. As there is only one nomination for the outstanding position of treasurer of the County Board, Ann Carey, the former inter-county goalkeeper and present custodian of the Celtic senior team, will automatically be elected.

There are five nominations for selectors of the county senior team of whom only three will be elected, while selectors for the county's Junior and Minor teams have still to be nominated.

MURPHY (Cork) — On November 11, 1985, at her residence, 5 St. Anthony's Villas, Old Youghal Road, Noreen (late staff St. Patrick's Hospital), beloved youngest daughter of the late John and Nora Murphy. Deeply regretted by her loving brothers, sisters-in-law, her good friend Jo, relatives and friends. May she rest in peace. Removal on this (Monday) evening at 7 p.m. from St. Patrick's Hospital to St. Joseph's Church, Mayfield. Requiem Mass at 3 p.m. on tomorrow (Tuesday). Funeral afterwards to St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Comfortable camogie win for Ahascragh in decider

AHASCRAUGH 3-1
PEARSE 1-1

AHASCRAUGH won the County Junior Camogie League B title with an exciting victory over Pearse at Ballymacward on Sunday. These near neighbours and arch rivals served up a thrilling contest in ideal conditions played before a big crowd.

Ahascragh had the better of the early exchanges and their captain, Deirdre Duffy opened the scoring with a point. Then midway through the half Paula Kennedy had a well worked goal for the home side to put the Pearses girls into the lead.

That slender lead was narrowed but a few minutes later Ahascragh's Breda Finnerty had the first of her two goals to restore Ahascragh's lead that they subsequently never lost. This was a welcome win for Ahascragh and should inspire the club to new heights next year.

This victory owed a lot to the efforts of Patty Finnerty, Ann Marie Glynn, Deirdre Duffy, Annette Egan, Millie Gilmore and their two goal heroine Breda Finnerty. Best for a gallant Pearses side was goalkeeper, Nuala Kennedy. Breda Kennedy, Assunta Madden, Treacy Golding, Breda Kirwan and Paula Kennedy.

Ahascragh: V. Hannon, P. Finnerty, M. Gilmore, M. Morrissey, R. M. Glynn, M. Greally, D. Duffy, captain, 0-1, C. Higgins, P. Murray, B. Mulryan, A. Egan 1-0, B. Finnerty 2-0. Subs: K. Mocklair, M. Hibbett, M. Finnerty, E. Gilmore, M. Gordan.

Pearse: N. Kennedy, B. Flynn, B. Kirwan, M. Kirwan, E. Ruane, B. Kennedy, T. Goldin, D. Murray, A. Madden, P. Kennedy 1-0, Phyllis Kennedy, A. O'Dowd. Subs: M. Ward 0-1, C. Kelly.

Sarsfields' girl camogie player of the year

THE National Junior Camogie "Player of the Year" Deirdre Costello of St. Raphaels College and Sarsfields was presented with the Gaelic stars AIB trophy by the Manager of the Loughrea Branch of AIB Mr. Denis O'Connell at a function in St. Raphaels College, Loughrea recently.

The talented Sarsfields player was warmly applauded by the fourth year and leaving cert students during the presentation. This is the first time a Galway player has won this award. Mr. Doreen Hughes of Gaelic Stars, Dublin said the award was a reflection on what was a fantastic year for Camogie in Galway.

1985 has been a wonderful year for the New Inn girl as she captained St. Raphaels to the Connacht and All-Ireland titles as well as winning National Junior League and Championship Medals with Galway, not forgetting the collecting of a county minor medal with her club Sarsfields.

Another W for Tulla

TULLA
CHARLEVILLE

In very difficult conditions Tulla on Saturday the home scored an easy victory over Charleville to advance to the final of the Munster senior camogie championship.

Playing with the aid of a breeze in the first half Tulla notched up 5-6 without from the visitors. Charleville improved in the second half never looked as if they would trouble the home side.

Best for Tulla on the day goalkeeper E. O'Halloran, centrefield trio, P. Torpey, Twomey and B. Moroney, who McInerney and N. Boyce best in the forward line.

Team: E. O'Halloran, R. Reedy, M. Keane, L. Quinn, Power, B. Moroney, capt., Twomey, P. Torpey, Y. McInerney, N. Boyce, B. Reidy, V. O'Halloran. Subs: M. O'Connell, Reidy, A. Boland, M. Flanagan, C. Baird, P. Corbett & C. O'Connell.

ENNIS GIRL ADVANCE

Coláiste Mhuire
St. Patrick's

Coláiste Mhuire, Ennis, advanced to the semi-finals of the Munster Colleges' Junior Camogie Championship when they had a comprehensive win over St. Patrick's, Cork, at maley, on Saturday.

The first half was evenly contested with Coláiste Mhuire leading half-time 3-1 to 2-2.

The opening minutes of the second half again saw little between the teams but then the Ennis side got on top, mainly through the excellent play of Catherine O'Loughlin, who scored some fine points, and when Claire Bracken hit her team's fourth goal the Ennis side were on their way to the next round.

LATE POINT EARNS ST. ALS A REPLAY

BY JOAN MORLEY
St. Aloysius, Cork 1-3
St. Josephs, Tulla 1-3

A POINT three minutes from time gave St. Aloysius, Cork, a second chance against the fancied St. Josephs, Tulla, in this highly exciting Munster Senior Colleges camogie championship semi-final at Tulla yesterday.

St. Aloysius were first on the attack with an early point from Colette O'Regan but soon St. Josephs were back on terms with a similar score from Mairead Twomey. St. Aloysius had a great second quarter with Niamh O'Sullivan crashing home a marvellous goal and Paula Carey adding a point, to leave the Cork girls

ahead at the interval 1-2 to 0-1.

An early second half point from Mairead Twomey put the Tulla girls back in the race followed by a similar score from Yvonne McInerney. Then a brilliant goal from the latter midway through the half put the Clare girls in the lead for the first time.

From there to the end it was heady stuff as the sides battled for the right to meet St. Patrick's of Cork in the Munster decider. Both had good chances but failed to put them away and only an outstanding save from St. Aloysius' goalie Bernie Power in the closing stages saved the Cork girls from disaster.

Then came that saving

point three minutes from the end which Paula Carey took brilliantly to leave the sides level.

Fiona O'Sullivan, Brid Kelleher, Bernie Power, Colette O'Regan and Paula Carey were in top form for St. Aloysius while St. Josephs had their best players in Noelle Boyce, Mairead Twomey, Breda Reidy, Martina Keane and Yvonne McInerney.

Scorers — St. Aloysius: N. O'Sullivan 1-0, P. Carey 0-2, C. O'Regan 0-1. St. Josephs: Y. McInerney 1-1, M. Twomey 0-2. St. Aloysius 9 B. Power, C. Healy, F. O'Sullivan, B. Kelleher, M. O'Sullivan, S. Morley, C. O'Regan, F. Kelleher, D. Carroll, P. Carey, I. O'Keefe, N. O'Sullivan.

St. Josephs — M. O'Halloran, R. Mulready, M. Keane, L. Quinn, A. Power, P. Torpey, M. Twomey, B. Moroney, Y. McInerney, B. Reidy, N. Boyce, V. O'Halloran. Sub: M. O'Callaghan for Y. O'Halloran.

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St. Aloysius (top) and South Presentation Convent (bottom) who played a drawn game in the Cork Schools Championship final at Church Road on October 16, 1954 (934 G).



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St. Raphaels have strength in d

ALL-IRELAND and Connacht Colleges champions, St. Raphaels, Loughrea, are still on course to retain their titles in the 1985-86 season. Their prospects are particularly bright in the senior grade, as they retain the majority of their winning side.

Indeed, St. Raphaels have only lost Carmel Linnane and Fidelma Coyne from the team which defeated St. Patrick's in last season's final. This leaves players of the calibre of Brid Stratford, Anne Fahy, Angela Cooney and Deirdre Costello, all of whom won All Ireland Junior medals with Galway in September.

In addition St. Raphaels can call on Galway minors Imelda Hobbins, Siobhan Maher and Mary Dolphin. Despite this strength in depth, St. Raphaels are not

yet out of the wood. They await the winners of the Presentation, Athenry, v St. Marys, Ballinasloe, quarter-final. The Athenry school won the Connacht Senior 'B' championship last season and are reported to have a strong side.

In the other half of the draw, Mercy, Roscommon, have qualified for a semi-final place. They will be paired with the winners of the Presentation, Oranmore v Mercy, Castlereagh, quarter-final.

NOT CONFIDENT

St. Raphaels have worked their way to the semi-final of the Connacht Junior Championship. However, with only two of their All-Ireland winning team eligible to compete, they are not very confident of their chances in this grade. They

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face Mercy, Roscommon, who have a fine record at junior level.

Portumna College are through to the second semi-final. They impressed in taking the Ursuline Cup for Connacht First Year Championship last season. These players have moved up a grade and should give St. Cuans a difficult hour.

The Leinster Colleges Championships are taking shape. The senior championship is run on a zoned league with the two top teams reaching the knock-out stages. While all the qualifiers are not known yet, the Dublin, Wicklow, and Kilkenny zones have produced names.

Maryfield College and Assumption, Walkinstown, have emerged from the Dublin section. Vocational School, Carnew, and Dominican Convent, will represent the Wicklow area. Kilkenny is divided into two sections and, therefore, has four qualifiers. Vocational Thomastown, Vocational Ballyhale, Loreto Kilkenny and Presentation Castlecomer have won through.

Only one school qualifies from each zone for the Leinster Junior Championship play-off stages. Already through are Presentation Castlecomer, Vocational Ballyhale and Maryfield College. A mid-week match will add either

Vocational Wicklow or Vocational Carnew to that list.

The second semi-final of the Munster Colleges Senior Championship is scheduled for Tulla. The local St. Josephs team will face St. Aloysius Cork.

UP THE LADDER

St. Aloysius, who were All-Ireland champions in 1976, are working their way back up the ladder. They collected the Munster Colleges Intermediate 'A' League last season. Paula Carey, Brid Kelleher, Sheenagh Morley, Colette O'Regan and Deirdre Carroll are in their line-out and will test St. Josephs.

In a year which has seen a number of camogie people, including Clio O'Connell (Limerick), Mary Walsh

SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR CLARE

In her address to the annual convention of the Clare camogie board on Sunday, the Chairperson, Catherine McNicholas described 1985 as a very successful one for the game in the county. The winning of the Munster championship by the under 18 team was the highlight while there were impressive displays from the under 16 and junior sides with the senior team showing an improvement on the form of the previous year. She was confident that it was only a matter of time until the county junior and senior sides made a major breakthrough.

She went on to say that there was a high standard of play in competition within the county and the titles were evenly distributed. The talent competitions were also successful and she congratulated Ogonnell on winning the All-Ireland question time title and Sixmilebridge on taking provincial honours in dancing.

Treasurer Liz Condon reported that there was an excess of income over expenditure to the amount of £20 on the year's workings.

In a comprehensive report the secretary, Ita Hallinan, Killanena, said that the game of camogie was now in a healthy state in Clare. She was critical of the performance of the senior team in the league and championship saying that their poor results were due to lack of training and commitment. She called for the organising of more referees courses over the winter months. She praised the organisation at primary and secondary school level and she thanked the trainers of the various county teams for their work. She also paid tribute to the Clare Champion for its coverage during the year.

Five new competitions have been established as a result of successful motions from Parteen, Kilmaley and Eire Og. The introduction of an intermediate league and championship is certain to help clubs who found the senior grade out of their depth. Feakle, St. Flannans, Michael Cusacks and

Clooney will take part in the new competition. There will be under 12B, under 14B and under 18B grades also bring the number of competitions being run by the board to 18. A Kilmaley motion calling for the publication of a camogie year book was approved as was one from Sixmilebridge which asked for a fine to be imposed on teams that fail to fulfil fixtures.

Clare GAA Irish officer, P. O Beachain asked the board to submit a motion to Congress asking for the

establishment of an Irish Officer in every county and this was agreed to.

Officers elected for 1986 were:

President, Mick Hennessy (Clooney); Chairperson, Catherine McNicholas (Eire Og); Vice-Chairperson, Maureen Boon (Kilmaley); Secretary, Ann Galvin (St. Josephs); Treasurer, Maura Sheedy (Ogonnell); PRO, Jim McNicholas. The appointment of a registrar was deferred. Munster Council, Maureen Davoran, Munster Convention and Congress delegates, C. McNicholas and M. Boon.

Colaiste Mhuire Into Semi-Final

COLAISTE MHUIRE, ENNIS 4-10
ST. PATRICK'S, CORK 3-2

COLAISTE MHUIRE, Ennis, advanced to the semi-final of the Munster junior camogie championship when they had a good win over St. Patrick's of Cork at Kilmaley on Saturday.

The winners got off to a good start when newcomer Siobhan Maher had a goal after just four minutes but the visitors equalised within minutes and then took the lead with two good points. The Ennis side went back in front when Anne Keane had a goal but again the visitors replied with a similar score. Before the break, Clare Bracken had the winners' third goal to leave them leading at the break on the score of 3-1 to 2-2.

The teams were evenly matched in the early stages of the second half, when the

winners added a point. Then Catherine O'Loughlin, the star of the match, hit top form and she broke through for some great points to stretch her side's lead, while Clare Bracken had a further two points before Anne Keane sealed the issue with her team's fourth goal. St. Patrick's only score of the second half was a goal in the dying minutes.

Best for the winners were Catherine O'Loughlin, Clare Bracken, Ann Keane, Siobhan Maher, Angela Rilleen and Eimer Landy.

St. Mary's overcome Co. champs to capture league title

ST. MARY'S, GLENAMADDY 2-7
ATHENRY 1-5

ST. MARY'S, Glenamaddy took the County Camogie Senior League title by virtue of a thrilling five points victory over keen rivals and County champions Athenry in a tremendous game at Ballymacward on Sunday.

These two teams have served up some classics over the last five years and this latest episode was no exception. It brought down the curtain on a great year for Galway camogie with one of the best games of the year, despite the unfavourable conditions.

The pitch was in excellent condition after heavy overnight rain. Athenry had first use of a strong wind and after three minutes they opened their account with a point from Teresa Kavanagh. The next five minutes were scoreless before Athenry increased their lead with a point from Madge Hobbins from a 30.

Mary Kelly opened the Glenamaddy scoring with a fine point in the tenth minute. Teresa Kavanagh replied two minutes later with a point for Athenry. Then shortly afterwards Mary Kelly burst through the Athenry defence to score one of the best goals of the year. Two minutes later Ann Morris collected a brilliant pass from Madge from close range. Glenamaddy's Teresa Rafferty closed the first half scoring with a fine point. At the break Athenry held a one point lead 1-3 to 1-2.

Six minutes into the second half Madge Hobbins pointed a free and in the 10th and 12th minutes of the second half Glenamaddy levelled the scores with points from Mary Kelly and Mairead Coyle. Two minutes later Mairead Coyle put Glenamaddy ahead with a point from a 30 and she increased her sides lead with a point from a free in the 16th minute.

A minute later Teresa Kavanagh had a fine point for Athenry to leave a point between the sides. Then in the 20th minute after a good passing movement Catherine Ward had a Glenamaddy goal which was effectively the winning of the game for Glenamaddy. In the closing moments Mairead Coyle had a fine point and the League trophy was Glenamaddy's.

Glenamaddy: P. Mitchell, C. Gallagher, C. Dolan, C. Garvey, M. Glynn, C. Comer, H. Stephens, M. Kelly 1-2, C. Geraghty, T. Rafferty capt., 0-1, C. Ward 1-0, M. Coyle 0-4. Subs: P. Kealy, C. Divilly, A. Carty. Athenry: L. Hernon, N. Treacy, U. Jordan, C. Silke, M. Bellew, O. Molloy, B. Holland, A. Coleman, M. Hobbins 0-2, T. Kavanagh 0-3, A. Morris 1-0, M. Freaney. Subs: B. Coady, C. Murphy, N. Gannon, B. Naughton, E. Cooley.

Referee: K. Quinn (Ballinasloe).

Leinster Colleges Senior A -
Presentation Castlecomer 1-2
Scoll Cairtriona Dublin 0, Mitty
3-0
Grand 3-1, Assumption College
Walkinstown 2-0
Junior - Vocational Kilkenny
2-0, Assumption College 2-0, Pre-
sentation Castlecomer 2-1, Mary-
field Dublin 2-0.

Connacht call for an extra colleges championship

The Annual Meeting of the All-Ireland Post Primary Schools Council will consider a motion from Connacht to introduce an additional All-Ireland Colleges Championship. The western province seeks to add an intermediate championship which would be confined to players of under 16½ years.

The amount of support which this motion will attract is hard to assess. Whether the other provinces consider that another championship going all the way to All-Ireland level is desirable remains to be seen.

There is no doubt that such a competition would lead to administration difficulties both for schools and colleges council. At the moment, there is a certain amount of doubling up of

on what is available, a resolution of this nature would not be practicable. Colleges President Lil O'Neill will step down following four years in office. Sister Mairead (Keady) is nominated to succeed Kathleen O'Duffy (Leinster) is listed for the position of Vice President and both Treasurer Lily Spence (Ulster) and secretary Mary Moran (Munster) will be returned unopposed when meeting convenes at Croke Park on Saturday.

The universities voted at their recent get together to confine eligibility for the Ashbourne Cup to full time students. Part time students will be ruled out. Ashbourne Cup holders, U.C.C. will have to find replacements for Clare Cronin and Mar-

Connacht request that a halfway venue be selected for the All-Ireland Colleges Finals should Croke Park be unavailable. Since the Camogie Association does not own playing pitches and, therefore, relies

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garet Murphy who do not now qualify.

The draw for the Ashbourne Cup does not provide a bye to the semi-finals for the host university as it did in former years. The draw is (a) U.U.F. v Trinity (b) U.U.C. v U.C.C. (c) U.C.D. v U.C.G. and (d) Maynooth v Queens. The semi-finals will be winners of A v C and B v D.

Congratulations to Kilkenney captain Bridie McGarry who was honoured with a Cospoir / Irish Mutual Award last week. Bridie enjoyed a great season in leading her county to a notable championship and league double. Her per-

sonal performances were top class making her a very worthy recipient of the honour.

Paula Carey tapped the ball over the bar to give St. Aloysius School, Cork a last minute draw in the semi-final of the Munster Colleges Senior Championship at Tulla. Two well matched sides failed to convert opportunities at different times in a close exciting encounter.

Yvonne McInerney showed some lovely touches for Tulla who will have to travel to Cork on Saturday for the replay. St. Aloysius will be hoping that the home advantage will swing the game in their favour on this occasion.

Munster Colleges also have their junior cham-

championship semi-finals listed for Saturday. Holders Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis, will be at home to Presentation, Bandon. Bandon disposed of Ballincollig Community, Mercy, Macroom and Laurel Hill, Limerick to reach this stage. Colaiste overcame St. Joseph's, Tulla. St. Marys, Nenagh and St. Patrick's, Cork. The experienced gained last season will stand to the Colaiste team. They have a trump card in Catherine O'Loughlin who notched 2-7 against St. Patrick's.

St. Marys, Charleville travel to St. Marys, Middleton for the second semi final. Charleville, who were provincial runners up in 1984, arrived at the expense of Scoil Pol A. Scoil Mhuire, Cashel and Scoil Pol B.

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The Middleton school is not long back in competitive camogie. Coached by Anna Leahy, who holds All-Ireland junior and Club Championships medals, they got the better of North Pres. and South Pres.

While Charleville are the more experienced outfit, the Middleton side would not want to be taken lightly. They are a fast improving team who have two excellent players in Ina Leahy and Helen O'Connor from the Kilkeash Club.

Munster Colleges Championships — Senior semi-final replay v St. Joseph's, Tulla. Junior semi-finals — At Ennis (2.00) — Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis v Presentation, Bandon. At Middleton (2.00) — St. Mary's, Middleton v St. Mary's, Charleville.

Sister Fearon makes a little history

SISTER Mairead Fearon from St. Clare's Convent, Keady made a little bit of history when elected as President of the All-Ireland Post Primary Schools Council. She is the first President to come from within the colleges scene.

A past pupil of Sacred Heart, Newry, she played the game with her school and with the Carrickcruppen club. She picked up a Purcell Cup medal while a student at St. Patrick's Training College, Drumcondra and was very active in both coaching and refereeing while on the teaching staff at St. Clare's, Cavan.

Sr. Mairead is a daughter of Armagh's illustrious gael, Paddy Fearon, who recalls watching Halley's Comet pass over in 1910. A member of the Armagh football team which won the All-Ireland Junior title in 1926, he has served the game for over 50 years. President of his bounty board for many years, he represented Armagh at the Centenary Congress in Ennis.

All-Ireland Colleges titles have been scarce in Ulster. Indeed the only school to capture one has been Sr. Mairead's alma mater. At the close of Saturday's meeting she did not express a hope to present a trophy to a winning Ulster captain during her term of office, she made a promise.

NO SUPPORT

Connacht did not receive support for their motion to introduce an under 16½ All-Ireland Championship. The meeting felt that this void should be filled at provincial level.

The All-Ireland senior semi-finals will be played on March 1 with Connacht champions at home to Munster and the Leinster champions travelling to Ulster. For the junior championship, the pairings will be the same but the venues will be reversed.

While the talking was taking place in Dublin, great progress was being achieved on the playing fields in Munster. The senior and junior colleges championship are up to date and the finalists are known.

St. Aloysius School, Cork, who have been out of the limelight since their All-Ireland success in 1976, made no mistake in their semi-final replay with St. Joseph's, Tulla.

The Clare girls matched the winners for 40 minutes of the game. But the last quarter belonged to St. Als. Bernie Power brought off great saves while Irene O'Leary banged in three goals. Brid Kelleher, Paula Carey and Catherine Healy were others to shine as St. Als advanced to meet St. Patrick's in the final.

Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis were good value for their 3-2 to 0-0 victory over Presentation Bandon in the semi-final of the Munster Colleges junior championship. St. Marys, Charleville registered eight goals in the second semi-final against St. Mary's, Middleton.

The line-up for the semi-finals of the Connacht Colleges senior championship is: Mercy, Roscommon v Mercy, Castlereagh, and St. Raphael's, Loughrea v Athlone. Through to the play-off stages of the Leinster senior championship are Bunclody, Carnew, Thomastown, Scoil Caitriona, Castlecomer, Pres. Kilkenny, Maryfield, Granard, Walkinstown, Loreto, Navan, and Tallaght Community School.

Lily Spence remains as Antrim Chairman following their recent Convention. Marie Doherty (secretary), Brigid McAteer (asst secretary), Rosina McManus (treasurer) and Maureen Smyth (PRO) complete the team.

Clare chairman Kitty McNicholas expressed her delight at the success of the county under 18 team at their Convention. The improvement in the standard of the minor, junior and senior sides gave her hope for the future.

Kitty was returned for another season and will be joined on the top table by Maureen Boon (vice-chairman), Ann Galvin (secretary), Maura Sheedy (treasurer) and Jim McNicholas (PRO).

Judy Doyle, a fast, elusive forward of Dublin's golden era, is making a return to the inter-county scene. The Naomh Aoife girl has been appointed as a Dublin senior selector. Winning All-Irelands on the field came easy to Judy. Now she hopes to do so from the sideline.

MONAGHAN OFFICERS

The following were elected at the annual meeting of the Col Monaghan Camogie Board: Chairperson, Pauline Rooney, secretary, Sheila Finnegan, Congress Delegate, Bridget Linden, PRO, Monica McMahon, Selection Committee, Monica McMahon, Joe Hoonay, Ben McElroy.

SOUTH PRES. COLLAPSE

Middleton 10-4;

South Pres., Cork 0-0

Once the most powerful camogie school in Cork, South Pres were thrashed by St. Mary's High School, Middleton, in the section final of the Munster Colleges under 15 camogie championship.

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St. Aloysius Will Be Hard Pressed To Win Replay

THE youngsters take over the camogie scene this coming weekend. Tomorrow the replay of the Senior Colleges semi-final tie between St. Aloysius, Cork and St. Joseph's, Tulla, will be played at St. Finbarr's and both semi-finals of the junior colleges championship will be decided. And on Sunday the Under-16 quarter-final between Eire Og and Killeagh will be staged at Ovens, and one of the Under-14 League semi-finals will also be played.

St. Aloysius, Cork and St. Joseph's, Tulla, played a most exciting Munster Colleges semi-final at Tulla recently. On that occasion after leading at the interval by 1-2 to 0-1, St. Aloysius had to snatch a brilliant point three minutes from time to earn them this second crack at the fancied Tulla side.

Now the sides are due to meet again but this time St. Aloysius will have the advantage of a home venue — always a big help in Colleges camogie. The Cork girls have five of last year's Cork minor panel in their line-up — Bernie Power, who brought off a super save in the drawn game, Paula Carey, who scored two points, including that marvellous one to draw the game, Brid Kelleher, who did such a great job of marking Tulla star Yvonne McInerney, Deirdre Carroll and Sheenagh Morley. They also have

excellent players in Niamh and Fiona O'Sullivan, and Collette O'Regan, and if they can get into this game quickly and strike top form they must have a very good chance of reaching the Munster final.

However, St. Joseph's will have other ideas, as they feel they can go all the way this season. They too have top class performers in Yvonne McInerney, who won the All-Ireland Feile na nGael Skills last season, Noelle Boyce, Mairead Twomey, Breda Reidy, and Martina Keane, and their mentors feel that they can play better than they did in the drawn game. So St. Als can expect the toughest of battles and will have to pull out all the stops if they are to reach the Munster final.

In the junior semi-finals three Cork sides will be involved. St. Mary's (Midleton), coached by Cork player Ann Leahy, take on St. Mary's (Charleville) in what should be an excellent tie at Midleton. The East Cork girls have made great strides under the guidance of Ann, and with Cork minors Helen O'Connor and Ina Leahy in their line-up they must have a very good chance.

However, St. Mary's (Charleville) have this year's Feile Skills champion Helen Cagney in their line-up and will give Midleton a tough battle.

The third Cork team involved Presentation (Bandon), have to travel

to Ennis where they meet Colaiste Mhuire. The Clare girls have an excellent young player in Catherine O'Loughlin who scored 2-7 in their win over St. Patrick's, Cork, and they won the Munster title last season. So Bandon, who have their star in Catherine O'Regan can expect to find it very tough, especially with an away venue.

Big tie on Sunday will be the Under-16 championship quarter-final in which Eire Og meet Killeagh, in what should be a very keen tussle. The East Cork girls have two

Cork minors in their line-up, Ina Leahy and Helen O'Connor and also have a very good player in Brid Kelly. For their part Eire Og have their top young players in Sandra Webster, Maura Murphy and Ellis O'Callaghan and they have home advantage, so an excellent game must be on the cards.

In the other underage game listed, Bishopstown 'A' meet Watergrasshill in the Under-14 League semi-final, and this too should be a ding-dong encounter.

Tomorrow—Colleges:

MS semi-final replay, St. Aloysius (Cork) v St. Joseph's (Tulla) at St. Finbarr's, 2 p.m. (Ref. Kay Dunne); MJ quarter-finals, St. Mary's (Charleville) v St. Mary's (Midleton) at Midleton, 2 p.m.; Presentation (Bandon) v Colaiste Mhuire (Ennis) at Ennis, 2 p.m.

Sunday—U-16C quarter-final, Eire Og v Killeagh at Ovens, 2.30 p.m. (Ref. Courcy Rovers); U-14L semi-final, Bishopstown 'A' v Watergrasshill at Bishopstown, 2.30 p.m. (Ref. St. Finbarr's).

Charleville girls advance

St. Mary's, Charleville 8-3
St. Mary's, Midleton 4-2

St. Mary's, Charleville advanced to the Munster Colleges under 15½ Camogie Championship final at Midleton on Saturday, with a clear-cut victory over St. Mary's Midleton in a high scoring game that produced good spells of hurling in miserable conditions.

Charleville scorers: Helen Cagney 4-2, Roisin Daly 3-0, Eve Watson 1-1. Midleton: Fiona O'Driscoll and Margaret O'Regan 1-1 each, and Maura Motherway and Frances Hennessy 1-0 each.

St. Als through to final

St. Aloysius (Cork) 6-4
St. Josephs (Tulla) 2-4

FOR the first time since 1976, when they went on to win the All-Ireland colleges crown, St. Aloysius (Cork) are back in the Munster Senior Colleges final after their marvellous win over the fancied St. Josephs (Tulla) in the semi-final replay at St. Finbarr's on Saturday.

St. Aloysius got a dream start with a great goal from Irene O'Keefe and from then to the interval it was all "heady stuff" as the sides battled for supremacy. In this period Deirdre Carroll and Irene O'Keefe added further goals and Paula Carey added two points for the winners but St. Josephs had their sharpshooters too and they replied with goals from Noelle Boyce and Yvonne McInerney and points from Bernie Moroney and Yvonne to leave St. Als ahead 3-2 to 2-2 at the interval.

The second period was as keenly contested as the first but while St. Als snapped up their opportunities, adding further goals in the last quarter from Niamh O'Sullivan, Irene O'Keefe and Paula Carey and two more points from the latter, the losers could only reply with two points from Yvonne McInerney.

St. Als' stars were goalie Bernie Power, Catherine Healy, Brid Kelleher, Collette O'Regan, Paula Carey and Irene O'Keefe. For St. Josephs Emma O'Halloran, Noelle Boyce, Bernie Moroney and Yvonne McInerney were most impressive.

ST. ALOYSIUS — B Power, C Healy, F O'Sullivan, B Kelleher, F Kelleher, S Morley, C O'Regan, M O'Sullivan, I O'Keefe, P Carey, D Carroll, N O'Sullivan.

ST. JOSEPHS — E O'Halloran, L Quinn, B McInerney, Keane, A Power, P Twomey, B Moroney, McInerney, N Boyce, B O'Halloran.

Ref. K Dunne (Cork).
Munster Junior Championships semi-finals — Colaiste Mhuire (Ennis) 3-2, Presentation (Bandon) 0-0; St. Mary's (Charleville) 8-3, St. Mary's (Midleton) 3-3.



St. Marys, Charleville, who beat St. Marys High, Midleton, in the Munster Colleges under-15½ camogie semi-final at the Midleton CBS sports ground.

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Wexford or Galway for fourth place

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kenny and Dublin is an authentic possibility.

Cork, who have slipped back somewhat in the past two seasons, should still be strong enough to account for Down and Antrim. Clare, who fell heavily to Kilkenny in 1985, are unlikely to improve sufficiently to dispose of Dublin.

Champions Kilkenny should carry too many big guns for Limerick who are currently in the process of rebuilding their side.

The most open pairing is the meeting of Wexford and Galway. Wexford brought Kilkenny to a replay before yielding by a very small margin. Galway carried off the 1984 junior title in style.

It will be interesting to see how the promoted players blend in with the

existing seniors and whether they will be able to bridge the intimidating gap.

The departure of Louth from the senior ranks necessitated a reshuffle of the National Senior League groupings. Dublin move from the southern zone to join Kilkenny, Galway, Down and Antrim. Cork, Wexford, Clare, Limerick and Tipperary constitute the second grouping.

There are a few changes in the formation of the National Junior League zones. Dublin have entered a team for the competition. On the other hand, Antrim and Laois have decided not to participate.

Clare, Tipperary, Limer-

ick and Wexford are banded together. Down, Kilkenny, Galway and Dublin form another set. The Donegal, Tyrone, Cavan, Monaghan and Westmeath association is undisturbed.

Louth replaces Offaly in the company of Meath, Fermanagh, Armagh and Derry. Offaly joins Wicklow, Waterford, Carlow and Kildare.

The finalists of the Connacht Colleges senior and junior championships are known. In the first week of February, St. Raphaels, Loughrea will oppose Mercy, Roscommon in the premier grade.

The St. Raphael's junior squad had a rare fright before overcoming the attentions of Roscommon to qualify. A late goal earned them a one point victory and the right to play Por-

tumna College in the final.

Mary O'Callaghan steps down from the position of Cork Chairman on Sunday. Her successor will be either inter-county defender, Miriam Higgins or Mairead O'Callaghan, a primary school teacher from Watergrasshill. Sheila Spillane from Killeagh is in the race for the vice-chairman post with Rose O'Leary.

Thomasina Hegarty is unopposed as secretary and Commerce graduate Eileen Noonan, who captained U.C.C. in the Ashbourne Cup, will be the new treasurer. Maire Ni Reagain of St. Cuthberts will take up duty as fixtures secretary and the P.R.O. job will rest with either Mary McCarthy or Kay Dunne.

County players are to the fore in the Limerick

Board. Senior team members Brid Stokes, Bernie O'Dea and Helen Sheehy occupy the positions of vice-chairman, secretary and P.R.O.

Junior team captain Marguerite Guiry acts as registrar and former Limerick star Eithne Neville is, of course, President. The remaining positions are filled by John O'Gorman (vice-president), Tom O'Brien (chairman) and Tommy Moynihan (treasurer).

Men play a prominent part in the Down County Board. Kevin Young (chairman), John Rice (vice-chairman) and Fr. Anthony Davies (P.R.O.) were recently elected for the coming season. They are joined by Vera McGahan, Rosemary Young, Brian Martin and Nuala Colhoun to complete the Board.

Hands off our "gate"

MOVES by some East Cork clubs to seek a share of "gate" money from camogie matches was criticised by the outgoing County Board chairwoman at the annual convention in Pairc Uí Chaoimh yesterday.

Mrs. O'Callaghan said that this was a very disturbing trend as GAA clubs had in the past been very co-operative with the Camogie Board and had never previously sought a share of the gate.

She stated that the problem with pitches was, as ever, pressing and the board were concerned that some clubs seemed to be taking

advantage of the situation.

On the subject of the provision of pitches by the local authorities, Mrs. O'Callaghan said that rugby fields were being provided at the western entrance to the city and she felt there was no reason why camogie players should not be catered for too.

Outlining some of the present difficulties in the sport, Mrs. O'Callaghan said that she noted with concern the amount of abuse being meted out to referees by both spectators and, in some cases, club officials. This, she said, would

have to be dealt with by strict penalties.

She also appealed to referees to take their duties seriously and said that there were too many instances in which referees had failed to turn up.

The convention discussed a number of motions from clubs around the country and among them was a controversial proposal from Ballinora that intermediate championship winners should be given the option of keeping that status.

It was argued that the instant promotion to senior ranks was not always a progressive step and should not be

automatic unless a club won the championship on two consecutive years.

This motion was, however, defeated with over half the delegates disagreeing.

A Bishopstown motion proposing a non-voting role for men within the organisation also failed.

Prior to the election of officers, tributes were paid to the outgoing chairwoman.

Miriam Higgins (Eire Og) who was elected chairwoman said that she hoped she would maintain the high standards set by her predecessor.

The following officers were elected: Sheila Spillane (vice chair); Thomasina Hegarty (sec.); Eileen Noonan (treas.); Lil O'Sullivan (registrar); Mary Newman McCarthy (PRO); Senior selectors: Mary O'Callaghan, Mary O'Leary, Rose Malone and Mairead O'Callaghan. Junior selectors: Lil O'Sullivan, Miriam Higgins and Eileen Noonan. Minor selectors: Mary O'Callaghan, Mary Maher, Geraldine Barry, Murphy and Lil O'Sullivan. U18 selectors: Sheila Harrington, Claire Higgins, Siobhán Goggins and Rose Mackey.



Miriam Higgins, chairwoman (second from right), addressing the Cork County Camogie Convention in Pairc Uí Chaoimh, with (from left): Marion O'Brien, fixtures secretary; Rose Malone, outgoing chairwoman; Thomasina Hegarty, secretary and Lily O'Sullivan, treasurer.

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Delegates in happy mood at the Cork County Board Camogie Convention at Paric Ui Chaoimh. (Examiner)

MARY QUILTS LIMELIGHT



MARY GEANEY, Old Ursulines, has decided to retire from international hockey. She has been involved with the national side since 1975, but the workload for the next eight months, leading up to the World Cup in Holland in August would mean travelling to Dublin every second weekend, at least, and training five nights a week at home in Castleisland alone.

Miss Geaney is sad over the decision, but with 10 years of international goalkeeping behind her which entailed travelling on average 5,000 miles a year, she feels that now is the time to make this hard decision.

At 19 she established herself between Ireland's goalposts and has gained 61 caps.

Mary intends to keep on playing for her club, Old Ursulines, and is looking forward to playing for them next weekend in the Munster Senior Cup.

Camogie secretary recalls year of glory

IN A wide ranging report to delegates at Sunday's County Galway Camogie annual general meeting which will be held in St. Raphael's College, Loughrea at 2 p.m. the Secretary, Sean Geraghty, pays a glowing tribute to the Galway Junior team who won the All-Ireland and National League titles in 1985.

He also congratulates St. Raphael's College senior and junior teams who took both All-Ireland Colleges titles at Cahel in March and the Mullagh under-14 team who brought the All-Ireland title in Galway in June.

Secretary Geraghty describes the year as one of unprecedented glory for Galway camogie at County, club and college level. Teams from the County contested nine National deciders winning six.

The Secretary also pays tribute to Deirdre Costello of Sarsfields for her performance in the Gradom tailte and on winning the Junior Player of the Year award. Thanking his fellow officers on the Board Secretary Geraghty does not hide his disappointment that camogie was passed over in Galway last year for a County Sports Star Award. The Secretary highlighted finance, playing pitches and qualified referees as the biggest problems confronting camogie in the County. He urges all clubs to make an all out effort to rectify the problem.

The report adds "camogie players deserve these facilities given the changing times and we should all work to achieve them. Camogie is now accerted as the national game for women. Long may it continue to be so."

The hosting of the National

Camogie congress in Ballinasloe was another highlight of the year. The Secretary thanks Dr. Joseph Cassidy, Bishop of Clonfert, Mr. Sean Tully and all who helped to make it the success it was. The Secretary adds that with the wealth of talent in the County at present and the growing interest in the sport the only trophy to elude Galway, the Senior All-Ireland title, will soon find its way westwards.

There are a smaller number of motions than usual down for discussion at the annual general meeting. All 26 clubs are expected to be represented by at least two delegates. Assistant Secretary Mrs. Dymphna Hardiman, Mullagh, is the only outgoing officer not seeking re-election. The Central Council is expected to be represented at Sunday's meeting as is Dr. Joseph Cassidy, Bishop of Clonfert.

Eire Og girls in the final

Eire Og 2-4.
Na Piarasigh 2-1

EIRE OG are through to the Cork county u-16 camogie championship final thanks to a three points victory over Na Piarasigh at Ovens.

Na Piarasigh led 2-0 to 1-2 at the break but two points from Linda Sheehan and a goal from Clare Murphy clinched victory for the Eire Og girls who now play Aghabullogue in the final.



THE Sarsfields Minor Camogie team which won the County Championship by defeating Mullagh. Front row (l to r), Olive Costelloe, Una Cahalan, Deirdre Costelloe, Bernadette Kelly, Maire O'Brien, Siobhan Earls. Back row, Siobhan Fahy, Marion Corcoran, Martina Hanlon, Brid Stratford, Joan Gooney, Marie Dolan, Angela Cooney, Fidelma Hanlon.



Pictured at the presentation to Bridie McGarry, Kilkenny camogie star, recipient of the COSPOIR/Irish Mutual Building Society Award for September/October are from left: Bernard and Bridie McGarry; Minister for Sport Donal Creed T.D. and Tony Keogh, managing director, Irish Mutual Building Society.

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Gort honour camogie champs

CAMOGIE County Junior Championship and League Champions, Gort, held their victory dance and presentation of medals at a gala function in Springs Nightclub, Gort on Friday night. Guests of honour were Galway Camogie President, Frank O'Grady and Mrs. O'Grady, County Board Secretary, Sean Geraghty and County Board Treasurer, Noeleen Cormican. Over 400 attended the function.

Gerry Sheehan was an excellent M.C. while Peadar Burke, Club Chairman presented trophies sponsored by Sean Duffy to the

team members. The trainers, Gerry Sheehan, Michael Linnane and selectors, Frank Connors and Norman Rocheford were also presented with special awards.

Meanwhile, Davitts Camogie Club held a highly successful tea party in the Westpark Hotel, Portumna recently. Co. Board Secretary, Sean Geraghty, Assistant Treasurer, Jackie Brien and County Junior team trainer, John Harold were guests of honour. Tributes were paid to County junior players, Ann Fahy, Deirdre Lawless, Margaret O'Reilly and Noeleen Cormican and also to Seamus Killeen.

St. Raphael's girls qualify for another Connacht final

St. Raphael's (Loughrea) 2-1

Presentation College (Athenry) 1-1

All-Ireland senior colleges champions, St. Raphael's, Loughrea qualified for yet another Connacht Senior Camogie final when they defeated Presentation College, Athenry in the semi-final at Tynagh on Monday.

This game was spoiled by a strong wind and difficult underfoot conditions yet, in spite of the elements, both teams served up some fine camogie. St. Raphael's had first use of the wind and built up a commanding lead of 1-7 to 0-1 at the interval thanks to some fine points from Ann Fahy, Deirdre Costello and a brilliant goal from Imelda Hobbins.

Fine goalkeeping by Athenry's Joan Whoriskey in this half denied Loughrea further scores as time and

again the young Kiltulla girl saved and cleared her lines. Early in the second half Athenry's Ann Ryan had a good goal to have only six points between the sides but further points from Ann Fahy, Imelda Hobbins and a delightful Deirdre Costello goal sealed the issue for the champions.

Besides the forwards St. Raphael's had fine backs in Angela Cooney, Brid Stratford and Triona Dolphin while Siobhan Maher was the outstanding midfield player on view. Athenry tried hard but seemed to depend too much on Galway junior star Ann Ryan who gave a good performance, although Joan Whoriskey brought off some great saves, while others to impress were Angela Maloney and Hilda Flannery.

St. Raphael's get down to serious training under the guidance of Sister Catherine and Cyril Farrell for the Connacht decider early in the New Year.

Fr. O'Neill's Celebrate

OVER 200 gathered from the parish of Ladysbridge to pay tribute to Fr. O'Neill's Camogie Club, who recently captured the Cork County Junior "A" title, having failed twice in succession in the last two years.

Fr. Michael Campbell, C.C., Ballymacoda, complimented the victors for their magnificent achievement and extended the best of luck to the side when they compete in the Intermediate Championship in 1986.

Mary O'Leary and Angela Higgins, both from the Cork senior panel and members of the Imokilly divisional side, were guests, more so, as they gave the club invaluable assistance in preparation for the final, where they beat their next door neighbours, Killeagh.

Margaret Finn was the recipient of a presentation in appreciation of her selection on the Cork under-18 and junior teams, plus gaining a Gael Linn medal with her province, Munster. Eileen Hennessy who took the "Player of the Year" award for the "Coady Chipper" trophy. Eileen starred in goal in the replay of the final, which incidentally was played at Shanagarry.

At the start of the season, an award was announced that the first person to score a goal in the club's opening game would get the prize at the club's dinner dance and this was won by Mary Kennefick, who had a great year for Fr. O'Neill's.

A. M. Griffin, Chairperson, complimented her colleagues on their victory and both Mary O'Leary and Angela Higgins also spoke in glowing terms of the victory, adding that any club that could win a County Junior title with a 13-year-old, had the potential to go a long way in camogie.

Angela sounded a warning to senior clubs and intermediate clubs that East Cork would be there fighting for those titles in '86.

A night to be remembered by such a small, but dedicated group of young ladies, that have lived so long in the shadows of their opponents Killeagh for many a year. In fact one would be safe in saying, Killeagh's exploits on the camogie fields of Ireland, was one of the reasons for camogie flourishing in Ballymacoda and Ladysbridge.

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Kilkenny camogie captain Bridie McGarry (right) and full-back Ann Downey with the all-Ireland and national league trophies at the camogie victory dinner in Hotel Kilkenny.



Team coach, Tom Ryan (left) and County Board Chairman, Billy alone (right) with members of the Kilkenny camogie team at their victory dinner (All-Ireland and League Champions) in Hotel Kilkenny. In front are (from left): Jo Dunne, Bridie McGarry (captain), Ann Downey. Included behind are: Anna Whelan, Ann Holden, Biddy O'Sullivan, Deirdre Malone, Liz Neary, Nora Whelan, Breda Holmes, Rita Wemyss, Margaret Farrell.

(Photo: Tom Brett)



At the Kilkenny camogie victory dinner in Hotel Kilkenny were (from left): Bishop Laurence Forristal, Josephine and John Fennelly, Mary Fennelly, Bridie and Benny McGarry and Phyllis Breslin, Chairperson, Leinster Camogie Council.

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It is ironic in a year when the All-Ireland Minor Championship, the Munster Senior Championship and the Munster Club Championship trophies are resting in Cork sideboards that Camogie enthusiasts should regard 1985 as having been a bad year for the county, such are our expectations. The Cork Senior team fell at the penultimate hurdle in their quest for All-Ireland honours. Their defeat by Dublin was a bitter disappointment. They had been defeated at the same stage of the competition last year by a goal at injury time, and, many observers felt that with a home venue the result would be reversed in 1985. It was not to be. Dublin were far superior on the day. The Cork team, especially the forward division, failed to penetrate a determined, fast and skillful Kilkenny team.

By virtue of their standing as All-Ireland Junior Champions, Cork were forced to field a completely new team in the 1985 campaign. Their first outing against Limerick was to be their last. The latter went on to win the Munster final, but, were comprehensively defeated by Armagh in the All-Ireland semi-final. They in turn were defeated by Galway in the final.

The Cork Minors (Under 14's) continued their remarkable run of success. Comprehensive wins over Clare, Tipperary and Limerick saw them crowned Munster Champions. They were lucky to have a home draw against Leinster Champions Wexford, in the semi-final and while their opponents were bigger and stronger the skill of the Cork girls prevailed. All was then set for the final showdown against Connaught Champions Galway, the only team to break Cork's monopoly of the competition in the 1980's.

In the fiercely contested game, the "Rebel County" came out on top thanks to some wonderful displays of courage and skill by the likes of Brid Kelleher (Aghabullogue) who marked Galway's most dangerous player Deirdre Costello, Aileen Barry (Brian Dillan's), Carmel Currid (Glen Rovers) and Jean Paula Kent (Na Piarsaigh).

Eire Og won the Senior championship for the first time since 1979 and so represented Cork in the Club Championship with the help of their quartet of Cork players, Marion McCarthy, Eileen Dineen, Miriam Higgins, Mary Geany and captained by Noelle O'Driscoll, they won the Munster Championship for the first time in the clubs history defeating Portroe (Co. Tipperary) and Six-mile cross (Co. Clare). In spite of having a home venue but after a very closely contested game they were defeated by the Leinster Champions Crumlin (Dublin) in the All-Ireland semi-final. The mid-Cork girls had some consolation in the fact that Crumlin eventually won the competition defeating Athenry (Galway) in the final.

In the National Senior League, Cork's interest received an early setback when they lost their very first game of the season to Dublin. In spite of having good wins over Clare, Limerick, Tipperary and Wexford they could never regain the lost ground and the Metropolitanists contested the league final as sectional winners.

On the local front the championship trophies have been distributed throughout the length and breadth of the county as follows :

Cork Senior Championship - Eire Og.
Munster Senior Championship - Eire Og.
Munster Senior League - Eire Og.
Cork Intermediate Championship - Aghabullogue.
Cork Junior (A) Championship - Father O'Neill's.
Cork Junior (B) Championship - Castlemagner.
The Cork under 18 Championship (1984) - Na Piarsaigh.
Cork under 16 Championship (1984) - St. Finbars.

All in all a most successful season.