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WATCH THE CORK GIRLS CLIMB

BY the time these notes appear in print we should be well into the heart of the camogie season and should have a pretty fair idea as to how the provincial championships are likely to turn out. Already, in that wet and windy month of May, we had the first surprise of the current championship when Cork travelled to Fethard and there defeated Tipperary. Considering that Tipperary had won the title three times in the previous four seasons, and that Cork had gone out in the first round last year to Waterford this was quite an achievement by the Cork girls.

And yet in a way I was not surprised that Tipperary were beaten. Even when they were in their best spell through the past couple of seasons there was something grievously wrong with camogie in Tipperary and it was this, that the number of senior clubs had been becoming smaller and smaller. The result was that there was very little local competition in the senior grade and local competition is the life-blood of any game.

Indeed, I was very surprised to find when they won the All-Ireland club championship last season, that the Tipperary champions, St. Patrick's, included all but two of the county team. The lack of local

competition was bound to tell eventually.

Anyway, this was a great victory for Cork, presaged to an extent by the county's success in the Munster secondary competition last year and while I may be anticipating, I expect to see Cork back in the All-Ireland final next September for the first time in more than a decade.

The reason I say so is because the Cork girls looked so impressive when beating Tipperary that I will be surprised if they do not come out of Munster. I know they are likely to come up against Waterford again in the provincial final, but I have a notion that Waterford caught them napping last year and it is unlikely that the same upset will occur again. After all Cork beat nearly a full-strength Waterford side in the secondary competition later last year. And if Cork come out of Munster I expect them to reach the All-Ireland final.

The reason for this is because the Munster champions will be at home to the Ulster champions in the All-Ireland semi-final. Now I see no danger to Antrim in the North, but good though the Antrim girls are I cannot see them bringing back victory after the long trek to Cork and therefore I feel that

we will see Cork back in the All-Ireland final for the first time since 1955. And I believe too that the return of Cork to the limelight would prove a wonderful fillip for the camogie game.

Coaching Courses At Belfast

THE G.A.A. and the Camogie Association are among the ten sports organisations taking part in the Residential Coaching Courses being organised by the Belfast Education Authority at Orangefield Girls' Secondary School and Grosvenor High School in Belfast from July 31 to August 26.

Facilities are provided by the Belfast Education Authority and there will be courses in 11 sports for teachers as well as for boys and girls. The courses are under the direction of R. H. Williams, Physical Education Adviser to the Belfast Authority and the organising committee includes Alf Murray, former president of the G.A.A., and ex-Derry footballer Jim McKeever as representatives of the G.A.A.

Principal coaches for the hurling courses are Father Tommy Maher, Des Ferguson and Donie Nealon—the instructors at the G.A.A.'s own annual course in Gormanston College—and the Gaelic football courses will be under the direction of Jim McKeever. The camogie coaches are Miss Nell McCarthy and Miss M. Gilroy, the Antrim star, trainer of so many victorious Dublin All-Ireland teams.

Inaugurated In '59

The courses are not confined to schools in Belfast. Boys from 16 schools — among them ones in Belfast, Newry, Downpatrick, Lurgan, Cavan and Magherafelt—will participate in the hurling course and the pupils from 18 schools in the football course will include some from Belfast, Newry, Ballymoney, Derry, Monaghan, Castleblayney, Armagh, Cavan, Dungannon and Lurgan.

Other sports included in the programme are tennis, table tennis, soccer, basketball, netball, hockey and rugby. The courses were inaugurated in 1959 and it is expected that over 1,200 pupils and teachers will take part this year.

Camogie Star

SIR, I attended the camogie county final and was disappointed to see how very little support is given to camogie. The game made up for my disappointment.

Had Cork hurlers somebody like Anna Crotty they would be on their way to another All-Ireland. This great player should receive some honour for her brilliant displays through the years with Glen Rovers, Cork and Munster, yet she seems to be overlooked when prizes are awarded. How glad I was to see her awarded "Sports Personality" in "Evening Echo."

This year, surley, she is entitled to some award and perhaps an All-Ireland medal. Yes, I think she is the Christy Ring of camogie but perhaps I may have the views of other camogie followers.

"EQUAL RIGHTS"

Cross Douglas Road, Cork

Remember This Day And Date

One hears so often that Dublin have not been beaten in a Leinster camogie championship game for thirty years that, just for the heck of it, I checked up on the records. Well the contention is quite true, though, to be exact, the last occasion when Dublin were beaten in Leinster senior camogie was just under thirty-one years ago.

The actual date was Sunday, July 26, 1936; the venue was the old New Ireland ground at Killester, long since, I think submerged under bricks and blocks and mortar; the occasion was the Leinster final, and the team to achieve this victory was Louth, who beat Dublin by 5-4 to 4-1. Louth subsequently lost to Cork in the All-Ireland Final on scores of 6-4 to 2-3.

Can Wexford End Dublin's Long Reign?

By AGNES HOURIGAN.

THE Leinster senior championship final between Dublin, the holders, and Wexford, the intermediate champions, at Gorey on Sunday is the highlight of the camogie week, and on all the evidence to date could well prove to be one of the highlights of the whole camogie year.

True, Dublin have not been beaten in a Leinster championship game for more than thirty years, but Dublin and Wexford have met in the senior finals for several seasons past and though, Dublin have won on each occasion, Wexford have given them a harder run for it each year.

In fact last season at Croke Park, the Wexford girls ran the champions very close and although, in the end, the greater craft and combination of the Dubliners pulled them through again, Wexford, on current form, must have high hopes of at last ending the Dublin bogey.

Testing Time

While this will be Dublin's first championship outing of the season Wexford have already come through a rather testing series to retain the intermediate championship. They first of all had a clear-cut victory over last year's junior champions Kildare in the first round, and then, in the final, had just as convincing a victory under very different conditions over Offaly, who had impressed me when defeating fancied Kilkenny in the semi-final.

From what I saw of them in those two matches I would consider Wexford to be at least a couple of scores a better side than they were last season, although they have only one change from last year's line-out. The defence was particularly impressive and so far conceded only one score—a goal in the first half against Kildare.

Joan Cullen is a fine goalkeeper with a good defensive trio of Mary Sinnott, Joan Murphy and Carmel Fortune in front of her. Then, at centre-back, is Margaret O'Leary who is one of the most improved players in the country and played a major part in Eoghan Ruadh's Dublin double.

Difficult Feat

Farther afield Wexford have very talented units in the Hearne sisters, Margaret and Lily, Peg Cash and Phyllis Kehoe.

All in all, this seems the best camogie team that has yet come out of Wexford and it must be given a great chance of bringing the title and the O'Duffy Cup to the Slaney for the first time. But that is a feat that will not be easily achieved.

Dublin have not been out in competition since they beat Antrim in that tremendously exciting All-Ireland final at Croke Park last September. But they have eleven of that team listed on the panel again and they were very sharp indeed, when I saw them training in the Phoenix Park early this week.



KAY LYONS, new Dublin captain.

It is remarkable that players, who are not always outstanding on their club sides through the season, seem to assume a new stature once they don the Dublin tunic, and, though lacking combined match-play at the moment the majority of those Dublin players have been together so long that they combine almost by instinct.

First Champions

With Una O'Connor back at full-forward, she has been at full-back for her club during most of the Dublin league and championship campaign and Alice Hussey, out of the country last year, now restored to centre-back it is hard to find a weak link on this Dublin side, and, if Wexford can beat them even at Gorey they will surely have earned that first Leinster senior title.

Meanwhile Antrim can claim to be the first senior provincial champions of 1967 for they had a runaway victory over Down in the Ulster final on Sunday last. The game was really over at half-time for Antrim were by then more than nine goals in front, and, though the Down girls improved somewhat after the interval, they did not succeed in even narrowing the gap so that Antrim cannot be said to have been really tested.

Considering that Mairead McAtamney's name was missing from the selection, this was a great victory for Antrim and serves warning on either Cork or Waterford whom they meet in the All-Ireland semi-final.

Camogie Defeat For Wexford

Losers Had Greater Share of Play

Dublin, All-Ireland champions, won the Leinster senior camogie title for the thirtieth time at St. Enda's Park, Gorey, on Sunday evening when they defeated Wexford, the Leinster intermediate camogie champions, by the official score of 5-2 to 2-2. Reporters covering the game agreed that the final scores were 6-2 to 2-2.

The final scores do not do justice to Wexford, who had more than fifty per cent. of the play. Wexford were plagued by a forward weakness, and had they been able to take their chances, it is possible that Dublin's domination of Leinster camogie for the past thirty years might have been brought to an end.

MOST OF THE ATTACKING

Wexford enjoyed about three-quarters of the play in the first-half, and had more than half their share of the attacks in the second half. However, with the Model County forwards failing to make the necessary impression, Dublin were convincing winners.

Possibly Dublin realised that Wexford were likely to give them a tough battle in this game, and for that reason they decided they would have to attack strongly from the start. Certainly Dublin's shock tactics paid off, for they crashed home two goals in as many minutes to give Dublin a very good start. Wexford never fully recovered from this early shock.

Both Dublin's goals were due to the flashing opportunism of Judy Doyle. In a split-second she seized on half-mistakes made by the Wexford defence.

Despite those two scores, Wexford fought back gallantly, and had much the better of the exchanges for the remainder of the half. However, their forwards could not avail of the opportunities presented.

Had Wexford been able to score off even half the chances they got, they would have been well ahead at half-time.

Wexford kept Dublin penned in their own half from the second to fifteenth minute, but all they could show for their efforts were ten wides.

The ability of the Dublin attack to make the most of their chances was reflected in the fact that, though they had much fewer raids in the first half, they were able to notch two further goals before the interval. In the first half, Dublin shot only one wide to Wexford's total of thirteen.

The Model County's only first half score came in the nineteenth minute, when Phyllis Kehoe goalied. At half-time Dublin held a lead of 4-0 to 1-0.

Dublin — E. Leech, M. Ryan, B. Keenan, A. Hussey, K. Lyons, P. Timmons, M. Sherlock, O. Ni Siotchain, K. Kehoe, A. McAllister, J. Doyle, U. O'Connor.

Wexford — J. Cullen, M. Sinnott, J. Murphy, C. Fortune, M. O'Leary, M. Walsh, M. Hearne, P. Cash, L. Hearne, M. Doyle, P. Kehoe, E. Allen.

Mary Sinnott's long puck-outs and clearances earned her many deserved rounds of applause.

At midfield Wexford always had a slight advantage due to the magnificent display given by Maggie Hearne. She played her heart out in making many excellent runs in an effort to crack through the Dublin defence. Mary Walsh and Peg Cash also played well in the centre.

Best of a weak Wexford attack were Lily Hearne and Phyllis Kehoe.

Scorers for Dublin were: Judy Doyle (4-1), Una O'Connor (1-1) and Mary Sherlock (1-0). Wexford's scores came from Phyllis Kehoe (1-0), Peg Cash (1-0) and Joan Murphy and Maggie Hearne (0-1 each).

Dublin Retain Camogie Title

DUBLIN 6-2
WEXFORD 2-2

DUBLIN retained the Leinster Senior Championship once again when they defeated Wexford in a well-contested final at Gorey last evening. This was the champions' thirtieth time to win the cup.

Play was of a very high standard and the only difference between the two teams was the accuracy of the Dublin attack as compared with that of their opponents.

Dublin were quickly on the mark and scored two goals inside five minutes. Wexford steadied up and shot a handful of wides. After two more Dublin goals Wexford got a goal three minutes from half-time, to leave the score: Dublin, 4-0; Wexford, 1-0.

Wexford supporters were full of hope after the interval, as their favourites now had a fresh breeze behind them, but Dublin were again first to score when Judy Doyle scored a point. The game was more even in this half, with both sets of defenders doing well. The losers, however, never looked like wiping out the half-time deficit.

Judy Stars

Dublin were best served by Mary Ryan, Kathleen Lyons and Alice Hussey in defence. Judy Doyle was the star of the attack and with Una O'Connor was always dangerous, while Ann McAllister did very well against the ever-active Margaret O'Leary.

Best for Wexford were Mary Sinnott, whose long puck-outs and fine clearances brought applause from the crowd. Margaret O'Leary tried hard, while Margaret Hearne, Margaret Walsh and Lily Hearne were the most prominent in attack.

Scorers — Dublin — J. Doyle (3-1), Una O'Connor (2-1), M. Sherlock (1-0). Wexford — P. Kehoe (1-0), P. Cash (1-0), M. Hearne (0-1), L. Hearne (0-1).

Referee — Miss M. Connery (Kilkenny).

FOOTBALL GIRLS SUSPENDED

FOR PARTICIPATING in an indoor football competition in Drogheda, three Co. Louth camogie players have been suspended for twelve months by the Leinster Camogie Council. Six others stand suspended until such time as they appear before the Council.

Two of the girls who appeared to answer the charge are from Castlebellingham Club, Celtic, and the other player is attached to Kilkerley, Dundalk.

Munster Face A Full Strength Leinster Side In Gael Linn Cup

MUNSTER make their first appearance this season when on Sunday next they meet Leinster at Naas in the first round of the Gael Linn Cup inter-provincial championship. This should be a thriller as last season there was a great deal of controversy surrounding a meeting of these sides and both provinces will be anxious to assert their supremacy once again.

Of the four provinces only Munster and Leinster have their names inscribed on the Gael Linn Cup. In fact, despite the Munster counties' failure to take the All-Ireland title for so long, the provincial twelve have managed to hold their own with Leinster in this competition. Munster are the present holders and Cork followers will remember their victory over Leinster in last season's decider. This game was held in Cork and Munster completely dominated the closing stages. They put on a display of fast stylish hurling in the second half which completely baffled the Leinster girls and with the nucleus of that side lining out on Sunday it would appear that Munster must be in the game with a very good chance of reaching yet another final.

However, it would be well for the Munster girls to remember the controversy which surrounded last season's meeting. On that occasion six of the seven Dublin girls picked to line out declared themselves unavailable and as these girls had played a major role in their semi-final victory over Ulster, the Leinster selectors had quite a headache trying to replace these girls. Also as Dublin have dominated the All-Ireland campaign for so long the absence of their key players from the provincial side certainly had an effect on both sides. It must have been a great blow to the remainder of the Leinster girls to be without so many top players while at the same time it was a great boost to Munster's hopes. The girls playing in Munster have been daunted for so long by Dublin players that it must have given them greater confidence not to be meeting them yet again.

FULL STRENGTH AGAIN

Now this season Leinster are again at full strength with four Dublin girls in the line out. They are goalie Eithne Leech, that fine defender Kay Lyons, Mary Sherlock, who will be remembered for her tremendous game against Cork four years ago, and Una O'Connor, who must be rated among the "greats" of Dublin camogie. This means that Munster will really have to show their worth this season and with the added disadvantage of the long journey to Naas before them their task is a very difficult one indeed. In addition to the Dublin girls, Leinster have a number of other very fine players including Wexford's Mary Sinnott, Margaret O'Leary and Joan Murphy and Kilkenny's Mary Connery and Clare O'Hannrahan. These girls are all capable of giving their opponents an uncomfortable afternoon so that Munster must realise that this game will require one hundred per cent effort if they are to advance.

Certainly Munster have the players capable of winning. In goal is Tipperary's Sally Long, who is very confident. At full-back there is a newcomer in Marian Frisby of Waterford. Marian has played a major role in her county's fine championship performance this season—they meet Cork in the decider on the 23rd—and thoroughly deserves her place. The half-back line includes one of the four Cork players in the side in Eleanor Cummins. Eleanor is a very versatile and stylish player who

should do very well as a powerful wing. At full centre is the powerful Ann Graham, who has given so much service to Limerick. Betty Sugrue is a tremendous season for the first time this has now been selected in the provincial colours for the first time. Betty, who was the intermediate team's successes last season, the wing centre, has such fine partners as Murphy of Limerick and Moloney (Tipperary) to be brilliant game on Sunday. Cork county champions, Rovers, supply two of the forwards. They are Dorgan at half and Anne on the wing. Anne's introduction to a new follower. She has been a stalwart of Glen. Cork Munster for so long, a wonderful opportunity around goal has brought many scores that she feared by any defender, unfortunate enough to be "mark" her.

Peggy is one of the hurriers in the game when she strikes her ball, she is practically impossible to watch. The line is complete. Anne Keane of Waterford that evergreen Tipperary Kathleen Griffin, who has a match winner on a number of occasions for both her county Munster.

A STRONG SIDE

This then is the Munster side. On paper the side is strong and if all the selected can reach peak form then this game will be a battle of "giants" with all times in the balance.

Camogie withdraws

Following suspensions as a result of participating in indoor football competition in Drogheda, Camogie club, Celtic, has withdrawn from the County senior camogie championship.

An official of the club stated that this action had been taken because of inability to field a strong side.

It is understood that the other club involved in the suspensions — Inter county board engagements — suspensions were imposed by Leinster Camogie Council.

LEINSTER DRAW

At a subsequent meeting of the Leinster Council the draw made for the club championship and the good news for Dublin who have been in the past two seasons was that this year, the draw was Eoghan Ruddy (Dublin) v. Coolerry. Semi-Finals: champions v. Dublin and Kilkenny champions v. champions.

This is the first time that a team to play in this competition, though the club championship, the Jubilee Cup was won by the Lin Club, Celtic, three years ago. The two competitors have been won by Tipperary and Glenageary-Ballynary.

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Leinster Face A Difficult Task

By AGNES HOURIGAN

WEXFORD have not yet achieved their ambition of defeating Dublin and taking the Leinster senior camogie championship for the first time. At Gorey last Sunday, Dublin, as is their wont, faced their stiffest challenge the bold way by cracking home two goals in the first five minutes and, in fact, were four goals in front before their opponents raised a flag.

Well though they played, the Wexford girls could never really get over that bad beginning, and when they did do a great deal of attacking, towards the end of the first half, the forwards, over anxious, missed many chances.

However, the Wexford and Dublin stars will be on the same side on Sunday next when seven of them in all play for Leinster against Munster in the inter-provincial semi-final at Naas. From Dublin come Una O'Connor, Ethna Leech, Mary Sherlock and Kay Lyons, while the Wexford representatives are Margaret O'Leary, Margaret Hearne and that queen of full-backs, Mary Sinott, whose long

clearances were a feature of last Sunday's game.

Add on Mary Connery and Nuala Duncan of Kilkenny, newcomers Catherine O'Carroll and Marie Millen, of Offaly, and Bridget Cushion, of Kildare, and it will be seen that Leinster have a more than useful side on duty. Indeed the only member of the side who has no previous interprovincial experience is Offaly mid-fielder Marie Millen, as Catherine O'Carroll has already played interprovincial for Munster.

However, strong though this Leinster team is they will face a very difficult proposition in seeking to defeat the holders, for Munster also have a very

strong team on duty with the pick of Cork, Waterford, Tipperary and Limerick.

Such as goal-keeper Sally Long and Kathleen Griffin from Tipperary, Anna Crotty and Peggy Dorgan from Cork and Buntie Guiry from Limerick have considerable previous interprovincial experience and even at Naas, Munster will make a very brave bid to retain their custody of the trophy.

All previous clashes between these provinces have provided fast entertaining and exciting games. Next Sunday's encounter promises to be even better than average.

Munster Fail To Last The Pace

Leinster Reach Gael Linn Final

LEINSTER 2-5
MUNSTER 3-0

LEINSTER reached the final of the Gael-Linn Cup competition, the inter-Provincial Camogie Championship, when they narrowly defeated the holders, Munster, after a well-contested game at Naas, yesterday.

Teams were level at half-time, Munster 2-0 to 1-3 for Leinster. Leinster had a strong wind and the better of the first-half exchanges, but failed to control the ball to turn their advantage to the best use.

Munster, now with the wind behind them, reopened confidently but they were repelled by a very sound Leinster defence in which Mary Sinnott and Margaret O'Leary were outstanding. Munster, moreover, did not last the pace and it was Leinster who increased their lead.

Una Scores

Catherine Carroll retired and was replaced by Mary Fennelly, who came on at left forward, and Una O'Connor moved to her customary full-forward position, where she scored a brilliant goal from a high ball. This goal put Leinster five points in front with the time ebbing away.

Munster rallied to score a goal just on the final whistle, to leave Leinster deserving winners, though Munster had a goal disallowed for a "square" infringement mid-way through the second half.

Outstanding in the Munster

attack was Anna Crotty (Cork) who scored all three goals.

Others who played well for Munster were goalkeeper Sally Long, Bernie Maloney and Miriam Frisby.

Scorers: Leinster—C. Carroll (1-1), Una O'Connor (1-0), M. Hearne (0-2), M. Sherlock (0-1), K. Lyons (0-1). Munster—A. Crotty (3-0).

Kildare In Junior Final

KILDARE 7-0
LAOIS 0-0

KILDARE reached the final of the Leinster Junior Camogie Championship, in which they meet Meath, when they easily defeated an inexperienced Laois side in the semi-final at Naas yesterday.

Scorers: Kildare—M. Belan (4-0), P. Malloy (1-0), K. Kelly (2-0).

Leinster: E. Leech (Dublin), M. Sinnott (Wexford), B. Cushion (Kildare), M. O'Leary (Wexford), M. Connery (Kilkenny), M. Sherlock (Dublin) captain, M. Millen (Offaly), K. Lyons (Dublin), N. Duncan (Kilkenny), M. Hearne (Wexford), U. O'Connor (Dublin), C. Carroll (Offaly). Sub.: M. Fennelly (Kilkenny) for C. Carroll.

Munster: S. Long (Tipperary), M. Frisby (Waterford), B. Giltenane (Limerick), A. Graham (Tipperary), E. Cummins (Cork), C. Murphy (Limerick), E. Sugrue (Cork), B. Maloney (Tipperary), A. Kent (Waterford), P. Dorgan (Cork), A. Crotty (Cork), K. Griffin (Tipperary). Sub.: L. Howlett (Waterford) for E. Sugrue.

CAMOGIE IN THE EARLY DAYS

BY BILL MANNION

IN the early Twenties, the playing fields of Galway were gradually returning to normal, after the inactivity of the militant years of the Fight for Freedom. That period was marked, in a particular manner, by the resurgence of the game of camogie.

Apart from University College, Galway, and the Ashbourne Inter-Varsity competition, the game in Galway had no worthwhile foothold, as an organised competition. True, it had been played in a haphazard manner in many areas and in some of the schools, notably the Technical School, Galway. There, under the guidance of the Principal, the late Mr. O'Callaghan, an unusually useful combination had been operating.

Handicapped by the absence of organised competition, an awareness of the necessity of redressing this situation began to develop in different parts of the county. Supporters were invited to meet and discuss the position and it was decided to form a County Board.

Sean O'Duffy, the National Organiser, was invited to a meeting in Galway, at which, a County Board was formed under the chairmanship of Mr. O'Callaghan. Affiliations soon came in from Ballinasloe, Tuam, Headford, Currandrum, Derrydonnell, Prospect Hill, Galway City and the Technical School.

The University, although participating in many friendlies as part of their training for the Ashbourne competition, did not take part in the county competitions.

The Board decided to run a competition on the league system for the eight clubs affiliated. By the early Thirties, this was firmly

established, with games being played in Ballinasloe, Headford, Derrydonnell, Currandrum and Galway.

The two leading teams were Currandrum, powered by the Greaney and Duggan sisters, and the Technical School, powered by M. Tonry, the Elwood sisters, S. Belton and S. McDonald. Headford, however, supplied one of the best players of all in the person of Peg Morris. The League was eventually won by Currandrum, under the captaincy of that great player, Miss N. Greaney.

The Tailteann Games of 1932, provided a very welcome outlet for the now-talented Galway camogies, who were invited to play a Leinster Selection in Croke Park.

A grand Connacht team, all Galway, gave a great display against the might of Leinster, and were only beaten by a few points before a very enthusiastic crowd.

The Connacht girls were drawn from Currandrum, Galway Technical School, Ballinasloe, Headford and University College. Included were, N. Greaney, K. Higgins, M. Duggan, S. Kavanagh (Currandrum), M. Tonry, S. Belton, N. Elwood and S. McDonald (Tech.), E. Walsh, M. Jennings (Ballinasloe) and M. Lawless (U.C.G.).

Both teams were presented with bronze trophies depicting Queen Tailteann, while the captains received larger models of the same trophies. Mr. O'Duffy, who made the presentations on behalf of the Tailteann Games Committee at a function in Jury's Hotel, complimented Connacht on their performance against their more-experienced rivals.

Such were the early days of Galway Camogie. It is good to note that, in the meantime, a County Board has continued to function and that inter-county games are now a regular feature of the annual programme.



ORANMORE . . . 1966 COUNTY CHAMPIONS

by JOE SHERWOOD

THREE girls who play Camogie have been suspended by the archaic minded Leinster Council for twelve months. This is because in the eyes of the Council, which must be living in the days of crinolines, the three lassies committed the "heinous" crime of taking part in an indoor game of football in Drogheda.

Apart from the hollier than thou attitude of the Leinster Camogie Council is there a ruling banning its players playing "indoor football." Therefore, I would say that in suspending the three girls from playing camogie for the next twelve months, is absolutely an illegal verdict.

Killarney 6-3; Ballyduff 1-0

Killarney created the surprise of the season in the carnage world when they defeated strongly fancied Ballyduff in the final of the Kerry Co. Championship at the Fitzgerald Stadium, Killarney yesterday.

Killarney proved too strong in all sectors of the field and were too fast and accurate for their opponents. They turned over at half time leading by 3-2 to nil.

The Killarney scorers were: Joan Shanahan (2-1); Noreen O'Sullivan (0-1); Mary Buckley and Mary O'Sullivan (1-0 each); Bernice Moynihan (2-1).

Members of the camogie association, until the Congress last March were forbidden to play hockey. The rule was extended last Congress to playing football, competitively indoor or outdoor, irrespective of code. So unless you count Gaelic football a foreign game, the ban on playing football had nothing to do with foreign games. With the introduction of this Rule Leinster Council had nothing to do. Some time later, another evening paper as a feature on the team that had won their Cup in an indoor football competition in County Louth, Leinster Council were asked by Central Council to investigate the statement that this team was composed of Camogie players. When the players themselves stated that they had played in this competition, the Chairman of Leinster Council had no option whatever except to suspend them according to Rule

Rules, be they good or bad, must be enforced, and those who do not agree with the new Rule can always change it at next year's Congress if they can state a convincing case for its removal.

By JACK POWER

Were this fact publicised it would not, of course, make such acceptable reading for those critics of every Gaelic organisation. "Banned for playing soccer" is a much more catchy headline than "Banned for playing Gaelic football."

ALL FORMS OF FOOTBALL.

Of course, G.A.A. Committees are also criticised from time to time for suspending members for other breaches of rule—often by the very people who claim that the Association is too lenient with the minority of players who give its games a bad name. So it seems as if the poor old G.A.A. simply cannot win.

people cannot have their cake and expect to eat it. If they want to play camogie, let them abide by the rules. But if indoor football is a bigger attraction, by all means let them play it—and stick to it.

The same applies to the G.A.A. Ban. Whether you agree or disagree with it, the rules are there. And while they remain in the Official Guide a member is honour bound to accept them.

No one is forced to become or remain a G.A.A. member and anyone preferring one of the excluded games is quite welcome to play it. But he cannot then expect to enjoy the best of both worlds.

In my opinion, the publicity afforded this "Louth Case" was completely out of proportion to its importance. After all, had Christy Ring himself been suspended for playing hockey we would not have had such headlines or space devoted to reports.

However, this, it seems, is the

price the G.A.A., and its kindred organisations, must pay for being Irish.

**Cork Are Favoured
For Munster Final
Against Waterford**

It is well, however, to remember Waterford's performance in last season's competition. They travelled to Youghal to meet Cork, and against all the odds toppled the tables on the girls from the Lee. Many felt that Cork were over-confident in that game, and they would not want to make the same mistake on Sunday. Last season the intermediate team showed the senior girls the way when they defeated practically the same Waterford side—only Lilian Lawlett was missing—and it could appear that the second arm's eventual victory in the Intermediate Championship has given Cork camogie a very necessary "shot in the arm."

For the first time since 1963, Cork showed their old fighting spirit against Tipperary. They had a very long journey before the game, but this did not upset them at all. Now they have the advantage of a home venue, and with the might of Tipp already disposed of, Cork would appear to be well on their way to the title.

This team for Sunday's game is practically the same as that which defeated Waterford. Nuala Humphries, of Glen Rovers, steps out of one of the centrefield berths, while the full-forward position was left open at the time of writing. However, the position is likely to be filled by one of the substitutes listed, or else the selectors may decide to reshuffle the side at the last minute. In any event, there is hardly likely to be any new names added to the selection which has been announced.

Once again the very capable Eleanor Cummins is between the posts. Incidentally, Eleanor played at wing-back for Munster last Sunday, and once again proved her versatility. Eleanor should get fine protection from Hannah Dineen, that tremendous full-back from U.C.C. There should be plenty of cover on the wings too, with Sheila O'Sullivan and Nora O'Mahony playing so well at the moment.

The very promising Betty Sugrue once again fills the half-back berth. Betty was another one of Cork's representatives on the Munster team last Sunday. This is the same defence which did so well against Tipperary, and

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day

There is one change in the field. Maura Coleman, a full-forward against the Blues, moves to wing-centre and will have more room at the end of game. Maura was named by Clare as the little player, Noreen O'Connell, who was named by Ann Comerford, who was named by such great players.

Although Munster defeated by Leicester on Sunday, Cork's performance proved to be one of the stars of the game. The Glen Rovers, Cork's player once again took form and scored four being disallowed. It was Anna's fault that Munster win, and on Sunday is anxious to gain compensation this disappointment by Cork to victory. A great deal of Cork's time now be placed on Anderson, and her exposure brilliant opportunity enough to inspire the rest of the side. She will have club colleagues in the and her on Sunday. Patsy who also figured prominently the Munster side will be forward, and Sydney O'Connell another very clever forward on the other wing. Forward position has yet filled, but one of the four players—named James is likely to gain the place. A. Murphy, Ann McKeown, and Anne O'Connell.

What of Waterford? A time of waiting, the material not available. However, pretty certain that their representatives on the Munster W.F.U. Sunday will be in action. Frisby, who lined out at the forward-line, while at the end of the field Anne Keane gave the Cork backs a boost at noon. Lillian Howells played a sub. last Sunday, as she has so much experience both Waterford and Cork "big games," that she could be the biggest danger to Cork. Waterford gained nothing from their victory over the seniors last season, and will be determined to repeat their performance on Sunday. Cork must be taken into account with the added weight of All-Ireland semi-finals (against the Ulster champions) and the Cork girls must be determined and confident of victory.

Cork—E. Connors
Dineen (UCC)
(SPPB). B. S.

O'Mahony (Glen River
ford (S.P.P.), N. O.
town). M. Coleman
A. Crotty (do). P. Deane
S. O'Connell (do). A. J.
Suba. R. O'Sullivan
Dunne (do). A. Mc
Alroy (do). Mary A. Mc

FIXTURES.

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Cork v. Waterford 2-1
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Blarney at Waterford



The Blarney camogie team winners of the 1966 Cork County Junior League Championship in this their second year entering the competition. Front (from left): Mary Heelan, Nula Kiely, Maureen O'Sullivan, Angela Gaffey (captain), Marie Mackey and Cora Humphries. Back (from left): Joan O'Sullivan, Pauline Kiely, Breda O'Leary, Celesta Mulcahy, Eileen Spillane, Loretto Kiely and Mary Humphries.



CAMOGIE.—The Cork team (top) which had a convincing win over Waterford (below) of 3-10 to 2-2 to win the Munster Championship for the first time since 1963 in yesterday's game at the U.C.C. Grounds. ("Echo").

Cork Are Munster Champions

Cork 3-10, Waterford 2-2

Cork captured the Munster Camogie Championship for the first time since 1963 when they beat Waterford in the final at the Mardyke, Cork, yesterday.

Cork, who defeated the holders, Tipperary, in the semi-final, will now go forward to meet the Ulster champions in the All-Ireland final. Within ten minutes of the start, Cork began scoring and the half-time whistle saw them leading 2-5 to Waterford's two points.

Waterford played exceptionally well in the second half. Within minutes they got home a goal, but Cork retaliated with a series of points in quick succession and, towards the end of the third quarter, the visitors scored another goal, to bring their tally to 2-2. However, by this time, the home side had brought their score to 3-9 and, in the closing minutes of the game, they got a further point, to bring their final score to 3-10.

Best for the winners were Misses A. Crotty, P. Dorgan, E. Cummins, A. McAuliffe and S. O'Connell, while Waterford were best served by Misses L. Howlett, A. Kent, A. Lee and M. Gough.

Scores for Cork: A. Crotty (2-3), P. Dorgan (1-5), A. McAuliffe (0-1), S. O'Connell (0-1); for Waterford: Miss L. Howlett (1-1), A. Kent (1-0), A. Lee (0-1).

Cork — E. Cummins, H. Dineen, S. O'Sullivan, B. Sugrue, N. O'Mahony, A. Comerford, N. O'Reilly, M. Coleman, A. Crotty, P. Dorgan, S. O'Connell, A. McAuliffe.

Waterford — M. Frisby, L. Howlett, A. Lee, M. Phelan, M. Gough, J. Kennedy, M. Kennedy, M. Sheehan, A. Kent, C. Mooney, E. Cullinane, V. Desmond.

CORK

BACK: A. COMERFORD, M. A. MURPHY, N. HUMPHRIES, S. O'CONNELL, A. McAULIFFE, M. CUMMINS, S. DUNNE, H. DINEEN, R. O'HALLORAN
FRONT: S. O'SULLIVAN, M. COLEMAN, A. CROTTY, P. DORGAN, N. O'MAHONY (CAPT.), B. SUGRUE, N. O'REILLY.

MAYO GIRLS CAPTURE CONNACHT CROWN

After eight years in the doldrums Mayo Camogie got a shot in the arm on Sunday last when a determined Mayo Side re-captured the O'Duffy Trophy, by beating Galway (the holders) in the Connacht Camogie Final at McHale Park, Castlebar, by 4-3 to 3-2.

The Mayo girls were trailing at the interval, but played like a team inspired during the second half and brought the Provincial crown to the county for the first time in eight years.

Mayo scores came from E. Fitzgerald (3-0); M. J. Kilbane (1-0) and J. Ruane (0-3).

Mayo: Mary McGuire, Kate Graven, Chris Fenwick, Marie Gibbons, Ann Guthrie, Maureen Conroy, Julia Delaney, Geraldine Jordan, Eileen Fitzgerald, Josie Ruane, Mary J. Kilbane, Mary Clarke.

Sub., Mary Kilbane for Mary Clarke.

Miss Nuala Cavanagh, Sligo was referee.



M. Frisby, the Waterford goalkeeper, had no chance with this first goal scored by Cork forward Anna Crotty (not in picture) in the camogie game at U.C.G. Grounds yesterday. —("Examiner")



Miss Chris O'Connell, Chairman of the Munster Council and Limerick County Board, presenting the Limerick County Championship Camogie Shield to Peggy Duffy and the members of the Ahane team after they had defeated Croagh 8-1 to 2-3 in the final at the Gaelic Grounds, Limerick. (E.P.S.)



CAMOGIE.—The Churchtown North camogie team which defeated Inniscarra, 10-1 to 1 goal in the Middleton Festival of Sport Camogie Tournament final. (Sheehan)

Antrim Vs Cork In Semi-final

CORK will be at home to Antrim in the first of the year's All-Ireland camogie semi-finals on Sunday. Antrim, winners of the Ulster Championship the past thirteen years and in all, qualified for the All-Ireland final last year before being beaten by Dublin.

In recent years, Cork and Antrim have met on three occasions—in 1952 in Belfast, when Antrim won; in 1955 in Cork, when Cork won; and in 1958, when Antrim won in the All-Ireland final.

Antrim will have five of their team in action on Sunday—Kearns (goal), Moya Forde (full-back), Eithne Dougan (right-half), Maeve Gilroy (centre-back) and Marion McFetridge (top of the right).

Since 1956 the teams have not met, as Tipperary have been Munster champions for some years.

The following are brief snapshots of the Antrim team—

Teresa Kearns (goal)—Holds an All-Ireland medal. Started as goal-minder, then went to left corner forward but recalled to goal for last year's final.

Moya Forde (full-back)—One of the best full-backs in the game and holds an All-Ireland medal. She is noted for her long push.

Eithne Dougan (right-half)—A strong defender, she also holds an All-Ireland medal. She teaches physical education.

Maeve Gilroy (centre half)—A regular on the Antrim and Ulster teams, she holds an All-Ireland medal and has won two All-Ireland Player of the Year awards.

Kay Kelly (left half)—A member of the team for the past three years and a regular on the Ulster team.

The attack is as follows—**Mairead Carabine**—Has been on the team for past three seasons; a stylish player who is noted for her overhead play.

Sue Cashman—Another regular on both Antrim and Ulster teams, she is one of the strongest players on the team.

Mairead McAtanney—A teacher in England, she won the Camogie Gaelic All-Stars Award in 1968. Another regular on Antrim and Ulster teams.

Marion McFetridge—Holds an All-Ireland medal as well as numerous Ulster championships; a prolific scorer.

Mairead Quinn—On both the Antrim and Ulster teams for past three seasons, she is a member of one of the leading North Antrim sides (Creggan).

Eileen Collins—First year on the team; she won an Ulster medal two years ago.

Lily Scullion—One of her team (Ahoghill) leading scorer this season. She is a strong and fast player.

The team is—T. Kearns (goal); M. Forde (Ahoghill); Dougan (Dunloy); M. Gilroy (St. Malachy's); K. Kelly (Moylagh); M. Carabine (St. Teresa); Cashman (Deirdre); M. McAtanney (Portlennone); M. McFetridge (St. Malachy's); M. Quinn (Creggan); E. Collins (St. Malachy's); Scullion (Ahoghill); McFetridge (Deirdre); M. Jamison (Teresa's).

CAMOGIE TITLE FOR KILDARE

KILDARE 2-1
MEATH 0-1

Kildare retained the Smyco Cup and the Leinster Junior Camogie Championship when they defeated Meath in a keenly contested final at Naas last night. Kildare looked a better-trained side and their forwards worked the ball to good advantage, while the losers wasted many opportunities.

The winners, who led 2-0 to no score at half-time, were best served by wingers Margaret Deering and Kathleen Kelly, full-back Tessie Behan and forward Josies Miggins.

Best for Meath were goalie Mary Gannon, Nora Smith, Phil McEntaggart and Marie Morgan.

Scorers: Kildare—M. Deering (1-1); J. Miggins (1-0). Meath—M. Morgan (0-1).

Owen Roe For Final

TWOMILEHOUSE (Kildare) 1-0
OWEN ROE (Dublin) 7-3

DUBLIN champions, Owen Roe, readily qualified for the Leinster Club Championship final when they defeated Kildare champions, Twomilehouse, at Naas last evening, after leading 3-3 to 1-0 at half-time.

The winners, who, after a slow start, were always in command, had outstanding in Margaret O'Leary, the Lyons sisters, Maureen Murphy, Jean Foley and Ann Ashton.

Scorers: Owen Roe—K. Lyons (2-1); J. Foley (2-0); D. Barber (2-0); C. Lyons (1-1); M. O'Leary (0-1). Twomilehouse—T. Hiney (1-0).

Cork And Antrim Meet In All-Ireland Semi-final

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Antrim Have Good Chance Of Beating Cork

SUNDAY next is a vital day for Cork camogie as on that day the county team meet Antrim in the semi-final of the All-Ireland championship at the U.C.C. Grounds, Mardyke. Cork have been lucky with venues this season as in the final of the were also at home against Waterford.

But Antrim will be a different prospect from their Munster opponents. Last season Antrim put up a great show when only suffering a narrow defeat at the hands of the mighty Dublin in the All-Ireland decider. In fact even Dublin followers admitted after the game that the Northerners were decidedly unlucky not to have taken the title. Now they have a chance of getting yet another chance of dethroning the champions and they will be determined not to let Cork stand in their way.

Cork have been out of the limelight since 1963, when they last came out of Munster. That year they were surprisingly defeated by Galway in the semi-final again at a home venue and since then Tipperary have dominated the Southern scene — up to this year that is.

The Leesiders put up a great performance against Tipperary in their first Munster championship outing this season. They were given no chance as they had to travel to Fethard for the

One of the reasons Cork took so long to make sure of the title was the inability of their forwards to capitalise on opportunities. Anna Crotty aside the attack was far from impressive and they definitely will not be able to throw away chances on Sunday — and still win.



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Antrim, with the powerful Moya Forde at full back, Teresa Kearns in goal, Eithne Dougan and Kay Kelly on the wings and Maeve Gilroy at centre-back, will not give away too many

chances. In fact Cork would be wise to remember the 1965 All-Ireland final when Antrim dashed Cork's hopes. Of Antrim's present defence only Kay Kelly did not play in that game and as they are playing even better now Cork's forwards will be really up against it.

Of course it is a well-known fact that Cork play better when the opposition is stiff as in the case of Tipperary. Individually their forwards are all opportunists and if they can combine together on Sunday then scores must come their way. Anna Crotty is playing better than ever and in fact if she had not been in the side against Waterford it is doubtful if Cork would still be in the championship. She has a tremendous sense of position and her ability to pick off scores could once again turn the game in Cork's favour. For her partners she has two clubmates in Stephanie O'Connell and Peggy Dorgan, both of whom can be matchwinners on their day while Maura Fitzgerald, of Old Aloysians, the former U.C.C. star, should make a great difference to the line. Maura is a strong stylish player who is no stranger to the full forward position. Of course she will be up against the powerful Moya Forde which is a formidable task for any attacker.

Maeve Gilroy could be a big worry to Cork. The best known of the Antrim girls, she is a great player to turn defence into attack and Peggy Dorgan will have to fight for the ball if she is even to break even with the Antrim girl. If Peggy allows Maeve to get the upper hand then Cork could be in real trouble.

Cork's defence too will have their headaches. Marion McFetridge is a flying winger who was also a member of the 1959 All-Ireland winning team. The big U.C.C. pitch will be ideal for her type of play and whether Sheila O'Sullivan or Nora O'Mahony has the task of "marking" her, they are bound to have a busy afternoon. However, both are good strong defenders who will not shirk any responsibility on Sunday. Mairead Quinn is another dangerous forward and has been a regular on Antrim and Ulster teams for the last three years. The line is completed by newcomers Eileen Collins and Lily Scullion, both very effective performers.

Cork's defence against Waterford was easily their strongest sector. Eleanor Cummins in goal brought off a number of marvellous saves, while Hannah Dineen was a very sound full-back, the wing backs, Sheila O'Sullivan and Nora O'Mahony covered well, while Betty Sugrue



STEPHANIE O'CONNELL

saved many a dangerous situation at half back. It is not surprising that the line was selected intact once again and though they will be up against very much stronger opponents on Sunday they have the ability to do well against them.

Antrim are always a very fit and fast team and the U.C.C. pitch will be very suitable for their brand of camogie. Certainly Antrim should be at their best in this game and if Cork win they will be very worthy All-Ireland finalists. They have the players, they had the spirit against Tipperary and if they can get the goals, then even the brilliant Mairead McAtamney, Maeve Gilroy and Marion McFetridge will not be enough to give the Northern girls another chance in the final. When these sides last met in Cork in 1955 Cork emerged as victors and Cork followers will be hopeful that the Leesiders can repeat this victory.

TEAMS:—

Cork—E. Cummins (S.P.P.P.); H. Dineen (U.C.C.); N. O'Mahony (Glen Rovers); S. O'Sullivan (S.P.P.P.); B. Sugrue (do.); A. Comerford (do.); M. Coleman (Glen Rovers); A. McAuliffe (Old Aloysians); P. Dorgan (Glen Rovers); S. O'Connell (do.); A. Crotty (do.); and M. Fitzgerald (Old Aloysians). Subs: N. O'Reilly (Churchtown); M. Murphy (Old Aloysians); N. Humphries (Glen Rovers); R. O'Halloran (U.C.C.) and M. McDonnell (Glen Rovers).

Antrim—T. Kearns, M. Forde, E. Dougan, M. Gilroy, K. Kelly, M. Carabine, S. Cashman, M. McAtamney, M. McFetridge, M. Quinn, E. Collins, L. Scullion. Subs: S. Maguire, E. McGrogan, M. Jamison.

Fixtures—All-Ireland Championship semi-final—Antrim v Cork, U.C.C. Grounds, Mardyke, 3 p.m. Sunday.

THERE could scarcely be a more intriguing pairing in the All-Ireland senior camogie semi-final than next Sunday's clash at Cork between the Ulster champions Antrim and the new Munster champions, Cork. Nor is there any real line on form to be drawn between the two counties for they have not met at this stage since the early fifties. On that occasion Cork won by a narrow margin and went on to lose to Dublin in the final, while the two counties have only met once since then. That was in 1956 when they faced one another in the All-Ireland final, at Croke Park, and Antrim won with something to spare.

The Antrim team is not yet to hand, but it is possible that they will have four members of that 1956 side still on duty. Teasie Kearns in goal, full-back Moya Forde, centre-back Maeve Gilroy and Marion McFetridge (nee Kearns) in the attack. The only representative of the 1956 side still in the Cork colours is Anna Crotty.

Cork have been out of the limelight for some years past but it must be remembered that in their last semi-final appearance in 1963 they were a trifle unlucky not to defeat Dublin at Cork. However after having rather the better of a drawn game with the champions they failed to live up to that standard when they came to Parnell Park for the replay. They fell away in the second half and retired well beaten.

In the following three years Tipperary have held the Munster title beating Cork in 1964 and 1965. Last season Cork went out most unexpectedly to Waterford in the first round, but they more than made up for that shock defeat by their Munster achievements this season.

They scored a clear-cut victory over holders Tipperary in the semi-final at Fethard and then more than avenged last season's defeat by beating Waterford all the way in the final of the province at Cork. These were two very sound performances indeed, and show the new Munster champions to be a very good all-round side.

Their defence, built round a really brilliant player, Hannah Dineen and Eleanor Cummins has been particularly impressive. Peggy Dorgan has been their star around midfield, while Stephanie O'Connell and the experienced and talented Anne Crotty has been getting plenty of scores. On home ground Cork must have a great chance of reaching their first final since 1956, but they face an Antrim side that is very keen on taking the title that so narrowly eluded them last season. After all, Dublin were lucky to escape with that two-point margin in last season's All-Ireland final at Croke Park and Ulster friends tell me that this present Antrim side could be the best team that has ever left the North.

Since the All-Ireland final last year they have kept their eyes firmly fixed on this year's title, and they certainly made light of any Northern opposition either in

the Maguire Cup or in the championship thus far this season.

They have some brilliant new recruits to their panel, but I would feel happier about their chances were I satisfied that Mairead McAtamney was not alone back in action but in top form.

The great Portlennone player was an absentee from the Ulster final side, but if she is now available I give the Antrim girls a sporting chance of victory even at Cork. And, if this present Antrim side can beat Cork at Cork, they would thereby instal themselves as long-odds favourites to take the All-Ireland title.

The second semi-final between Mayo and holders Dublin is due to take place at a Dublin venue on Sunday, August 27. Some of the Dublin players will be in action before then however, for the Dublin county champions Eoghan Ruadh will be in action against the new Kildare champions Two-milehouse in the second inter-club championship semi-final of Leinster.

The first semi-final between St. Paul's, Kilkenny and St. Ibar's, Wexford was played at St. John's Park, Kilkenny on Sunday last and resulted in a win for St. Paul's after a most interesting and entertaining game.

The Kilkenny girls, who had the aid of the wind, in the first half made the most of that advantage and were well on the way to victory when they led by thirteen points, 3-4 to nil, at half-time.

The Wexford side improved in the second half but they never really looked like saving the day, and St. Paul's, who are the holders, of the Leinster title in this competition advanced to the final for the second successive year without undue difficulty.

Outstanding in the winners attack were Rowline Vennard, the Fennelly sisters and Anne Gargan, while M. Walsh had a goal and I. Murphy a point for St. Ibar's in the second half.

Down Waterford way I see where Gaultier recently won the county title with a very clear-cut final victory over Kilbrien at Dungarvan. I feel the Waterford girls will give a good account of themselves in the Munster club championship.



SHEILA O'SULLIVAN

game and Tipp are a very formidable side anywhere, but especially with the advantage of a home venue. But Cork surprised everyone and had a great victory over the champions.

Then they met Waterford in the Munster final and for long periods in this game they were quite disappointing. In the early part of the first half Waterford were most impressive and Cork did not look the dominating force they were expected to be. Granted they went on to win well in the second half, but not before Waterford had given them a tough battle. Waterford have for many years now been regarded as one of the "weaker" counties and Cork should not have made such heavy weather of disposing of them. They will certainly have to improve greatly if they are to advance to the final.

TWO CHANGES

There are two changes from the side which defeated Waterford. Ann McAuliffe, who made such a difference when she came on early in the second half retains her place at the expense of the youthful Noreen O'Reilly, while Maura Fitzgerald has been brought in as full-forward in place of Rose O'Halloran. These are two very necessary changes. Cork were not a success at centre-field and with Gaelic All-Stars Award winning Mairead McAtamney and Sue Cashman in the centre for Antrim, Cork cannot afford to be weak in this sector on Sunday. Now that Kay has been retained and if Ann and Maura can strike their best form then Cork could have a very much improved centre trio.



● Mrs. M. Lynch, Chairman, Co. Monaghan Camogie Board, presents the Gael Linn Cup to Mary McCann, captain of the Monaghan camogie team, after they defeated Toome in the Co. Monaghan camogie final at Ballybay. Also included are Angela McDonnell and Kitty McArdle.

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ANTRIM

FRONT:- M. GILROY,
E. COLLINS, M. QUINN,
T. KEARNS, L. SEWELL

BACK:- M. CARABINE,
M. MCATAMNEY, S. H.
S. CASHMAN, K. K.
M. JAMESON, M. F.
E. M'GROGAN, E. DOUGHERTY



CORK

BACK:- A. CROTT,
A. COMERFORD, A. M'ALLAN,
M. MURPHY, M. FITZGERALD,
E. CUMMINS, N. HURLEY,
H. DINEEN, B. SULLIVAN

FRONT:- P. LEE,
S. O'CONNELL, M. HIGGINS,
N. O'MAHONY (capt), M.
N. O'REILLY, S. O'SULLIVAN

The Antrim team (top) who defeated Cork (bottom) by 5-7 to 2-3 in the All-Ireland Camogie semi-final at U.C.C. Grounds, Cork.



Lilly Scullion (on right of picture) gets the ball past the Cork defence to score Antrim's third goal in yesterday's All-Ireland camogie semi-final at the U.C.C. Grounds. — ("Examiner")

FROM LEFT:- H. DINEEN (CORK), M. MCFETRIDGE (ANTRIM), N. O'MAHONY (Cork)
L. SCULLION (ANTRIM), S. O'SULLIVAN (CORK)

Antrim's Class Told At Cork

Antrim 5-7
Cork 2-3

ANTRIM dismissed the challenge of Cork in convincing style at the U.C.C. Grounds yesterday to qualify for the All-Ireland camogie final for the second successive year. Cork, back after a lapse of a few years, fought hard all through but they were up against a solid Antrim team which had plenty of hurling.

In the final, Antrim will play the winners of Mayo and Dublin. It was Dublin who beat the Ulster champions in last year's All-Ireland final, and if Antrim can repeat yesterday's form, they should have every chance of reversing last year's defeat.

Strong in defence and attack, Antrim were seldom in trouble. They played with confidence and determination and never allowed themselves to be dominated by a spirited Cork team.

The Munster champions, however, lacked the class and finish of their opponents. Cork's goalkeeper, Eleanor Cummins, was a star, and while the defence was impressive at the times, attack was weak and too much was left to Ann Crotty, despite the efforts of Maura Fitzgerald.

Antrim were a goal and two points ahead, after five minutes, before Peggy Dorgan opened Cork's scoring with a point. Stephanie O'Connell followed up with another Cork point, and a goal from Anna Crotty in the 10th minute brought the teams level for the only time in the game.

Typical of Antrim's approach, they hit back with a point from Sue Cashman and then regained a lead they never subsequently lost. Lily Scullion had the second of her five goals for Antrim and at the interval they led 2-5 to 1-2.

Cork opened in the second half in a strong fashion and Peggy Dorgan had a point after less than a minute's play. Antrim's strength in defence, where centre-back Maeve Gilroy was always in command, stifled the efforts of the Cork forwards and with Lily Scullion in top form in attack, Antrim went further ahead with goals in the fifth and seventh minutes.

BRILLIANT DEFENCE

Then followed a period of supremacy for Cork and Anna Crotty had her second goal in the eight minute. Despite the all-out efforts of the team, they could not break the strong defensive barrier and Antrim finished strongly.

Best for the winners were: Eithne Dougan, Maeve Gilroy, Mairead McAtamney, Lily Scullion and Mairead Quinn.

Cork's best players were Eleanor Cummins, Noreen O'Mahony, Sheila O'Sullivan, Ann McAuliffe, Stephanie O'Connell and Anne Crotty.

Scorers for the winners were: L. Scullion (5-0), S. Cashman (0-1), M. Quinn (0-2), M. Quinn (0-2). Cork: A. Crotty

(2-0), P. Dorgan (0-2), S. O'Connell (0-1).

Antrim: T. Kearns, M. Forde, E. Dougan, M. Gilroy, K. Kelly, M. Carabine, S. Cashman, M. McAtamney, M. McFetridge, M. Quinn, E. Collins, L. Scullion.

Cork: E. Cummins, H. Dineen, N. O'Mahony, S. O'Sullivan, B. Sugrue, A. Comerford, M. Coleman, A. McAuliffe, P. Dorgan, S. O'Connell, A. Crotty, M. Fitzgerald. Subs: N. O'Reilly for M. Coleman, M. Murphy for N. O'Reilly.

Referee: Mrs. K. O'Duffy (Dublin)

Antrim Reach The Final

ANTRIM 5-7
CORK 2-3

MUCH the superior side in style, skill and combination, Antrim again qualified for the All-Ireland Camogie final, when they convincingly defeated Cork in the first semi-final at the Mardyke, Cork, yesterday.

Despite an almost constant drizzle, and a couple of heavy showers that made the ball and sod very greasy, the standard of play was high, considering the conditions. Individual star of a well-balanced winning side was full-forward Lily Scullion, who shot all five of her side's goals and in addition had a couple of great efforts saved by a fine Cork goalkeeper, Eleanor Cummins.

Antrim were early into their stride and were five points up in as many minutes. Cork then had their best part of the game to level the scoring after 15 minutes with points from Peggy Dorgan, and Stephanie O'Connell, and a clever goal from Anna Crotty. Sue Cashman regained the lead for Antrim with a point and when a hard shot from Mairead McAtamley was blocked down, Scullion was in to goal. Points by McAtamley and Cashman left Antrim ahead 2-5 to 1-2 at half-time.

A point by Maura Fitzgerald for Cork on the restart was answered by a similar score from Marion McSetridge, but then two great goals by Lily Scullion put Antrim on the high road to victory.

Anne Comerford with a good goal briefly revived Cork's hopes, but a sixth Scullion goal effectively quenched that rally and Antrim, now well on top, missed several chances in the closing minutes.

Teresa Kearns was a sound goalkeeper for Antrim, but was assisted by a great defence in which Moya Forde and Maeve Gilroy were often brilliant.

Despite many opposing switches, McAtamley and Cashman were always in control around mid-field, while Lily Scullion got plenty of assistance from Mairead Quinn and Marion McSetridge.

Scorers, Antrim—L. Scullion (5-0); S. Cashman (0-4); M. McAtamley (0-1); M. McSetridge (0-1); M. Quinn (0-1). Cork—A. Crotty (1-0); A. Comerford (1-0); T. Dorgan (0-1); S. O'Connell (0-1); M. Fitzgerald (0-1).

Antrim—T. Kearns; N. Forde, E. Dougan, M. Gilroy, K. Kelly, M. Carabine, S. Cashman, M. McAtamley, M. McSetridge, M. Quinn, E. Collins, L. Scullion.

Cork—E. Cummins; H. Dineen, S. O'Sullivan, D. Sugrue, N. O'Mahony, A. Comerford, A. McAuliffe, M. Coleman, S. O'Donnell, P. Dorgan, A. Crotty, M. Fitzgerald. Subs: N. O'Reilly for M. Coleman; M. Murphy for N. O'Reilly.



Antrim's Convincing Victory

THOSE, and they were many, who claimed that the pre-Antrim camogie side is the best ever to represent the Northern county had their claims enhanced at the University College Grounds in Cork last Sunday when the Ulster champions scored a most convincing victory over the Munster champions Cork in the All-Ireland camogie semi-final and thus qualified to meet Dublin or Mayo in the final.

Except for a brief period in the first half Cork never looked a match for the well-trained Antrim girls, who, despite a long trip by car to the Leaside venue, were a competent and confident side right from the throw-in and swept to a five point lead in the opening five minutes. The home side then came battling back into the game, and the Cork supporters had cause to feel optimistic for the only time in the game when Anna Crotty nipped in for an opportunist goal to level the scores after fifteen minutes. But Antrim were undaunted and picked off score after score from there to the interval when they led by 2-5 to 1-2.

Cork reshuffled their side at half-time and right from the throw-in were away for a point. But Antrim promptly balanced that score. Then Lily Scullion finished off some fine combination by the Northern attack with two great goals. Anne Comerford kept Cork hopes just alive with a goal in reply but a fierce Cork attack that brought two 'thirties' and a close free all without reward marked the end of the home side's endeavour and the visitors were well on top in the closing stages, when their attack for the only time in the hour missed some very easy chances of making their thirteen-point margin even more convincing.

Teresa Kearns, who had come home from her honeymoon to play, was a safe goalkeeper for the winners; Moya Forde was a sound full-back well assisted by Eithne Dougan and Kathleen Kelly, while

Maeve Gilroy was almost unbeatable at centre-back. Mairead McAtamney, though she had only been a few days in training, Sue Cashman (nee Ward) and Mairead Carabine gave Antrim constant control at midfield while if Lily Scullion, who shot five goals, was the star of the winners' attack she got admirable co-operation from Marion McFetridge and Mairead Quinn.

The Cork side was disappointing, and Eleanor Cummins in goal saved them from an even heavier defeat. Hanna Dineen never reproduced Ashbourne Cup form and Noreen O'Mahony was best of the defence. Anne Comerford and Anne McAuliffe tried hard out-field but the experienced attack of Stephanie O'Connell, Anne Crotty, Peggy Dorgan and Maura Fitzgerald was never able to consistently worry the Antrim defence.

Certainly Antrim on this showing must have a great chance of winning the All-Ireland final, no matter whether Dublin or Mayo come through in the other semi-final. They are well trained, eager and determined, and it must take a great team to score so convincing a victory over Cork at Cork, and, although it must be admitted that for once, the Cork supporters failed to turn up to support their team, as never before I think have I seen so small an attendance at so important a camogie game in the Mardyke.

It was a bad day weather-wise, and there was a big local hurling match on in Cork but, even so, the attendance was worse than disappointing.

LEFT: ANNA CROTTY scoring Cork's first goal. On left EITHNE DOUGAN

SUCCESSFUL CAMOGIE COURSE IN BELFAST

Camogie

By AGNES HOURIGAN

THE trouble about camogie notes this week is that it is difficult to know where to begin. But there is one thing certain that the most important matter of the week was the coaching course which was held last week-end at the Ormawickfield Schools in Belfast. To say that this was the greatest breakthrough ever for camogie is no understatement.

The success of the venture far and away exceeded all the bright hopes of the sponsors. In the first place there were more than fifty students at the course. Not alone did they come from all the Ulster counties, there were girls there who had played for Galway, Kilkenny, Dublin, Tipperary and Limerick. In addition to the Northern players, there were teachers from many schools, nuns from two convents, and the Secretaries of three of the four provinces. Moreover, General Secretary Sheila McNulty came up for the closing stages and addressed the gathering to very good effect. And Sean and Mrs. O'Duffy came along on the wet Friday to give the course their blessing too.

All these things were heartening enough, but these were, if you like only the trimmings. The real work that was done was the teaching of the basic skills of the game, both in theory and in practice. In this the two in charge Miss Nell McCarthy and Maeve Gilroy did a tremendous job extremely well, and one felt that they had their greatest reward when they saw how well the players and the teachers responded and the improvement that was shown by all at the end of three days of hard work.

And not the least of the good effects of the course was the wonderful spirit of friendship between all concerned, and the great enthusiasm that was engendered for the advancement of our game. I am convinced that if we could extend this course or add on similar courses to cover the whole country, camogie would, inside five years, be raised to the place it should occupy in the social life of the country.

One can only bow down in admiration at the work done by the organisers and Rosina McManus of the Ulster Council must take pride of place here.

She had all the arrangements in apple-pie order, and she made everybody feel at home. And finally one can only marvel at the interest taken and the assistance provided by the Belfast Education authorities, and I find it a problem to decide whether to name Mr. Blower or Mr. Williamson first. They were both kindness personified, and to us from the South their welcome and interest was redoubled.

Belfast, not for the first time has set a camogie headline to the rest of Ireland, a headline that will

be difficult to copy and impossible to surpass. Indeed, I can visualise that if this course is continued for a couple of years, with the weight of the whole educational system behind it, it is almost inevitable that camogie supremacy will swing to the North-East. Certainly Ulster is already way ahead of the other three provinces in the whole approach to physical education.

There is one other point I would wish to stress. All those who attended gave up three days of their holidays to do so, and paid the fee, which was reasonable out of their own pockets.

NOW that the All-Ireland camogie final has got a fixed date for itself at Croke Park in mid-September the event has at last a chance to establish itself in the sporting calendar, and about time too, for the Camogie final has been played at many strange times and places since first it was established in 1932.

The first two camogie finals of all were between Dublin and Galway. One of them was played in Dublin, the other at Galway, and Dublin won both. Then Cork came into the reckoning and were tops of the camogie world for a time. At about the same period Louth came to the forefront in Leinster, and we had some All-Ireland finals in Cork, and some in Croke Park.

Then in 1939, the Camogie Association divided and there was a period of confusion. In fact, in more than one year, there was more than one final, and it was none too easy at the time to figure out which was the proper final and which was not. During that period I remember a 'final' being played in County Meath and another in Croke Park in the same year.

Eventually a measure of unity was restored, and we had some great finals at Croke Park again. I think it was this period, in the middle 'forties, that the record attendance was set up at a Croke Park final between Dublin and Cork.

But then internal troubles beset the Association once more. Antrim were very much to the fore at this period. There were a couple of All-Irelands played at this stage in Belfast, and there was even a final played in Cappoquin, in which Antrim defeated Waterford

It was not until the late 'forties that we had a fully united Association again, but by this time organisation, for obvious reasons, had become a bit haphazard, and for some years thereafter the camogie final became very much a movable feast. It might be played in early August, yet sometimes it did not take place until November and even, on one occasion, it went back into December.

No wonder, in these circumstances, that attendances fell off and that public interest waned. Indeed, there were occasions when there was an interval of two months between the semi-finals and the final.

That was not the fault of the

Camogie Association. It had been fixed by Congress that the final should be played at Croke Park, and the camogie people had to wait until Croke Park was available. And, if unforeseen circumstances cropped up for the G.A.A. itself, in the way of draws and replays particularly, it meant that the Camogie final had to be put back.

However, in more recent years that problem has been solved to the satisfaction of all concerned and now with a fixed date we in the Camogie Association have the chance of building up our All-Ireland final.

The All-Ireland final is

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Camogie team

Although Galway lost their Connacht camogie crown to Mayo this year, they still supply half the provincial team selected to play Ulster in the Gael-Linn Cup interprovincial semi-final at Belfast next Sunday.

The Connacht team is — M. McGuire (Mayo), O. Hanniffy (Galway), R. Flaherty (Galway), C. Fenwick (Mayo), R. M. Divilly (Galway), M. Conroy (Mayo), M. McCann (Sligo), M. Kelly (Galway), B. O'Brien (Galway), J. Ruane (Mayo), P. Smyth (Roscommon), E. Walsh (Galway). Subs.: E. Fitzgerald (Mayo), K. Craven (Mayo), K. Quinn (Galway), B. McDonagh (Galway), P. Clarke (Roscommon).

Glen Rovers Meet Roscrea In Inter-club Championship

WITH Cork out of the All-Ireland Championship and Munster out of the Gael Linn Cup, Glen Rovers alone have the chance of keeping Cork's interest alive in a national competition, when tomorrow they meet Tipperary County Champions, St. Dominics, Roscrea, in the Munster semi-final of the inter-club competition at Cobh, at 4 p.m.

Cork were rather disappointing on Sunday last in the All-Ireland semi-final. Although the majority of the side tried very hard they were up against an Antrim team who must be given a very good chance of topping this long-reigning Dublin in the All-Ireland final. Antrim were speedier and were more efficient around goal where their combination and quick thinking had a hardworking Cork defence at sixes and sevens for long periods. Lily Scullion with a tally of five goals and Baird Quinn will long be remembered by Cork followers for their tremendous play around goal while Sue Cashman, Maeve Gilroy, Maitead McAtamney and Moysa Forde were others who ensured that Antrim advanced to the final.

Cork were too much a team of individuals, who must have learned the value of teamwork on Sunday. They never really had a chance against this efficient Antrim team although there were a number of Cork players who enhanced their reputations in this game. Eleanor Cummins brought off some great saves in the first half and of course, Ann Crotty was again in brilliant form. But the big success of the Cork team was Ann McAuliffe. This young player came on as a sub against

Waterford and deservedly retained her place against Antrim. Ann showed a coolness which many more experienced players lack in big games and her all round performance suggests that she has a highly successful career ahead of her.

INTER-CLUB

Now that the county is out of the All-Ireland all interest here turns to the inter-club competition. Glen Rovers have been taking part in this competition since its inception four years ago, but although they got out of Munster on one occasion they have yet to take the title.

St. Patrick's, Tipperary, have held the trophy for the last two years. Now it is the turn of Roscrea to wear the Tipperary colours in this competition, as they are the present Tipp County Champions. For many years St. Dominics were the dominating influence in Tipperary and now they have once again returned to the championship throne. St. Patrick's proved too good for Glen in this past and the Blackpool girls must feel that maybe a change of champions in Tipperary could be in their favour. However it would be well to remember that Roscrea have always supplied a big number of players to the county team and have the same fighting spirit always so evident in Tipperary teams.

Kathleen Griffin is such a prominent figure in Munster camogie that her appearance in any side always creates headaches for the opposition. Well Kathleen lined out for Roscrea and with other county players including Bernie

Maloney and Sally Long also on the team they will provide Glen with a very difficult task.

NOT EASILY UPSET

However, Glen are a side who are not easily upset by big names as they have more than their share of inter-county and provincial players. Once again Anne Crotty will be taking the field as well as Cork colleagues Peggy Dorgan, and Stephanie O'Connell. These three can be very dangerous in attack and could well turn the table in the Cork girls' favour. Glen also have a solid defence with Deirdre Sutton and Cork player Moira O'Mahony, while they also have Maura Coleman, Mary McDonnell and Nuala Humphries. In all they have a very fine line-out and they will be very anxious to atone for Cork's defeat on Sunday and so keep the interest alive in the county.

The winners of tomorrow's game will meet Ahane, the Limerick County champions on Sunday week in the Munster final. There are three junior championship ties also listed for Sunday.

Walk-over For Glen Rovers

Glen Rovers, Cork county champions, after waiting for half an hour, received a walk over from St. Dominics, Roscrea, Tipperary county champions, at Cobh yesterday in the Munster club camogie championship semi-final and now meet Ahane of Limerick next Sunday.

Late Goal Wins For Margarets

ST. MARGARET'S 1-2
ST. EITHNE'S 1-0
A GOAL from Rose Murtagh late in the match, gave St. Margarets (Dromiskin) their first Louth Senior Camogie Championship title yesterday at the expense of St. Eithne's (Drogheda) at Knockbridge.

It was a lively encounter with winners having to pull out all the stops to get the decision. St. Margaret's scorers were: R. Murtagh (1-1), and A. Murtagh (0-1). The St. Eithne's goal was scored by T. Conroy.

UNKNOWN MAYO FACE STAR-PACKED DUBLIN

By AGNES HOURIGAN

ANTRIM, already through to the All-Ireland camogie final, will know their opponents on Sunday when Dublin, the title-holders, meet the new Connacht champions Mayo in the second semi-final at Parnell Park, Dublin (3.30).

This is indeed a case of a battle between the known and the unknown. Dublin, holders of the All-Ireland title for the past ten years will field 11 of the 12 players that won the title a year ago. Every one of their stars has won at least one All-Ireland medal, while the Mayo players are almost entirely unknown. Indeed their victory in the recent Connacht final against Galway gave them the right to represent Connacht in the All-Ireland semi-final for the first time since 1960.

But there has been something of a camogie resurgence in Mayo over the past 12 months and their victory over Galway stamps the present side as a team well above the ordinary. They could well provide a shock for the more fancied Dubliners.

Still Hopeful

Such players as Josie Ruane have plenty of experience, while others to distinguish themselves against Galway were Mary J. Kilbane, Marie Gibbons, Geraldine Jordan and Julia Delaney. With plenty of enthusiasm within the county, Mayo will travel hopefully but it would be the sensation of the decade if they were to defeat Dublin on Dublin soil.

The All-Ireland champions moved very well indeed on their only outing thus far, this season, when they scored a very convincing victory over Wexford in the Leinster senior final. The Wexford girls had sailed through the intermediate championship, but were well beaten at Gorey in the senior decider.

Dublin will be short one of the victorious Leinster final side, as centre-back Alice Hussey is on holiday on the continent and will not be back until the end of the month. However, her absence should pose no problem for the Dublin selectors, The centre-back of last year, Kitty

MAYO TEST DUBLIN CAMOGIE STARS

By AGNES HOURIGAN

DUBLIN 7-7
MAYO 2-0

DUBLIN, All-Ireland Camogie champions for the past ten years, qualified for their eleventh successive final yesterday, but got a much harder run than the score indicates from a gallant Mayo side in this semi-final at Dublin's Parnell Park.

Mayo, who had come completely unknown out of the West, gave the champions as good as they got in the opening stages, and charmed their small following when they took the lead with a goal in reply, to two early Dublin points.

But the driving rain (which began to fall as the teams took the field and, cruelly, continued till just before the end of the game) seemed to affect the play of the Mayo girls far more than that of the infinitely more experienced Dubliners, who pulled ahead steadily through the remainder of the first half to lead 5-2 to 1-0 at the interval.

On the restart, however, Dublin found goal-scoring difficult against a much steadier Mayo defence. But the champions shot five points in a row, before Mayo rallied and had a great second goal. Dublin struck back to emphasise their superiority with two further goals in the closing minutes.

The winners, who now meet their keenest rivals, Antrim, in the final at Croke Park, on September 17, moved promisingly despite the treacherous conditions. The defence was sound,

with Mary Ryan and Brid Keenan particularly effective helpers to captain Kay Lyons.

The mid-field trio of Mary Sherlock, Orla Ni Shiochain and Patricia Timmons were in full control of their sector after the opening stages, while the "old firm" in attack, Una O'Connor, Kit Kehoe and Judy Doyle, were always dangerous despite the hard work of a dogged Mayo defence.

For Mayo, goalkeeper Mary Maguire, who had a brilliant game, full-back Katie Graven and centre-back Josie Ruane were outstanding, but they had no players so effective further afield, though Chris Fennick tried hard all through and Eileen Clarke shot two fine goals.

Scorers—Dublin—J. Doyle (3-0), U. O'Connor (2-2), K. Kehoe (1-2), M. Sherlock (0-1), P. Timmons (0-1), O. Ni Shiochain (0-1). **Mayo—**E. Clark (2-0).

Dublin—E. Leech; M. Ryan, B. Keenan, K. Murphy, R. Lyons (captain); M. Sherlock, P. Timmons, O. Ni Shiochain; E. Kehoe, A. McAllister; J. Doyle; U. O'Connor. **Mayo—**M. Maguire; K. Graven; J. Delaney, J. Ruane, M. Gibbons; A. Gutterie, C. Fennick, G. Jordan, E. Fitzgerald, M. Conroy, J. Gallagher; E. Clarke.

Referee—Mrs L. O'Grady (Cork).

Ruadh Are Leinster Champions

Eoghan Ruadh (Dublin) 2-5
St. Paul's (Kilkenny) ... 2-2

EOGHAN RUADH, the Dublin camogie champions, won the Leinster club title when they defeated the Kilkenny title-holders, St. Paul's, in a very close game at Parnell Park yesterday.

The winners now play Glen Rovers (Cork) in the All-Ireland semi-final at Cork on October 8.

The losers, who had the finer strikers, had the better of the exchanges in the opening half, but many scoring opportunities were wasted.

St. Paul's were first to score—a point; Eoghan Ruadh equalised. St. Paul's went ahead with a goal before Eoghan Ruadh levelled again. The visitors goaled and the home side added two points to leave the half-time score 2-1 to 1-3 in favour of St. Paul's.

Play was very even after the restart until Eoghan Ruadh scored a goal in the tenth minute. St. Paul's had their only score of this half, a point, and Ruadhs closed the scoring with two points to emerge deserving winners.

Eoghan Ruadh were best served by Margaret O'Leary, Kathleen Lyons, Anne Ashton, Maureen Murphy and Connie Lyons. Best for St. Paul's were Carmel O'Shea, Mary Houlihan, Mary Fennelly and Nuala Duncan.

SCORERS: E. Ruadh—K. Lyons (2-1), C. Lyons (0-2), J. Foley, M. O'Leary (0-1 each). **St. Paul's—**B. Kinsella, J. Golden (1-0 each), R. Vennard, M. Fennelly (0-1 each).

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INTER-CLUB TITLE FOR GLEN ROVERS

Glen Rovers 7-4; Ahane 1-1.

Glen Rovers regained the Munster Inter-Club camogie crown which they last held in 1964, at the expense of Ahane, Limerick.

After only two minutes of play Anna Crotty had the side ahead with 1-1. Five minutes later Mary McDonnell had it 2-1 for Glen Rovers. At this stage of the game Ahane were trying very hard to keep the Glen forwards out but Glen had other ideas and when Peggy Dorgan sent a hard ground shot to the Ahane net, Glen really had the Limerick champions worried.

Shortly before the interval Anna Crotty, who was causing real trouble to the Ahane backs put Glen 4-1 up at the half-way stage with a very well-taken goal. On the resumption of play Ahane looked as if they would penetrate the Glen backline and score, but this was not the case, as Margaret Buckley was in top form in centre back position for Glen Rovers.

Miss Crotty again showed what a superb forward she is when she cut through for a goal. A few minutes later full-forward Mary McDonnell had another Glen goal and a point. At this stage of the game Ahane had a goal scored from a goalmouth melee by Joan Ryan. Glen Rovers replied with another goal by Anna Crotty and a point by Peggy Dorgan. Ahane had the last score of the game, a point from Carrie Breen.

Scorers: Glen Rovers—Anna Crotty 4-1, Mary McDonnell 2-1, P. Dorgan 1-2, Ahane—Joan Ryan 1-0, Carrie Breen 0-1.



Helen Roche, the Ahane 'keeper, fails to stop this ball from going into the net for Glen Rovers' sixth goal during yesterday's inter-club Camogie Championship, Munster, final at Douglas.

(Echo)

DUBLIN'S CRAFT AND EXPERIENCE WON THE DAY

DUBLIN are through to the All-Ireland camogie final once again, but the ten-year champions met an unexpectedly strong challenge from the unheralded Connacht representatives, Mayo, in the semi-final at Parnell Park last Sunday.

I thought the weather unfair to the semi-final between Antrim and Cork at Cork, but it was positively cruel on Sunday last. Heavy rain started to fall most unexpectedly just as the teams took the field and continued right through the first half and intermittently through the second. Then, when the last whistle blew, it stopped!

Now, I thought the rain told more against inexperienced Mayo than it did against Dublin, who quickly switched to a more direct style to suit the conditions. Moreover, Mayo were at the disadvantage that they had put in fifteen minutes pre-match practice on the then dry sod, and so took longer to adjust themselves to the altered conditions.

Dublin, against wind and rain, were early ahead, with good points by Una O'Connor and Kit Kehoe. Then Mayo began to find their feet, and had launched several sharp attacks before Eileen Clarke brought the game to life with a grand Mayo goal.

UNFORTUNATE

From a neutral viewpoint it was unfortunate that Dublin swept away right from the puck-out for Una O'Connor to crown a neat forward movement with a typical goal to recapture the lead.

But it took the champions a long time to stretch that lead. Eventually, Judy Doyle added a goal, then tacked on another, and, just on the interval, Una O'Connor added two more to leave Dublin ahead 5-2 to 1-0 at half time, a score-line that did far less than justice to Mayo's efforts.

At the interval it looked as though Dublin, who would now have wind advantage, must run up a very tall score indeed, but the

Mayo defence played magnificently. Though under constant pressure through the first quarter of an hour after the resumption, they refused to concede another major score at this stage. But here Dublin really showed their craft and experience, for, when they found the road to goal barred, they started picking off points and had five minor scores in a row.

THE FIRST

Oria ni Shiochain had the first from a '30' on the left, Mary Sherlock the second from a '30' on the right, Kit Kehoe and Una O'Connor took the third and fourth very neatly, and Patricia Timmons added the fifth from another '30', this one in the centre.

Hereabouts the rain eased off and Mayo promptly rallied again, Eileen Clarke scoring a great goal after the Dublin defence had beaten off several determined attacks.

Dublin's response was again swift, Kit Kehoe and Judy Doyle sent in a goal each to finish the scoring.

On this form we must surely see the greatest final yet between Dublin and Antrim at Croke Park on September 17. Dublin did not win as easily as many people had anticipated, but the reason was that this is the most promising team I have yet seen come out of Mayo.

OUTSTANDING

Mary Maguire in goal, full-back Katie Graven, Josie Ruane and Eileen Clarke were really outstanding and many of the rest only need experience to reach the same high standard.

As for Dublin, they were not, under very similar conditions, as impressive as Antrim were when defeating Cork in the other semi-final. Their only absentee last Sunday was Alice Hussey, for whom Kitty Murphy was an adequate deputy. But, generally speaking, the champions moved well, and good though Antrim are, Dublin will make a brave bid for that 11th title in a row.

St. Pauls, Kilkenny—A Great Camogie Unit

BY TOM O'SHEA

CAMOGIE in Kilkenny has become very strong in the past couple of years. This is due almost entirely to the great success of the City club, St. Pauls. St. Pauls was formed three years ago and they have made a tremendous effort to get other clubs organised in other parts of the county. They have succeeded with good clubs in Gowran, Freshford and Graignamanagh and next season it is hoped to have eight teams competing.

When St. Pauls team was formed most of the girls had never played competitive camogie before. A few had played in College, but their great determination helped them improve with every outing. Soon they were showing that they would be a team to be reckoned with. In their second year they proved their strength, when beating Caragh, the Kildare champions and St. Ibars, the Wexford champions to take the Leinster club title at their first attempt. They then went on to beat Oranmore, the Connacht champions in the All-Ireland semi-final and only failed narrowly in the All-Ireland club final to St. Patrick's of Tipperary.

They have also beaten leading teams from Waterford, Cork and Limerick in challenge games. They are the proud holders of the Kilkenny county senior championship for the past three years.

This year in the All-Ireland club

championship they have disposed of St. Ibars, Wexford, and now meet Eoghan Ruadh, the Dublin champions in the Leinster final. This should be a great game between the experienced Dublin team and a fast St. Pauls team. St. Pauls are taking this game very seriously and have embarked on a three weeks training course. The game is fixed for September 10 at Parnell Park.

IN TRAINING

They are training under their new team mate Ann Carroll who has starred for Tipperary, Munster and University College, Dublin. Ann is out of competitive camogie for a couple of months now owing to a knee injury. The club has star players in girls like All-Star Award winner, Claire O'Hanrahan, All-Star Awards winner Mary Connery who is also Club Secretary and Chairman of the County Board, Nuala Duncan, the very popular Captain and County Secretary and Treasurer of the Leinster Council, Mary Fennelly, a stylish forward, Mary Holohan, a sound full back and Carmel O'Shea a stylish player. All these have played for Leinster. Together with ex-college stars, Rose Vennard and Olive O'Neill, both of whom won Leinster senior college medals with Callan Convent, goalie—Teresa Brennan, half-back, Nuala Grace, daughter of Hurling Co. Sec., Paddy Grace and Ann Gargan, daughter of another ex-hurler, Joe Gargan, they make up the bulk of a well-balanced team.

Behind the scenes is a hard

working and very capable committee. Men like Club Chairman, John Fennelly, Donal Connery, Bill Carroll and Team Manager, Jim Morrissey who was also one of the people responsible for the formation of the club and promotion of camogie in the county. Two years ago Jim encouraged the local Presentation Convent to enter the Leinster junior competition and at their first attempt they went to the final. This year with the help of Mary Connery as trainer they emerged Leinster junior college champions. Presentation Convent has some very promising young players in Breda Fennelly, Elizabeth Nary, Kathleen O'Shea and Noreen O'Neill. The team was taken over by the St. Pauls Club as their junior side. This year they have won the co. junior championship and the junior league competition.

PROUD MANAGER

I spoke to Manager Jim Morrissey, after a training session in the C.B.S. grounds and he is very proud of this St. Pauls team. He praised them for their loyalty to club, full attendance at training sessions and their willingness to step down to the subs if requested. He has high hopes for the team and for camogie in general in the county.

It is a pity that there is only one senior club in Kilkenny but the County Board is hopeful that, with extra clubs and more girls to select from, Kilkenny will soon be to the forefront as a county team.

The County Board also plans to start a school competition within the county during the coming school term. This, it is hoped, will help to add interest in the game throughout the county.

What Kilkenny has lacked as a county team, St. Pauls as a club has brought the Marble City to the forefront in camogie. This is a great achievement by any club in such a short time.

Win or lose on September 10, St. Pauls have plans to travel to Oxford and London the following week-end for challenge games, and no doubt they will be in Croke Park in force on September 3 to cheer their men folk in the All-Ireland final with Tipp.



THE DUBLIN camogie team training in the Phoenix Park in preparation for their All-Ireland final meeting with Antrim at Croke Park on Sunday.

From left:—U.O'Connor, J. Doyle, E. Leach, P. Timmons, K. Murphy, A. McAllister, M. Ryan, O. Ni Shiochain, P. Rafferty, K. Kehoe, S. Creevy, K. Lyons, B. Keenan.

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ANTRIM CAN TAKE FIFTH CAMOGIE TITLE

By AGNES HOURIGAN

THE 36th All-Ireland camogie final between Dublin and Antrim at Croke Park on Sunday (3.30) could well be the greatest yet in a series that has produced some wonderful games since the competition was inaugurated in 1932. A year ago, when the same counties met in the 1966 final, Dublin won with just two points to spare, 2-2 to 0-6 but Antrim have an even stronger side on duty this year and are more hopeful of regaining the title that they last held in 1956.

That was their fourth All-Ireland title, the other three having been won in a great three-in-a-row period of 1945, '46 and '47. Dublin's record on the other hand is, of course, unequalled in any sport. The Metropolitans have won 25 of the 35 finals already played, have won 19 of the last 20

titles decided, and have won the last ten All-Irelands on the trot.

But even the greatest winning run must come to an end some time and Antrim are determined to end Dublin's great unbeaten record this time.

Antrim supporters can point

to two important facts, that their's was the last county to defeat Dublin in an All-Ireland final at Corrigan Park, Belfast in 1947, and the last to inflict on Dublin a championship defeat, in the All-Ireland semi-final at Casement Park, Belfast in 1956.

So on Sunday next they hope to beat Dublin for the first time in an All-Ireland final at Croke Park. And certainly they have a team that must be capable of doing so, for they field the same side as beat Cork in the All-Ireland semi-final at Cork in mid-August, the first time Antrim had ever beaten Cork on Cork soil.

Narrowly

The team contained two star players who were missing from the line-out that failed so narrowly to Dublin a year ago. These are captain Sue Cashman, formerly Sue Ward, the brilliant mid-fielder, and sharp-shooting forward, Marion McFetridge. Both have already played in several All-Ireland finals, and in fact only one of the Antrim players will be taking part in her first All-Ireland final on Sunday.

In goal, Teresa Kearns, a star of last year's final, is again protected by the same defence that held the Dublin forwards so well a year ago. Experienced Moya Forde is at full-back, Eithne Dougan at right-back and Maeve Gilroy, who used to be a star both at mid-field and in attack, has of late won new distinction as a centre-back and gave a particularly brilliant display in the semi-final at Cork.

All four players were on the Antrim side that won the All-Ireland title in 1956. Comparative newcomer Kathleen Kelly played very well in last year's final, and is a very good left back indeed. Antrim have great hopes of their mid-field trio of Mairead McAtamney, Sue Cash-

man and Mairead Carabine who dominated the exchanges hereabouts in the Cork game.

Mairead McAtamney was the outstanding player on the field in last year's final, Sue Cashman has played brilliantly against Dublin in previous finals, while Mairead Carabine, a corner-forward last year, has proved very effective on the wing. In attack Antrim were far from effective a year ago, but look much better equipped now.

Tremendous

The return of Marion McFetridge is a big acquisition while the experiment of playing the recalled Lily Scullion at full forward has proved a tremendous success for, as well as being top scorer in the Ulster final, she shot all her team's five goals against Cork. In that game she got fine support also from centre-forward Mairead Quinn and the only newcomer on the side, Eileen Collins at left forward.

So this is a powerful, well-balanced and experienced Antrim side but they come up against a Dublin line-out that looks to have all the well-drilled efficiency of the teams that have won so many honours for the county in recent years.

The defence only shows one change from that which did so well a year ago, and that is brought about by the return to Ireland of that great centre-back Alice Hussey, who returns to her favourite position to the exclusion of Kitty Murphy who proved such an able deputy last season and in the recent semi-final against Mayo.

But Kitty Murphy will be right back if Brid Keenan, as is possible, has to cry off.

The rest of the defence, goal-keeper Eithne Leech, full-back Mary Ryan, right-back Brid Keenan and left-back and captain Kathleen Lyons all hold the same positions as they did a year ago, as do the two wingers Orla ni Shiochain and Mary Sheriok, but Kathleen Ryder who played at mid-field in last year's final has since retired and is replaced by Patricia Timmons, who was at mid-field in the 1956 final.

Unchanged

The forwards are unchanged from last year, Kit Kehoe on the right, Anne McAllister in the centre and Judy Doyle on the left, with at full forward the one and only Una O'Connor who on Sunday next will be seeking her 14th All-Ireland medal in all and her eleventh in succession.

Taking a line through last year's final, the odds must favour the Ulster champions this time. The inclusion now of two players so brilliant as Sue Cashman and Marion McFetridge must strengthen the side, while the absence of Kay Ryder will be felt by Dublin as the Naomh Aoife player had been one of the great stalwarts of the side through the past eight or ten seasons.

These changes would seem to show a swing in Antrim's favour of considerably more than the two points which divided the counties a year ago. But then Dublin have always been a law unto themselves in a final, and though the odds seem to be against them this time I feel they will make a supreme effort to hold their wonderful record for yet another season.

Yet I agree with those who maintain that this is possibly the best side that has ever come out of Antrim, and they must remain slight favourites to win for the county its fifth All-Ireland title and take the O'Duffy Cup back across the Border.



Two of Antrim's most experienced players. Mairead McAtamney, left, and Maeve Gilroy.



Maeve Gilroy plays for Antrim in Sunday's camogie final.



Kathleen Kelly in action for Antrim in Sunday's camogie final.

Dublin and Antrim Renew Rivalry

NO better pairing could possibly have been devised for this, the 36th All-Ireland camogie final, than the meeting of Dublin and Antrim at Croke Park tomorrow. The keen rivalry between those counties has been high-lighted by the exciting games between them in recent years, but it extends back over two decades.

Back in the middle forties Antrim took over command of camogie from a then-divided Dublin. They won the All-Ireland titles of 1945 and 1946, and defeated a Dublin C.I.E. selection very narrowly in an exciting final of 1947.

In 1948 Dublin reversed that verdict, and thus began a long spell of supremacy that lasted until 1956, when, in the All-Ireland semi-final, they again lost to Antrim, at Casement Park. The Antrim girls went on to very deservedly defeat Cork in the final.

That was the last competitive defeat Dublin sustained, although they were extremely fortunate to defeat Antrim with a last-minute goal at Croke Park in the final of 1957.

After that, Antrim had a few bad years and did not come fully back into the limelight again until 1963, when a revised side had much of the play against Dublin, but lacked the craft to turn their talents to best effect.

FAR CLOSER

The counties met again in the 1964 final, and this time Antrim, though beaten, finished far closer to Dublin than in the previous year. In 1965 the scene shifted to Glenarriffe, in the Antrim glens, where Dublin, after being well ahead at half-time, had to battle desperately in the closing stages to hold off a wonderful Antrim rally in one of the most spectacular camogie games ever played.

This heightened interest in their meeting in last year's final. Again Dublin built up an early, but not formidable, lead. Again Antrim struck back in the second half, and this time they came very close to success. Indeed, Mairead Carabine's shot, which flew inches over the bar a minute from time, would have ensured a draw had it been a foot lower and finished in the Dublin net.

So the argument continues tomorrow, but this time with interest heightened even more.

All those, although that was not very many, who saw Antrim beat Cork in the semi-final at Cork were of the unanimous opinion that not alone were they better than they were a year ago, but that this is the best team that has ever come out of the North. So it is not surprising that they will field exactly the same team.

SAME DEFENCE

In goal is Teresa Kearns, from Dunloy. She played so brilliantly last year and came back from her honeymoon to play in the semi-final. She has before her exactly the same defence which held the Dublin forwards so well last year — Moya Forde, at full-back, Eithne Dougan, on the right, Kathleen Kelly, on the left, and Maeve Gilroy, in the centre. It is worthy of note that all but Kathleen Kelly played in Antrim's last victorious All-Ireland outing of 1956.

Mairead Carabine, right forward last year, is now on the right wing, where she played very competently against Cork. On the left is All-Star player Mairead McAtamney,

Portlennone, who was brilliant last year's final.

At centre-field is Sue Carabine, former Sue Ward, whose absence may well have meant all the difference between victory and defeat a year ago. She captains the side, and she has done in two previous All-Irelands.

SADLY MISSED

At right forward is another player who was sadly missed from last year's final. She is Marion McBridge, who has made a triumphal come-back this season. Mairead Quinn, at mid-field a year ago, is now at centre-forward, where she played very well against Cork, and the only newcomer to All-Ireland camogie is Aileen Collins, left forward.

Completing the team is Lily Scullion, from Ahoghill. A reserve last season, she was tried at full-forward this year with outstanding success. Her many scores against Loughan in the Ulster final earned comment, but this was overshadowed by her outstanding performance in the semi-final, when she shot all five of her side's goals against Cork.

This is indeed an all-star Antrim team, and one that will take a great deal of beating.

This, however, will not worry Dublin, who field a side which has won so often together and won many All-Ireland medals that their names are known throughout the country. Goalkeeper Eithne and full-backs Brid Keenan, Ryan and captain Kay Lyons have been together for several seasons and understand another's play thoroughly.

TAKES OVER

Alice Hussey, who, after winning five All-Irelands in a row, missed last year as she was away in Spain, takes over again at centre-back from Kitty Murphy, among the reserves. Wingers M. Shiochain and Mary Scullion need no introduction, and Alicia Timmons has already won more than one All-Ireland medal against Antrim.

The attack is completely unchanged from that which played in last season's final and is led once again by the legendary Una O'Connor, who will be seeking her eleventh consecutive All-Ireland medal — and her fourteenth in all. That is the background to and the personnel involved in this game, who would be so rash as to forecast the result?

Antrim, who went so close to victory a year ago, have a manly stronger and more experienced side now. The return of Sue Carabine and Marion McBridge could mean more than the two deficit of 1966. Besides, they added confidence from the final, and they feel they benefit greatly from the recent coaching course.

TRAINED

But Dublin have trained harder this game than for any other recent years. They have the experience, they have Hussey back in their ranks, and they will not easily let slip the trophy they have held so long.

At, there is one factor I see in Dublin's favour. The absence of Aileen Ryder, who retired at the end of last season, has not yet been felt by Dublin. It might be felt very sadly before the last whistle tomorrow.



Members of the Dublin Camogie team in training at Phoenix Park. They are (l. to r.) —J. Doyle, M. Ryan, M. Sherlock, K. Lyons, A. Hussey and K. Kehoe.



A. McALLISTER



P. TIMMONS



J. DOYLE

B. KEENAN

M. RYAN

K. KEHOE

ANTRIM

T. KEARNS

M. FORDE

M. GILROY

S. CASHMAN (Capt.)

M. QUINN

L. SCULLION

K. KELLY

M. McATAMNEY

E. COLLINS

E. DOUGAN
M. CARABINE
M. McPETRIDGE

RESERVES—E. Maguire, E. McGrogan, M. P. Jameson.
● REFEREE—Miss E. Neville (Limerick).

DUBLIN

E. LEECH

M. RYAN

B. KEENAN
M. SHERLOCK
K. KEHOE

A. HUSSEY
P. TIMMONS
A. McALLISTER
U. O'CONNOR

K. LYONS (Capt.)
O. NI SHIOCHAIN
J. DOYLE

RESERVES—A. Casey, K. Murphy, S. Creevy, P. Rafferty.

DUBLIN ARE HELD

Antrim's Late Equaliser

By AGNES HOURIGAN

DUBLIN 4-2 ANTRIM 4-2

DEFTYING torrential rain and a sodden pitch, Antrim and Dublin served up a scintillating game in the All-Ireland camogie final at Croke Park yesterday. And, for once, justice was done all round, for any other result but a draw would have been an unjust ending to possibly the greatest camogie final ever played. The concluding stages were fought out in an absolute welter of excitement after Antrim, who had been trailing for most of the game, took the lead ten minutes from time.

Dublin snatched the lead again with a point, but there were just six minutes left in the game when Marion McFetridge shot Antrim two points ahead with a great goal following a long drive by captain Sue Cashman. Almost at once the Ulster girls missed two easy chances of stretching their lead, and then Orla ni Shiochain sent a Dublin free up to Una O'Connor.

Una got the defence going the wrong way and then gave the ball to Judy Doyle who got through for a goal to leave Dublin a point ahead with less than five minutes remaining. Back came Antrim to the attack, and after Moya Forde had failed to lift a free within scoring distance, Sue Cashman sent a great chance of the equalising point well wide.

Seconds from time, the Antrim captain broke through again. This time she flashed in a fierce shot. Dublin goalie Eithne Leech did well to get her hand to the ball which went off her fingers, and the sliothar went over the bar for the equalising point, though it might well have been the winning goal.

A draw was a most fitting result. Dublin had looked the better side through most of the first half but Antrim, after trailing by a goal at half-time, made two successful switches early in the second half. First they moved Mairead McAtamney from left to right wing and then they brought out youthful Eileen Collins to left wing, Mairead Carabine going right left corner.

Wild Shooting

These moves ended Dublin's earlier mid-field dominance, and might well have brought victory were it not for some wild shooting from good positions.

Eileen Collins was the inspiration of the Antrim rally and though she was the only player on the field who had not previously played in an All-Ireland final, she was the heroine of the second half.

Despite being caught napping by one long drive in the first half Teresa Cassidy was brilliant as usual in the Antrim goal, while full-back Moya Forde held Una O'Connor magnificently in the second half. Kathleen Kelly and Eithne Dougan were also sound defenders but Maeve Gilroy was not as prominent as in other games.

At mid-field Mairead McAtamney played well while Sue Cashman only came into her own in the closing stages. Lively Lily Scullion and accurate Marion McFetridge were the outstanding Antrim forwards.

For Dublin who at one stage

in the first half looked like winning easily, Eithne Leech was generally good in goal while the whole defence played soundly.

Centre-back Alice Hussey was outstanding. Kitty Murphy a late replacement for the absent Brid Keenan, also did well, as did captain Kathleen Lyons and full-back Mary Ryan. Orla ni Shiochain had possibly her best game yet in the Dublin colours, while Mary Sherlock was very effective in the first half. The whole Dublin forward line moved well against tenacious opposition.

This was the first draw in a camogie final since 1942. The bad weather kept the crowd to a minimum, but those who stayed away were the losers, for the standard of camogie could hardly have been excelled under any conditions.

Antrim had the opening score when Lily Scullion shot home a good goal in the third minute, but from the puck-out, Dublin raced into the attack and Judy Doyle, from a pass by Una O'Connor quickly had the teams level. Three minutes later a long drive by Orla ni Shiochain beat the Antrim goalie and put the holders ahead.

Antrim had missed chances before Mary Sherlock, with a point from a "30", and Una O'Connor with a clever goal stretched the Dublin lead.

Following a free by Moya Forde Marion McFetridge shot a brilliant goal and Lily Scullion added a point soon after for Antrim to leave Dublin a goal ahead, 3-1 to 2-1 at half-time.

Antrim did most of the attacking on the restart but they made no real impression until they brought out Eileen Collins to the wing. The pressure was now heavily on the Dublin defence, and the Antrim scores were not long delayed.

Marion McFetridge put the sides level with a goal eleven minutes from the final whistle, but a minute later Orla ni Shiochain restored Dublin's lead with a point.

Six minutes from time Antrim took the lead for the second time when Marion McFetridge goaled again, but a minute later Judy Doyle restored Dublin's one-point lead with a good goal. Antrim missed two easy chances of balancing before Sue Cashman shot the equalising point, and thus earned a well deserved draw.

Scorers: Antrim — M. McFetridge (3-0); L. Scullion (1-1); S. Cashman (0-1).
Dublin — J. Doyle (2-0); O. ni Shiochain (1-1); U. O'Connor (1-0); M. Sherlock (0-1).

ANTRIM — T. Cassidy; M. Forde; E. Dougan; M. Gilroy; K. Kelly; M. Carabine; S. Cashman (Capt.); M. McAtamney; M. McFetridge; M. Quinn; E. Collins; L. Scullion.
DUBLIN — E. Leech; M. Ryan; K. Murphy; A. Hussey; K. Lyons (Capt.); M. Sherlock; P. Timmons; O. ni Shiochain; K. Kehoe; A. McAlister; S. Doyle; U. O'Connor.
Referee: E. Neville (Limerick).



● Midfielder Mairead McAtamney (Antrim) endeavours to shake off the challenge of Ann McAlister (Dublin) in yesterday's All-Ireland Camogie final at Croke Park. Also included are Pat Timmons (Dublin) left, and Maeve Gilroy (Antrim).



● Antrim defender K. Kelly prepares to make a clearance despite the close attention of Dublin's Kit Kehoe at Croke Park yesterday.



Mary Doyle (Dublin), right, is outnumbered here by Antrim defenders as she attempts to turn in the ball for goal during the All-Ireland camogie final at Croke Park yesterday. Antrim players are, from left, Kathleen Kelly, Eithne Dougan and Teresa Cassidy.

This Week's Personality



On Sunday last, for the third time in five seasons, Sue Cashman, from the Deirdre Club of Belfast, captained Antrim against Dublin in an All-Ireland camogie final at Croke Park. On the first two occasions, 1963 and 1964, Dublin achieved clear-cut victories. In 1966, when she should again have captained the side, Sue was unable to play. She was away on her honeymoon on the final day and could not arrange a flight back for the final. Dublin won by two points. So, poetic justice was done last Sunday when she played a captain's part for her county by scoring the equalising point half-a-minute from the last whistle and thus forced a replay. And from 24 Croke Park heroines, Sue Cashman thus won the nomination as our Sports Personality of the Week.

Marion McFetridge



Marion McFetridge whose three goals played a decisive part in enabling Antrim to hold Dublin to a draw—4-2 to 4-2—in the all-Ireland camogie final at Croke Park on Sunday and earned them the opportunity to break Dublin's monopoly of the title on the replay.



K. Kehoe, Dublin (9) sends the ball past Antrim defender K. Kelly during an attack in the Camogie all-Ireland final at Croke Park. The game ended in a draw 4-2 each.



S. DOYLE (Dublin) about to score a Dublin goal in the all-Ireland camogie final against Antrim at Croke Park.



Judy Doyle is brought to her knees but still she manages to hammer the ball past Antrim goalkeeper Terry Cassidy for Dublin's fourth goal in yesterday's All-Ireland Camogie final.



SHEILA CREEVY (Austin Stacks), in Dublin trial game.



MAIREAD McATAMNEY, another Antrim star on the Ulster side.

Officials honoured

AT the reception of the Dublin and Antrim camogie teams at the Four Courts Hotel on Sunday, a presentation was made to the Past Presidents, Mrs E. Redmond, Miss S. McAnulty, Miss C. O'Connell and Miss L. Spence.

Sean O'Duffy in making the presentation said that the work carried by the official concerned was praiseworthy, and contributed much to the success of the Association's efforts during its formation years.

ULSTER—(All Antrim except where noted)—B. Gilmore; M. Forde; M. Caldwell (Down); M. Gilroy (Capt.); K. Kelly; P. Crangle (Down); S. Cashman; M. McAtamney; M. McPeckridge; M. Quinn; E. Collins; L. Scullion. Reserves: P. McCreavy; Monaghan, R. O'Kane (Derry); M. McCann (Monaghan).



LILY SCULLION (Antrim), full-forward for Ulster.

Cork Play Waterford In Secondary Competition

A NEW-LOOK Cork team will take the first Sunday next at Gaultier Co. Waterford, in the first round of this season's secondary competition. And despite the necessary changes, Cork must have a good chance of winning for Waterford, their annual opponents.

Now that the senior season is completed, the interest centre is in the second string. Last year, this team surprised on the most ardent supporters and the secondary side, in their fine performance, gave Cork a very necessary shot in the arm. Cork had not come out of the junior since 1963, but following the junior win last season, the seniors went on to take the Leinster title this season.

NOT AVAILABLE

The secondary competition is confined to all those players who have not won a Munster Junior Championship medal. Consequently many of the team's secondary side will be unavailable for Sunday, having won medals with the senior team. Those gone from last season are: Hannah, Dineen, McAniff and Nuala Humphries. Many changes can be made for any side, and Sunday's game will be a real test of the new Cork side. The side will be their first outing together and if they can overcome the odds, then they must have a great chance of retaining their title.

Despite the many changes, the team still looks very strong. It is very good to see many representatives from the juniors. In fact, seven of the side are juniors.

Mary Moran of Old Aloysians is a very experienced player who is an asset to any side. She played for a number of years with the top Dublin side and, in fact, captained them for two years. Now she has moved to Cork and Old Aloysians. P. O'Brien of Fermoy is another full-back, while Brenda Duggan, Mary Salter (Cherry) and Marie Conigan (Yougal) could make up a very strong back line.

There is no lack of talent in the centre line either. Ben Jo Ryan has been one of the big stars of Yougal's team. Mary Joan Fitzpatrick has been playing consistently well for South Presentation. Pat Ryan, while the youthful Liz Gorman, though still a schoolgirl, has made her presence felt on the Aloysians senior side.

VALUABLE PLAYER

Kathleen Ryan, the Old Aloysians star, now plays with her home club St. Mary's. A very valuable player in any side, and with Blarney's captain Angela Gaffey and Yougal's forward, Angela Duggan, in her wingers, the half-forward line should be very efficient. Full-forward is Carmel Butler, the very clever UCC girl.

On paper, the team looks very useful, but they must want to remember that Sunday will be able to field the senior side, with the excellent Munster player Lillian Hunt. However, the Cork women side defeated Waterford in 1960, and they are quite confident that they can do so again.

Cork team: M. Moran (Old Aloysians), P. O'Brien (Fermoy), B. O'Sullivan (S.P.P.), M. Salter (Churchtown), M. Conigan (Yougal), J. Fitzpatrick (S.P.P.), M. Ryan (Yougal), E. Gorman (Old Aloysians), K. Ryan (St. Mary), A. Gaffey (Blarney), M. Conigan (Yougal), C. Butler (UCC).
Capt. — C. Conigan (UCC).

Devlin (do.), M. Lynch (Old Aloysians), B. Gibbons (S.P.P.), A. Hennessey (Old Aloysians).

FIXTURES

Sunday at Gaultier, Co. Waterford—Secondary Competition: Cork v. Waterford 3.30.

Glen Face Tough Opposition In All Ireland Club Bid

CORK County champions, Glen Rovers, face a vital game on Sunday next in their efforts to be the first Cork club to take the All-Ireland Club Championship when they meet Dublin champions, Eoghan Ruadh, in the semi-final of this season's campaign. This game will be played at 2 p.m. to facilitate followers anxious to see the hurling championship final.

Glen did not have a great deal of trouble to come out on top in Munster. Roscrea, the Tipperary champions, who were expected to be the major stumbling block, failed to field in Glen's first tie, while Ahane of Limerick never provided any difficulties for the Cork girls.

Now on Sunday they face very different opposition, as any Dublin side must be feared. Dublin have dominated the All-Ireland championship for so long that they must have top club sides from which to draw their players. Eoghan Ruadh have not been one of the more successful Dublin clubs in recent years. But 1966-67 was the club's greatest season. Margaret O'Leary, the Wexford and Leinster star, joined the club and she has made a tremendous difference to them. She is a very strong player who could be Glen's biggest problem. The Dublin girls had not won the county championship for seven years but this victory was no doubt as they made a clean sweep of all trophies including

the McCarthy Cup and the senior league. So they are worthy Dublin champions.

Besides Margaret O'Leary, Eoghan Ruadh have a number of other top players. Kay Lyons captains the Dublin team. She must be one of the strongest defenders in the game but she proves her versatility with her power to the attack since moving to the forward line. She is also a member of the Leinster team. Anne Carey in goal is the reserve Dublin keeper, while Pat Rafferty is a constantly improving player who is also a Dublin substitute. Maureen Murphy, who plays at wing-centre is an ex-Dublin player who made a comeback last season while Ailish Toner, Gene Foley and Dolores Barber are other very useful players.

Certainly to come best out of Dublin is no easy task and Glen must expect formidable opposition. But Glen will remember when Celtic, the then Dublin champions, travelled to Cork some years ago and were lucky to snatch a draw with the Cork girls. Glen went down in the replay but this season they will be determined to take greater advantage of the home venue by avoiding any second game.

Certainly, as a team, Glen are hard to beat. They have determination and a fighting spirit which keeps them in the game right up to the final whistle. They are strong in all sectors and have a very generous sprinkling of inter-county and inter-provincial players. Anna Crotty who has been on their side for very many years now is still their top player—a forward who can convert the slightest advantage into scores. They have two other fine opportunists in Stephanie O'Connell and Peggy Dorgan. Nuala Humphries has a great capacity for work while Deirdre Sutton and Mary McDonnell, who scored 2-1 in her side's 7-3 to 1-1 win over Ahane, are other top players for Glen.

Certainly this game should be one of the best played in Cork for some time. It has all the ingredients of a thriller and should attract a large attendance.

INTER-CLUB GAMES HOLD THE STAGE THIS WEEK

NEXT Sunday's big game, the semi-finals of the All-Ireland club championship will be particularly interesting as the All-Ireland finalists of the following Sunday, Antrim and Dublin will both be actively interested. In one semi-final the Antrim champions, Deirdre play the Galway champions, Oranmore at Belfast, while in the second the Dublin champions, Eoghan Ruadh play the Munster champions Glen Rovers at Cork.

REMARKABLE RECORD

Deirdre have a remarkable record in this competition. When it was first played as the Jubilee Cup in 1964 they reached the All-Ireland final only to fail narrowly to the then Dublin champions, Celtic at Croke Park. The following year they reached the final and again failed narrowly, this time to Tipperary champions, St. Patrick's, even though the final was played in Belfast. Last season they reached the semi-final, but again failed, their conquerors were again St. Patrick's who won their semi-final at a Tipperary venue and then went on to win the All-Ireland title for the second successive year.

But this time Oranmore must be given only an outside chance to halt Deirdre who, with the assistance of Antrim captain Sue Cashman and other inter-county stars in Eithne Dougan and Ellis McGrogan must be taken to reach the All-Ireland final for the third time in four seasons.

In the other semi-final Eoghan Ruadh face a very tough assignment in travelling to Cork to play Glen Rovers. The last time Glen played in this stage of the competition, they met the Dublin champions just as they do on Sunday next. That was in 1964 and the game was also played in Cork. Celtic, then the Dublin standard-bearers, were very lucky to escape with a draw and, what was more, Glen Rovers were unlucky not to win the replay as they led until a few minutes from time and it was only a wonderful score from far out by Alice Hussey that saw the Dublin team through to victory.

GLEN ROVERS FANCIED

This time I rather fancy Glen Rovers chances of reaching the final. Eoghan Ruadh are a solid all-round team, but I would not say they are as brilliant a side as Celtic were in 1964. They have two great stars in the Dublin captain, Kathleen Lyons and the Wexford and Leinster centre-back Margaret O'Leary, but they may not have the all-round power of Glen Rovers who could become the first Cork side to reach the final of this competition.

Ruadh Reach All-Ireland Club Final

EOGHAN RUADH 4-4
GLEN ROVERS 2-4

EOGHAN RUADH, the Dublin and Leinster club camogie champions, qualified for the final of the All-Ireland competition when they deservedly defeated Cork and Munster representatives, Glen Rovers, at St. Finbarr's Ground, Cork, yesterday.

Despite heavy rain and soft ground, play was of a fairly high standard, with the superior fitness of the visitors a decisive factor in the last ten minutes.

Although Glen Rovers led 1-3 to nil at half-time, they would not have done so but for some brilliant saves by their goalkeeper, Deirdre Sutton.

Eoghan Ruadh drew level with two quick goals immediately after the restart, but the Cork girls shot a goal and a point to go clear again. The Dublin champions began to get the upper hand hereabouts, however, levelled the scoring again and went on to add another goal and three points without reply.

Outstanding for the winners was their Wexford star, Margaret O'Leary, who not alone defended brilliantly at centre-back but frequently soared up into attack. She received most assistance from Kathleen Lyons, Maureen Murphy and Jean Foley.

Deirdre Sutton in goal, Peggy Dorgan and Anna Crotty were best for the home team.

Scorers — Eoghan Ruadh: E. Toner (2-0), J. Foley (1-1), C. Lyons (1-0), M. O'Leary (0-3).
Glen Rovers: A. Crotty (2-1), P. Dorgan (0-2), S. O'Connell (0-1).
Referee: Miss M. Connery (Kilkenney).

Camogie Shock By Oranmore

ORANMORE 4-1
DEIRDRE 2-4

GALWAY camogie champions

Oranmore sprang the biggest surprise of the season when they defeated Ulster champions Deirdre of Antrim in the semi-final of the All-Ireland club championship at Belfast yesterday.

Deirdre, who had the assistance of several Antrim inter-county players, had contested two of the last three club championships in All-Ireland Finals.

Oranmore now meet Eoghan Ruadh, Dublin, in the All-Ireland Final on November ??

BRILLIANT ULSTER

ULSTER 9-14
CONNACHT 3-0

ULSTER scored a runaway victory over Connacht in the semi-final of the Gael-Linn Cup, the interprovincial camogie championship at Breen's Park, Cavan, yesterday, on a pitch that was very heavy after the earlier rain. The winners now play Leinster at the Leinster venue on October 22.

Ulster powered by nine of the Antrim side, which drew with Dublin in the All-Ireland final, proved far too experienced for the westerners who tied badly in the second half.

The Connacht side kept pace with the speedy Ulster side for the greater part of the opening

half, and though Ulster had 2-2 in wall with the Antrim midfield before Connacht scored, the Westerners were only trailing 2-4 to 2-0 after 15 minutes of play and the score stood 3-5 to 3-0 after 20 minutes. Ulster increased their lead to make the half-time score 5-7 to 3-0.

Connacht battled hard after the interval, but they were overwhelmed by the all round superiority and fitness of the Northerners who scored at will, to leave the scores 9-14 to 3-0 at the final whistle.

Outstanding for Ulster, which did not appear to have a weak link were: Marion McPetridge, Sue Cashman, Lily Scullion, and Mariad McAtamney, while Patricia Prangle of Down fitted

off some good saves.

Scorers — Ulster: L. Scullion (4-3), M. McPetridge (4-1), M. Quinn (1-2), S. Cashman and M. McAtamney (0-3 each), E. Collins (0-2). Connacht—J. Ruane, S. O'Brien and E. Walsh (1-0 each).
Referee — Miss T. Breslin (Dublin).



Eoghan Ruadh

BACK:- DELDRES BARBER,
MGT. O'LEARY, PAT RAFFERTY,
M. MURPHY, A. ASHTON, A. CAREY,
K. LYONS, M. MURRAY, P. BRESLIN
FRONT:- P. BARRY, G. FOLEY,
T. KAVANAGH, C. LYONS,
M. KEARNS, A. TONER.



GLEN ROVERS

BACK:- D. SUTTON,
N. HUMPHRIES, S. O'CONNELL,
M. O'SHEA, N. O'CALLAGHAN,
M. MURPHY, M. BUCKLEY,
N. O'MAHONY
FRONT:-
M. McDONNELL, M. COLEMAN,
A. CROTTY, P. DORGAN,
K. HARRINGTON.

CAMOGIE—(Top): Eoghan Ruadh (Dublin), who had a two goal win over Glen Rovers (Cork) (below), in the semi-final of the Inter-Club Competition at Toghers. ("Echo")



● Antrim star Mairead McAtamney (on right) presenting the Derry City camogie championship trophy to Pat O'Kane, captain of the Fiara Doire "B". On left is Maura Doran, captain of Fiara Doire "A", the runners-up.

'Camogie Fan', Kilmessan, County Meath.

I am not looking for a Book Token, only for information. About 10 years ago I saw an inter-provincial camogie match at Páirc Tailteann in An Uaimh. My friend says it must have been a game in the Gael-Linn Cup series, but I maintain it was a special game. Which of us is right?

● You do not say whether or not you had a bet on this argument, Camogie Fan, but, if you had, you can collect the money. The only inter-provincial Camogie match recorded as having been played at Páirc Tailteann took place during Camogie's Jubilee Year in 1954, and was staged on September 19 of that year.

It was played to commemorate the first public camogie match, which was between two Dublin teams from Gaelic League clubs on the same pitch, then the Navan Showgrounds, in 1904.

The contestants were Leinster and Ulster and Leinster won by 2-5 to 5-3. The referee was Miss M. O'Reilly of Meath.

The teams were:

Leinster—Eileen Duffy (Dublin); May Kavanagh (Wicklow); Sheila O'Sullivan (Dublin); Agnes Kavanagh (Wicklow); Eileen Kearns (Meath); Aileen Kearns (Meath); Annette O'Sullivan (Dublin); Kathleen Mills (Dublin); Sheila Sleator (Dublin); Una O'Connor (Dublin); Eileen Bourke (Dublin); Sophia Brack (Dublin).

Ulster—Bernie Kelly (Down); Noya Forde (Antrim); Teresa Rafferty (Derry); Carrie Rankin (Derry); Bernice King (Armagh); Maureen Gilroy (Antrim); Ita O'Reilly (Antrim); Nancy Draneher (Cavan); Patsy McClellan (Derry); Deirdre O'Gorman (Antrim); Chris Hughes (Antrim); Pat O'Brien (Derry).

Antrims Task Is Formidable

By AGNES DOUGAN
NEVER in a camogie match have two teams so eagerly looked forward to a replay as the Dublin and Antrim sides in Sunday's All-Ireland final. The replay between the two teams, which goes on at Croke Park at the opening event (11).

The women's display of camogie sport in their drawn game five weeks ago, despite the continuous driving rain and the very sod, amazed the remarkable number of spectators who were drawn into the stadium. It was a big influx of spectators into Croke Park on Sunday eager to see whether Antrim can win their fourth All-Ireland title, or whether Dublin can extend their amazing winning run to eleven championships. "On the trot" and the provide Una O'Connor with her fourteenth All-Ireland medal and her eleventh championship.

If the game is to be judged solely on their last meeting, the odds must favour Antrim, even

though the Ulster champions did not then gain the equalising score until a minute from the last whistle.

Dublin had gone into an early lead, somewhat against the run of play, had been hauled back, had gone ahead again with a somewhat lucky goal but it was Antrim who gradually took control through the second half and had wasted chances of victory before then, who finally drove over the equalising point, which but for a great effort by the Dublin goal-keeper Ethna Leech might just as well have proved the winning goal.

On the evidence of those last fifteen minutes Antrim seemed to have got a grip on the game, and with the feeling that they would have done even better on a dryer pitch, they are well entitled to rank as slight favourites now.

Like Dublin they field an unchanged side, and can reasonably hope that Maevie Gilroy, on a faster sod, will be far more effective than was the case in

the drawn game, while their mid-field trio, who then took a long time to get going, will also be expected to give the forwards a better service now right through the fifty minutes.

Shoulder Blame

The Antrim forwards must shoulder some of the blame for not clinching victory in the drawn game because of some wild shooting, but I saw the same players flash home twenty-three scores in fifty minutes in the interprovincial semi-final against Connacht on last Sunday week, and, if they maintain that form, the O'Duffy Cup must be well on its way to Belfast.

But Dublin, with a tremendous reputation to uphold, are not one whit daunted on finding themselves for once the outsiders in an All-Ireland camogie final. As well as their ability, they can draw on a wonderful fund of craft and experience, and Dublin down the years have never yet lost a camogie championship replay either in a final or a semi-final.

The selectors have decided to play the team that fielded out in the drawn game, which means that Kitty Murphy, who then came on as a last-minute replacement for Brid Keenan, retains her place. The defence played magnificently under heavy second-half pressure but there is a need for improvement around mid-field.

There Mary Sherlock in the first-half and Orla ni Shiochain in the second were the dominant figures, but all three will have to be on their toes right through the hour this time if the day is to be saved. In the drawn game, Judy Doyle on the left was the real danger in the Dublin attack, for Una O'Connor was well held by Moya Forde, and Kit Kehoe got little change from Kathleen Kelly.

But the Dublin attack must also be hoping for a firmer sod than they had the last day, as their combination was then hampered by the slow ball.

All in all it is an intriguing situation, and if, on style and stickwork, Antrim must hold a slight advantage, there is always the possibility that Dublin, if centre-forward Anne McAllister is again as effective as she was in the drawn game, will have the incision to whip in decisive scores that could upset the odds. Referee will again be Miss Eithne Neville of Limerick.

DUBLIN

E. Leech (Capt.); M. Ryan (Austin Stacks); K. Murphy (Celtic); A. Hussey (Celtic); K. Lyons (capt.) (Eoghan Buidé); M. Sherlock (Austin Stacks); P. Timmons (N. Aolfe); O. ni Shiochain (Austin Stacks); K. Kehoe (Celtic); A. McAllister (Austin Stacks); J. Doyle (N. Aolfe); U. O'Connor (Celtic).
Res.: E. Keenan, A. Carey, S. Creevy, P. Rafferty.

ANTRIM

T. Cassidy (Dunloy); M. Forde (Aboghill); E. Dougan (Dunloy); M. Gilroy (St. Malachys); K. Kelly (Moneyglass); M. Carabine (St. Teresa's); S. Cashman (capt.) (Dordre); M. McAtamney (Portlone); M. Petridge (St. Malachys); M. Quinn (Creggan); E. Collins (St. Malachys); L. Scullion (Aboghill).
Res.: S. Maguire, E. McGrogan, M. P. Jameson.
Reserve: B. Keenan, A. Carey, P. Rafferty.



BACK AGAIN—Maevie Gilroy, who will be in action again for Antrim in to-day's All-Ireland Camogie final replay against Dublin at Croke Park.

Antrim girls end 11-year monopoly

By MAUREEN BROWNE

THE girls of Antrim let their hair down in the Old Shieling, Raheny, Dublin, last night, to celebrate their All-Ireland camogie win.

In winning, they broke an 11-year run of Dublin triumphs to take the cup for only the second time in 20 years. The score was 4-2 to 3-9.

As the Dublin girls congratulated them last night, the jubilant Northerners attributed their win to dedication, teamwork—and their mascot, 10-month-old Paula McPetridge.

Paula, the daughter of Mrs. Marion McPetridge and her Dublin husband, was in Croke Park, dressed in the Antrim colours and according to her mother, cheering hard for the team.

Retiring

Five of yesterday's winning team were on the victorious Antrim team of 1956. They are goal-keeper Teasie Cassidy, Eithne Dougan, Moya Forde, Maevie Gilroy and Marion McPetridge.

Eleven years ago, Tessie, a machinist in Cloughmills, was, at 14, the youngest to win an All-Ireland medal. She married last July and broke her honeymoon to play in the semi-final.

For Maevie Gilroy her second All-Ireland medal was a sad occasion. She plans to retire from camogie. For Mairead Carabine and Marion McPetridge it was also their last All-Ireland.

Last night they were the toast of the victory celebration. Mairead, who plans to marry next April, scored the winning goal, playing at right three-quarters.

A Belfast civil servant, she comes of a sporting family. Her eight brothers hurl—Sean for Antrim—and her four sisters play camogie.

Two have played in All-Ireland finals, but she is the first to take a medal.

The 'baby'

Eighteen-year-old Eileen Collins, a Belfast machinist, is the "baby" of the team. Playing left forward in her first All-Ireland, she scored a goal. Her aunt, the former Mavis Madden, has also won an All-Ireland medal.

Mairead McAtamney, from Portlone, scored five points at left three-quarters. Twenty-three-year-old Mairead was chosen "Camogie Star of the Year" in 1965. She is a commercial teacher in Derry. Sue Cashman, a former civil servant, captaining at centrefield, was playing in her fourth All-Ireland. She scored a point.

Married

Only three of the team, Cashman, Mrs. Cassidy and McPetridge, are married. For Dublin it was the last Ireland for the captain, Lyons, and Una O'Connor. Miss Lil O'Grady, of Cork, president of the Camogie Association, presented the medal to the Old Shieling. Also present was the secretary of the association, Miss Sheila McAtamney of Warrenpoint, Co. Down. The Antrim trainer, Mrs. Murray, of Belfast, who has three All-Ireland medals, said: "The girls won because of training, teamwork and dedication."

"I felt that for the last few years we had the superior players but we lacked in teamwork. She plans a big victory drive within the next few weeks."



Sue Cashman, the Antrim captain, shows the concentration which enabled her team to end Dublin's reign as champions in the All-Ireland Camogie final at Croke Park yesterday.

TWENTY-FOUR P.R. GIRLS

The game of camogie has top-rate public relations at Croke Park yesterday. The members of the Antrim and Dublin teams contesting the replay of their All-Ireland final seemed to be the perfect answer to anybody feeling that camogie is just a girl's game. They had a great hurling and some wonderful anticipation and opportunity and the whole seemed to uphold the decision to put it on as a curtain-raiser to the Oireachtas final in the place.

But after getting near-prize billing, it was a pity that Lil O'Grady, who is President of the Association, or the lady to whom she presented the trophy did not have the usual loudspeaker system for the presentation of the Oireachtas Cup to Paddy Moran of Kildare.

Superb Antrim Oust Dublin In Camogie Final

By AGNES HOURIGAN

ANTRIM 3-9 DUBLIN 4-2

GIVING a truly spectacular exhibition of the game that drew round after round of applause from the appreciative Oireachtas crowd, Antrim deservedly won the All-Ireland camogie title and the O'Duffy Cup for the fifth time in all, and the first time since 1956, when they very deservedly defeated Dublin in this lively replay at Croke Park yesterday.

If Antrim squandered their chances in the second half of the drawn game, they left no doubts about their superiority yesterday. Faster to the ball, they gave Dublin many lessons through much of the fifty minutes in style, stickwork, combination and ball-control.

Only for a brief three-minute period in the second-half did they lose command of the proceedings, but in those three minutes the game took a really dramatic turn.

Leading by seven points—2-8 to 2-1, and, even against wind and sun, seemingly cruising to vic-

tory with just ten minutes to go, the Antrim side were rocked back on their heels when goals by Kit Kehoe and Una O'Connor followed by a neat point from Una, brought the sides level in an amazing two-minute spell.

Timely Switch

But the Antrim mentors quickly reacted to the challenge. They moved Eileen Collins to right wing and Mairead Carabine to left forward and the change brought quick dividends. Three minutes later a great line-ball by Sue Cashman was finished to

the net by Mairead Carabine for the decisive goal of the match. She scored again a minute later, but this time the goal was disallowed for a 'square' infringement, and it was left to Marion McPetridge to clinch Antrim's victory with a well-taken point two minutes from time.

In achieving this, their first-ever victory over Dublin at Croke Park—it was, incidentally, the first time also that Dublin had ever been beaten in a championship replay. Antrim stepped-up considerably on their display in the drawn game and were far from flattered by their four-point winning margin.

The defence was magnificent with Teresa Cassidy brilliant in goal, full back Moya Forde again mastering Una O'Connor, and Kathleen Kelly and Eithne Dougan both defending soundly. Maeve Gilroy held Anne McAllister effectively and also was up to lend a hand at midfield where Mairead McAtamney was at her superlative best, her superb early points setting Antrim on the high road to victory.

Sue Ward really cut loose in the last 15 minutes and Eileen Collins gave Antrim complete superiority in this sector when she came out.

Full-forward Lily Scullion was the mainspring of the winners attack and had she not over-used the handpass in striving to make scores for others instead of taking them herself must have topped the scoring list in a forward-line where Mairead Quinn and Marion McPetridge were also seen to advantage.

And it was only fitting that Mairead Carabine scored the decisive goal for it was she who narrowly missed saving the day for Antrim with almost the last stroke of last year's final.

Dublin, though well and truly beaten, battled gamely all the way. Ethna Leech was cool and competent in goal, Kitty Murphy and Alice Hussey the outstanding defenders. Except for a few good moves by Orla Ni Shiochain, centre-field was out of it, while in a forward-line that saw little of the ball Kit Kehoe and Una O'Connor took their relatively few chances well.

BELOW: Kay Lyons, Dublin captain; Sue Cashman, Antrim captain, and Lil O'Grady, president of the Camogie Association of Ireland, at the dinner. See page 13.



Welcome For New Camogie Champions

THE Antrim G.A.A. Board 'put out the red carpet' to give the county's All Ireland camogie champions an official reception at Casement Park.

Mr. Brian Moore said he was privileged, as chairman of the Antrim County Board of the G.A.A. to welcome home the victorious team after their great victory and to congratulate them on their magnificent display. He hoped that this victory was only the first of many.

Very Rev. Fr. McBride, P.P., Loughlinishland, a former chairman of Antrim Camogie Board, said, although he was now domiciled in Down, he still took a keen interest in the progress of the Antrim Camogie team and was extremely pleased that, at last, success had been achieved. He hoped that those selected on the Ulster team would also win the Gael-Linn Cup and the Inter-Provincial title for the first time.

Trainer's Tribute

Trainer of the team, Mrs. Nancy Murray said it was the spirit and dedication that these players had produced all along the line that made sure of success. She stated that, if the Antrim footballer down the years had had that same spirit and dedication, there is no doubt that an All-Ireland Senior Football title would already have been won. She added, "There is no truth in the rumour that I am taking over the training of the footballers."

The captain of the team, Mrs. Sue Cashman, thanked the G.A.A. for the wonderful reception.

Last big game for Dublin players

TWO OF DUBLIN'S long serving Camogie players, Kay Lyons and Una O'Connor will play their last big match together on Sunday next when Leinster play Ulster in the final of the Gael Linn championship. Both players intend to continue playing in club matches.

Misses Lyons and O'Connor, who are near neighbours, started the game together and are now bowing out at the same time.

Miss Lyons captained Dublin in Sunday's all-Ireland final. "It was my first time to captain the county and it's unlucky that we should have had to lose. Indeed, in my first all-Ireland, against Antrim in 1956 we also lost."

Since then, however, Kathleen Lyons has won nine all-Ireland medals and many county championships with her club, Eoghan Ruadh.



● Mairead Collins (Antrim), left, tries to evade Dublin defender Alice Hussey in this picture with a ballet touch from yesterday's All-Ireland camogie final replay at Croke Park.



By defeating Dublin in the All-Ireland final replay at Croke Park, Antrim became All-Ireland camogie champions for the first time since 1956, and took the title and the trophy, the Duffy Cup, for the fifth time. So outstanding was the performance of the whole team in ending Dublin's ten-year championship reign that the new title-holders have been nominated as a bloc, by our Sports Desk as the Sports Personalities of the Week. So here are, from left: In front—Mairead Quinn (Creggan), Marion McFetridge (St. Malachy's, Belfast), Mairead McAtamney (Portglenone), Teresa Cassidy (Dunloy), Lily Scullion (Ahoghill). At back—Eileen Collins (St. Malachy's), Eithne Dougan (Dunloy), Kathleen Kelly (Moneyglass), Maeve Gilroy (St. Malachy's), Moya Forde (Ahoghill), Sheila Maguire (Creggan), Mary Phil Jameson (St. Teresa's), Eileen McGrogan (Deirdre).

A SALUTE FOR CAPTAIN SUE

BY TOM BROWN



Antrim captain, Sue Cashman

IF I were an advertising executive in charge of the publicity for energy foods, I would have been round to the "stage door" after yesterday's camogie All-Ireland with a blank cheque for Miss Cashman, the Antrim captain.

She was astonishing: no captain ever led her team (or his team) with such spirit.

We noticed her occasionally in the first half doing an ordinary player's stint in securing the general balance in midfield. But she was overshadowed by the heavy striking of her fellow centre, McAtamney. This strong girl scored five points before the break, most of them from distances which would have scared most of the forwards in the senior hurling match.

Inspiration

But the second half belonged to Cashman, who was as quick around the park as any of the men, much more durable than most of them and altogether a magnificent inspiration to her side. And this was after the rain had made things very unpleasant for Antrim who, having played through a dry first half with the breeze and led 2-6 to 1-1 (not enough with a player like Una O'Connor about),

found the rain adding to their worries after the interval.

Antrim, however, were far the better team, and would have won by a street were it not for O'Connor of Dublin, whose opportunism was a lesson in execution and economy, and the constant preoccupation of the Antrim forwards with picking. McFetridge missed four goals in the first half through inpickling when a tap on the ground was all that was needed.

Only one

It was a revelation to see the spirit and the physical durability of Antrim when the weather was in their faces. One had naturally expected Dublin to take over after the break, but they were swept before the tide of Cashman's enthusiasm and fine camogie.

Yet, in the hour of triumph, they almost lost all that they had gained. Ni Siochain, at centre, the only one of the line which could stand up to Antrim in that area, was stealing a few runs down the left wing. For the moment, it seemed insignificant.

But Kehoe had a goal and O'Connor another, and Ni Siochain was away again on the wing. The centre (like almost all the centres in this match) was

accurate and not wasted by either covetousness or timidity. It passed across the mouth of the goal and O'Connor tapped it in. A point by the same cool opportunist followed quickly.

Antrim had lost in a few minutes all that they had so striven to gain.

A clever piece of sideline work—the switch of the little pig-tailed go-getter, Collins, out to centre in place of Carabine to watch Ni Siochain—brought the solution and the game afterwards was sealed into Dublin territory.

All happy

Another goal and a point—the goal, fittingly, by the displaced Carabine, so that all were happy—brought the laurels to where they belong.

After the game they chaired Cashman to the rostrum for the presentation—a fitting reward.

There was little else but praise, mixed with astonishment from the crowd, which came early to see the game—thought not so many came in time to see it all. I guarantee they will not again be late.

If I could, I would stage this match again and make the know-alls watch and learn a lesson in sportsmanship, in



● Antrim's captain proudly displays the O'Duffy Cup, the All-Ireland camogie trophy, which had just been presented to her by Miss Lil O'Grady (Cork), president of the Camogie Association, after Antrim had ended Dublin's eight-year reign as champions in the All-Ireland final replay at Croke Park.



Dublin defender Kitty Murphy about to clear as she is challenged by Eileen Collins of Antrim in yesterday's all-Ireland camogie final at Croke Park.



CAMOGIE FINAL REPLAY—Lil D'Grady (right) of Cork, President of the Camogie Association, presenting the cup for the All-Ireland camogie winners to Miss Sue Cashman, captain of the Antrim team, after their win over Dublin in the replay of the final at Croke Park, Dublin. (Lensmen, Dublin)



ABOVE: They all played for Antrim (from left): Mairead McAtamney, Eileen Collins, Sue Cashman, Theresa Cassidy, Mairead Quinn, Mairead Carabine, Lily Scullion, Marianne McFeldridge, pictured at the victory dinner in the Old Shieling Hotel, Raheny.

Camogie

A New St

By PADRAIG PURSEAL

CERTAINLY one of the wisest, and possibly one of the best decisions ever taken by a sporting organisation in Ireland was the decision by the Camogie Association to allow the replay between Antrim and Dublin to go on at Croke Park Oireachtas hurling decider.

ALL IN T

For ten years, ever since I saw the same two counties in the memorable final of 1957, which Dublin won luckily with a last-minute goal, I have been preaching to all those who cared to listen that camogie of this class has become the thrilling and spectacular game that hurling should be, but all too often is not.

Yet, while the all-round standard of inter-county camogie continued to improve, the attendance at All-Ireland finals continued to dwindle, although I do believe that a factor aiding the decline of spectator interest was the widespread belief that the Dublin girls had become invincible.

Two years ago I thought I had seen camogie reach its peak of perfection when I watched Dublin and Antrim scintillate in an All-Ireland semi-final above at Waterfoot, near the entrance to Glenariffe Glen. But I was wrong. They gave us a game almost as good in last year's All-Ireland final, and came back to play the best wet-day camogie match I have ever seen in their drawn final some four weeks ago.

On Sunday last Antrim improved even on their September form, which proves their brilliance is consistent. Dublin played well too, but they just were not good enough on the day.

WORLD OF GOOD

And now to consider the more far-reaching effects of last Sunday's exhibition of camogie at its best. In the first place, this Antrim victory, by shattering the myth of Dublin's invincibility, must do the game a world of good in all those areas

where camogie is already played. Nor will it do the part-time any harm in Dublin where many who once used to follow the team have ceased to do so in recent years, "Because Dublin always win."

In the second place hundreds, perhaps thousands of hurling followers who until Sunday last—let us face hard facts squarely—looked upon camogie as a joke, suddenly woke up to the further fact that here is a game that has progressed as much through the past ten years as hurling has probably declined over the same period.

To any neutral and unbiased observer on Sunday last in Croke Park (and judging by the comments I have heard since there must have been quite a few such present) it must have been clearly obvious that camogie, in which bodily contact is not permitted, has developed at top level into a game where the only passports to victory are speed, stickwork, ball control and teamwork—all of which combined to provide a game that is a delight to watch when played by experts.

By contrast, hurling, especially as we saw it through the opening quarter of the Clare-Kilkenny game may well be in grave danger of reaching the stage where bodily contact assumes a far too important role and the real skills of the game.

ALL HAIL TO ANTRIM

ALL hail to Antrim, very worthy camogie champions of 1967, for their victory over Dublin in the replayed final at Croke Park last Sunday was to my mind far more dear-cut than their four-point margin at the end tended to show.

In most sectors they were the dominant side for most of the fifty minutes and they seemed to have profited far more than Dublin did by the four weeks respite since the drawn game. They were the more eager and alert side, and, if their forwards in the first half missed three or four chances that must have made the issue safe by the interval, they made few mistakes thereafter.

But the basis of this Antrim victory was laid at midfield. Those early points by Mairead McAtamney gave the whole side the confidence they needed, and in the last quarter Sue Cashman was really unstoppable. Mairead Carabine played very soundly for forty minutes and then when Eileen Collins switched out this promising youngster confirmed my belief that outfield is her best position.

Teasie Cassidy in goal played an important part too, for she foiled Dublin of three almost certain first half goals, scores that would have been very important indeed when the holders made their brief but spirited bid to save the day mid-way through the second half.

But when all is said and done, Dublin were fairly and squarely and convincingly beaten. Oddly enough I did think that with anything like a fair service of the ball the Dublin forwards might have saved the day. But even in the second half with the wind behind them they found that the Antrim midfield trio were well in command and their hope was in the occasional up field foray of Orla ni Shiochain.

In any case the Antrim defence was sound, but it did not impress me as being quite as sound as it was in the drawn game. After all the Dublin forwards, with less of the ball, had exactly the same scoring return, 4-2 as they had accumulated in the drawn match.

But all round it was a great day for Antrim. And especially so for such as Sue Cashman, Mairead

McAtamney, Kathleen Kelly, Mairead Carabine, Mairead Quinn and Lily Scullion who have played so much good camogie in recent years, and have yet seen the All-Ireland title elude them. No less so was it a triumph for the older players, Teasie Cassidy, Moya Forde, Maeve Gilroy, Eithne Dougan and Marion McFetridge who have seen the second All-Ireland medal come at last to add to the awards they won in 1956. And it was of course a great day for young Eileen Collins, the only newcomer on this Antrim side, and one of the most promising camogie prospects for many a year.

And I was especially happy for the sake of the Antrim trainer Nancy Murray. Nancy, she was Nancy Mulligan then, was an All-Ireland star with Antrim twenty years ago, but she is still one of the great enthusiasts in the game, and after sustaining a whole series of All-Ireland defeats by Dublin in recent seasons, never lost faith in the present side. She knew they had it in them to win the title.

And now they have done so, and in most convincing fashion, and Nancy Murray's hard work and faith have both been vindicated.

But if Sunday last was a great day for Antrim, it was an even greater day for the camogie game. Thousands who had never before seen camogie of this standard were loud in their praise and it was after all a very good idea to hold this replay in conjunction with the Oireachtas hurling final. I have every hope that in future October 15, 1967 will be remembered as the day when a great number of hurling followers suddenly were led to realise that camogie is a great game in its own right.

Indeed, I know I am prejudiced in this matter, but I did think on Sunday last that the hurlers could have learned a great deal from the camogie players, one of them being that the ball should always be the primary objective.

The camogie final was brilliant in patches especially when Antrim were on the move. Indeed if Antrim had not tended to over-elaborate in attack, they must have done even better.

After last Sunday's final the present position in the camogie

All-Ireland title table is: Dublin 25; Cork 6; Antrim 5.

Antrim's last victory was in 1956, and their three previous successes were in 1945, 1946 and 1947. Last Sunday's defeat was only Dublin's second championship set-back in twenty years' their previous defeat in that period was also at the hands of Antrim, in the All-Ireland Semi-final of 1957 at Casement Park, Belfast.

Rumour has it that most of the older Antrim stars are now going to bid farewell to the game, but we will see them all in action in Dublin again on Sunday next when Leinster and Ulster meet in the final of the inter-provincial competition for the Gael-Linn Cup at Parnell Park (3.0).

Ten of last Sunday's All-Ireland winning side will again be on duty aided by two Down players, Patricia Crangle and M. Caldwell. Ulster had a clear-cut victory over Connacht in the semi-final and as they have never won this competition, they would bring a great year to a fitting finish if they could win now.

And what a fitting farewell it would be for some of those great Antrim stars. But Leinster, who accounted for holders Munster in the semi-final will not be easily beaten. To aid five of last Sunday's Dublin side they have called in three great Wexford stars, full-back Mary Sinnott, centre-back, Margaret O'Leary and left wing Margaret Hearne, and also have in defence Kilkenny's Mary Houlihan. Marie Milne from Offaly will pose a problem at midfield, even for Sue Cashman, while the youthful Kilkenny player Mary Fennelly of Kilkenny is full-forward, with another Kilkenny representative, Nuala Duncan is on the right.

The line-outs are:

Ulster: All Antrim except two. T. Kearns, M. Forde, M. Caldwell (Down), M. Gilroy, K. Kelly, P. Crangle (Down), S. Cashman, M. McAtamney, M. McFetridge, M. Quinn, E. Collins, L. Scullion.

Leinster: E. Leech (Dublin), M. Sinnott (Wexford), M. Houlihan (Kilkenny), M. O'Leary (Wexford), K. Lyons (Dublin), M. Sherlock (Dublin), M. Milne (Offaly), M. Hearne (Wexford), N. Duncan (Kilkenny), U. O'Connor (Dublin), J. Doyle (Dublin), M. Fennelly (Kilkenny).



KATHLEEN LYONS, Captain of this year's Dublin camogie team, defeated by Antrim in the all-Ireland final has retired from inter-county camogie. Kathleen of 45 Croydon Park Avenue, Marino, pictured here with the Leinster senior cup, has collected 24 medals in her 16 years in the game. Her advice to would-be players—train hard.

Tall, dark-haired Kathleen thinks there are not nearly enough games for girls and would like to see camogie introduced into primary schools. "At present we have to coax people to play and I think introducing it in the schools would be the best way to foster a greater interest in the game," she said.

She started playing with Celtic, then became a member of Eoghan Rua, with whom she will continue to play. This year Eoghan Rua won the McCarthy Cup and the Dublin Senior League, the Senior Championship and recently drew the final Club Championship of All-Ireland.

Her most memorable game was the 1956 All-Ireland semi-final when she was first picked for Dublin. That year they were also defeated by Antrim, but playing on the unbeatable Dublin team Kathleen collected All-Ireland medals in the following 10 years.

Kathleen is also interested in swimming and has a medal for the long puck. Her sister Connie also plays with Eoghan Rua and her brother Paddy huris with O'Tooles.

She is retiring because she finds she has not sufficient time for inter-county camogie.

ULSTER CAPTURE GAE-LINN CUP

ULSTER 5-4
LEINSTER 5-1

ULSTER captured the Gael-Linn Cup, the inter-provincial Camogie Cup for the first time when they defeated Leinster after an exciting game at Parnell Park, Dublin, yesterday.

Ulster, which was comprised of ten of last Sunday's All-Ireland winners Antrim and two Ireland winners Antrim and two Down players were well half, and throughout the opening half, Leinster were rather unlucky to be leading only by two points at the interval.

Ulster played with the breeze in the opening half, after twenty eight points behind at the interval. Two quick goals in the last five minutes brought the Ulster girls within two points of Leinster, to leave Leinster 4-0, Ulster 2-1 at half time.

Leinster were first forced to attack after the interval and Mary Sherlock pointed.

There was some brilliant play by both teams, and great saves by both goalkeepers.

Midway through the second period, the Ulster side were last- ing the pace better. A goal by Maeve Gilroy and Patricia Crangle put Ulster one point ahead.

Leinster took the from the puck-out, made the issue safe, scored first a point, without a

reply, to finish deserving winners. The winners had outstanding defenders in Captain Maeve Gilroy and goalie Teresa Cassidy, while Moya Forde was always sound.

Sue Cashman was the most prominent player around midfield, while Eileen Collins and Lily Scullion proved the most dangerous in attack.

Best for Leinster were goalie Ethna Leech and full-back Mary

Sinnott, who held the dynamic Lily Scullion until the closing stages.

Mary Sherlock was best of the midfield trio, while Judy Doyle, Nuala Duncan and Una O'Connor were in fine form in Leinster's attack.

Scorers: Ulster—E. Collins (2-0); L. Scullion (1-1); S. Cashman (1-0); M. Gilroy (0-3); P. Crangle (1-0). Leinster—N. Duncan (2-0); J. Doyle; U. O'Connor (1-0 each); M. Fennelly, M. Sherlock (0-1 each).

Ulster: T. Cassidy (Antrim); M.

Forde (Antrim); M. Caldwell (Down), M. Gilroy (Antrim), K. Kelly (Antrim); M. McAtamney (Antrim), S. Cashman (Antrim), P. Crangle (Down), M. McFetridge (Antrim), M. Quinn (Antrim), E. Collins (Antrim); L. Scullion (Antrim).

Leinster: E. Leech (Dublin); M. Sinnott (Wexford); M. Houlihan (Kilkenny); M. O'Leary (Wexford); K. Lyons (Dublin); M. Sherlock (Dublin); M. Milne (Offaly); L. Hearne (Wexford); N. Duncan (Kilkenny); U. O'Connor (Dublin); J. Doyle (Dublin); M. Fennelly (Kilkenny).

Referee: Mrs. O'Duffy (Dublin).

Postponed Game Refixed For Dungarvan Tomorrow

OCTOBER 1967

THE postponed game between Cork and Waterford in the Secondary competition has been refixed for tomorrow afternoon at Dungarvan. A few weeks ago Cork travelled to Gaultier, Co. Waterford only to have the game called off because of the inclement weather conditions. Because of this long journey Waterford agreed to bring the game closer to Cork and so the Dungarvan venue.

For this game the Cork selectors retain 11 of the same team. Carmel Buckley of U.C.C. did not travel for that game and so her position at full forward is vacant for tomorrow. It is likely to be filled, however, by one of the substitutes, the more likely being Blanche Gibbons of South Presentation Past Pupils or Honor Lynch of Old Aloysians both of whom can play in the forward line.

FIRST OUTING

This is the secondary side's first outing this season and it is hard to say how they will fare. Cork are holders of the trophy but this season they lost a number of their top players. This was due to Cork's victory in the senior championship, as this competition is confined to those girls not holding Munster championship medals.

Waterford on the other hand can field their entire senior side with one exception — Lillian Howlett their inter-provincial player.

Last season Waterford surprised the Cork senior side but the intermediate twelve then went on to turn the tables on them and eventually took the Munster title. Cork will be anxious to repeat this performance on Sunday while at the same time Waterford will be just as determined to revenge their defeat.

The Cork team, despite the many changes still looks a strong one. Mary Moran in goal is very sound while the defence of Peg O'Brien, Bridie O'Sullivan, Mary Salter and Marie Costigan will not leave much past them. In the centres they have a very stylish trio in Joan Fitzpatrick, Mary Jo Ryan and Elizabeth Garvan, while the three forwards named—Kathleen Ryan, Angela Gaffney and Angela Russell should be very efficient.

Certainly Cork should put up a good showing in this the first defence of their title but the many changes could prove that little bit too much for them and could be in Waterford's favour. However, Cork always seem to be at their best when they are up against it and if they can dispose of Waterford then they must have a great chance of retaining their title. Should they win they then go on to meet Limerick in the decider.

Cork Team: M. Moran (Old Aloysians), P. O'Brien (Fermoy), M. O'Sullivan (S.P.P.), M. Salter (Charlestown), M. Costigan (Youghall), J. Fitzpatrick (S.P.P.), M. J. Ryan (Youghall), E. Garvan (Old Aloysians), K. Ryan (St. Ita's), A. Gaffney (Blarney), A. Russell (Youghall), A. N. O'Brien (Subs: C. Coakley (U.C.C.), P. Devlin (do.), H. Lynch (Old Aloysians), B. Gibbons (S.P.P.), A. Hennessey (Old Aloysians).

EASY WIN FOR CORK CAMOGIE SIDE

Cork 6-3; Waterford 2-0

A faster and fitter Cork side easily defeated Waterford in the Munster intermediate camogie championship in Dungarvan yesterday. The result of the game was never in doubt and the Leesiders led by 3-2 to 1-0 at the interval.

An understrength Waterford side had no answer to the powerful Cork full-forward line, which pilled on the pressure in the second half and coasted to an easy victory.

CORK:-

FRONT:- LIZ GARVAN, MARY JO RYAN, PEG O'BRIEN, BRIDIE O'SULLIVAN, JOAN FITZPATRICK, BLANCHE GIBBONS

BACK:- MARY MORAN, ANGELA RUSSELL, MARIE COSTIGAN, ANGELA GAFFNEY, KATHLEEN RYAN, MARY SALTER



The Cork team who beat Waterford in the Munster Intermediate Camogie Championship at Dungarvan.



● The Leinster team narrowly defeated by Ulster in the interprovincial camogie final at Parnell Park, Dublin. From left: Front—C. Carroll (Offaly), N. Duncan (Kilkenny), M. Fennelly (Kilkenny), J. Doyle (Dublin), K. Lyons (Dublin), U. O'Connor (Dublin), M. Sherlock (Dublin), captain. Back—M. Malone (Kildare), L. Hearne (Wexford), M. Sinnott (Wexford), M. Houlihan (Kilkenny), M. Milne (Offaly), E. Leech (Dublin), B. Cushion (Kildare).

Club's Thirtieth Anniversary

Ceol Míle Fáilte
TO OUR 30th
ANNIVERSARY DINNER
OLD ALOYSIANS CAMOGIE CLUB 1937-1967



Photographed at the Old Aloysians' Camogie Club 30th anniversary dinner in the Metropole Hotel, Cork, were (from left): Miss Mary Crowley, chairman, Cork County Board; Miss Sheila McNulty, general secretary, Irish Camogie Association; Mr. A. A. Healy, club president; Miss Sheila O'Sullivan, secretary, Cork County Board, and Miss Lili O'Grady, president, Irish Camogie Association and chairman of the Old Aloysians' Camogie Club.

EXTRA-TIME CRUX AS CLUB CAMOGIE FINAL IS DRAWN

By AGNES HOURIGAN

EOGHAN RUADH ... 3-4 ORANMORE ... 4-1

THERE was an unsatisfactory ending to the All-Ireland Club camogie championship final at Parnell Park, Dublin, yesterday, when, after the game ended in a draw, Galway champions, Oranmore, did not come out to play extra time.

The referee, Mrs. Bernie Byrne (Monaghan), had informed the teams prior to the start of the game that extra time would be played if scores were level at the end of the 50 minutes, but,

when the field was eventually cleared, only Dublin champions Eoghan Ruadh lined out. The Oranmore team had by then left the pitch.

The game itself had been fast and spectacular with the girls from the West slightly better strikers than the Leinster champions.

Oranmore played with great confidence against the sharp wind in the opening half and, at the interval, seemed almost certain to win when Eoghan Ruadh could only lead by 0-2 to 0-1.

The Dubliners, however, were heartened by a great goal by Kathleen Lyons immediately after the restart, but Oranmore struck back to go ahead with two good goals.

Eoghan Ruadh went in front again with a point from Connie Lyons and a goal by Dolores Barber but were once more in arrears when Mary Mahon goaled for Oranmore almost from the back-out.

With five minutes left for play, another Oranmore goal left the Western side four points clear, but Eoghan Ruadh fought back once more, rushed a goal, and then balanced again when Margaret O'Leary pointed a '30', seconds from time.

Wexford star Margaret O'Leary was particularly brilliant for Eoghan Ruadh, and got good Maureen Brennan, Kathleen Lyons and Dolores Barber.

A youthful Oranmore side was best served by goalie Joan Cosgrave, Rosemary Divilly, the Quinn sisters and the Flaherty sisters.

Scorers: E. Ruadh — D. Barber (2-0); K. Lyons (1-1); M. O'Leary (0-2); C. Lyons (0-1). Oranmore — K. Flaherty (2-0); K. Quinn (1-1); M. Mahon (1-0).

EOGHAN RUADH LOOK THE FAVOURITES

By TAOSH LINE

SURPRISE TEAM of the all-Ireland club camogie championship Oranmore of Galway, will travel East hopefully this weekend to meet Eoghan Ruadh the Dublin title holders in the final at Parnell Park on Sunday next (3-0).

The Galway girls, who were virtually unknown outside their own province until a couple of weeks ago. Then they suddenly shot into the limelight when they defeated the fancied Deirdre of Belfast, the Antrim and Ulster champions.

Powered by three sets of sisters, the Divilleys, the O'Flahertys and the Quinns, they are a strong and determined side that will make a very brave bid indeed to bring this all-Ireland club title across the Shannon for the first time.

But they will have their work cut out to do so, as they are up against a very sound Eoghan Ruadh team, which has only sustained one defeat in the past thirteen months, and that in a league game against U.C.D. early last spring.

If they have two outstanding players in Dublin captain, Kathleen Lyons, and Wexford and Leinster star, Margaret O'Leary, they have other experienced and talented players in Anne Carey, Pat Rafferty, Anne Ashton, Connie Lyons, Eileen Toner, Jean Foley and Dolores Barber.

HARD ROAD

They have come a hard road to this final, for they had to battle all the way to get the better of holders, St. Paul's (Kilkenny) in the provincial final and then had to travel to Cork to take on the Munster champions, Glen Rovers.

The odds seemed against Eoghan Ruadh when the Cork girls had a clear lead at half-time, but the Dublin side rallied strongly in the closing stages, and finished good winners.

It is on the strength of that performance that I make Eoghan Ruadh favourites to win but they can take nothing for granted against a very determined Galway side.

The second semi-final of the Munster secondary competition between Cork and Tipperary was due to be played in Cork last Sunday but I understand that the Tipperary team did not turn up. The decision as to what happens next must rest with Munster Council, for Limerick have already been through to the final for some time past and cannot be expected to wait indefinitely for the other section to be completed.

FIRST GAME

The first senior game of the new Dublin season will be played on Sunday when Celtic and Austin Stacks meet in the first round of the McCarthy Cup. With both teams able to field a strong quota of all-Ireland stars this match should provide a very lively opening to the season.

The game is timed for 12 noon so as not to clash with the all-Ireland club final at Parnell Park in the afternoon.

Eoghan Ruadh—A. Carey; M. Kearns, P. Rafferty, M. O'Leary, A. Ashton, K. Lyons, T. Kavanagh, M. Brennan, C. Lyons, E. Toner, J. Foley, D. Barber.

Oranmore—J. Cosgrave; R. Lennane, R. O'Flaherty, G. Divilly, M. Divilly, J. Quinn, M. Cooley, A. Dillon, K. O'Flaherty, S. Quinn, M. Mahon, N. Hynes.

CAMOGIE: Carmel Fortune. Has represented her club, county and province on numerous occasions, and her displays this year surpassed all previous ones, which gained her the Camogie award for 1967. She is also a prominent official of the Camogie Association.



● Galway Camogie Champions, Oranmore, who played a draw with Dublin champions, Eoghan Ruadh, in the final of the All-Ireland Club Championship at Parnell Park, Dublin, yesterday. Back row (l. to r.), R. Divilly, G. Divilly, J. Cosgrave, R. Lennane, K. Quinn, R. O'Flaherty. Front, S. Quinn, K. McGrath, M. Mahon, K. O'Flaherty (capt.), A. Dilleen, M. Hynes.

Cork Team Now Go To Youghal To Take On Tipperary

THE Cork Secondary team faced their second postponement on Sunday last when the semi-final with Tipperary was cancelled. This time the postponement was due to a misunderstanding on the part of the Tipp girls, who travelled to the wrong venue and by the time they had arrived at the Toghier pitch the game had already been called off.

Now the Cork girls will travel to Youghal for the game as there is no city venue available. The seaside town has become a very strong camogie centre and the game should attract a large following at this venue.

Cork, not surprisingly, name the same side as that which defeated a fancied Waterford team in the first round. In that game Cork put up a fine performance and if they can repeat that form then they must be given a big chance of defeating Tipp.

Now that Cork have got over their first hurdle this season, they must be given a good chance of retaining the title they took for the first time last season. This year they had to introduce a number of newcomers, as many of last year's winning side had been promoted to the senior team. The selectors' worry was that so many changes would prove too much for the team but their victory against Waterford has proved that the team is as strong as ever. When one considers that Waterford fielded practically their entire senior twelve, the performance of the Cork girls was a very worthy one indeed.

A STRONG SIDE

The Cork team is strong in all sectors. Mary Moran is the very sound Old Aloysians goalkeeper, while full-back Peg O'Brien has been a stalwart of the Fermoy club for many years now. Mary Costigan at wing-back is one of the strongest hitters of a ball in Cork today, while her wing-back partner, Bridie O'Sullivan, is another very sound defender. Mary Salter, the centre-back, is one of the big successes of the Churchtown team and completes a defence which will not give away too many chances.

Mary Jo Ryan, the full-centre, has been one of Youghal's leading lights since they came into the limelight a few years ago, while her partners at midfield need no introduction to camogie followers. Joan Fitzpatrick was one of St. Finbarr's best players before she joined South Presentation Past Pupils, with whom she has been

playing consistently well, while the youthful Liz Garvan is one of Old Aloysians' most promising players for some time.

Kathleen Ryan (half-forward) was a regular senior player with Old Aloysians before joining her home team, St. Ita's, when they entered competition, while Angela Gaffey, Angela Russell and Blanche Gibbons are all very talented forwards.

Certainly this side is capable of retaining this trophy and if they can get over Tipperary on Sunday they must have a great chance of defeating Limerick in the decider. But Tipperary are never an easy side to beat and as they already lost the senior title to Cork they will be anxious to avenge this defeat.

Nov. 1967 Cork Reach Intermediate Final

Cork 4-3; Tipperary 2-1

A youthful Cork team came from behind to win the semi-final of the Munster Intermediate championship against Tipperary at Youghal yesterday. Tipperary, playing with a strong breeze in the first half, got off to a good start and were leading by a goal and a point after ten minutes, playing a fast first time pulling style of game they were unlucky not to be holding a bigger lead at half time and were it not for the excellent clearances of Cork full-back Maria Costone, who time and time again relieved pressure Cork would have been heavily in arrears on the resumption of play.

In the second period however Cork settled down to their task and began to play more as a team. Results came quickly and within five minutes of this half the Tipperary lead had been wiped out. The turning point of the game when Maria Costone sent a 45-yard free all the way into the Tipperary net. Cork continued to press and half forward K. Ryan had two very well taken points before M. Ryan sent them further ahead with a goal from far out. Tipperary came back well but left their effort too late. With minutes to go Cork added a further goal per B. Gibbons. Just on the final whistle Tipperary had a goal from a close free by D. Lane.

BEST PLAYERS

Cork were well served by Mary Moran in goal, backs Maria Costone and Bridie O'Sullivan, whilst Mary Ryan and Liz Garvan had the edge at centrefield. Catherine Ryan and Angela Russell turned in fine forward displays. Deirdre Lane, who played in several positions during the game, was easily the best Tipperary player, she was assisted in no small way by goalkeeper Mary Lyons and centre-back P. Russell. Best to show in the forwards were Joan Power, Mary Dwyer and Mary Clery.

Scorers for Cork: M. Costone (1-1), K. Ryan (1-2), M. J. Ryan (1-0), B. Gibbons (1-0). For Tipperary: D. Lane (1-0), M. Dwyer (1-0), J. Power (0-1).

Cork: M. Moran, B. O'Sullivan, P. O'Brien, M. Costone, M. Slater, J. Fitzpatrick, M. J. Ryan, L. Garvan, K. Ryan, A. Gaffey, B. Gibbons, A. Russell. Sub.: A. Hennerty for M. Salter.

Tipperary: M. Lyons, C. Ryan, B. Doyle, J. Gleeson, M. Burke, P. Russell, D. Lane, M. Dwyer, S. Hervey, M. Clery, J. Power, M. Brophy.

Referee: Miss E. Neville

Cork Has Chance Of An Unique Double

CORK camogie girls have an outstanding chance to complete a unique double on Sunday next when their secondary team takes on Limerick in the final of the Munster Secondary Competition. The senior twelve have already taken the Munster Championship, and if the second string manage to add their title, then Cork will be the first Munster county to take both titles in one year.

So far in this competition, the Cork girls have played two games. In the first round they had a very good win over a strong Waterford side, but it was in the semi-final against Tipperary that the Cork girls had their greatest victory.

In this game, Tipperary got off to a fine start. Playing with a strong breeze, they were leading by a goal and a point after ten minutes. In this half, were it not for the fine goalkeeping of Mary Moran and the long clearances of Marie Costigan, Tipperary might well have increased this score before half-time. Instead, Cork held the Tipperary girls for the remainder of this period, and faced the second half with a great chance. Certainly the Tipp lead did not upset them once they took the field in the second half. Within five minutes, Cork had wiped out that lead, and from then on never really looked troubled. However, Tipperary did make a late rally, but again the Cork girls made little of it, and were eventual winners by 4-3 to 2-1.

One of the Cork selectors' headaches this season was wondering if this new-look side would blend together as a team. There is a wealth of individual talent on the side, but it was feared that the many changes would have taken too much from the team. But on Sunday last Cork showed, especially in the second period, that they have now matured into a very fine unit.

ONE CHANGE

There is one change on the Cork team for Sunday. Mary Salter was injured against Tipperary, and is unfortunate to be unfit for the game. Angela Hennerty, of Old Aloysians, who came on in her place on Sunday last, retains her place for the final. Angela played very well when she came on and thoroughly deserves her place again.

Cork are strong in defence and attack, and in the centre they have a tremendous trio in Liz Garvan, Joan Fitzpatrick and Mary Jo Ryan. In fact, Mary Jo scored a great goal from far out against Tipperary. Another top scorer on Sunday last was Kathleen Ryan, who added 1-2 to her side's tally. Kathleen had a fine game at half-forward, and got able assistance from Blanche Gibbons, who scored a goal, and the two Angelas, Gaffey and Russell.

Marie Costigan and Mary Moran were Cork's top defenders, but they received grand cover from Bridie O'Sullivan and Peg O'Brien.

Certainly this is a very efficient Cork twelve, and their followers are confident that they can retain the title they took for the first time last season, but Limerick will not be easy to beat. They are the only other county to have taken this title—they won it in its first year, three seasons ago. Also, they can field their entire senior team in this competition, which is confined to players who have not won Munster Championship medals. So that this young

Cork twelve will be up against an experienced senior team.

But if they can play as well as they did against Tipperary, they must have a great chance of retaining the Munster title. Certainly all the good wishes of camogie followers in the county will be with them on Sunday.

Cork team—M. Moran (Old Aloysians), B. O'Sullivan (S.P.P.), P. O'Brien (Fermoy), M. Costigan (Youghal), A. Hennerty (Old Aloysians), J. Fitzpatrick (S.P.P.), M. J. Ryan (Youghal), L. Garvan (Old Aloysians), K. Ryan (St. Ita's), A. Gaffey (Blarney), B. Gibbons (S.P.P.), A. Russell (Youghal).

FIXTURE

Sunday at Youghal—Secondary Competition final: Cork (holders) v. Limerick. 3.0.

Cork Complete Unique Double

Cork 6-2; Limerick 1-0

Cork completed a unique camogie double on Sunday last when they defeated Limerick in the final of the Munster Secondary Competition. The county already holds the Munster senior championship, making Cork the first county to take both titles in one season.

As the scoreline suggests, Cork easily disposed of the Limerick challenge. In fact, the Limerick goal was only scored in the last quarter of the game.

Cork's defence never gave the Limerick attack a chance and here Marie Costigan and Bridie O'Sullivan were outstanding.

DOMINATED

The youthful Liz Garvan dominated the centrefield, while Blanche Gibbons, Kathleen Ryan, Angela Gaffey and Angela Hennerty made up a brilliant attack.

Limerick were expected to give the holders a very tough game on Sunday as they were fielding their senior side, while Cork had a very young team. However, once Cork had opened the scoring it was obvious that the speedy Cork twelve would take their second title.

Limerick, who tried hard throughout, were best served by Eithne Neville, Bridie Giltinan, Cary Gilane and Mona Kennedy.

Scorers for Cork were Angela Hennerty (2-0), Blanche Gibbons (2-0), Angela Gaffey (2-0), Liz Garvan (0-1), and Mary Jo Ryan (0-1), while Eithne Neville got Limerick's only goal.



Miss Noreen O'Reilly, captain of the Churchtown North camogie club, Middleton, pictured with the Middleton Festival Trophy at the camogie club's annual dinner.



OLD A.L.D. JUNIORS 1961
FRONT: ROSE LONG, MARY QUINLAN, ROSIE HENNESSY, MARION O'LEARY
BACK: ANN O'DWYER, KNA WICKHAM, SHIELA RYAN, MAIKHEAD O'REGAN, MARY O'LEARY, NUALA JENNINGS

Nov. 1967

Cork Can Cap Successful Season With Gold Leaf Win

THIS has been a highly successful year for Cork camogie. They took the Munster senior and intermediate titles and on Sunday next the seniors will have an opportunity of adding yet another title to the list. This time it is the final of the Gold Leaf Tournament against old rivals Tipperary.

Before the season began Cork had been without a Munster senior title since 1963. They were not given much of a chance of dethroning the champions Tipperary at that stage. But with a number of fine performances, they not alone defeated Tipp but went on to take the Munster title. And although they were defeated by a tremendous Antrim side in

Peggy Dorgan, who usually plays in the centre or at half-forward, is selected at full forward. This is somewhat of a surprise but Peggy is quite capable of proving Cork's matchwinner in this position. She is one of the most stylish players in the game and the position is not completely new as she played at full forward for part of Munster's game against Leinster three years ago. Switching to half-forward is Cork's veteran Anna Crotty. Anna has been one of the side's most consistent scorers for many years now. In addition Anna is a 50-minute player who snaps up even the slightest opportunity. Anna is a wonderful opportunist, especially close to goal, and it may be the policy of the selectors to have the two Glen girls interchanging during the game.

Ann McAuliffe and Ann Comerford are not playing in their usual club positions either as both are usually in the centre for their respective teams. However, the two Anns are very efficient at picking off scores from far out and they could be very successful in the closer wing forward positions.

This team is packed with individual talent and the only difficulty might be finding a successful blend. However, with so much experience on their side these Cork girls should be well able to find a successful combination.

Can they beat Tipperary again? Certainly Tipperary are never an easy side to overcome. With Kathleen Griffin still a major force for the ex-champions Cork will not take this new title without a very tough game.

This game is fixed for 3.30 p.m. and would need to begin on time as the short evenings make an early throw-in most important. So the Cork players should give themselves plenty of time for the long journey as falling light could mean defeat by an "unsighted" score.

There are two Cork county fixtures listed for Sunday. At



Ann Comerford (Cork)

the All-Ireland semi-final, their victory in Munster has been a great boost to camogie in Cork. Now they have an opportunity of underlining their Munster supremacy on Sunday. This time they have to travel to meet Tipperary in Tipperary Town. Long journeys before a game are never easy on players but Cork seem to strike their best form away from home and no doubt the players will not be upset by the venue.

FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT

A fortnight ago Cork's second string took the Secondary Competition in fine style. This youthful side defeated a fancied Waterford team before taking on Limerick's senior twelve. In this game Limerick were expected to be too experienced for the Cork girls, but despite their youth the Cork girls ran out easy winners. This was the Leesiders second successive win in this competition and it augurs well for the future of the game in the county.

Not surprisingly two members of that team have been selected for the senior side on Sunday. Schoolgirl Liz Garvan of Old Aloysians was the big star of Cork's win a fortnight ago and must be one of the most promising prospects in the county for some years. Liz has now been promoted to the senior side and is expected to be a great asset to the centre sector. The second secondary player selected for the senior side is Youghal's Mary Jo Ryan. Mary Jo had a tremendous game against Limerick and should do very well at half-back on Sunday.

The remainder of the Cork defence is the same as that which played in the Munster final. Eleanor Cummins is again between the posts where she is playing so well this season. The wing backs of Nora O'Mahony and Sheila O'Sullivan will not leave much pass them while at full-back Cork have the long-striking Hannah Dineen.

Liz Garvan's partners in the centre will be the very useful Nuala Humphries and the stylish Betty Sugrue.

SURPRISE MOVE

The forward line shows a number of unusual features.



Betty Sugrue (Cork)

Youghal the local team meet Douglas in the Junior League while in the same competition Inniscarra meet Old Aloysians at the latter's grounds.

Cork—E. Cummins (S.P.P.), H. Dineen (do.), N. O'Mahony (Glen Rovers), M. J. Ryan (Youghal), S. O'Sullivan (S.P.P.), N. Humphries (Glen Rovers), E. Garvan (Old Aloysians), B. Sugrue (S.P.P.), A. McAuliffe (Old Aloysians), A. Crotty (Glen Rovers), A. Comerford (P.P.P.), P. Dorgan (Glen Rovers). Subs.: K. Ryan, M. Fitzgerald and M. Buckley.

FIXTURES

Sunday at Tipperary Town, final Gold Leaf Tournament. Cork v Tipperary, 3.30 p.m.

An Unsatisfactory Day At Tipperary

THE schoolgirls and juniors take over the camogie scene for the coming week-end, with Schools' League on Saturday and Junior League games on Sunday.

again for the game, for which a new date has not yet been fixed.

On Sunday last the final of the Gold Leaf Tournament between Tipperary and Cork came to a very unsatisfactory end. The game, which was played in Tipperary Town, was listed to begin at 3.30 p.m. but unfortunately it did not start until 4.20 p.m. and shortly after half-time the game had to be abandoned because of the failing light. The delay was caused by the late starting of the curtain-raiser—a local Tipperary fixture. This was very frustrating for the Cork girls. Now they will have to make the long journey to Tipperary

ALL IN THE DAY'S SPORT

By PADRAIG PURSEAL

SINCE Ireland is so small a country, we have, in the past, had more than one instance of the same player twice, or more often, gaining the same award in a major sport.

But never until this week have I come across an instance of the same person winning a major sports-star award in two different years in two different sports.

The versatile person in question is Mary Sinnott who, two years ago, won a Wexford Sports-Star award for camogie and last Wednesday gained a second Wexford Sports-Star trophy, for badminton this time.

In the year past Mary Sinnott won the Munster ladies singles badminton championship, the senior doubles at Waterford and the Wexford doubles county championship. But she was not exactly idle on the camogie fields either when the summer came round.

The same Mary Sinnott, playing in her usual post of full-back, helped Wexford win the Leinster intermediate title for the fifth successive year, and if, with the rest of the Wexford side, she failed to halt Dublin's thirty-year long victory march in the senior provincial final, she played possibly her most brilliant game to date in a distinguished camogie career for Leinster against Munster in the interprovincial final.

Powered

Ulster, powered by ten of Antrim's All-Ireland champions, snatched a belated victory, but the magnificence of Mary Sinnott's display will long be remembered by those lucky enough to be present at that game in Parnell Park.

It was no disaster or disgrace to have been on the losing side that day, but, even when Leinster were beaten Mary could console herself with the thought that, while Ulster were taking this title for the first time, she had already a couple of interprovincial medals to her credit.

But then Mary Sinnott comes of versatile stock for she is a niece of Mick O'Hanlon from Ballykerogue, Horeswood, who, despite the handicap of a permanent wrist injury, received in a high-jump contest in his youth, won fame on both the hurling and football fields.

Versatility Wins Second Award

Four Mayo Camogie Stars Suspended

FOUR members of the Mayo camogie side which, this year, won the Connacht championship title, have been suspended. The reason—they were found guilty of playing indoor football, a sport which has been black-listed by the Central Council of the Camogie Association.

The four suspended players are Maureen Conroy, Mary Maguire, Eileen Fitzgerald and Geraldine Jordan. Also suspended is Miss

Eileen Seerick who is treasurer of the Mayo Camogie Board.

Conroy, Maguire, Fitzgerald and Seerick play with Castlebar with whom they won County Championship medals this season. Jordan lines out with Breaffy.

The Mayo Board Chairman, Mrs. Mary Daly said yesterday: "I had no option but to suspend the players. We were warned by the Central Council that the whole Board would be suspended if we permitted our members to continue playing indoor football."

Will Appeal

Now the five players are to appeal to the Connacht Council.

Said Miss Conroy, who is a nurse attached to the Mayo County Clinic in Castlebar: "We think this is a very harsh decision and we will certainly appeal. We cannot understand why Gaelic footballers are allowed to play indoor football and camogie players are not. After all the Camogie Council is an integral part of the Gaelic Athletic Association."

An official of the Gaelic Athletic Association explained last night: "Individual footballers are allowed to play indoor football but only as individuals. They are prohibited from playing as a Gaelic club."

Eoghan Ruadh

rally to

capture Cup

By UNA

THE Dublin camogie season has certainly got off to a flying start this Autumn, and on Sunday last we saw the first of the senior competitions—the McCarthy Cup—completed dead on schedule. In the final, Eoghan Ruadh, after being twice in arrears, rallied in the last 10 minutes to score a well-deserved but hard-earned victory and thus retain the trophy.

Indeed Ruadh can now claim to have a monopoly of this McCarthy Cup to date, as they also won it last season, the first time it was ever competed for.

But they had many uneasy moments before they were sure of victory in last Sunday's game, which was very lively although the pitch had been cut up rather badly due to games having been played on it earlier as it thawed after the sharp overnight frost.

I thought early in the second half that Austin Stacks were playing well enough to win, but they were foiled at a crucial stage by the very sound Eoghan Ruadh defence.

TOOK CHANCES

Then when Eoghan Ruadh swung back to the attack, their forwards took the chances that ensured them of victory. It took Margaret O'Leary a long time to shake off the determined challenge of All-Ireland player Anne McAllister, but once the Wexford star began to get in those long clearances, Eoghan Ruadh were once again on the high road to victory.

VOTED TOP

CAMOGIE PLAYER

IN WATERFORD

The Waterford Co. Camogie Board has unanimously selected Miss Marian Frisby as their outstanding player of 1967. A member of the Eire Og Club in Waterford City, Marian has been the driving force behind her club, and has played a major part in helping them win county honours for the past few years.

This year, however, as captain of the Waterford county team her superb displays were a prime factor in the county's great run in the Munster Championship. She was indeed the star of their Munster final bid when they failed narrowly to Cork. Honoured this year also by the Munster selectors at full back, she was one of the stars in the inter-provincial against Leinster at Naas.

As well as being one of the county's great players, Marian is also a most zealous official, and has done much to put the game on a firm footing in Co. Waterford. For a number of years past she has been a Waterford selector, and is also the county's representative on the Munster Council.

Presentation

of camogie

trophies

TROPHIES and medals were presented to the winners of the Dublin Camogie Board competitions at a supper in the C.I.E. Hall, Marlboro St. on Tuesday night. The Presentations were made by Mr. Sean O'Duffy, Organiser to the following clubs:

Senior C'chip — Eoghan Ruadh;
Senior League — Eoghan Ruadh;
McCarthy Cup — Eoghan Ruadh;
Isle of Man Cup — Austin Stacks;
Intermediate A C'chip — Presentation;
A League — Austin Stacks.

Intermediate B C'chip — N.L.—
Ua Tuathail; B League — Naomh
Padraig; Junior A C'chip and
League — St. Seirbhais; Junior B
C'chip and League — C.I.E. Junior
C C'chip and League — Naomh Aolfe.
Juvenile League — Naomh Padraig.

Sports winners: Senior Individual — Elizabeth O'Leary (Na
Piarais); Senior Club — Na
Piarais; Junior Individual — Denise
Lawlor (H.F.C. Clarendon St.);
Junior Club — Holy Faith Convent,
Clarendon St.

Camogie club's 30th

Anniversary

IN an age when young people can pick and choose from such a wide variety of pastimes it is gratifying to see a camogie club celebrate its 30th anniversary.

Recently Old Aloysians camogie club celebrated its 30th anniversary. Here is one of the oldest clubs in Cork, which is as strong today as it was at any time in its history. This in spite of the fact that it has not won a trophy of any description since 1961.

Miss Sheila McNulty, general secretary of the Camogie Association, who was a guest at the club's celebration dinner, had nothing but praise for Old Als. She said that down through the years Old Aloysians had always been to the forefront of the game both on the field and on the administrative side. The club had provided the Association with two presidents and she doubted if any other club in the country had ever done this. The first of these

saw them again victorious. However, the following year they suffered their first defeat, but this was only a temporary lapse as they regained the championship in 1943 and held it up to and including 1946. 1947 and '48 saw them defeated again but they regained the title in 1949. The club then saw some lean years in the early fifties, but in 1953 they came back "with a bang" when against all the odds they took the senior title. Old Als were again a force in the game and though they lost the title the following year they were champions again in 1955 and '56. The 1956 victory was one of the greatest in their career.

A lapse

Old Als seem to have a history of ups and downs in competition—as is perhaps the case with most clubs—for following their victory in 1956 they again had a lapse before taking another three-in-a-row, beginning in 1959. Since that fine trio they have again been in a difficult period.

But in spite of this lack of success Old Als have never lost interest and they are constantly trying to find a winning combination. With the school team such a major force in their competitions, it cannot be long before Old Aloysians are back in the reckoning. They have a number of very fine players in their present line up including Liz Garvan, Mary Moran, Ann and Kay McAuliffe, and their captain, Mary Murphy.

Down the years, Old Als girls have made their presence felt in camogie. In the early days there were Josie Young, Lil Kirby, Maura Conlon, Florrie Curran, K. B. Murphy, Renee Fitzgerald, Sheila Brennan, the late Mairead Twomey, Eileen Casey, the late Nan O'Dowd Una Cronin, Vina O'Regan, Monica Buckley, Mary Fitzgerald, Maureen Sheehan, Joan Kelly, Irene Kelleher, Elina Crowley, Ann O'Keefe, Peggy Hogg, Mona Hobbs. These girls were in the early teams of the club and they more than anyone else gave the club such a fantastic start.

Since then there were many top players including Therese Crowley, Carmel Cotter, Eileen Keating, Siobhan O'Sullivan, Lily Coughlan, Mona Joyce, Betty Walsh, Angela Lane, Rena Manley and Deirdre Young.

Key positions

Administration has always been very much in the hands of Old Als. Team members have always been in key positions, and at the present time, in addition to the President, Miss Lily O'Grady, Old Als have Aedin McCarthy as treasurer of the Munster Council while Terry Fehily is treasurer of the Cork County Board. Mrs. Carmel Desmond and Mrs. Gretta Byrne are advisors to the Schools Board. These girls are following in a long-standing tradition of the club to take an active part in the running of the game, and not alone in the actual playing.

The club owes a great deal of its success to Mr. A. A. Healy, T.D., their president down through the years. Mr. Healy is always encouraging, but quite capable of giving the club a good dressing-down when he feels it is needed. The good nuns of St. Marie's of the Isle, and especially Sr. Bonaventure, who played such a major role in the encouragement of young players, have also been constantly at the club's beck and call.

Old Als may not be champions now, but with all the work and interest which is in the club it cannot be too long before they are back on the winning trail.

By

Joan Morley

presidents was Lil Kirby (now Mrs. Crowley), who took office in 1937. Lil was a founder member of the club and is still very interested in its affairs. The former president also played with U.C.C. and was a brilliant member of the Cork county team.

The second president is Miss Lily O'Grady, who is now in her third year of office. Lily has made many friends during her term and she has spread goodwill not alone for her club, but also for Cork camogie generally. Lily is also chairman of Old Als.

I am always advocating that there should be more of a social life attached to camogie. Young people are no longer satisfied with just playing a game. They want something when the game is over, and I am all in favour of giving players an opportunity of cementing friendships made on the field. Of course finance is always a problem with sports such as camogie which do not have a large following. Money has to be provided, mainly by the girls themselves. But the way in which they are prepared to support social functions in connection with clubs was obvious from the large attendance at the representative gathering of Old Aloysians members at their celebrations. So successful was the dinner in fact that it was decided to have an annual get-together from now on.

Scattered

Up to 1937, when Old Aloysians was founded, players on leaving school found themselves scattered all over the county. Many went on to university, and many went to a senior club called Caracina. But many fine players gave up camogie on leaving school as they did not want to join a strange club. So in 1937 a band of the then school leavers got together under the leadership of Josie McGrath (now Mrs. Young) and formed their own club. So successful was the club that it became the inspiration of the Past Pupils Union which was formed five years later and is now such a flourishing organisation.

Old Aloysians entered camogie ranks in a blaze of glory. The very first Old Aloysians team won the senior title and they retained it the following year, being the first club to win outright the Science Cup. The next two years

The Greatest Of All Seasons

By AGNES HOURIGAN

THE year 1967 will go down in Camogie history as the greatest the game has ever experienced. In retrospect, the Central Council was fortunate in having a day of rain for the All-Ireland final in mid-September. It was a wise decision that the game should be played, despite the almost impossible conditions, for it was this decision that brought camogie more into the public spotlight than ever before.

The result was that thousands of people who heard the broadcast commentary on the brilliant drawn game, showed tremendous interest in the replay, and the second game was watched by the biggest crowd that has ever been present at a camogie final.

The fact that the game was also played in conjunction with the Oireachtas hurling final gave camogie a further boost, for quite a few of the customers who had hitherto possibly taken a lighthearted view went home astounded with the standard of play served up by Antrim and Dublin.

Even Greater

The result, an Antrim victory was an even greater boost to the game.

Dublin's ten-year dominance, noteworthy an achievement though that was, and a fitting tribute to the standard of play in the Capital was not conducive either to the promotion of the game generally or to increasing attendances. Now that Dublin have been defeated interest will be even greater in 1968 to see if the Dubliners can win back the title they held so long.

For Antrim victory over Dublin at Croke Park realised a long-cherished ambition, and it was achieved in a manner that proved it was well deserved. In the drawn game the Ulster champions were well behind early on, but they improved steadily after that uncertain opening, and were so much on top in the last ten minutes that it would have been a major tragedy from their viewpoint had captain Sue Ward not snatched that belated equaliser. In the second game, the boot was very much on the other foot. It was Antrim who dominated until well into the second half. Then Dublin staged a remarkable rally but Antrim showed their real strength by coming back again to clinch victory.

Great Year

To complete a great year for Antrim, ten of the county side played for Ulster when they won the Gael-Linn Cup for the first time by defeating Leinster in the final. It was a fitting end to the great careers of Maeve Gilroy, who captained the Ulster side, Eithne Dougan and Marion McFetridge all of whom announced afterwards that they were retiring from the game. The Ashbourne Cup which started the season was won by University College, Cork. In the provincial championships Cork sprang the first surprise when they won back the Munster

championship, dethroning Tipperary, but they were well beaten by rampant Antrim in the subsequent All-Ireland semi-final.

In Leinster, Dublin had less trouble than expected in accounting for the challenge of worthy intermediate champions Wexford, while Kildare caused something of a surprise by defeating Meath in the junior final.

Flattering Win

In the second All-Ireland semi-final, Dublin had a somewhat flattering victory over a promising Mayo side that had surprised Galway in the Connacht final. Galway, however, had some consolation in the inter-club championship. Their county champions, Oranmore, won through in the West for the second consecutive year, and then caused a sensation when they travelled to Belfast and defeated the Ulster champions Deirdre, who had won through in Ulster for the fourth time without a break.

To show that victory was no fluke, the Oranmore girls then came to Dublin and there played a draw with the Dublin champions, Eoghan Ruadh, who had won through to the final in very convincing fashion, particularly in their semi-final victory over Glen Rovers in Cork.

The destiny of the All-Ireland club championship is thus not yet decided. Central Council have yet to hold a special meeting to consider the failure of Oranmore to play extra time in the drawn final. This meeting is likely to be held early in the New Year.

Golden Year For Ulster Camogie

BIG news on the camogie scene in 1967 was the defeat of long reigning champions Dublin by Antrim in the All-Ireland final. On the home front, Cork completed a unique Munster double, while Glen Rovers continue to dominate the senior county championship.

This was certainly a golden year for Ulster camogie. The Antrim county team ended the recording breaking run of the Dublin girls in the All-Ireland campaign. The first tie ended in a draw and as Dublin had never been beaten in a replay, many followers felt that they would once again take the trophy. However, Antrim put up a tremendous performance and thoroughly deserved their fine win. This brought the fantastic Dublin run of eleven titles in a row to an end and was a great boost indeed for camogie in the North. The Ulster team carried on the good work in the Gael Linn Cup when they defeated Leinster in the decider to take the interprovincial trophy for the first time. So this was truly Ulster's year.

Cork had a great season in Munster camogie. The Munster title had been Tipperary's property since 1963 but this season Cork came back into the picture with a fine victory over the champions and then another over Waterford in the decider. Unfortunately, they were defeated by a tremendous Antrim team in the All-Ireland semi-final.

The Leesiders completed a unique double when they retained the Intermediate competition. This young second string had fine victories over Waterford and Limerick to take the title for the second successive year and the performance of some of the very young members of this team augurs well for the future of camogie in Cork.

DOMINATED

Glen Rovers continue to dominate the senior county championship.

This year their final opponents were South Presentation Past Pupils who after a fine run in the campaign, proved very disappointing in the decider and Glen were easy winners.

However, the South Pres. girls could have compensation before the season ends as they are in a very strong position in the league. If they can take full points from their next encounter with Glen Rovers, who are behind them in points, then the title is theirs. If, however, Glen are again victorious, then the competition is wide open again with Youghal, South Pres. and Glen in the running.

Because of the foot and mouth epidemic, all camogie fixtures have been cancelled for the present. This means that many competitions are not completed.

The Intermediate Championship is down to the last three. Fermoy are already in the final with Seandun and Canovee due to meet in the other semi-final. In the junior campaign, the semi-final stage has also been reached with Inniscarra and Blarney to contest one tie and Youghal and Glanworth meeting in the other.

Blarney, incidentally are also very prominent in the junior league. They held the title last season and are the only side so far undefeated this year. Inniscarra, Douglas and Ovens are also in the running in the junior competition.

Only one game has been played in the Intermediate League and in this, Fermoy defeated Cobh. The Schools have also reached the decider of their league but this tie has also been cancelled. So it looks as if the camogie girls will be very busy once the fear of foot and mouth has passed.

• WHERE TITLES WENT •

	WINNERS	RUNNERS-UP
All-Ireland	Antrim	Dublin
Connacht	Mayo	Galway
Leinster—		
Senior	Dublin	Wexford
Inter	Wexford	Offaly
Junior	Kildare	Meath
Ulster	Antrim	Monaghan
Munster	Cork	Waterford
Interprovincial	Ulster	Leinster
Ashbourne Cup	U.C.C.	U.C.D.
INTER-CLUB—		
All-Ireland Final	Eoghan Ruadh (Dublin)	Oranmore (Galway)
Leinster	Eoghan Ruadh	St. Paul's (Kilkenny)
Munster	Glen Rovers (Cork)	Ahane (Limerick)
Ulster	Deirdre (Antrim)	
Connacht	Oranmore (Galway)	

FROM MONAMOLIN TO EOGHAN RUADH

By MICHELINE McCORMACK

SHE can be seen running along Upper Mount Street, Dublin, any morning — a tall, sprightly, dark-haired girl. For this is how Margaret O'Leary, the camogie player keeps fit.

"I live in Lower Mount St. and I work just off Upper Mount St., so I haven't far to run," said the twenty-year-old centre back, who plays in the same position for Leinster, for her native Wexford and for her Dublin club Eoghan Ruadh. "Some mornings, if I fear I'll be late, I have to run anyway," she laughed.

Margaret, who works in the ASB in Fitzwilliam St., has only been a little over a year in Dublin camogie but, in that time, has played a major part in helping her club make a clean sweep of all senior competitions, league, championship and McCarthy Cup.

When other six-year-olds were playing with dolls, Margaret O'Leary was learning how to use a hurley. "My father had every one of us interested in Gaelic games from the time we were babies," explained the Wexford girl. He is Thomas O'Leary who played hurling for the Ferns senior team in the 30's.

So, from playing hurling in the fields around her home at Monamolin, she graduated to St. Ibars camogie club, Castlebridge. Had two sisters, Kathleen and Carmel, played there too, but work interfered with camogie so they gave it up.

Margaret didn't though and five years of good play with club and county were rewarded last year, when Margaret was honoured with the Wexford camogie All-Star award.

She recalled her long association with St. Ibars. "They were great years. We won four county senior medals and two junior county medals. I was captain in 1965."

When she came to work in Dublin two years ago Margaret decided to join a club here. "I would be lost without camogie. It is a great sport. I really love it. Is it a rough sport for a girl?"

"Not at all," said Margaret. "I have no idea what it is like. I have no idea what it is like. I have no idea what it is like."

Margaret is 5' 6" and to keep her trim 10 stone figure, she has to take plenty of exercise. Besides running to work, she goes for long walks, particularly at weekends. And she plays badminton with the C.Y.M.S., Drumcondra.

She is anxiously awaiting the outcome of a meeting of the Central Camogie Council which will decide whether or not Eoghan



● MARGARET O'LEARY

more in a replay of the All-Ireland club championship. "I've never won an All-Ireland medal. I'd love to."

Her ambition: To earn the title of camogie star of the year. Ruadh will have to meet Oran-

Looking ahead at Camogie CORK TO REACH THE FINAL?

WHAT DOES 1968 hold in the camogie field? In the first place the chief championship interest will surely centre on whether Antrim can retain the title they won so dramatically last October, whether Dublin can regain the title that they held through the ten previous seasons; or whether any other county can succeed in breaking the strangle-hold which Antrim and Dublin, between them have held on the title ever since 1942.

The prospects are not quite so bright for either of the two top counties as they were a year ago. Antrim are champions, but they are faced with the fact that several of their stars will not play again in inter-county competition.

They are Maeve Gilroy, Marion McFetridge, Mairead Carabine, and possibly Moya Forde and Teresa Kearns. That would leave Antrim with exactly half a team to find, although one or two of the stars named may be persuaded to change their minds.

FORMIDABLE

Even so, finding replacements for any four of the six named would be a most formidable task, and, perhaps more than Antrim's resources are equal to at the moment. Yet, they should still be a big force in the game and could reach the final once again, but for the fact that it is again the turn of the Leinster and Ulster champions to meet in the All-Ireland semi-final.

As for Dublin, the Leinster champions will not be nearly so hard hit by retirements. As far as I can ascertain the only one likely to actually go from the inter-county scene at the moment is Kay Lyons.

Una O'Connor, despite rumours of her retirement, is playing magnificently for her club Celtic, and I believe she will be back looking for that fourteenth All-Ireland medal again next year.

The trouble from Dublin's view-

point is that their side did not look good enough in the replay, and one could not help but feel that the selectors will have to try and find some new talent if they are to win back that title.

It is in favour of Dublin and Antrim that the other counties, though improving are still scarcely good enough to break the monopoly as yet. Cork looked very good in Munster, but never looked like holding Antrim in last year's semi-final even at the Mardyke.

However it is in favour of the Munster champions that they have the best reserves of any of the top sides and thus might prove the shock team of next season. And, an all-Ireland victory would be very welcome in Cork, for the O'Duffy Cup has not been seen beside the Lee since 1941.

I cannot see any great hope of a revival in Tipperary until they have more club competition at senior level, so Cork should come through in Munster again. If they do they will this time meet the Connacht champions in the semi-final, and, lively though Mayo looked this season, Galway powered by Oranmore, will be the team for my money to take the western title this year.

Whether they will by then be good enough to beat Cork is another matter.

It may be looking a long, long way ahead but I would not be at all surprised to see a Cork-Dublin camogie final this year, an event that has not occurred since 1955, and let me add an event that could do a great deal for the game in the South.

The coming season will, of course, be also noted for a very welcome development. It will see the very first Junior All-Ireland championship ever played. As the standard will be very much different through the counties it would be unwise to make any predictions about this competition, but it should do a great deal to help the spread of the game in the weaker counties.

Then, there was Antrim's win over Dublin in the All-Ireland senior camogie final replay. In that game the wheel turned full cycle for Una O'Connor. In 1966 she won her tenth successive All-Ireland senior medal — a record for any team game — and her 13th memento in all. Last July she improved on her own Leinster championship medals-record, set at 14 the year previous and, starting the All-Ireland final against Antrim she had never played on a losing side in an All-Ireland inter-county or inter-club championship final.

The September clash of Antrim and Dublin gained Una another distinction — her first drawn game in a national final. Came the replay in October and, for the first time, Una figured on a losing team. Dublin's defeat, of course, had another important aspect. It was the county's first in any championship game since losing a 1956 All-Ireland semi-final at Casement Park to Antrim. It was also Antrim's first All-Ireland final win over Dublin since a 2-4 to 2-1 success in 1947.

A week after the All-Ireland final Una O'Connor figured again for the first time on another losing side. She was in the scoring division in the Leinster team that, after five wins in finals with Ulster, lost by 5-1 to 5-4 to the North at Parnell Park, Dublin, in the Gael-Linn Cup decider. That was Ulster's first final win, but not the first time that Una O'Connor was on a defeated team in the final of this particular competition.



STARS OF 1967

- ★ ATHLETICS—Noel Carroll.
- ★ BOXING—John McCormack.
- ★ CAMOGIE—Sue Cashman.
- ★ GAELIC FOOTBALL—Bertie Cunningham.
- ★ GOLF—Cecil Ewing (on behalf of Irish Amateur team).
- ★ EQUESTRIAN SPORTS—Eddie Boylan.
- ★ HURLING—Ollie Walsh.
- ★ GREYHOUND SPORT—Gerry McKenna.
- ★ RACING—Johnny Roe.
- ★ SOCCER—George Best.



The Texaco Sportstars of 1967.

From Belfast to collect a trophy came a 23-years-old housewife, who makes her own clothes and loves swimming.

Not easy to talk to this happy captain of the Antrim team that won last year's all-Ireland camogie championship. People kept coming up to her for her autograph.

Sue Cashman is a clerk in an engineering and cementation company, and her husband is a sales representative for a mineral water company.

For relaxation she likes to watch television. "I like a good film."

She has realised two ambitions. One is that all-Ireland title. And the other is the Texaco Trophy.

I left her to it, signing autograph after autograph. Never realised before that a star camogie player can compete with a pop singer any day.

SUE CASHMAN

Camogie's north star

SUE CASHMAN, only the second camogie player, and the first from the North, ever to be honoured with this award, was only in her early teens when she first gained her place on the Deirdre senior side in Belfast. She starred at the same time in senior club camogie, and on the St. Dominic's School side, with whom she won her first major award — an Ulster senior colleges' medal in 1961.

In 1963, Sue Ward as she was then—she comes of a family well known in Belfast swimming circles — captained St. Dominic's to colleges' victory and later that year, captained Antrim against Dublin in the all-Ireland final. Dublin won, as they did in 1964, when Sue was again captain.



She would again have captained Antrim in the 1966 final, but she missed the game as she was away in Spain on her honeymoon. However, compensation came this year when Sue after scoring the equating point in the last minute of the drawn game led Antrim to glorious victory in the all-Ireland replay.

She followed this triumph by playing on the Ulster team which won the Gael-Linn Cup for the first time, by defeating Leinster in the final. With Antrim, she has now won six Ulster and one all-Ireland medal. She has also won six consecutive Antrim championships with Deirdre who have never been beaten over the last four years in the Ulster club championship, while Sue has also won four all-county Antrim league awards.

Sue Cashman's mother was a prominent player with the O'Connell's club in Belfast a generation ago, while her sister Geraldine was also a very good player.

Won Antrim Sport-Star Awards

The Antrim All-Star Awards, sponsored by the St. John's Club, Belfast were announced last night:

- ★ Football, Sean McQuillan (Lamb Dearth);
- ★ Hurling, Sean Burns, (St. John's);
- ★ Camogie, Sue Cashman (Deirdre);
- ★ Athletics, M. Mitchell (Casement);
- ★ Team, Loughglie;
- ★ Hall of Fame, Br. Benignus, De La Salle Order, Belfast.

Br. Benignus, a 77-year-old De

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CAMOGIE KEEPS PACE

By

ÚNA BEAN UÍ PHUIRSEAL

IS the Camogie Association facing up to changing times in a changing Ireland? In many ways the answer is 'yes.' In recent years, for instance, there has been a far greater effort devoted to the development of the game in schools and colleges, while there is a genuine attempt to cater for players at all levels, and not merely concentrate on the senior stars.

Already Leinster and Ulster provincial championships are played in three grades—senior, intermediate and junior in Leinster, and senior, junior and minor in Ulster. Munster has a secondary competition confined to players who have never won a senior provincial title. Next season there will be an official All-Ireland junior championship which should provide an added fillip for the game in three of the four provinces.

In addition the inter-club championship, in which the respective county champions meet one another has done a great deal for the game at club level.

In the colleges' grade tremendous work has been done in Leinster and Ulster, where very successful senior and junior competitions have been run for some years, but oddly enough, despite every effort, it has thus far proved impossible to run a similar series of competitions in Munster and Connacht. This is the more difficult to understand, as there have been for many years most successful championships in this grade in both Cork and Galway.

Both Leinster and Ulster are quite naturally anxious to have an All-Ireland colleges competition, but the only basis on which this could be run at the moment is for the Cork and Galway winners to represent their provinces.

It may be that in some parts of the country camogie teams do not present well, but, from my personal experience, I can only say that these parts of the country must be very far back from the road.

I have in the past twelve months been at matches that featured club teams from Kilkenny, Tipperary, Wexford, Cork, Meath, Kildare, Waterford, Antrim, and Galway and not alone did the teams without exception look sartorially perfect on the field, but when they appeared in the hotel after the game there were no better-dressed girls on view.

Moreover, the Camogie Association is in many respects fully conscious of the problems which it has to face. Last August the first comprehensive course on camogie was held in Belfast under the combined auspices of the

Indeed, if the Cork and Galway winners did represent their provinces it might wake up other schools in Munster and Connacht.

Also mooted is a competition for vocational and technical schools at provincial and All-Ireland level. There is, however, a rather unforeseen problem here, as it may well be that with the rapid educational changes, colleges and vocational schools will be all grouped together within the next few years.

These are the signs of progress from within the Camogie Association but this is not to say that everything in the garden is rosy. No indeed, for in too many cases advances in recent years at county level have not been permanent.

The reason for this is not far to seek. When girls get married they are for the next ten or fifteen years far too busy rearing a family to have any time to spare for the encouragement or advancement of camogie. That of course is as it should be. But I do feel that camogie players of the recent past should maintain an interest in the game, so that when their own daughters come to the age for playing the game the mothers should be able to help out with the actual work of organisation.

As it is, the Camogie Association finds it hard to maintain the succession of officers of efficient calibre at club and county level. However, in this respect I must say that the colleges competitions are proving their worth. Girls who have been used to running schools' teams have no difficulty in running teams at senior level.

Moreover, the girls who have played in schools and colleges competitions have a working knowledge of all the rules and are ideally suited in later years to fill even the most onerous positions on county boards.

Regarding the public image of camogie, I feel that we are making rather slow progress. Judging by the occasional cartoon I see in which camogie players figure, the popular concept of a camogie player is still of a 'Mary Hick' in pig-tails and possibly spectacles, generally looking like something out of the freak's museum.

Well now, I have had a lot to do with camogie players in recent years and I have never seen even one that approached the image projected by these cartoons. Indeed, if any of my readers were present at the Caltex or All-Star award dinners they will, I think, admit that the camogie players were at least as glamorous as any other female present.

Belfast Education Authority, the G.A.A. and the Ulster Camogie Council. (In respect of the provision of such courses our own educational authorities seem to be many years behind our often berated Northern brethren). This course was for coaches and teachers and drew a fairly reasonable number of pupils from south of the Border.

The chief subjects were what you would expect—the basic skills of ground play, lifting the ball, overhead play. Then there were the team skills of positional play, tackling, defence and forward play. There were lectures on physical fitness, and on the rules of the game. And then there were, wait for it, special lectures on grooming and poise . . . so much for the 'Mary Hick' tradition and now who says the Camogie Association is not facing up to a changing world?

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TWO SHILLINGS

**IS
CAMOGIE
GETTING
A SQUARE
DEAL?**

**asks
Raymond
Smith**



COVER PHOTO

Eileen Collins (Antrim) breaks away from Alice Hussey (Dublin) in the replayed All-Ireland Camogie final at Croke Park on October 15.

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HURLING WITH THE FEMININE TOUCH ONLOOKER

I have watched most major hurling games at Croke Park for two decades past. In some the game was played with all the grace and craft which can make hurling a living exhibition of art, whilst in others it compared closely to a bayonet clash of the bitterest foes. No matter which of these two extremes influence one's opinion of hurling, I could never imagine any of our girls giving a display which would have the remotest appeal to a general following. It was then I met Johnny Williams.

Johnny is as much part of the Croke Park scene as the seats under the Cusack stand and nearly as controversial. As a spectator, he claims to see things which no one else in the crowd would dream of; let alone swear on life that it happened. So you can well understand my disbelief when he told me that the camogie final was the greatest

hurling spectacle of the year. I answered him straight that I wasn't interested but he was so adamant, that even allowing for Johnny's exaggeration, I decided to check for myself.

THE CHALLENGE

The match had just begun when I took a seat in the shelter of the Hogan Stand. The lower deck was practically packed and not since Down's arrival to headquarters have I seen such enthusiasm of support.

"An-trim," "An-trim," echoed across the field in rising crescendo, and back in immediate challenge came the chant of "Dub-lin," "Dub-lin." Whatever about the play I reckoned, there was certainly no lack of encouragement and the atmosphere was warming like a kettle coming to the boil. I threw my eyes upon the game expecting to



LEFT:-
KEY: M. QUINN
HMAN; P. TIMMONS
M. L. SCHILLER

see a glamorous pantomime of fancy frills and dilly-dallying, but what I did witness was one of the most engrossing hour's hurling it has been my pleasure to watch. Admittedly, it might be criticised for a slightly slower pace when compared to an ordinary game of hurling. Still the very fact that you think of the comparison shows how those girls excelled themselves.

There were some feminine touches to be seen round the pitch. The matching blue and white binding on the hurley of a Dublin player; more consideration for the very occasional injury from both groups of players and now and then a player would flutter, disappearing quickly into a gym slip. The pitch was shorter, the width narrower, but although the playing area was smaller the action was none the less. Most of the men around where I was sitting smiled a little in amusement at the beginning, but it wasn't long before the match fully arrested their concentration and they became as fervent as the cheering sections of schoolgirl supporters.

CAMOGIE HAS CONQUERED ME

Camogie has conquered me as a lifelong follower. Take all the crashing tackles,

The Victorious - Antrim Team

dangerous swinging, base displays of vicious temper; not to mention some practically criminal actions, from ordinary hurling and you are left with the purity of camogie. In it, the marvellous touches of hurling skill can be seen completely unclouded by any of the nastier sides of the game. Congratulations to Antrim and Dublin for providing a shop window to view a very fine range of articles indeed.

It is extraordinary that the Gaelic Athletic Association have not concentrated more on the patting of camogie. Considering that it is the only native sport that our girls can play one wonders at such neglect. Apart from this annual venture to Croke Park for the All Ireland Final the girls are destined to confine their efforts to the more remote pitches of our country. It cannot be expected that the standard of play produced by Antrim and Dublin can oft be repeated but any semblance to their performance must attract and encourage interest.

Camogie is a terrific game and with more public support obtained through better advertisement, it could become another mighty pillar which supports the Capitol of Irish culture that is the G.A.A.



ANTRIM — 1967

FRONT: — EILEEN COLLINS; TERESA CASSIDY; BUE CASHMAN (CAPT)
MAIREAD QUINN; MAEVE GILROY; KAY KELLY

BACK: — MARION MCFETRIDGE; MAIREAD CARABINE; MAIREAD
MCATAMNEY; EITHNE DOUGAN; SHIELA MAGUIRE;
LILY SULLIVAN; EILEEN MCGROGAN; MARY JAMESON; M. FORDE



Mairead McAtamney of Antrim breaks away from Ann McAllister of Dublin in the drawn final of the All-Ireland camogie championship. In rear are Pat Timmons (Dublin) on left, and Maeve Gilroy (Antrim).

CALL FOR BETTER COVERAGE ON R.T.E.

By SEAN O'DONNELL

"WE have commentators in GAEILIC SPORT from each of the four provinces. Do any of them even recognise the fact that camogie exists? Sean O'Donnell and Jay Drennan interview all standards of G.A.A. stars. Have either ever interviewed a camogie player? Ah, maybe they were too

shy! Or is it that they are leaving it all to me? That is entirely too kind of them." Agnes Hourigan wrote that in the January, 1967, issue of GAEILIC SPORT.

Too kind of us? Not at all, Agnes. Sure it is usually the ladies who complain about the lack of opportunities to express

CAMOGIE SPECIAL

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McATAMNEY

their views — let alone ask their menfolk to do it for them. But as you say, Agnes, "camogie is all with it"; so in order to stop being shy and get with it, I brushed back the hair from my eyes, put on my best Sunday suit and, with my ears still burning, off I went to Croke Park to see the camogie final replay.

Little did I know the surprise those girls had in store, with splendid, fast and furious hurling, and Antrim bringing to an end Dublin's ten-year winning streak — and more luck to them. I was delighted to see the Antrim girls triumph because they had come so near to it last year.

I was happier still to witness the sporting way in which the Dublin girls took their beating. For the minute the last whistle sounded, not only did they embrace their Antrim opponents on the field — they went up with them to the Hogan stand to cheer and applaud as the cup was being presented and clapped the victorious players all the way off the stand.

All round, it was a wonderful occasion for Antrim and especially so for Mairead McAtamney, who is reckoned to be one of the greatest players the game has known, a brilliant striker, right hand or left. The Portglenone girl, who is on the teaching staff of Derry Technical School, has been playing for the past ten years, and gives every encouragement to her pupils to take up the game — although no facilities are available

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By AGNES
HOURIGAN

Maeve Gilroy,
whose illustrious
playing career has
come to a close.

LAST October, in Dublin, Ulster won the inter-provincial camogie title and the Gael-Linn Cup for the first time, and what more fitting than that Ulster should have been captained that day by the great Antrim star, Maeve Gilroy, playing in her last big game.

It was back around 1955 that I first saw Maeve Gilroy play in Dublin, although I had heard of her prowess for a year or two before that in the inter-varsity competitions for the Ashbourne Cup. In those early days she always played on the wing or at mid-

field, and her speed and stylish, long-range striking was a tremendous asset to every team she played on.

Came 1956 and she realised one of her greatest ambitions. Antrim caused a sensation when defeating Dublin by a point at Casement Park in the All-Ireland semi-final, and then went on to Croke Park to score a well-deserved victory over Cork in the All-Ireland final. And so Maeve won her first All-Ireland medal and played so well right through the campaign that she was named as one of the four Gaelic Sports stars of the year

and received her first Cuchulainn Award.

Thereafter, although she continued to play as well as ever, and helped Antrim to win a whole series of Ulster championships and Maguire Cup competitions, the supreme award tantalisingly eluded her. Antrim lost narrowly to Dublin in the All-Ireland final of 1957 and again went down in several finals of subsequent years.

Likewise, although she played some wonderful games for Ulster, the northern province could never achieve the final break-through to take the inter-provincial title.

Meanwhile, however, Maeve had been winning new laurels for herself as a referee. She refereed more than one All-Ireland final, several inter-provincial games, and was soon as well-known as a referee as she was a player.

When Antrim came back in their renewed bid to win All-Ireland honours in 1963, Maeve Gilroy had moved to the attack, but she later began a new career (almost) on the camogie fields when she moved to defence and once she took over the post of centre-back, became the sheet-anchor of the Antrim rearguard. But again victory eluded the Antrim girls narrowly in the 1966 final.

And then came 1967, and what a year it was for the North, and for Maeve Gilroy. Antrim, setting out from the start of the year with a fixed object—the winning of the All-Ireland title—readily retained the Maguire Cup and the Ulster title, and then went down to Cork to meet the Munster champions in the All-Ireland semi-final.

Antrim had never before beaten Cork on Cork soil. They did so most convincingly this time, and the star of the day was Maeve Gilroy, who gave a magnificent display of camogie at its best.

In the All-Ireland final she was

CAMOGIE STARS No. 1

Maeve Gilroy

*All her ambitions fulfilled, she
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which she had so greatly
graced for more than a decade.*

not so conspicuous but she did hold the Dublin forwards in check, and she gave another sound display in the replay, and well deserved that second All-Ireland medal.

Next, as I have already said, when Ulster won the Gael-Linn Cup for the first time, Maeve Gilroy captained the side to victory and thus, all her ambitions fulfilled, retired from the game which

she had so greatly graced for more than a decade.

Secretary to a Belfast teachers' training college, Maeve will now have more time to devote to golf, of which she is already an outstanding exponent.

But Maeve, unless I am greatly mistaken, is far from finished with camogie. When the wonderful coaching course was held in Belfast last August, she was next in

command to Dublin's coach, Nell McCarthy, and made a great contribution to the work of the course. I cannot visualise such a course this year, or for many a year to come, being held without Maeve Gilroy.

Last March Maeve gained an All-Star award for her fine play. If there were an all-round award for camogie she would surely deserve it now.

TRULY GALA YEAR FOR CAMOGIE

WELCOME 1968, and there seems to be every prospect that it will be a truly gala year for camogie. The elements of keen competition are already there with Dublin getting ready for a tremendous bid to win back that All-Ireland trophy and Antrim equally determined to hang on to it in the North.

Moreover, in Leinster, such counties as Kilkenny and Wexford, conscious since the All-Ireland replay of the fact that Dublin can be beaten, will have their own ideas as to who will be the top team in the province this year.

Down south, Tipperary will be anxious to take the Munster title back from Cork as the Cork girls will be to confirm their new-found supremacy, while over in the west,

Oranmore after their fine showing in the All-Ireland club championship, will hardly rest content as long as Mayo hold the Connacht championship title.

So it should be a busy and rewarding year on the championship fields. And there is one thing, I am sure, all the other counties will be bearing in mind, and it is this. Over the past few years Antrim had much the same players as won the All-Ireland this year, yet they were beaten. This year they won, and there must be a lot of those who, like myself, turned up at the coaching course in Orangefield last August who are now wondering how much that course had to do with Antrim's subsequent All-Ireland victory.

One thing I did think rather

significant. Antrim in the All-Ireland replay were, if such were possible, even a faster and fitter side than they had been in the drawn game. In fact, they were noticeably faster than Dublin in the replay.

I am told that Antrim concentrated mainly on physical training through the weeks between. That certainly paid off.

In any case, I am sure that many other camogie administrators will be thinking through the next couple of months of the possibility of holding coaching courses of their own. And, whether such prove feasible or not, I am certain there will be a very strong representation from the South at the next August course in Orangefield.



Camogie action—Kit Kelly, Antrim and Kit Kehoe, Dublin

Camogie's Wonderful Year

By Aine Meagher

THIS year of 1967 will go down in camogie history as the real Annus Mirabilis, the Wonderful Year in which Ireland at last woke up to the fact that we have in camogie a pastime fit to stand four-square with hurling and football on any Gaelic programme. Yet, the funny thing about it all was that, but for the weather, which we had been cursing in a genteel way all through the season, camogie might not have come into its own at all.

It was not alone at the big games, but at every one which I saw right through that the rain came down. The Leinster finals, the Antrim-Cork match at Cork,

the Mayo-Dublin match at Parnell Park, were all rain-washed, and so I was not one whit surprised when the heavens opened all over again for All-Ireland day at Croke Park.

The Camogie Central Council and the Croke Park authorities had an anxious hour trying to decide whether to play the game at all and eventually, and somewhat reluctantly, decided to go ahead.

The crowd was small, but the few who were there nearly jumped out of their seats cheering the brilliance of Antrim and Dublin, and because the day was so wet, thousands of people sat at home and, I

Annual Convention At Dun Laoi Tomorrow

THE annual convention of the Cork County Camogie Board takes place on tomorrow afternoon at Dun Laoi (3 p.m.) and a very large number of delegates is expected to attend.

Convention is a time for airing grievances and making suggestions for improvements in the administration or playing of the game. This is a time when every club has a chance to have its say. Therefore it is a great pity to see that only five clubs—three senior and two junior have submitted for discussion. Surely other clubs must have ideas about the game and it is a shame that a full year will go by again before they will get the opportunity of discussing them with such a representative gathering.

IMPORTANT BUSINESS

Convention is also a time for nominating officials. This is the most important business of convention of course and delegates should be very sure of their choices for the various offices before attending. Every sport has to have its administrators and although these people are almost always in the background the success of their respective code depends a great deal upon them. Officials have not got an easy job and delegates who give them their vote of confidence at convention should be prepared to do all in their power to help them during the year ahead. Tomorrow is the time for criticism not during the year when officers are hard at work trying to keep the wheels running smoothly.

Of the present board one officer is returned unopposed. This is

Terry Fehily of Old Aloysians who will be beginning her second year in office. Terry was a playing member of the Old Als. club for many years and also played for the county team. This is her first senior post and the ability with which she has carried out her duties is reflected in the nominations.

There are four nominations for the important office of chairman. Mary Crowley (outgoing of South Presentation Past Pupils) is not going forward and the nominees for the post are Mary Moran and Siobhan O'Sullivan of Old Aloysians, Mrs. Mary Fahy (Glanworth) and Kathleen Murphy (Naomh Eoin). It is hardly likely that the two Old Als. girls will compete against each other so it is expected to be a competition between three.

Four names are listed for the position of vice-chairman. Three junior clubs have nominated members for the post. This is an office which could be of great benefit to a junior club member. Here she would get to know all about the workings of the County Board while at the same time she could be called on to take over the chair for a meeting, giving her very valuable experience in administration. The three juniors listed are Maire Ni Cheallachain (Inniscarra), Maire Ni Liathain (Naomh Eoin) and Mrs. Cait Lawton of Glanworth.

INTERESTING CONTEST

Opposing these juniors will be Rose O'Halloran of U.C.C. the only member of a senior club competing for the position. This should prove a very interesting contest.

The present secretary Sheila O'Sullivan of South Presentation Past Pupils has junior opposition too, again from Naomh Eoin and Glanworth. Caitlin Ni Anglum has been nominated from the latter club while the Owens club have named Eilin Ni Eachtigheirn. However, Sheila has held this post for a number of years now and it is hardly likely that she will be outvoted.

The outgoing registrar, Ann Comerford, of South Presentation Past Pupils must also be expected to retain her office as she too is being opposed by juniors. Caitlin Ni Anglum has been nominated for this post in addition to that of secretary, while her clubmate Mrs. Condon, has also been nominated. Naomh Eoin also have two names listed for this position, Margaret O'Driscoll and Eibhlín Ni Eachtigheirn, who has also been nominated for secretary. These two clubs are not likely to have their members standing in opposition but no doubt they will await the outcome of the secretary's post before making a final decision.

For the office of press officer there are three names—Mrs. Joan Morley of Old Aloysians (outgoing), Rose O'Halloran (U.C.C.), who is also listed for vice-chairman and Caitlin Ni Anglum again.

As already stated the list of motions is short this year, but there are a number of them which could promote a great deal of discussion. Glen Rovers, for instance, are calling for all club fixtures to be played on Saturdays or Sundays, while South Presentation P.P. are looking for a review of the intermediate grade. Old Aloysians are calling for the abolition of the inter-club competition while Inniscarra are asking for the right to substitute three players during the course of a game, without the players going off being injured.

There are other very interesting suggestions in the list which should provide plenty of interest for the delegates.

Stressed Need For More Referees

THE problem which the lack of referees created was referred to by Miss Mary Crowley, Chairman, Cork Co. Camogie Board, at the annual convention of the Board, held at Dun Laoi, Cork, yesterday.

Miss Crowley made a special appeal to all players to help in the refereeing of games, thus helping to further the game. "We all want referees to referee our matches but how many of us will put ourselves out to referee other matches?"

Miss Crowley referred to the lack of social functions in the Association. "Social activities in the Association are as important to our association as our activities on the playing fields as it is through these activities that the aims of our Association are made known."

We are indeed very honoured and proud to have one of our members, Lil Ni Grada as President of our National Association, a very big task but one which Miss O'Grady has been very worthy of and on the Munster Council we have two members from Cork acting as officers, Aileen Bean MacCarthaigh, Treas., and Maire Ni Chruaibh as Vice-Chairman," said Miss Crowley.

The Hon. Secretary, Miss S. O'Sullivan, in her report, said the success of the county at both senior and secondary level during 1967 must take pride of place in our achievements for the past year. The senior team captured the Munster Senior Champion-

ship which has eluded them for the past few years. The Cork secondary team again won the secondary competition, defeating Limerick in the final which was played at Youghal. By retaining this trophy, Cork hold the unique honour of being the first county to win both competitions in one year.

MINISTRY OF SPORT

The president of the board Ide Bean Ni Se. in her address, called for the setting up of a ministry of sport which would be responsible for providing sporting facilities.

A motion by the Old Aloysians Club that the All-Ireland inter-club championship be discontinued was defeated by a large majority as were the motions from the Naomh Eoin and Inniscarra Clubs seeking the formation of a divisional board in Mid Cork.

The following officers were elected: President, Ide Bean Ni Se, U.C.C.; Chairman, Maire Ni Mhorain, Old Aloysians; Vice-Chairman, Maire Ni Cheallachain, Inniscarra; Hon. Secretary, Shile Ni Shulleabhain, South Presentation Convent; Hon. Treasurer, Treasa Ni Ficheallaig, Old Aloysians; Registrar, Aine Ni Comerford, South Presentation Convent.

Senior selection committee Misses L. O'Grady, B. Power, M. O'Callaghan, Mrs. Newman, and a representative from Glen Rovers. Secondary selection committee: Misses B. Power, G. Kelly, T. Feely, A. Comerford, S. O'Sullivan. Delegates to Munster Council—Officer of the Board.

CHAMPIONSHIP

Old Aloysians v. South Pres. Past Pupils; Glen Rovers v. U.C.C.; Naomh Gobnatt v. Churchtown; Intermediate champions v. Youghal.

Camogie Club Warned

THE Oranmore Camogie Club, Galway and Connacht champions, received a severe reprimand for their conduct after the drawn final of the All-Ireland Club Championship against Dublin and Leinster champions, Eoghan Ruadh, at a special meeting of Central Council in Dublin yesterday.

It was decided that the game be replayed at a Galway venue on a date to be fixed later.



Galway's Top Ten Sport Stars of 1967, from left:

Kathleen O'Flaherty (Oranmore)—camogie—

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CAMOGIE CONVENTION—Delegates who attended the annual Cork County camogie convention at Dun Laoi, North Mall, Cork.



CELEBRATING—Officials and members of the Glen Rovers camogie team pictured at their victory social recently. —("Examiner")



CORK CO. BOARD CAMOGIE OFFICIALS AT THEIR ANNUAL CONVENTION AT DUN LAOI, CORK. LEFT TO RIGHT: MISS M. CROWLEY, CHAIRMAN; IDE BEAN UI SHE, PRESIDENT; MISS SHEILA O'SULLIVAN, HON. SECRETARY; MISS ANN COMERFORD, REGISTRAR; MRS. N. NEWMAN, VICE-CHAIRMAN; MISS TERRY FEHILY, HON. TREASURER.

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SUE CASHMAN

Year of major honours for Antrim player

By AGNES HOURIGAN

IF ever I saw natural talent in a young camogie player, that talent was displayed by Sue Ward of the St. Dominic's school in Belfast when first I saw her play in an Ulster Colleges final some half a dozen years ago. She was only in her early 'teens then, but she already had all the attributes of a star, except one.

She had speed, tireless energy, bubbling enthusiasm. She could strike with length and accuracy almost as well off right hand or left. She had a very keen sense of anticipation, remarkable ball-control and stickwork for one so young and she was already a born leader. Sue Ward, as she was then, lacked only one attribute of greatness—that steadiness that only experience can bring.

Soon Sue swept right to the top of the camogie game, for in the same year she captained St. Dominic's to win the Ulster Colleges title, captained Deirdre to win the Antrim championship, captained Antrim to win the Ulster championship, and also captained Antrim to the All-Ireland final, in which they failed narrowly to Dublin.

Indeed, as the camogie years went by young Sue Ward must have often wondered if Dublin were always to stand like some in-

superable barrier between her and the supreme achievement she craved, All-Ireland victory. Time and again Antrim reached the final only to be beaten by the Dublin girls. In addition, her club, Deirdre, won the Antrim title in six successive years, but the two times they reached the All-Ireland club final, they lost at Croke Park, to the Dublin champions, Celtic, and at a home venue, to St. Patrick's, Tipperary.

Came 1966 and Antrim reached the All-Ireland final once again, and once again the opposition was provided by Dublin. Sue was very keen on victory in that game because she was getting married the same week, as she thought. But she mistook the date of the final, and discovered too late that on final day she would be on her honeymoon on the Continent.

Every effort to change the flight schedule failed and so when Antrim and Dublin fielded out for that final, Mrs. Sue Cashman was hundreds of miles away.

And to add to the irony of the situation, Antrim lost by just two points, and almost certainly the result must have gone the other way had their captain been available.

But Sue Cashman did not give

up, perhaps she felt she owed it to Antrim to compensate for the final she missed. Last year she not only returned to camogie but trained harder than ever. And the result of her endeavours is camogie history now.

In the drawn final against Dublin it was Sue Cashman who landed the equalising point for her county in the last minute. In the replay it was she who dominated the game in the last ten minutes and sent Antrim on to victory after Dublin's great rally had threatened to snatch the cup once more.

And so Sue Cashman climbed the steps of the Hogan Stand to receive the O'Duffy Cup at last and no player in Ireland more deserved that honour.

To crown a great year Sue played on the Ulster team that won the inter-provincial title and the Gael-Linn Cup for the first time, defeating Leinster in the final.

But another honour was yet to come. The Sports Editors, when they came to naming their sports stars of 1967, chose Sue Cashman as the camogie star, and she becomes only the second camogie player to attain to that coveted honour. And so, after the years of frustration, Sue Cashman's camogie genius has been amply rewarded at last.

ST. ALS TAKE LEAGUE TITLE

St. Aloysius 1-0, Youghal 2-0

St. Aloysius "A" team regained the League title after one year's lapse beating Presentation Convent, Youghal at Youghal. The game was played at a terrific pace. St. Als were first to score with a point but Youghal soon followed up with a neat goal to take the lead. The St. Als girls more determined than ever played more stylish and accurate hurling, drew level at half time. Youghal 1-0, St. Als 0-3.

In the second half all the advantages were with St. Als but the Youghal girls were first to score with a quick goal. The pace quickened as St. Als strove to equalise and this they did. With five minutes to go the tension rose when both teams fought hard to take the lead and in the last minute of play the ball was lashed past the seemingly unbreakable Youghal goal. Seconds later the whistle blew bringing one of the most exciting games in schools' camogie to an end.

Scorers: St. Als: Rose Hennessy 1 pt., Liz Garvan, 5 pts., Deirdre Garvan 1-0, Youghal: Yvonne Butler 2-0, Liz Healy 1-0.

St. Aloysius: Honor Lynch (capt.), Mary O'Donoghue, Mary Long, Liz Garvan, Sheila Ryan, Eileen Lynch, Anne O'Dwyer, Liz Long, Liz Garvan, Rose Marion O'Leary.
Youghal: Mary Carmel Harnedy, Mary Catherine Buckley, Cora Catherine McCarthy, Angela Patricia Riordan, Marie Butler, Patricia Maloney, Liz Healy, Yvonne Butler.



SHEILA CREEVY (Austin Stacks), in Dublin trial game.



MAIREAD McATAMNEY, another Antrim star on the Ulster side.

Blarney And Youghal Meet In Junior Championship Final

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The Junior Championship final, a vital Senior League tie and the Ashbourne Cup competition are all listed for this weekend. So there is no lack of interest for the camogie follower.

On Sunday last the semi-finals of the Junior Championship were played and now the winners of the ties will meet on Sunday at Grange, Fermoy, in what should be a very exciting final. Blarney had the biggest win of the semi-finals defeating Inniscarra by 8-0 to 4-0. They did not have the game all their own way, however. At half time the score stood at three goals each and were it not for the tremendous form of Mary Heelan in goal and Anna Gaffney at full back the game might well have gone to Inniscarra. While the defence kept the score low Cora and Mary Humphries did fine work in the forward line with the latter scoring four of her side's goals.

In the second tie Youghal had a narrow 5-1 to 4-0 win over Glanworth. This was a grand game and the seaside girls had to pull out all the stops before disposing of a very efficient Glanworth team. For Youghal P. Maloney, E. O'Connell, E. Ruxton and Angela Russell struck form and if they can repeat this performance on Sunday next then they must have a great chance of bringing yet another title to Youghal. However, Blarney showed that they are a very capable side and will not easily admit defeat.

VITAL TIE

Three teams will be vitally interested in Sunday's Senior League tie between Old Aloysians and Glen Rovers. Old Aloysians have no chance of the League title but they could do a big favour for South Presentation Past Pupils, who are two points ahead of League holders Glen Rovers. If Old Aloysians can dispose of the Glen challenge, South Pres. are outright winners. On the other hand if the Blackpool girls win on Sunday then they earn the right to a playoff with South Pres.

For Sunday's game Glen are likely to be without Anna Crotty who is ill. Anna, 1967 top camogie player, would be a great loss but Glen still have a vast amount of talent on which to call. Peggy Dorgan, this season's captain, Stephanie O'Connell, Nora O'Mahony and Nuala Humphries are all players who could do enough to win any game. Old Aloysians are still endeavouring to get back on the winning trail. They have not been in the limelight now since 1962 Final.

South Pres senior team became senior league holders on Sunday last. But they did not have to tend to do so. Old Aloysians did them a big favour by defeating Glen Rovers by 10-5 to 1-1. This meant that Glen Rovers could not catch South Pres. and so the convent girls took the title. On Sunday last Glen fielded with only 10 players. One wonders at this is the county champions had only to defeat Old Als. to earn a playoff with South Pres.

For Old Aloysians Sunday's win was a great boost to a team for so long in the doldrums. Beating the county champions even with a depleted side is never easy and scoring 10 goals against Glen was a feat indeed. Maybe this victory will mark the beginning of a comeback by the Old Als girls.

and a win on Sunday, although of no benefit to them in the League, is as important for their confidence as it is to the two challenging sides. In this competition they have already defeated Glen and another win over the county champions would do a great deal for Old Als. So this game promises to be a very lively affair.

ASHBOURNE CUP

The Ashbourne Cup—inter-varsity competition is being decided this weekend. U.C.C. the holders, travel to Galway, with a somewhat depleted side. Many of their top players of last season have decided not to travel and this is a great pity as their win last season did a great deal to boost interest in camogie in the South.

Of those travelling U.C.C. have still got a number of well known players. Their captain is Pat Devlin who has proved such a successful goalkeeper in recent years. Sheila Dunne is a grand defender, while Rose O'Halloran is a useful player in many positions. They could field quite a strong team but their chances of winning must be greatly reduced by the withdrawal of key players.

U.C.D., whom they meet in their first tie have a very strong side. This includes Anne Carroll, ex-Tipperary and Munster player who is now with Kilkenny. Anne has been out of action for some months due to cartilage trouble but is expected to line out in goal, where she has been playing since her return. Kitty Murphy is another inter-county star. She began as a Clare and Munster player but fielded with the Dublin team last season. Other players of note include their captain Blanaid Ní Annracháin, Moysa Loughnane and Veronica Fingleton.

Queens University, Belfast, have always great difficulty in fielding a side and this season is no exception. However they have a grand full-back in Derry county player Sally McCluskey. Galway University also have their strength in defence where Galway goalkeeper Eileen Naughton has served them so well in recent years.

FIXTURES

Sunday at Grange (Fermoy). J.C. Final: Youghal v. Blarney 3.30 p.m., referee, Mary Moran, Old Aloysians.

At St. Aloysius School Grounds, S.L.: Glen Rovers v. Old Aloysians 11.00 a.m., referee, Anne Comerford, S.P.P.P.

At Galway: Ashbourne Cup

U.C.C. Panel For Ashbourne Cup

The Ashbourne Inter-Varsity Competition takes place this weekend in Galway. U.C.C. bent on retaining the Cup, have a young and enthusiastic team which has strenuously trained daily since the beginning of the Michaelmas term, and have played a series of inter-faculty matches as well as matches in Dublin, Youghal, Drishane and at local venues. The team, though missing last year's stalwarts like inter-county player Hannah Dineen, is expected to give a good performance and will be selected from the following panel (school last attended in brackets):—

Josephine O'Brien (Cahir), in goal, is the best goalie College has produced for a number of years. She is a First Arts student playing in her first Ashbourne.

Gatherine O'Riordan (Loretto Convent, Courtown), is a Higher Diploma student playing in her third Ashbourne.

Marian Keane (Drishane), Third Arts, third Ashbourne.

Barbara Buckley (Convent of St. Louis, Monaghan), second Science, second Ashbourne.

Sheila Dunne (Convent of Mercy, Macroom), Higher Dip., holds two Ashbourne medals, and is playing in her fourth Ashbourne.

Lucy Wall (Foynes), second Arts, second Ashbourne.

Margaret McCarthy (South Pres.), second Arts, second Ashbourne.

Anne Roche (Tipperary), second Commerce, first Ashbourne.

Pat Devlin (St. Als.), is captain, playing in her fourth Ashbourne, is a fourth mod. student.

Rosemary O'Halloran (South Pres.), is a sister of the Cork hurler, John O'Halloran. Playing in her second Ashbourne, she is a second Arts student.

Noreen O'Leary (St. Als.), is a third Commerce student.

Maura Dennehy, a Higher Dip. student, is playing in her third Ashbourne.

Mary Oakley (Convent of Mercy,

Mallow), is a First Arts student playing her first Ashbourne.

Mary Ita O'Sullivan (Pres. Convent, Crosshaven), First Arts, first Ashbourne.

Jean Lonergan, Arts 1, first Ashbourne.

Margaret Long (Convent of Mercy, Macroom), First Commerce, first Ashbourne.

Mary O'Driscoll, First Arts, first Ashbourne.

Draws, tomorrow: U.C.C. v. U.C.D.; U.C.G. v. Queens, Belfast.

Finals on Sunday, February 25. All matches at Pearse Stadium, Galway.

U.C.G.'s Hard Earned Victory

U.C.G. 1-2
U.C.D. 0-2

U.C.G. won the Ashbourne Inter-varsity Camogie Cup at sunny Pearse Stadium, Galway, yesterday when they had a narrow and hard earned win over the more fancied University College, Dublin girls in the final.

The winners, whose last victory was also on home ground in 1964, led 1-0 to 0-1 at half-time and held out against some strong U.C.D. pressure. The second half yielded only three further scores, all from frees, two points to Galway and one to Dublin.

Eileen Naughton in goal, the Hennessy sisters, Jean Murphy and Ann Nestor were best for a solid Galway side, while Meta Kelly, Pat Morrissey, Kitty Murphy and Sheila McGuinness were most effective of the U.C.D. side that seemed tired after their hard battle with Cork on the previous day.

Scorers U.C.G. — J. Murphy (1-2), U.C.D.—K. Murphy (0-2).

Easy Win For U.C.C.

U.C.G. 7-1
QUEEN'S UNIV. 3-0

In the Ashbourne Shield final U.C.C. had little difficulty in beating Queen's University, Belfast.

Scorers: U.C.C.—M. O'Driscoll, J. Lonergan, M. O'Sullivan (2-0 each), R. O'Halloran (1-0), S. Dunne (0-1), Queen's—M. White (2-0), M. Fullam (1-0).

UCG and UCD qualify

U.C.G. and U.C.D. qualified to meet in the final of the Ashbourne Cup today when they beat Cork and Queen's Univ. at Pearse Stadium, Galway, yesterday.

U.C.D. 5-1; U.C.C. 0-1

This was the better of the two games, with Dublin having to battle hard to win from the hard-fighting Cup holders Cork.

Dublin's scorers were: Joan Traynor (2-0); Kitty Murphy (1-1); Nora Stewart and Josephine Golden (1-0). U.C.C.'s point came from Sheila Stewart.

U.C.G. 12-2;
QUEENS 0-3.

As the scoreline suggests Galway had a facile win — overwhelming the visitors in all sectors.

Galway scorers were: Bridie Carr (5-0); Rita Hammett (3-2); M. Moran (2-0); Bernice O'Hara and Jane Murphy (1-0 each). Queen's scorers: Mary Fullen (0-2), Marie White (0-1).

All-Stars 1967

CAMOGIE STARS 1967:

Sue Ward (Antrim)

Margaret O'Leary (Wexford)

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Camogie Star Anna Crotty



Anna Crotty of Glen Rovers, Cork and Munster, who has been chosen for the camogie award in the Munster Sportstars for 1967, named by the "Examiner" sports staff.

A NNA CROTTY played her first game of camogie for Cork as long ago as 1952 and today she is still the county's outstanding forward. That she should be selected as 1967's top camogie player is just reward not alone for a tremendous season last year but for a long career of dedication to the sport of her choice.

Anna is the complete camogie player. She has a style which is the envy, not alone of camogie players, but of many a hurler. She has a sweet crisp swing and a powerful shot, and her ability to lift and strike the ball is a pleasure to watch. Her greatest asset is her ability to turn even half a chance to advantage.

Anna began her career with junior club Cobh—her home team—and, even as a junior she was selected for county trial games. In 1952 Cobh disbanded and Anna joined Glen Rovers. That same year she was selected for Cork and, except for a three-year break when she was in England and for the first season of her return, she has never been off the county side.

She won six Munster Championship medals with Cork and played in two All-Ireland finals in 1955 and 1956, but unfortunately for her, Cork were beaten on both occasions. In 1956 she captained the side. When the Gael Linn Cup for interprovincial competition was initiated in 1956 Anna won her place on the first Munster team and was an interpro until her departure to England in 1960. It was ironic that Munster won their first Gael Linn Cup while she was away, but two seasons ago, Anna achieved one of her greatest ambitions when Munster again won the interprovincial championship and she played a major role in their victory.

Her name is of course, synonymous with Glen Rovers. Down through the years she has been their most consistent forward and with them has won 11 league titles, four Oireachtas tournament medals and has been one of the main reasons why Glen have taken the county championship for the last five years.

Sportstar Awards



An Taoiseach, Mr. Lynch, presents the Munster Sportstar Award for camogie to Miss Anna Crotty, of Glen Rovers, at the Sportstar Ball at the Imperial Hotel, Cork, last night. ("Echo")



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County Board Victory Dinner And Ceili

CORK COUNTY BOARD made history when they held their first dinner and ceili at the Metropole Hotel. It augurs well for the future of such functions as guests—nearly 100 in number—attended from all over the county. Sile Nic an Uilthaigh, General Secretary, Central Council, travelled from Dublin for the occasion.

Proposing the toast of Ireland, Ide Bean Uí She, M.A., President, Cork County Board, who,

presided, stressed the importance of more social events of like calibre within the association. The big attendance at this initial function clearly indicated that members wished to meet and know each other outside the playing-fields.

Lil Ni Ghrada, Hon. Chairman of the Central Council, replied to the toast. She spoke of the welcome resurgence of Cork camogie after several seasons in the doldrums. Miss Ni Ghrada, who presented the trophies to Cork senior and secondary teams, pointed out that with an increasing number of schools participating in the current schools competitions future Cork teams, who in the past held an exalted position on the playing-pitches of Munster and beyond, would continue to uphold the grand tradition of Cork camogie.

The toast of "Our Guests" was proposed by Sile Ni Shuilleabhain, Hon. Secretary, Cork County Board, and replied to by Miss Eanna Duane.

Maire Ni Chruaí proposed the toast to "Our Victorious Teams", to which Brid Ni Shuilleabhain, captain, secondary team, replied.

Sile Nic an Uilthaigh, speaking in delightful Northern Irish, stressed the importance of our calling playing the only native game for Irish girls. She emphasised the fact that camogie is more than a mere game. It has a long-standing, deep-rooted history and is eminently suited to Irish girls, comparing favourably with any imported field games. With our entry into E.E.C., she said, we would be nationally swamped unless we upheld our own national and individual characteristics.

The function was mainly conducted in Irish and was followed by a most successful ceili and social.



CAMOGIE PLAYER OF THE YEAR—Marian Frisby, Waterford — camogie player of the year in Waterford—received her award from Most Rev. Dr. M. Russell, Bishop of Waterford and Lismore, at a special dinner given by Waterford G.A.A. Board in Lawlor's Hotel, Dungarvan.

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UNA O'CONNOR

By AGNES HOURIGAN

NAME any record in Gaelic games except one, and Una O'Connor holds it. She has played in eleven successive All-Ireland finals, twelve if you count replays. She has won ten All-Ireland medals in succession, and thirteen in all, a record that makes the accomplishments of such hurlers as Christy Ring and John Doyle look very small indeed.

In addition, she has won fifteen successive Leinster senior camogie championships, and gives best to one other player only, her former team-mate Kathleen Mills, who won fifteen All-Ireland medals and twenty provincial awards.

But the really astounding thing about Una O'Connor is that she has remained absolutely unaltered by all these triumphs. She is still among the first for the Dublin training sessions when the team gathers for an evening in Phoenix Park, still running her heart out in every training spin, still as dedicated as the youngest recruit in the physical training exercises.

Any of the Dublin trainers will tell you that Una O'Connor is

an example to all the other players, and sets them an example, just as she has set an example to all in sportsmanship through all her playing days.

But I would not like to think that anyone would take away the impression that Una O'Connor exists nowhere except on the camogie fields. Those who saw her march up the Gresham's Aberdeen Hall to receive the Caltex Award last year, rose to their feet in spontaneous applause. I do not know what exactly they expected, but what they saw was a tall, beautiful and well-groomed woman to whom they paid fitting tribute.

A good tennis player, with plenty of wit, humour and vivacity in her make-up, Una is well used to camogie honours at every level since first she played for Celtic and for Dublin in her early 'teens. She has won Dublin league and championship medals with her club, and one unique honour, the very first All-Ireland club championship, the Jubilee Cup.

With Leinster she has won more



inter-provincial medals than any other player in Ireland, and she is the only player in camogie who, as well as a Caltex Award, holds an All-Star award to date, although Sue Cashman may well follow in her footsteps.

In addition, of course, Una O'Connor has the added asset of tremendous personal versatility. She has played in every forward position for Dublin and has appeared for her club in nine of the twelve positions. But though she is known all Ireland over as a star full-forward, she prefers nowadays, when given the opportunity, to play at full-back, where over the past eighteen months she has given some wonderful displays for her club.

It was rumoured after last year's All-Ireland final defeat that Una O'Connor was going to retire. However, the report, to say the least of it, was premature, and every Dublin supporter will be expecting to see Una back on duty for the county later this season, spearheading the capital's bid to recapture the O'Duffy Cup.



CORK COUNTY CAMOGIE DINNER.—Miss Mary Moran, chairman of Cork County Camogie Board, photographed with Miss Norah O'Mahony, captain Cork senior team, and Miss Sheila McNulty, general secretary Irish Camogie Board, on left of picture admiring the Morrissey Cup (Munster Championship) and on right Miss Bridie O'Sullivan, captain Cork secondary team and Miss Lili O'Grady, president Irish Camogie Association admire the J. J. Kenneally Cup (Munster Secondary Championship). (MacGill)



*Eileen Naughton ...
U.C.G. camogie star*

Eileen... queen of camogie

BY JIM LYDON

EILEEN NAUGHTON, the star Galway camogie goalkeeper, has done it again. In playing a major role in University College Galway's success in the Ashbourne Cup at Galway last week-end, she kept her goal intact—conceding only three points against Queen's University in the semi-final, and two points (both from frees) against U.C.D. in the final.

When U.C.G. previously won the Ashbourne trophy in 1964, Eileen also came through the championship unbeaten—holding the Queen's attack scoreless in the semi-final, and conceding only one solitary point against U.C.C. in the final.

Thus, the Galway goalkeeper has conceded only 0-6 in two semi-finals and two finals in two successful Ashbourne Cup campaigns.

A member of the Galway county team since she was fifteen years old, the U.C.G. medical student's ability to turn defence into attack with her lengthy striking has made her the "Queen" of camogie goalkeepers.

What player has taken part in the greatest number of All-Ireland senior finals?

● We were nearly caught napping here, and almost went off poring over the hurling and football files, before we remembered camogie. And, of course, the answer is to be found on the camogie fields, where Kathleen Mills won fifteen All-Ireland medals, took part in one drawn final and also played on losing Dublin teams in two finals. That gives her a total of 18 All-Ireland appearances. Second on the list comes another Dublin camogie player Una O'Connor, who has played in 15 finals, winning 11, losing one and appearing in one drawn final.



Old Aloysians, who had a convincing win over Glen Rovers in the senior camogie league game played at the school grounds. ("Echo")

SEANDUN WIN

Seandun 4-2, Canovee 3-1.

Seandun (junior sel.) by virtue of their win over Canovee in an exciting game played at Berrings, have qualified to meet Fermoy in the final of the 1967 intermediate championship. Seandun, playing with wind advantage, ran up a 4-2 to 2-0 lead at the interval and were hard-pressed to hold off a spirited second half rally by Canovee.

Best for Seandun were P. O'Sullivan, B. Burke, M. Hegarty, P. Golden. Canovee were best served by K. Healy, I. Sheehan, N. Collins.

BACK:- ANNE M'AULIFFE, KAY M'AULIFFE

LIZ GARYAN, CATHERINE O'REGAN

NORA M'AULIFFE, ANGELA HENNERTY

FRONT:- SHIELA RYAN, MARION O'LEARY

HONOR LYNCH, MARY MORAN (CAPT.)

MARIE GARYAN, MARY A. MURPHY

Intermediate C'ship Final At Fermoy

ON THE WAY BACK

Old Aloysians and Youghal meet in the second tie. Old Aloysians seem to be on their way back to the forefront of Cork camogie. They are doing quite well at the moment and in their first 1968 league game had a comfortable win over U.C.C. However, Youghal will be a different proposition. Here is a strong determined side who will not stand on ceremony. They are well able to hold their own in senior ranks and Old Aloysians will have to be at their best if they hope to take two points from the seaside girls.

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SEANDUN WIN CAMOGIE FINAL

Seandun 6-2; Fermoy nil

In the final of the Cork Co. Camogie championship played at Fermoy yesterday the divisional team, Seandun had an easy victory over Fermoy. Seandun were on top throughout, and at half time were leading by 2 goals to nil, and in the second half they were in complete command, and added a further 4-2 to their half time tally.

Scorers for the winners were: Geraldine Ring 2-0; Cora Humphries 2-0; Breda O'Sullivan 2-0; and Angela Gaffney 0-2.

THE big camogie game tomorrow is the Intermediate Championship final between Fermoy and Seandun which will be played at Fermoy (3 p.m.).

Seandun had a good 4-2 to 2-1 win over Canovee on Sunday last in their semi-final. However, Seandun had to fight all the way in this game and the experience and recent match practice must put them in a very confident frame of mind for tomorrow's decision. Seandun are, of course, the junior selection, and with such a large number of teams to pick from they can usually field a very strong side.

may be without some of their usual players. In this event U.C.C. could have an opportunity of snapping two vital points as they have already opened the league with a two-point deficit at the expense of Old Aloysians. The College girls were somewhat disappointing in the Ashbourne this season. Last season's holders they travelled to Galway without a full strength side. This was a great pity as they might well have taken the title had all their players travelled. But that's behind them for this year and now they will be anxious to do well in one or other of the County Board competitions.

Tomorrow would be a great opportunity for them to get back on the winning trail and a win over Glen Rovers would be a tremendous boost to their morale. However, Glen never admit defeat easily and even with a depleted side they would still be fancied to take full points.

HOME ADVANTAGE

However, Fermoy have the advantage of a home venue—always a big asset. Also they have a tremendous full-back in Peg O'Brien who was a member of the successful Secondary team last season. Peg is capable of inspiring her side to great heights and it will hardly be her fault on Sunday if the trophy does not go to Fermoy.

In their semi-final Fermoy defeated Cobb. This was some time ago and the lack of match practice could be against Fermoy tomorrow. However, with their own supporters to back them, Fermoy will do all in their power to upset the Seandun girls and whatever the result this game will be well worth watching.

SENIOR LEAGUE

There are two Senior League games listed for tomorrow afternoon, both at Inmore Road.

County champions, Glen Rovers, meet U.C.C. in the first of these games. Glen recently lost their last chance of taking the 1967 title when they lost to Old Aloysians and they will now be more determined than ever to make a successful start to the 1968 campaign. They should take full points from U.C.C. but they



Meanwhile preparations proceed apace for the Annual Congress, which will also be held on March 10. The President of the Association, Miss Lil O'Grady (Cork) retires this year, and, although she has been re-nominated by several counties, will not be going forward again. Also nominated are Mrs. Rosanna McManus, Chairman of Ulster Council, Mrs. L. Leonard, Chairman of Leinster Council, while the Antrim Board has nominated Mrs. Nancy Murray. Also nominated are a former President, Miss Chris O'Connell (Limerick) and the Munster Secretary, Miss Ethna Neville (Limerick).

The outgoing Secretary, Miss Sheila McAuliffe, has been nominated again by the vast majority of counties, while outgoing Treasurer, Lily Spence (Antrim), has been nominated by Dublin and Miss Emer Walsh (Galway) by Galway. Most counties again nominate Miss Spence for Treasurer, but Miss Neville is proposed by Dublin and Galway. Sean O'Duffy is unopposed as organiser, while the outgoing Treasurers, Mrs. Leonard and Mr. O'Duffy have again been named by most counties, although Mrs. Concoran the Leinster Vice-Chairman, is proposed for one of those posts by Louth while Antrim nominate Sean Timmons (Dublin).

The Seandun team (top) winners over Fermoy (bottom) in the 1967 Cork County Intermediate Camogie Championship final at Fermoy, the score 6-2 to nil.