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## Cork v. Kilkenny final promises to be a classic

THREE months ago, a delighted bunch of Cork players tramped off the field at Ballinlough. They had scored a well deserved seven point win over Kilkenny in the final of the National Senior League. The supporters on the bank assured one another that the championship was there for the taking.

But as the weeks went by word filtered through that Kilkenny were regrouping their forces for a spirited defence of their All-Ireland title. Breda Holmes returned to the panel. Under the watchful eye of Tom Ryan, an arduous training programme was embarked upon.

In the semi-final against Wexford, the signs were clear that Kilkenny were in no mood to relinquish their All-Ireland title. Captain Angela Downey drove her players relentlessly and they responded with an exhibition of the skill, teamwork and confidence which has marked this team in recent years.

A spectacular seven-in-a-row is now within Kilkenny's grasp. Marie Fitzpatrick is playing as well as she ever has in the Kilkenny goal. Biddy O'Sullivan and Deirdre Malone continue to shine in defence.

Against Wexford, Ann Downey took complete control in midfield. Youngsters Una Murphy, Jillian Dillon and Bridget Mullally improve with every game. The ability of the Kilkenny attack to move up a gear when the need arises poses huge problems for any opponents.

Aiming to captain her third All-Ireland winning side, Angela Downey maintains her extraordinary will to

win. Her half-time exhortation to her players at the semi-final in Belfield left nobody within earshot in any doubt as to what she expected from her side in the second half.

Cork won their championship games against Dublin and Galway by fifteen and twelve points respectively. In both games, they won possession easily but had difficulty in converting it into scores.

This was particularly true in the Galway tie. Time and again, Cork players shot wide when in good positions and under no real pressure. They



Kilkenny's Jillian Dillon controls the ball as she races clear of Cork's Liz Dunphy in the National Senior League Final. Paula Goggins (Cork) and Angela Downey (Kilkenny) look on.

appeared to be going through the motions as if their appetite for the game had been satisfied by long hours on the training ground.

It is widely held that if any team will lower Kilkenny's colours, it will be Cork. They came within a whisker of achieving their goal in the semi-final in Cork last year. The National League win was vital to Cork's self-belief.

Led by Therese O'Callaghan who captained Glen Rovers to win the All-Ireland Club Championship, Cork have outstanding performers in their team. Liz Dunphy, Paula Goggins and Breda Kenny defend resolutely. Sandie Fitzgibbon, Colette O'Mahony, Ger McCarthy and Linda Mellerick can be match-winners on their day. Jean Paula Kent and Irene O'Keeffe were promoted from the junior side this season and have increased the options.

Cork and Kilkenny have produced classic exhibitions of camogie. The 1991 All-Ireland Senior final on 22nd September should be no exception. For excitement, skill and commitment, it will be an occasion not to be missed.

Down bridge a gap of fifteen years when they line out in the All-Ireland Junior final against Tipperary. Champions in 1968 and 1976, Down will display great spirit and tenacity in their play.

Defeated by Kildare in last year's decider, Tipperary have bounced back. They showed their prowess in attack by recording 5-12 against Dublin in the semi-final and will try very hard to bring home the Cup on this occasion.

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Liz Dunphy (right) and Colette O'Mahony at the Cork camogie training camp at Páirc Uí Chaoimh in preparation for the All-Ireland final.



Marion McCarthy and Liz Towler at the Cork camogie team training camp at Páirc Uí Chaoimh.



# Marion seeking ninth medal

**MARION MCCARTHY (Eire Og):** Holder of eight All-Ireland medals (four in goal), a record for a Cork player. A B&I Award winner in 1980, she captained Cork to win the 1986 National League title, one of three league medals she possesses. She has 20 Munster Senior Championship, three Gael Linn and five County senior medals, with South Pres and Eire Og, a county Senior League medal as well as numerous other trophies. In fact, the only honour that has eluded her is an All-Ireland Club medal. She first played for Cork in 1970, so what better way to celebrate twenty one years on the team than with another All-Ireland medal.

**LIZ DUNPHY (Sarsfields):** Captained her club to their first ever Senior County title in 1989 and was captain of the Cork team beaten in the semi-final last year by Kilkenny. Liz first came to prominence when helping St. Patricks to win the All-Ireland Colleges title in 1981. She won All-Ireland Junior and Gael Linn Junior medals in 1983 and hold three National League medals. A reliable, skilful defender.

**TOM HIGGINS** compiled the pen pictures of the Cork camogie team. They take on Kilkenny in the All-Ireland final at Croke Park on Sunday.

**LIZ TOWLER (Bishopstown):** A very speedy defender, she won an All-Ireland minor medal in 1983 and helped Bishopstown to win the County Intermediate championship in 1989. She is also the holder of County Junior and Feile na Gael medals with her club. She was drafted onto the Cork senior panel for the American trip last year and gets her big chance on Sunday.

**BREDA KENNY (Sarsfields):** A physiotherapist by profession, she won a minor All-Ireland with Galway and a Junior Gael Linn medal as well as three Ashbourne Cup medals with UCD. When she came to Cork she joined Sarsfields and has been one of the stars of the Cork team in the past two seasons. A very solid defender, she is Chairperson of the Sarsfields club.

**PAULA GOGGINS (Na Piarraigh):** Paula showed great promise as a teenager and won an All-Ireland minor medal in 1979 and helped North Pres. to win the All-Ireland Colleges title in 1980. She

added a Junior All-Ireland medal to her collection in 1984 and has been on the senior panel since then.

**COLETTE O'MAHONY (St. Finbarr's):** She commenced her inter-county career in 1982 at the age of 14 by winning a Munster minor medal. The following two years she won Munster and All-Ireland Minor medals, captaining the side in 1983. She joined the senior panel in 1986 and has two National League medals as well as Gael Linn junior medals and Munster medals in all grades. She is also a well-known referee.

**THERESE O'CALLAGHAN (Glen Rovers):** Therese will be trying to create her own bit of history on Sunday. Having captained Glen Rovers to win last year's All-Ireland Club title and Cork to win the National League this year, she will be hoping to bring off the big treble by taking the All-Ireland trophy. She holds a National League, four Senior County championship and two All-Ireland Club Championship medals.

**SANDY FITZGIBBON (Glen Rovers):** The first player to win three All-Ireland minor medals, Sandy has never played a bad game for the county. She captained Cork to win one of their three National League titles and holds five Senior County medals. Sandy is one of three players on the side to have All-Ireland medals, having played on the winning sides of 1982 and 1983. An international basketball player, she has been capped 33 times for Ireland and was the successful captain when Blarney won last year's ICS Cup.

**LINDA MELLERICK (Glen Rovers):** Started her camogie career with Brian Dillon's before moving to the Glen. Won an All-Ireland minor medal in 1983 and a Junior All-Ireland medal the following year. Has two Senior County medals as well as an All-Ireland Senior Club Medal. A dangerous forward, capable of getting scores from any angle.

**GER MCCARTHY (Glen Rovers):** The third member of the side with All-Ireland medals, won in 1982 and 1983. She has been her club's top scorer for in the past few years and is very accurate from frees. Has five County senior medals, three National League medals, two minor All-Ireland titles in 1978 and 1979, when she captained the side, as well as an All-Ireland Junior medals in 1980.

**LIZ O'NEILL (Bishopstown):** Liz is a great player to take on a defence and this year won her



Coach Joe McGrath with the Cork Camogie panel during training at Paire Uí Chaoimh.

—(Pic: Dan Linehan)

first All-Ireland title when Cork beat Kilkenny in the League final. She has won medals in all grades with Bishopstown and was captain of their successful Intermediate team in 1989. She collected a Munster Minor medal in 1982, a Munster Junior medal in 1987 and was on the Munster panel that won the Gael Linn Cup.

**IRENE O'LEARY (Na Piarraigh):** Irene has been on the Cork panel since 1985. She captained Cork to win the 1984 All-Ireland Junior title. She won a National League medal 1986 and another this year. Played a major role in taking North Pres. to the All-Ireland Colleges final in 1984. She holds Munster medals at Senior, Junior, Under 18 and minor levels as well as a Cork Under 18 medal with her club.

## SUBSTITUTES

**BRID WALSH (St. Finbarr's):** Came onto the senior panel in 1989 as reserve goalkeeper. Holder of two All-Ireland minor medals, in 1984 and 1985. She won a Gael-Linn junior medal in 1987 and has three minor and under 18 Munster medals as well as one Munster Senior medal.

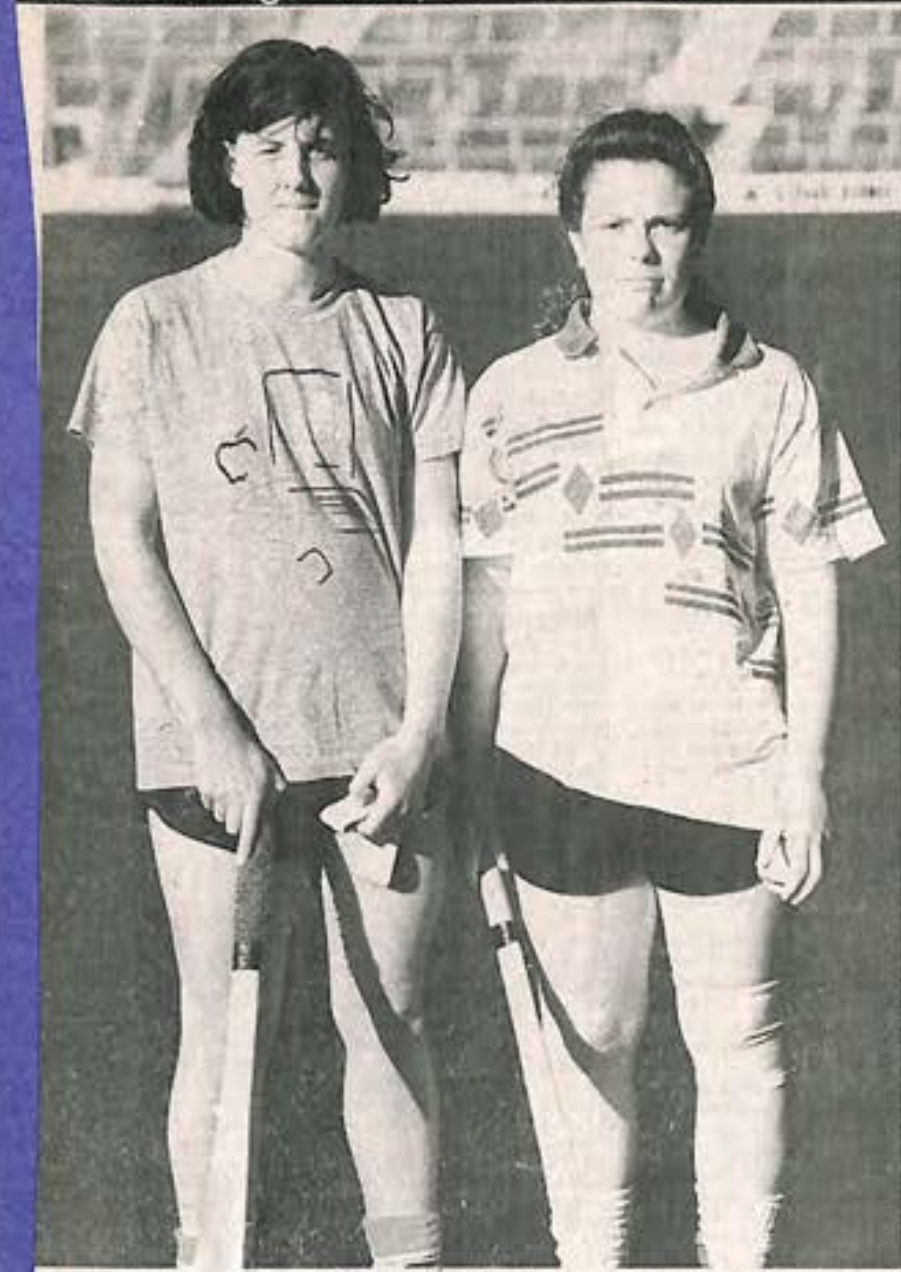
**JEAN PAULA KENT (Na Piarraigh):** A very nippy player, she was on this year's National League winning team. She has two Minor All-Ireland medals, in 1983 and 1984.

**IRENE O'KEEFFE (Inniscarra):** Also on this year's National League winning side, she has come into prominence with her club in the past few years.

**MAGS FINN (Fr. O'Neill's):** Was on this year's National League winning side and played against Kilkenny in the 1989 All-Ireland final. Has been on the Cork panel for the past few years.



**TOM HIGGINS** visits the Cork camp, as they complete their build-up to another battle with old rivals Kilkenny, in Sunday's All-Ireland senior camogie final, at Croke Park.



Paula Goggins and Jean Kent at the Cork camogie team training camp at Paire Uí Chaoimh. (Picture: Dan Linehan)

# Cork girls know what it takes

## Kilkenny make changes

**KILKENNY** show four changes from the side which beat Wexford in last year's decider for Sunday's showdown with Cork.

Gone are Brid McGarry and Ann Whelan, who have retired. Breda Cahill, who is injured, and Claire Jones.

However, the champions have able substitutes and, although they will be outsiders on Sunday following two defeats by Cork in the League, they still feel that they can retain their title.

County Secretary Breda Ryan said, "The loss of these experienced

players is a blow to us but we are very determined. We have trained hard in Nowlan Park and in Danesfort and on the day it is a 50-50 game with twelve against twelve. We can match Cork for skill, but whichever team shows the most determination on the day will come out on top. I hope it will be us.

"We have only one injury worry, Breda Mullally, who has a pulled muscle.

Compared to the side which was beaten by Cork in the League final at Ballinlough in June the team shows a number of changes, positional and otherwise. "We have Breda Holmes

**JUDGING** by the way they were preparing under the watchful eye of Joe McGrath at Paire Uí Chaoimh the other night, the Cork senior camogie team are really determined to halt Kilkenny's march next Sunday, when the Noreiders will be bidding for their eighth All-Ireland title in-a-row.

As full-back Liz Duphy said: "This is the one we want to win".

The girls had a 30 minute limber-up before the panel got involved in a full scale match. Every ball was fought for with great vigour and, with McGrath dictating the play, one could sense the hunger in this Cork team.

Following the game, and with the light fading, McGrath put the girls through a vigorous short sprints routine and, although they were undoubtedly tired, the entire panel took to their task with gusto.

Of the panel of 21, only Ger McCarthy did not take part in the session. She has a muscle strain and is getting daily physiotherapy treatment. However, she is confident she will be fit for the final. She played for her club, Glen Rovers, the previous Sunday against Shannon in the Munster Club championship and was replaced, as a precautionary measure, after five minutes of the second-half when the Glen were in a winning position.

"I have worked the girls as hard as any inter-county men's team I have trained and they have never complained", said McGrath. "I am proud of every one of panel".

"We started the build-up at the end of last year and during the Winter trained in the gym in Mayfield. Early this year, in preparation for the league and championship games, we moved to the all-weather pitch at the Mayfield Community School under lights.

"An example of their enthusiasm was one night when we turned up for training it was beginning to snow. A men's team, who had gone to train in Harlequins on the all-weather pitch, called off their session but the girls would not hear of it. I was hoping that they would call it off but they decided to go ahead despite the cold. This is real determination", added McGrath.

"In this year's League final the girls were really hyped up, because we had been beaten by Kilkenny so often in recent years. But, having worked hard and trained hard, they got their reward on the day.

"We have a few niggling injuries, but, hopefully, these will have cleared up before Sunday. An All-Ireland final is always a 50-50 game but we are really determined to come out on top next Sunday. If we can get the skill right, and the attitude right, the girls will die in the Cork colours and will do the county proud on the day", promised McGrath.

back will be a great boost to us", said Breda Ryan.

Marie Fitzpatrick is again in goal while Biddy O'Sullivan occupies the full-back position. Una Murphy, who was at centrefield in the league decider, moves to right half-back to replace Bridget Barnaville. Deirdre Malone again occupies the centre half back position with Frances Rothwell on the left. Marina Downey, who got the winning goal in last year's semi-final, is in the centre of the field with Ann Downey, who will be seeking her seventh All-Ireland medal, while Gillian Dillon comes in

to replace Una Murphy.

Sinead Millea, who was the star of this year's Kilkenny minor All-Ireland success, is preferred to Noreen Tierney, who played in the league decider, in the half forward line and she will be supported by Bridget Mulally and ace goal scorer Angela Downey, who is also seeking her seventh senior medal. The full-forward line sees the return of Breda Holmes and she will prove quite a handful for Liz Duphy.

The subs are Noreen Tierney, Noelle O'Driscoll, Bridget Barnaville and Tracy Millea.



# The last hurrah, or start of new, glorious era?

**T**HERE WAS a time – and it wasn't so many years ago – when the players couldn't see, or didn't want to see, the end of the road. Now the realisation has dawned that this could be it – the last hurrah!

The Kilkenny senior camogie team . . . All-Ireland Sunday . . . another championship date at Croke Park. The past half-dozen years have been magnificent, and the return has been ten national titles.

On Sunday the most successful team in the world will be chasing an amazing seven-in-a-row. Between Kilkenny and the O'Duffy Cup holders, the giants of the south – Cork.

The Leesiders have faced the Noreiders more often than any other county since the all-Ireland run commenced. Before they tried to convince themselves that Kilkenny would be under a relentless barrage. It didn't work.

Now they feel the Downeys – Ann and Breda Holmes, Biddy O'Sullivan and many have shown signs of cracking before reaching the centre stage. A consequence of victory over Kilkenny in the National League final.

The challenge has been thrown down in a

big way to the Kilkenny ladies. Victory or defeat could well mean the end of the road for some. But don't bet on it. A unique will has grown between these ladies down the years and "let's give it one more go," has been the rallying call for a few years now.

The camogie merry-go-round has been throwing up some nice tunes for Kilkenny and there was no point in anyone stepping off. Why? Not at a time when the medals were rolling in.

## Closely knit

But this time things might be different. The ladies know their closely-knit group as it stands now cannot continue forever. Aging hurlers reckon how you perform in an all-

Ireland final tells you whether or not 'you still have it'. The will may be there, but if the speed has left the legs, hands and even minds, then you will be found out in the one that really matters.

Some of the Kilkenny hurlers went through, and passed, that test at Croke Park a few weeks ago. Now comes the ladies' turn. And they are ready.

There are those who contend that camogie is not nearly as difficult as hurling when it comes to winning an all-Ireland. The same number of real contenders are not there. The competition is not as intense.

Tell that to the Kilkenny women who leave their husbands and families to prepare for battle with just as much intensity and passion as the men. Tell them that when they carry the Black and Amber into hostile territory with barely a dozen supporters, and yet live to tell the tale. Yes, camogie competition amongst the women can be equally as tough and uncompromising as the hurling rivalry between the men.

Sunday's will be an intense battle. Cork have Waterford hurling manager Joe McGrath in their corner. He worked the oracle in the League final, but Kilkenny

argue that on that occasion they were without Breda Holmes, and Marina Downey played although very ill.

The Leesiders received a few gifts, too, and cashed in on Kilkenny's unusual lack of discipline. Five close-in frees were conceded during the opening half alone, and sharp-shooter Colette O'Mahony turned each one into a point.

## Life tough

The combination of indiscipline and the situation with players made life exceedingly tough for Kilkenny in Cork's own backyard. One title was conceded. This will be harder to take away.

Two years ago the same counties clashed in the all-Ireland and the Munster girls stifled the game during the opening half when playing against the wind. They pulled a player from their attack and crowded midfield. It worked for half the match, but when they were forced to come out and play, they were brushed aside. Good tactics weren't enough to halt the Kilkenny express.

Noreside trainer Tom Ryan (Dunnamaggin) couldn't be happier with the response he has been getting from the players. Selectors

Carmel Savage (St. Paul's), John Phelan (Lisdowney), Billy Malone (St. Brigid's), the trainer and Teresa Dillon (Camogie Board chairperson) reckon there is at least one more all-Ireland in the present crop of players.

And if Kilkenny can manage to hang in there at the top a little longer, the successful run could possibly be extended. For on the way are the minor players, who won three all-Irelands during the last four years.

One of those players, Bridget Mullally (Tullagher) has already established herself as a senior player, and she is still only 17. And watch for a young lady by the name of Sinéad Millea (St. Brigid's). If the selectors are brave enough to include her on Sunday, then an heir to the great Angela Downey will be unleashed on an unsuspecting public. A tough ordeal for one so young, but the St. Brigid's College (Callan) pupil has special gifts with ash in her hand.

Other starlets are Sinéad's sister, Tracy Millea, and Bridget Barnaville (Lisdowney). In the not too distant future new faces might be conquering in old places.

## Reign supreme

Meanwhile, the great servants of the past decade or so continue to reign supreme. The

champions saw off Armagh without breaking a sweat, but next up it was tough in a repeat of last year's all-Ireland final against Wexford. Angela Downey and Breda Holmes produced the goods in a big way that afternoon, and the dogged Slaneysiders were sent packing.

Wexford later got revenge in the Leinster championship, but Kilkenny were without the holidaying Downeys and Noelle O'Driscoll.

The champions know that any day they face the likes of Marie McCarthy, Liz Dunphy, Pauline Goggins, Margaret Finn, Colette O'Mahony, international basketball player Tracy O'Callaghan and Linda Mellerick that they can expect no favours. Cork have been second too often with good teams and this one is another fine outfit, when you bear in mind they have the likes of Brid Walsh, Betty Joyce and Irene O'Leary on the line.

Kilkenny are chasing their tenth all-Ireland title. It doesn't seem that long since Teresa O'Neill, with head bandaged, marched up the steps in Croke Park to collect the trophy for the first time for Kilkenny. But that memory is from 1974.

There have been a lot of happy times in between. The women are not about to lie down and die just yet. Put the champagne on ice!



# Meet the Kilkenny ladies

**Marie Fitzpatrick** (St. Brigid's): Won Féile skills in 1980. Has represented Kilkenny at every level; 6 senior all-Irelands, 5 senior National Leagues and 5 senior Gael Linn medals. Clerk, Iverk Produce.

**Biddy O'Sullivan** (Tullagher): Won B+I award in 1989; 6 senior all-Irelands, 8 senior National League and 7 senior Gael Linn medals. Farmer.

**Deirdre Malone** (St. Brigid's): Won 7 senior all-Ireland and 5 senior National League medals; 1 senior county final. Farmer.

**Frances Rothwell** (St. Brigid's): Holds all-Ireland cross-country championship medals; 4 all-Ireland senior and 3 senior National League medals. Machine operator.

**Ann Downey** (St. Paul's): Captained Kilkenny in 1989. With twin sister Angela, was a joint winner of the B+I award in 1986 and 1989. International squash player; 10 senior all-Ireland, 8 senior National League, 10 club

championship and Gael Linn medals. Secretary, Skin & Hide.

**Gillian Dillon** (Freshford): Daughter of famed Kilkenny hurler Pa. All-Ireland minor medals in 1988 and 1989. Student.

**Bridget Barnaville** (Lisdowney): New to panel. winner 2 minor all-Irelands, county titles with club. Clerk, Cashman's Veterinary.

**Tracy Millea** (St. Brigid's, Ballycallan): New to panel. Captain minor all-Ireland team. Won under-14 Leinster medal; 1 senior county medal. Student.

**Breda Holmes** (St. Paul's): Former captain. Winner B+I in 1987. Former captain of Carysfort Training College team; 6 senior all-Ireland, 5 senior National League, club championship and senior Gael Linn medals. Teacher.

**Angela Downey** (St. Paul's): Recognised as the player of the decade. Won Texaco Award in 1986 and B+I in 1977, 1986 and 1989 and Gradam Tailte in 1984, '85 and '86; 10 senior all-Ireland, 8 senior National League, 9 club



championship and Gael Linn medals. Teacher.

**Brigid Mullally** (Glenmore): Won Féile in 1988. All-Ireland minor medals in 1988 and 1989. She scored 6-7 in the 1989 final. Student.

**Marina Downey** (Lisdowney): Third year with seniors; 3 senior all-Ireland and 3 senior National League medals; 1 Gael Linn medal. Avonmore employee.

**Noelle O'Driscoll** (James Stephens): One of a small number of

players who have won all-Ireland medals with two counties, Cork and Kilkenny. Now teaching in Scoil Bhride, Callan. Noelle coached the school team to win the junior all-Ireland in 1990; 4 senior all-Ireland, 2 junior all-Ireland, 1

senior National League.

**Noreen Tierney** (Tullagher): Her second season with Kilkenny senior panel.

**Sinead Millea** (St. Brigid's, Ballycallan): New to panel. Win-

ner U-14 Leinster medals; 3 minor all-Irelands, a senior county medal.

**Una Murphy** (Tullagher): Winner of U-14 Leinster medal; 2 minor all-Ireland and intermediate club. Student.

(13) Noreen Tierney (Tullagher); (14) Noelle O'Driscoll (James Stephens); (15) Bridget Barnaville (Lisdowney); (16) Tracey Millea (Ballycallan).

Kilkenny senior camogie team who face Cork in Sunday's All-Ireland final.

## KILKENNY

(1)  
**Marie Fitzpatrick**  
(Ballycallan)

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**Biddy O'Sullivan**  
(Tullagher)

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**Una Murphy**  
(Tullagher)

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**Deirdre Malone**  
(Ballycallan)

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(Ballycallan)

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(Lisdowney)

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**Ann Downey**  
(St. Paul's)

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**Gillian Dillon**  
(Freshford)

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**Sinead Millea**  
(Ballycallan)

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**Breda Holmes**  
(St. Paul's)

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**Angela Downey**  
Capt. (St. Paul's)

(12)  
**Bridget Mullally**  
(Glenmore)

## Barrs ball player...

If we can hold centre field and stop the ball going through to their centre forward Angela Downey, then we can win the All-Ireland camogie title this year. The words of Cork centre field player Collette O'Mahony.

The 23 year-old skilful red head, who plays her camogie with the Barrs, went on to say that if Cork's fast forwards get the proper supply they can unleash their great potential to finally bury the great Kilkenny team.

Collette, from Friar's Walk, who holds two All-Ireland Minor medals captained the 1984 winning side. She has minor, junior and senior Munster Championship medals as well as Gael Linn and National League honours. She represented her county in the Féile na nGael skills in 1981 and is secretary of the Barrs.

Her five brothers are all involved in the GAA, Kenneth plays on the Ballincollig Intermediate football side, Ivan and Fergal are on the Barrs U21 side (Fergal is also a minor), Victor plays U16 with the Barrs and Damien, who is studying for the priesthood in Maynooth is involved in GAA administration.

### Determined

The Mercy hospital employee told *Expo Sport* that this will be a very determined effort by Cork to wrest the All-Ireland title from Kilkenny. As the team's free taker, she has been putting in a lot of practice and regularly goes over to her Toghra club, 'on my night's off' to practice with her brothers. Since her senior debut back in 1986 she has been a regular on the Cork team, something which her uncle Tadig Drihan, a Barrs underage mentor, is proud of. It was he who introduced 'myself and the lads' to the Barrs, 'and I'm entering my 13th season this year. Even though the game is changing with the County Senior Hurling Championship Final Collette says they'll have plenty of support in Croke Park. Her mother, Marie who hails from Ballyhea, and father Padlo, a well-known bowler and hurler in his day, will probably be among the Barrs contingent on the day. And sure why wouldn't they, the thought of missing out on what could be a big day in Cork camogie circles, isn't a nice one, especially if your daughter is playing midfield!



**EOIN EDWARDS focuses on the Cork senior camogie All-Ireland camp tonight for ECHO SPORT as they prepare to take on old foes Kilkenny on Sunday**



Captain of the Cork camogie team Therese O'Callaghan and coach Joe McGrath having a chat at the Cork camogie team training camp at Páirc Uí Chaoimh.

# Therese going for another Glen first

**THE word is around that they're secretly planning a huge party in the Glen for September 22 next and there'll be no shortage of talent about!**

On that day, dare we say it, the Cork County Senior Hurling Championship could be winding its way through the Northside for the second year in-a-row and Therese O'Callaghan could be on her way back from Croke Park with the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship Cup.

## First

If Cork manage to overcome the strong Kilkenny challenge, Burnfort, Mourneabbey girl Therese will be the first Glen Captain to have brought back the County and All-Ireland to Blackpool in the same year. And in the words of long-serving camogie official, County Board President and Glen Chairperson, Nora Newman, 'I can leave the scene a happy woman, having witnessed the Glen win every honour that is possible'.

Cork, who beat the seemingly invincible Kilkenny side in the League final here in Cork on June 30 last, are pulling out all the stops this year. Trainer Joe McGrath and the girls have put in a tremendous effort, beginning their build-up as far back as last Christmas. They began indoor training at Kevin Kehilly's studio, then moved to the outdoor pitch in Mayfield before going outdoors in March.

'We're going all out this year', said a very dedicated Therese, whose brother plays with Clyda Rovers in the junior grade, while sister Noreen plays badminton with the Buttevant club. 'It's going to be very difficult, we have a lot of respect for them and we'll have to play out of our skins but as we showed in the league final win, they're not invincible', she said.

## Not Worried

The fact that Kilkenny have won the past six All-Irelands in a row doesn't bother the farmers' daughter, who was first introduced to the Glen in 1983 by Ted Owens, a teacher at the time in Mallow, but who is now doing tremendous work in Castletownbere.

'I started off in 1983 playing junior but moved up to senior the following season. Since then I have won 2 All-Ireland Club medals with the Glen in '86 and last year, captaining the side, and have won county medals in '83, '86, '87, '90, and '91 as well as captaining the Glen side that won the All-Ireland 7-a-side against Buffer Ally last year.

## Honour

Being Captain of Cork is a tremendous honour, and I'm thankful to my club for that. There's a tremendous commitment and dedication this year, so my job as captain is made that little bit easier'.

Playing dead centre of midfield since her senior championship debut in 1989 (there are three midfielders in camogie) she's loud in her praise for trainer Joe McGrath who 'been with us from the very start. He's got great time for everyone in the squad and puts in a tremendous amount of time and effort'.

## Disappointed

They are a bit disappointed about the clash with the County Hurling Final though, after all they'll be losing a lot of much-needed support but sinn a bhfuil. The camogie girls are weel used to that by now.

Asked if she had any other interest outside camogie, the reply was no, haven't any time, she said. 'It's a full-time commitment with Cork and the Glen. Any other interests? 'Better leave that out' came the reply.

Best of luck Therese, hope to see you at the party!

## Kilmacud Crokes Sevens

WE'VE had the hurling and football sevens and now, with All Ireland Camogie final upon us it is time for Kilmacud Crokes famous Camogie Sevens next Saturday.

Unfortunately last year's winners, the legendary Glen Rovers from Cork will not be defending their title as six of their players are involved in a little matter called the All Ireland camogie final the following day.

However, top teams like Buffers Alley (Wexford) and Dublin's Marino, Celte and Bodinstown will be amongst the 40 teams competing which also includes top sides like Cashel, Swatragh (Derry) and Davitts (Galway), as well as long-distance travellers Tara of London.

The action begins at 11pm in both

venues, Glenalbyn and Silverpart (Leopardstown) and the final will be at 6pm sharp, as usual.

Group A: Celte, Myshall (Carlow), Ballysaran (Down), Portlone (Antrim), Group B: Na Fianna (Dublin), Birt (Offaly), Seantlebridge (Clare), Arkel (Down), Group C: Crumlin, Shinnore (Offaly), Avoca (Wicklow), St Brendas (Armagh), Group D: Glenties (Galway), O. Plunketts (Dulinn), Glencely (Wexford), St. Dominics (Roscommon).

Group E: Buffers Alley, Lehighbridge (Carlow), Ardkeen (Wexford), Aghaderg (Down), Group F: Cashel (Tipper), Fr. O' Neills (Cork), N. Manna (Wexford), Glen (Derry), Group G: Tara (London), St. Monica (Dublin), St. Eneas (Armagh), Davitts (Galway), Group H: Marino (Dublin), Rathnure, Drumacree (Down), Castletown (Cavan), Group J: Ballyboden, Killeagh (Cork), St. Eneas (Dooega), Laragh (Cavan), Group K: Kilmacud Crokes, Drumcullen (Offaly), Swatragh (Derry), Clane (Kildare).





Colette O'Mahony.



Irene O'Leary

# BUBBLY BREDA

IT'LL be a case of twin peaks over the next few weeks for Cork and Sarsfields camogie player Breda Kenny.

She'll be setting out to conquer the powerful challenge of Kilkenny star centre forward Angela Downey on Sunday next in the All-Ireland camogie final and a few weeks later she'll be trying to conquer the Himalayas!

She won't be departing on her month-long trek until October 18 next - 'I've left plenty of time for celebrations', said bubbly Breda, and all the training she's been doing will benefit her as she sets on on an annual month-long unusual journey. But before that there's another project to finish, the trim the Kilkenny Cats whiskers on Sunday.

Breda, a native of Galway, is in her second season with Cork, and loves every minute of it. 'The lads are

great', said the physio attached to St Mary's Orthopaedic Hospital. 'We've put a lot of effort in and yes we can beat Kilkenny again', referring to their psychological win over them in the National League earlier this year.

The 25 year-old from Loughrea, has played with Galway at minor junior and senior level, and was involved with Dublin for a few years. An All-Ireland minor medal winner with Galway, Breda also holds Ashbourne Cup medals with UCD and is chairperson of the Sarsfield Club.

Due to the nature of her job she moves around quite a bit, she spent a while at St Finbarrs also, and her job at St Marys finishes up in October. 'I don't know what I'll be doing after the Himalayan trip but one thing is for sure she'll know what she'll be doing on Sunday...a Downey demolition job!



Members of the Cork camogie panel limber up at the Cork camogie team training camp at Pair Uí Chaoimh.

●YOU'VE heard of the series *Seven Brides For Seven Brothers*, well so too has Cork camogie player Liz Towler who, in all probability, will eventually see the remaining unmarried six of her seven brothers have real life experience of the situation!

Liz, from Connolly Road, Ballyphehane also has three sisters who along with her mother and father George and Mary, will provide some support for her as she plays in her first senior championship game for Cork on Sunday.

The Bishopstown centre back, who holds All-Ireland minor, Munster and U18 honours, will be playing at left corner back and is looking forward to the big game. 'I can feel it in my bones that this year will be Cork's year for an All-Ireland, she said during the week.

'Even though I've been a late comer to the championship campaign we've been training very hard, under Joe McGrath and we're hoping for the honours this year'.

Liz has been playing camogie since Pat Murray, her former teacher, introduced her to the Bishopstown club at the age of 14. Since then she has won Junior A, B and Intermediate county medals with her club who moved up to senior last year.

But it wasn't always camogie, she played soccer for a few years with Cork Rangers and has international caps for Ireland at U18 level as well as being on the senior panel. Playing left midfield she was able to show her soccer mad father and brothers a thing or two. Let's hope the 24 year-old can show the Kilkenny forwards more of the same on Sunday! Give it holly Liz.

## MILLEA ON THE WAY TO SETTING CAMOGIE RECORD

# Sinead bidding to make history



● ANGELA DOWNEY ... to play a vital part in Kilkenny's plans.

SINEAD MILLEA, a daughter of former county hurler Joe, will be bidding to make history when she lines out with Kilkenny against Cork in the All-Ireland senior camogie final at Croke Park on Sunday, writes GERRY MCCARTHY.

Kilkenny are holders of the O'Duffy Cup. They are seeking their seventh successive title, and if they triumph Sinead would become the first player to win All-Ireland minor and senior medals in the same season.

Only 12 months ago one of her team-mates, Bridget Mullally, was ever-so-narrowly foiled of a similar honour. She was on the minor team that lost by a point to Tipperary and some weeks later helped the seniors to a final victory over Wexford.

Interestingly, Sinead Millea holds three All-Ireland minor medals. She collected the first in 1988, added the second in 1989, when she scored 6-7 in the final, missed last year's decider because of illness and recently completed the hattrick when she notched 2-4 of Kilkenny's 4-12 total against Galway.

Sinead's feat enabled her to equal a record, held by Sandie Fitzgibbon — who will be in the Cork colours on Sunday — of capturing three national awards at under-18 level.

Joe Millea, Sinead's father, played at top of the right for Kilkenny when they beat Cork in the All-Ireland senior hurling final of 1969.

Pa Dillon was one of his team-mates on that occasion and he, too, has a daughter, Gillian, wearing the Black and Amber on Sunday.

The famous Downey twins, Angela and Ann, remain vital cogs in the Kilkenny machine. They, too, are daughters of a former All-Ireland winning hurler, Shem, who gained his Celtic Cross at Cork's expense in 1947.

Kilkenny have won the O'Duffy Cup ten times and, remarkably, the Downeys were on every one of those successful teams. Indeed, only Dubliners Kay Mills (15) and Una O'Connor (13) hold more All-Ireland senior medals.

Marion McCarthy, Cork's goalkeeper, is another much-bemedalled player. She has helped her county to eight All-Ireland senior titles and is a sister of Sean McCarthy, one of the Cork hurlers who captured the Liam McCarthy Cup last year.

Noelle O'Driscoll, one of the champions' substitutes, is an All-Ireland senior medal-winner with her native Cork and adopted Kilkenny while Cork defender Breda Kenny has won junior honours with her native Galway.



# Keeping it in the family

□ Cork's goalkeeper Marion McCarthy hopes for All-Ireland success like brother Sean.

The Downey twins, Angela and Ann, are daughters of Shem Downey, who was full-forward on the Kilkenny team that beat Cork in the All-Ireland senior hurling final of 1947.

Gillian Dillon's father, Pa, won three All-Ireland senior hurling medals with Kilkenny. He was full-back in the 1967 victory over Tipperary and in the 1969 and 1972 successes against Cork. He also filled the No.3 position in the 1973 final defeat by Limerick and was full-forward when Cork beat Kilkenny in 1966.

Cork goalkeeper Marion McCarthy is a sister of Sean, who was right half-back on the Cork team that won All-Ireland senior hurling honours last year.

Cork's Sandie Fitzgibbon is a basketball international while Kilkenny's Ann Downey has represented Ireland at squash. Sandie was also the first player to win three All-Ireland minor medals.

Kilkenny's Frances Rothwell is also a prominent athlete and holds several All-Ireland cross-country medals.

*Corkborn Noelle O'Driscoll has won All-Ireland camogie medals with her native county and Kilkenny.*

Mary Ring, a daughter of the legendary Christy, holds All-Ireland junior and club championship medals. She captained Glen Rovers to a club championship victory.

Dublin's Kay Mills, with 15, tops the list of All-Ireland senior camogie medal-holders. Another Dubliner,

Una O'Connor, is second, with 13. The only other players to reach double figures are the Downey twins, from Kilkenny, as well as Dublin's Sophie Brack and Eileen Duffy. Each of this quartet has ten medals.

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*Angela and Ann Downey have captained Kilkenny to All-Ireland senior successes.*

Angela and Ann Downey have captained Kilkenny to All-Ireland senior successes. The only other sisters to have achieved this distinction are the Kehoes, Brigid and Gretta, from Wexford.

Three other Kehoe sisters, Kit, Josie and Annie, also hold All-Ireland senior medals. Kit has a unique distinction because she was the first player to win All-Ireland senior medals with different counties. She was a member of Dublin's champion teams in 1965 and 1966.

The honour of being the first players to win All-Ireland junior medals with different counties rests with Clare's Claire Harrington and Ann Marie O'Loughlin. They registered their successes in 1970, with Dublin, and in 1974, with their native county.

Elsie Cody (nee Walsh), who played with Wexford against Kilkenny in last year's final, is married to former Kilkenny hurler Brian. She won an All-Ireland senior medal with Wexford in 1975 and helped Buffers Alley to capture six All-Ireland club titles.



Sandie Fitzgibbon was the first player to win three All-Ireland minor medals.

## Kilkenny look the part again

KILKENNY, the finest team of the modern era, bid for the magnificent seven at Croke Park next Sunday when they meet Cork in what should be a cracking All-Ireland Camogie final (3.30), writes Niall Scully.

The Cats are chasing seven-in-a-row, and they have the all-round quality to secure another O'Duffy Cup.

They are solid and experienced at the back with Biddy O'Sullivan and Bridie McGarry defensive masters.

Midfielder, Ann Downey is in marvellous form and, in attack, her twin, the great Angela, will, as usual, pose the biggest threat on the pitch.

Her forward colleague, Breda Holmes, is likely to pounce for a couple of important scores.

Cork will present formidable opposition. They have several classy players like Sandie Fitzgibbon, Linda Mellerick, Ger McCarthy, Breda Kenny and Colette O'Mahony, who will test the renowned black and amber.

### INCREDIBLE

The junior final, (1.45), sees a confrontation between Down and Tipperary. Tipp scored an incredible semi-final victory against Dublin last month, coming from ten points down with seventeen minutes left to snatch a wonderful triumph.

They have a jewel of a performer in Deirdre Malone while Triona Bonner is a deadly free-taker. Helen O'Leary and Joan Tobin are other Tipp girls that Down will need to watch closely. Down travel with a good reputation. They possess quite a slice of class.

They will have to be extra sharp to deny Tipp, who fell to Kildare in last year's final.

On Saturday the always excellent Green Isle Kilmacud Crokes sevens tournament takes place in Stillorgan. Forty teams from all over the country, plus Tara from London, have entered.

Ten more clubs are waiting for cancellations to take their place in this feast of camogie, now into its 18th year. The Glenalbyn and Silver Park venues will be used. Play begins at 11.0 and the final is scheduled for 6.0.

Last Saturday in Blanchardstown, the Dublin under-14's gained glory in the Leinster Championship final against Kilkenny for the second year in succession, winning 6-1 to 3-3.

This team confirms the excellent potential there is in Dublin at the younger age levels, and the success is a credit to managers Chris Green, Donal Regan and Eóin O'Ceallaigh.





Angela Downey (Kilkenny) beats Elsie Cody and Stella Sinnott (Wexford) to score the only goal of the 1990 All-Ireland Final.

# Player Focus

**Angela Downey**

**DATE OF BIRTH:** 1/6/57

**HEIGHT:** 5'1"

**WEIGHT:** 9st

**CLUB:** St. Pauls

**COUNTY:** Kilkenny

**HONOURS:** 10 Senior All-Irelands, 5 Club All-Irelands, 8 National League, 8 Gael Linn, 3 B&I Awards

**PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT:** Thomastown Vocational School, Kilkenny

**INTER COUNTY DEBUT VERSUS:** Dublin, I think

**WHEN:** 1972

**WHERE:** Can't remember

**FAVOURITE GROUNDS:** Nowlan Park and Croke Park

**TOUGHEST OPPONENT:** They're all tough these days

**FAVOURITE POSITION:** Corner forward

**SPORTING AMBITION:** To win another All-Ireland

**DO YOU PLAY ANY OTHER SPORT:** A bit of golf

**FAVOURITE PLAYER AT PRESENT:** Sally Ann Quinn, Derry

**CHILDHOOD HEROES:** Frank Cummins, Pat Delaney

**BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:** My father

**ANY DISLIKES ABOUT THE GAA:** Lack of toilet facilities at all major GAA grounds and Croke Park especially

**WAYS OF IMPROVING THE GAME:** Make the playing pitch bigger and raise the standard of refereeing

**BEST GAME SEEN:** Minor All-Ireland Galway V Kilkenny 1991

**BEST GAME PLAYED IN:** All-Ireland semi-final V Cork 1990 or Club All-Ireland 1987 V Glen Rovers

**SUGGESTION FOR THE FUTURE:** The standard of camogie and level of fitness has risen so much recently that pitch sizes will have to be increased to allow players to show their skills. There's far too much bunching and crowding in games simply because there's no room to move, especially at Senior level.

**HOPES FOR '91:** That camogie gets the media coverage it deserves especially from RTE, so that it can be shown to a wider audience.



# Kilkenny Seek More Records In Camogie All-Ireland Final

Writes MARY MORAN

Next Sunday's eagerly awaited clash between Kilkenny and Cork will be the 60th All-Ireland Senior Camogie Final. Kilkenny, now the undisputed kingpins of the game, were nowhere to be seen for two-thirds of that period. But once the girls who so proudly wear the black-and-amber, made the breakthrough in 1974, there was no looking back. Kilkenny contested, and won, nine more All-Ireland Finals to leap-frog over Wexford and Antrim into third place on the roll of honour.

The spread of camogie in the schools was a major factor in Kilkenny's rise to fame. Camogie nurseries like Callan, Castlecomer, Thomastown and, of course, Pres. Kilkenny, converted natural talent into fine exponents of the game.

On leaving school many of these joined the St. Paul's Club which made the county senior title their own and lifted the All-Ireland club crown on many occasions also. The club spirit was carried by the players into the county team. There is a tremendous will-to-win in the Kilkenny camp. One would imagine that this would have diminished as the successful years went by but once championship time comes around again the focus is set on the task in hand and nothing is allowed to distract attention.

The great driving-force behind the team is Angela Downey who will captain the side for the third time in an All-Ireland Final. She is extremely competitive and insists that all members of her team adopt the same attitude. Opponents Cork won the last of their 14 All-Irelands in 1983. Only Marion McCarthy, Sandie Fitzgibbon and Ger McCarthy are holders of All-Ireland senior medals. There is a strong air of optimism in the Cork camp and they have a nice combination of youth and experience.

Cork are heartened by the results achieved since their last outing in Croke Park. At Ballinlough last season they were ever so close to dethroning the champions in their All-Ireland semi-final. They registered a morale-boosting victory over Kilkenny in America.

The win by Glen Rovers, who have four players on the team, in the final of the All-Ireland club championship and the success of the Cork-dominated Munster side in the Gael-Linn Interprovincial series all boost confidence. Cork knuckled down to training early this season and when the teams met in the opening round of the national league, Cork had a runaway win. However a number of the Kilkenny regulars did not line out.

Kilkenny pulled themselves together and coaxed the slow starters back into the panel. They qualified for the national league final where they came face-to-face with



Breda Holmes, Captain of Kilkenny, receives the O'Duffy Cup last September from Maire Ní Cheallacháin.

Cork once again. A fit, determined Cork team closed down the Kilkenny attack and led by 2-7 to 1-4 despite playing against a strong breeze. While Kilkenny regrouped their forces in the second half, they faced an uphill task and Cork were delighted to relieve Kilkenny of their League title.

The talk at that time was of a Cork League-Championship double but in the meantime Kilkenny have returned to their best form.

Last season's Captain, Breda Holmes, has returned to the team and in the opening round of the championship they made little of Antrim's challenge and ran up a huge score.

The Cork players who were in Enniscorthy for the Kilkenny-Wexford All-Ireland semi-final were left in no doubt as to Kilkenny's intentions. A spectacular seven in-a-row was the target and it was going to take a tremendous performance to knock them off course. The Kilkenny players looked sharp. The slick teamwork was back. The Downey twins were as good as ever. Ann controlled midfield and Angela created and finished chances up front.

In the other half of the draw Cork were pitted against Dublin and in a game that failed to engender much



Down, All-Ireland Junior Camogie finalists, 1991:

FRONT: Maureen McAleenan, Veronica McGreevey, Isabelle Oakes, Teresa Allan, Ann Coyle, Paura O'Prey, Colleen Hynds, B. Kelly, Dolores Smyth (Capt.), Donna Greenan.  
BACK ROW: Noreen O'Prey, Maureen O'Higgins, Nicola McCartan, Deirdre Savage, Margaret McNabb, Brideen Sande, Colette Lamb, Pauline Greenan, Valerie Hynds, Fiona Rice



excitement, scored a comprehensive win. The Cork midfield trio of Therese O'Callaghan, Colette O'Mahoney and Jean Paul Kent dominated the game.

While Cork beat Galway in the semi-final comfortably by 12 points, the game raised more questions than it answered. At times the Cork players looked lethargic and wasted an amount of good chances. Motivation will not be a problem when they face Kilkenny. Cork have missed out too often for that. But they realise that they must capitalise on their strong points and convert possession into scores. At the same time they must curtail the dangerous Kilkenny attack as much as possible.

Cork show four changes from the side which played in the 1989 final. Paula Goggins and Liz Towler, players with great ability, have slotted into the wing halfback positions. Breda Kenny has taken over the vital centreback role and Irene O'Leary returns to the side as

full-forward.

There are changes on the Kilkenny team too. Anna Whelan, Clare Jones and Bridie McGarry have left the intercounty scene. Stars of the All-Ireland winning minor team of 1988, Bridget Mullally, Jillian Dillon, Una Murphy and Sinead Millea have been promoted.

Cork and Kilkenny have thrilled Croke Park crowds with exhilarating camogie. Boosted by their wins in the national league final, Cork are ready to make an all-out challenge.

The curtain-raiser promises to be a particularly interesting game when Down play Tipperary in the Junior Final. Tipp ran out of time against Kildare in last year's final. Ten points down with eight minutes to play, they put in a storming finish and whittled the gap to four points before the clock, and Kildare, beat them.

They have now fought their way through a tough Munster championship and a semi-final against Dublin to



Tipperary - All-Ireland Junior camogie finalists. 'What the men-folk can do - well we can ...'

earn a second try. They field seven players who are 18 or under, including Sinead Nealon, daughter of former hurling star Donie, Jovita Delaney, Claire Madden, Helen O'Leary and Deirdre Hughes, all of whom have great potential. These girls blend well with more experienced players such as Anne Gleeson, Ger Ryan-Meagher, and Triona Bonnar, sister of the famous hurling brothers and Ann Keesham.

Down return to Croke Park after an absence of 15 years. They tried their luck in the senior grade from 1977-'86 but found the going too much for them. Since returning to the Junior grade they have captured the Ulster title three times since 1987. Playing a fast brand of ground camogie they surprised Galway in the semi-final and travel to Croke Park full of confidence. They have successfully blended experienced players like Maureen O'Higgins, Veronica McGreevy, Noreen O'Prey and Ann Doyle with the youthful Dolores Smyth, Pauline Greene

and Maureen McAleenan.

It is coincidental that both counties had a buzz of excitement this year with the feats of their hurlers and footballers. Sunday's game will give one or other additional cause for celebration

### SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 22 All-Ireland Camogie Finals

AT CROKE PARK

**JUNIOR: Tipperary v Down (1.45)**

Ref.: Mary O'Connor (Louth)

**SENIOR: Kilkenny v Cork (3.30)**

Ref.: Miriam O'Callaghan (Offaly)



Cork, All-Ireland senior camogie finalists who are going for the double on Sunday.



# Tipperary to Make Amends

SUNDAY, September 23rd, 1990, is firmly etched in the minds of Tipperary junior camogie players. Endeavouring to bring the first All-Ireland title in this grade to the county, they gave the title-holders and hotly fancied Kildare a run for their money only to falter by a four-point margin. In a matter of minutes after the game Tipperary lifted their heads and vowed that they would be back this year. It was more than a weak promise to themselves. Now, almost to the day, twelve months later the blue and gold are back in Croke Park on Sunday next for another stab at the title. Down provide the opposition in a game that starts at 1.45 p.m.

It should always be a case of ladies first, but as far as the Tipperary side is concerned they have no objections whatsoever to being the last team from the county to take the All-Ireland arena this year! Their only concern now is to bring home the laurels and, in doing so, they would complete a wonderful Premier County's 'treble', what with the senior and junior hurlers already pencilled into the All-Ireland record books. Although they are deliberately adopting a very low-key approach for this final in an attempt to have everything right for the big day, they are cautiously optimistic that, on the basis of their championship campaign to date, they have the ability to do it this time around.

It will be no easy task, Tipperary are quick to admit, and Down carry a great deal of confidence into this game. Tipperary, however, are firm believers in the old adage that "one must lose a final to win a final" and in this respect they are hopeful that the experience gained last year in defeat will stand them in good stead on Sunday. With basically the same panel as last year newcomers being Sinead Nealon, daughter of former Tipperary hurler Donie Nealon, Joan Tobin, Irene Butler, Anne Gleeson (Thurles) and Maria Hogan, Tipperary have spared no effort in their preparation



Mr James Callow, Managing Director of Taranto Ltd. Flooring & Pile Manufacturers, presenting Joan Tobin, Civil Engineer and member of Tipperary camogie team with a set of sports bags on the occasion of their reaching the All-Ireland Final.

(Photo: Michael Masterson)

managed to hold their composure.

It is against that background that they go into Sunday's game with fierce determination. Former inter-county player Biddy Phillips and her colleague Bernie Dowd, both from Thurles, are in charge of the team with John Kennedy from Toomevara again with the responsibility of training the side. They have worked hard on preparing the team and are

Tipp's success has been all about.

With Down footballers' rise to prominence this year the Northern girls will be fired up to keep the flag flying on Sunday. It is reasonable to assume then that this game will be a tight affair with the outcome in doubt right up to the end. Tipperary should win it, but nothing can be taken for granted. As Marion Graham, Tipperary Board Secretary, points out, "an All-Ireland is an All-Ireland" and very often predictions don't



Discussing next Sunday's All-Ireland final, left to right: Eamonn de Brun, County Camogie Board Chairman; Biddy Phillips, selector; Marian Graham, County Camogie Board Secretary; John Kennedy, trainer and selector; Bernie O'Dowd, selector; Liam Hogan, County Camogie Board vice-chairman photographed at a recent training session. (Photo: B. O'Connor)

The Tipperary team for Sunday is:

Sinead Nealon (Burgess)  
Triona Bonnar (Cashel)  
Deirdre Hughes (Toomevara)

A. Keeshan (St. Bernadette's, Roscrea)  
Jovita Delaney (Cashel)

Cora Kennedy (Toomevara)  
Kaiffe Moloney (Cashel)  
Joan Tobin (Belfast)

Claire Madden (Portroe)  
Orla Hogan (Burgess)  
Ann Gleeson (Toomevara)

Helen O'Leary (Cashel)

Subs.: Ailish Delaney (Templemore), Maeve Stokes (Clonmel), Geraldine Ryan-Meagher (Cappawhite), Irene Butler (Cashel), Ann Gleeson (Thurles), Maria Hogan (Burgess).





The hurling connection: Sinead Nealon, daughter of senior hurling selector Donie and Triona Bonnar, sister of senior hurlers Cormac, Colm and Conal.

(Photo B. O'Connor)

for the final, and have been training three nights per week at The Ragg since their semi-final victory over Dublin. They have come through the championship the hard way with a five point victory over National League champions Limerick and a deserved two-point win over old rivals Cork in the Munster final. That was a real cliff-hanger with Tipperary showing their greatest trait, character, in holding out in a tremendous finish.

#### MEMORABLE REVIVAL

It was in the semi-final, however, that Tipperary put on the best display of courage and character to overcome a Dublin side in their own pitch St. Brigid's, Blanchardstown. At times during that game they looked dead on their feet but they simply refused to capitulate. Down ten points with fifteen minutes to go, they overcome all kinds of adversity to stage one of the most memorable revivals in the history of the game, to emerge three point victors. The narrow margin of victory in all three outings serves to indicate how hard Tipperary have worked to achieve success, and even while making bad mistakes, as was the case in the semi-final, they still

keeping their fingers crossed that their goal can be achieved.

Biddy Phillips thinks that Tipperary are a more settled team this year than last year. "This year they know what to expect. I think they know what defeat is all about and they did not like it. Therefore, I feel that there will be a greater motivation there now to make amends for last year's failure", said Biddy.

Down are reputed to be a very skilful and determined side, with plenty of youth on their side. "Down beat Galway in the semi-final and we know they are good. All northern teams are good and we will really have to play good hurling from the start if we are to get the better of them", said Biddy. Biddy points out that while Down may be a very young side, Tipperary have a nice combination of youth and experience throughout the field, what with the likes of Cora Kennedy in defence, adding that vital bit of experience to it, and Ann Gleeson in attack. Deirdre Hughes is playing great stuff right now as is Triona Bonnar, but of course it takes more than a few players to bring a team to an All-Ireland and hopefully win it, and a team effort is what

For her, in particular, and other camogie officials it is a busy time, to say the least, but a marvellous time too. To make it even more rewarding they would like to see as much support as possible behind the team as they set out on the All-Ireland trail.

The team party and officials leave Thurles station on Saturday next at 6.45 p.m. and will stay overnight at the Aisling Hotel. After the game on Sunday they will attend the official All-Ireland reception at the Grand Hotel, Malahide, and will return, hopefully in triumph, to Thurles on Monday evening, arriving by train at 7.30 p.m. Win, lose or draw there will be a reception for the team on their return, but what a marvellous occasion it will be should they have the cup with them.

They appeal to as many Tipperary fans as possible to travel to Croke Park and to meet them at Thurles station on Monday evening. The junior final is the curtain-raiser to the senior final between Cork and Kilkenny.



Breda Hogan, R.V. Chemicals Ltd., Nenagh (fourth from left) presenting a set of jerseys to team captain Kaiiffe Moloney, representing Tipperary junior camogie team. Also included are some of the players.

(Photo: B. O'Connor)



## Friends and Rivals

It is often said that two women find it hard to live under the same roof. Not quite true, as far as Down's Teresa Allen and Tipperary's Joan Tobin are concerned. And that despite the fact that both ladies will actually be marking each other in next Sunday's All-Ireland final!

The intriguing scenario arises due to the fact that Joan who plays centre-forward for Tipperary, is an engineer based in Belfast. Teresa Allen is also working in the city and both live in the same house there. Friends will become deadly rivals for the duration of the game on Sunday but I am sure no matter how terse the exchanges between both ladies in Croke Park, they will both return to the same Northern abode next week.

Joan Tobin travels home for training at week-ends, and is fervently hoping that she can have one up on Teresa as she sets out to make her return journey to her place of work.

(Photo: B. O'Connor)



Below: Peadar Fitzgibbon, W. Fitzgibbon Furniture Stores, Thurles (third from left) presenting a set of tracksuits to the Tipperary junior camogie team who will contest the All-Ireland final on Sunday. The tracksuits were accepted on behalf of the team by Kaiiffe Moloney, captain. Also included are some of the players.



# Minder Marion

CORK'S All-Ireland camogie final goalkeeper, Marion McCarthy will be taking on the famous Downey sisters on Sunday in more ways than one.

The Eire Og player who hails from Ballinhassig will not only be having a battle on the pitch as she faces up to the powerful duo's shots at goal but she'll be aiming to beat them in the medals' stakes as well.

Angela and Ann have a whopping 10 All-Ireland medals each followed closely by Marion who'll be bidding for her 9th, a record in its own right in Cork camogie circles. And if she can make this her ninth, then she may just go all the way and try and out-score the Kilkenny cats' record.

## Cool

'I'm not throwing the towel in yet', she said during the week. Even though I'm getting on a bit now I still love the game and have no intentions of packing it in just yet'. A great ballplayer who shows excellent judgement and coolness under pressure, she has won four of her All-Ireland medals outfield and four in goal.

Sister of Sean McCarthy, who won an All-Ireland himself last year with the Cork hurlers, she was very disappointed to have missed the senior championship game with her club this year in Cork, due to a hand injury, but she was firing on all guns this week in

training. 'There's a great buzz in the camp, and thanks to coach, Joe McGrath, we're both physically and mentally well prepared for another clash with the mighty Kilkenny team'.

The team are training three nights a week (Monday, Wednesday and Friday) and selectors Rose Malone (Eire Og), Marie Mackey (Glen) and Marie Kearney (Sars) were looking pleased with their charges. 'There are a lot of young players coming through, the likes of Jean Paul Kent of Na Piarasigh and Irene O'Keeffe of Innishannon have blended in well this year', she said. 'They've played most of the league matches and they won't leave Cork down on the day if selected to play'.

Marion, who captained Cork to National League success in 1986, also holds 3 National League medals, 16 Munster senior medals, 3 Gael Linn Senior medals, Cork and Munster Club Championship Medals, is a Jury's Award Winner and a B&I award winner.

After finishing work in Adams Russell on the Pouladuff Road, she often goes for a puck-around with brother Seanie and Denis Junior. 'On the Sunday morning of a game, we also head down to the pitch just to banish the nerves and loosen up, it's great therapy for all of us'. So anyone around Ballinhassig on Sunday morning next, watch out for the lads and give them our best Echo Sport wishes.

# The girls vital statistics!

**MARIAN MCCARTHY** (Eire Og) holds eight All-Ireland senior championship medals, as well as Cork and Munster Club Championship honours. Employed at Adam Russells, she has been honoured with the B&I award; holds seven senior county championship medals.

**LIZ DUNPHY** (Sarsfields): Cork captain last season, a member of the Sarsfield's Club, holds Colleges All-Ireland with St. Patrick's, All-Ireland Junior, Gael Linn and National League as well as junior, intermediate and senior county championship medals.

**COLETTE O'MAHONY** (St. Finbarr's): An accomplished free taker, Colette captained Cork minors to All-Ireland victory in 1984, and holds two All-Ireland minor medals. She has minor, junior and senior Munster Championship honours as well as Gael Linn and National League. She represented Cork in the Féile na nGael skills in 1981 and is also club secretary.

**PAULA GOGGINS** (Na Piarasigh). Won All-Ireland minor medal in 1979; also holds All-Ireland Colleges medal with North Presentation in 1980; won an All-Ireland junior medal with Cork in 1984; holds National League honours with Cork; Munster junior and senior honours as well as Gael Linn honours.

**LIZ O'NEILL** (Bishopstown). Won a Munster minor medal in 1982, junior Munster in 1987 as well as Gael Linn junior and senior honours. Liz is a very hard working member of her club being coach to their U-16 side. Holds junior and intermediate county championship medals with Bishopstown.

**IRENE O'LEARY** (Na Piarasigh). Captained Cork juniors to All-Ireland victory in 1984, holds All-Ireland Colleges medal with North Press in 1984, has also Munster senior, junior and minor honours, as well as Munster Colleges senior and Cork u-18 championship medal. Was Munster Youths Sports award winner in 1980.

**BREDA KENNY** (Sarsfields). A native of Galway, Brenda is in her second season with Cork. Holds Ashbourne Cup medals with UCD. Is chairperson of the Sarsfields club. After the final she is off to the Himalays on a climbing holiday.

**SANDIE FITZGIBBON** (Glen Rovers). An all-rounder who has combined basketball and camogie at the highest level. One of the few players on the team to hold All-Ireland senior medals won in 1982 and 1983. First player to win three minor All-Ireland medals. Holds Munster club, minor, junior and senior honours, as well as All-Ireland club medals. Jury's Sports Star award winner in November. Was a member of Rest of Ireland team in 1988.

**LINDA MELLERICK** (Glen Rovers). Holds All-Ireland minor, junior and club medals, as well as intermediate and senior Co. Championship honours. Was a member of Rest of Ireland team in 1988, won an All-Ireland seven-a-side medal last season, holds junior and minor All-Ireland medals. Employed at Bourne Electronics.

**LIZ TOWLER** (Bishopstown). Holds an All-Ireland minor medal, Munster and u-18 honours. Will be playing in her first senior championship game. Is an international soccer player who plays her club soccer with Rangers. Has won junior and intermediate county medals with her club.

**THERESE O'CALLAGHAN** (Glen Rovers) (Capt). Therese captained Glen Rovers to All-Ireland club championship and seven-a-side All-Ireland title last season, holds Munster junior, senior and club medals, as well as Gael-Linn and National League honours. Holds four county senior and one junior medal.

**GER MCCARTHY** (Glen Rovers). Holds All-Ireland senior medals won in 1982 and '83; also holds minor, junior, club and seven-a-side All-Irelands. Captained Glen Rovers to their county championship success this season, holds three senior co. medals.

**BRID WALSH** (St. Finbarr's). Holds two All-Ireland minor medals won in '84 and '85, Gael-Linn junior as well as Munster medals in minor, u-18, junior and senior. Was goalie for this year's National League victory over Kilkenny.

**JEAN PAULA KENT** (Na Piarasigh). Holds three All-Ireland minor medals as well as junior and minor Munster honours; was a member of the senior panel for the first time this season. Has won the All-Ireland skills at Féile na nGael, holds three All-Ireland minor medals as well as National

League and Gael-Linn honours. Holds under age championship honours.

**VAL TWOMEY** (Sarsfields). Holds a Munster minor medal as well as a senior National League, has played with UCC in the Ashbourne Cup interspersed competition. Has also won a combined University championship medal. Has won a senior county championship with Sarsfields in 1989. Is a student at UCC.

**IRENE O'KEEFFE** (Inniscarra). First season in senior panel, played colleges camogie with St. Aloysius, holds a National League and Gael-Linn honours. Has been prominent on the Cork junior team for the last few seasons. Works for AIB.

**MAGS FINN** (Fr. O'Neills). Holds Munster senior, junior and Gael-Linn honours. Has also won National League honours; is the secretary of the Fr. O'Neill's Club with whom she has won junior and intermediate Co. Championship medals.

**BETTY JOYCE** (Killeagh). Captained Cork to All-Ireland junior victory in 1980. Has refereed an All-Ireland senior final in 1986. Betty holds All-Ireland club championship medal with Killeagh; captained Cork seniors in 1989 All-Ireland final. Holds Munster minor, junior, senior and club medals. Has six senior county championships as well as All-Ireland seven-a-side honours.

**DENISE CRONIN** (Glen Rovers). Holds Munster minor and junior honours; has also won Munster club and All-Ireland club championships, u-18 and senior county championship honours, as well as Gael-Linn honours.

**FIONA O'DRISCOLL** (Fr. O'Neills). First year on senior panel, has won Munster minor and u-18 championship honours. Has also won intermediate championship with her club. Played with St. Mary's, Middleton in last season's Colleges All-Ireland final.

**CLARE MCCARTHY** (Glen Rovers). Won four All-Ireland medals in 1980, a colleges, minor, junior and senior. Has three minor All-Irelands as well as club and seven-a-side All-Irelands. Holds county senior championship honours. Received an injury during the season which has forced her to miss the entire championship campaign.



On its annual day out at headquarters,  
just how healthy is the game of camogie?

# Camogie takes turn to play in the spotlight

Denis Walsh

THIS is the one week in the year when Camogie leaves the darkness, but escapes only to the shade. The huff and hype which surrounded Croke Park all summer has gone and on the far side is the final of the All Ireland Camogie championship.

Today Kilkenny meet Cork, the greatest champions of the modern game against their greatest rivals, but Croke Park will not be hooting with a full house as it was on two other Sundays this month, rather it will murmur to a modest gathering of no more than about 5,000.

Yet the gaunt countenance of today's final is not representative of the rosy cheeked well being of the game. Never have more players — 60,000 — played the game, in more clubs than ever before. Thirty-one counties are now affiliated to the camogie board, and if every county doesn't field a team every year, never more than a handful fail to do so.

Still, though, the game leads a twilight existence, wrestling with the shade. As the top teams have come to prepare themselves with greater degrees of professionalism, sponsors have been courted, but only in small bands and into small commitments.

The playing population too stands always under threat. The migration of players from rural places to Dublin or beyond thwarts camogie clubs more than it does their GAA counterparts, hamstrung by the lack of funds to ferry players back for matches. Marriage and motherhood too are drains which perennially strike. And if the number of clubs have mushroomed in most counties in the last

substance have traditionally been located in the traditional hurling areas, but even this is not a guarantee of stability. Today a county of Tipperary's size and hurling pedigree will only contest the junior final. Tipp, though, have endured camogie's wider problems in the last decade.

In 1984 they contested the senior final, losing to Dublin, but that year nine of that team emigrated. The Tipp camogie board could not place its top players in employment like many other major GAA boards could have. Since then two of those players have returned, but both married and only playing club camogie.

In the last seven years Tipp have regrouped and harvested a crop of good youngsters, taking the minor title two years ago and contesting their second junior final in succession today.

But today, too, is a big day in Tipperary club hurling. The camogie team will draw a good crowd with them to Croke Park, but it would have been a far better one without local counter attractions. Camogie in Tipp, as everywhere else, lives a lot because of the GAA and a little in spite of it.

In Tipp the GAA bought the camogie board a pitch five miles outside Thurles, and the camogie board can buy it from the GAA within 30 years for the £16,000 that it cost. All around the country camogie clubs use GAA pitches and are identified with GAA clubs, but they remain outside the association. In this, though, there is a change afoot.

A motion was passed at Camogie's Congress two years ago to open discussions with the GAA about affiliation and since then the two have met sporadically. There

Camogie's full-time General Secretary Sheila Wallace in her Croke Park office

meetings to find them. "These things", says General Secretary Sheila Wallace, "do not happen overnight."

But it will happen: "A lot of people think we're under the banner anyway. It's really to make something official that's unofficial anyway."

The triumph of camogie's existence is in places where it doesn't live under hurling's canopy. Camogie exists in places you would not expect it.

In Fermanagh the game has roller coasted since the '60s. There has been a club in every parish at some time, but never all at the one time. Some years there may be as many as ten clubs, but this year there are only six, and maybe a playing population of 150.

Fermanagh camogie has had

fielded a county team in the late '60s, Fermanagh has paddled in shallow waters.

It is five years since they won a match when they beat Offaly in the National Junior League. In the late '60s they reached an Ulster junior semi-final, when they lost to Down, but these have been their days on the high ground.

They struggle to find a trainer, says their secretary Maire O'Neill, but their county board is strong, and vigilant against any signs of extinction.

"We need see a team winning the odd time and it would be great for youngsters starting the game to see a winning team. But we go out and play for the sake of camogie."

A world away in Cork their team has been preparing this week for the senior final. It is less difficult to find a trainer in Cork. This

cession, Joe McGrath, one of the GAA's highest profile coaches, has taken charge of the team.

The Cork team began indoor training in a gym back in February and did some outdoor work on Friday nights at nine o'clock. This year the team has trained three nights a week during the championship, when before they met no more than twice. Training has begun at six o'clock in recent weeks and continued until dark.

Last year, for the first time, a Cork team went to a leading hotel in the week of a match, like the hurlers and footballers do, and this week they have been treated to two leading hotels by their sponsors. These things are symptoms of the change which has overtaken the game.

Today in Croke Park Angela Downey, the greatest player in the modern game, and her sister Anne, will be seeking their 11th All Ire-

land medal in their 20th season. The gym work that the Cork team has taken to as a collective the Downeys have been doing by themselves for years. They have set a lead that others have followed.

Their experience of Croke Park on final day will be no different from any other year. There will be the same echoes in the stand. Camogie's greatest failure has been their inability to sell their biggest game to their own.

"It would piss you off," says Angela Downey. "I'd be in favour of playing the games before some of big hurling match, but I know I'd be shot down if I said that. All you'll see at the camogie final today will be friends and relations and schoolkids who get into the stand for 20p."

Today there will be too much brightness in the shade. Too much of the shade camogie casts on itself.

## Kilkenny to triumph

CORK v KILKENNY  
Croke Park 3.30

THIS is the third meeting of Cork and Kilkenny this year and we are scarcely closer to knowing what might happen today.

Cork won both of those previous meetings. A handsome win early in the league in Kilkenny when the home team treated the league with the customary disdain of All Ireland champions; and again in early summer in the league final when it was too close to the championship to treat any game so lightly.

Those games may have given Cork enough fodder to feed their self belief, but this Kilkenny team seems to believe they can beat Cork at will, and have enough evidence to prove it. Last year in the semi-final only one bizarre goal, one brilliant one and another late one floated their two points win, and that when Cork had outplayed them for a good two thirds of proceedings.

Two of the passengers in Cork's forward line have been replaced to the benefit of the team. Goalkeeper Marion McCarthy lost her place for the league, but regained it for the championship semi-final and retains it today. For the last two years McCarthy has suffered ghastly lapses against Kilkenny, but she remains.

Kilkenny have begun to blood their marvellous minors of the last few years on a team which shows four changes from last year. The Downeys, though, remain after a year of virtually no club hurling. This won't do their appetite any harm; though hunger was never their problem.

Cork will need Paula Goggins to apply herself to Angela Downey as she did last year, and hope that enough of her other team mates apply themselves in the same manner. Even still Cork probably need too many ifs and Kilkenny are blessed with too many constants.

Denis Walsh



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# Cork set to defy the magnificent seven

A SINGLE All-Ireland title was little compensation to some Cork folk when their minor footballers brought home the Markham Cup last week.

But tomorrow a Cork team have a real chance of pulling off a rather special coup as they endeavour to topple the doyens of modern camogie, Kilkenny, who are chasing their seventh consecutive title.

On early season form, the Leesiders have looked to have a special bite this year. Fuelled by their brilliant All-Ireland club-winning quartet from Glen Rovers — Therese O'Callaghan, Sandie Fitzgibbon, Lindy Mellerick and Ger

McCarthy — they thrashed the All-Ireland champions by 14 points in their first league game last autumn.

They followed up with revenge for their '89 All-Ireland final defeat by beating the Noresiders 2-13 to 2-6 in the National League final on June 30, although Kilkenny were admittedly without Marina Downey and Breda Holmes.

But as the victims of the Down and Meath footballers well know, league form counts for little come the championship.

Kilkenny, back at full strength after a relaxed league regime, are now firing on all cylinders and easily dispensed with Antrim and Wexford in the earlier championship rounds.

Since last September



HEAD TO HEAD . . . Kilkenny skipper Angela Downey and her Cork counterpart Therese O'Callaghan



they have lost their brilliant centre back Bridie McGarry along with Breda Cahill and Claire Jones.

But they have been bolstered with the blending in of four of the All Ireland Minor holders, Una Mur-

phy, Brigid Mullaly, Jillian Dillon and Sinead Millea, the latter two both daughters of their famous hurling fathers, Pa and Joe.

Kilkenny of course also have the matchwinning Downey sisters Ann and

Angela, two of the swiftest and most skilful exponents of the game.

Cork, coached by current Waterford manager Joe McGrath, have had an excellent season and will be keen to capitalise on their greater average age to take revenge for losing three consecutive All-Ireland Finals to Kilkenny from 1987-'89.

Cork had impressive victories over Dublin and Galway en route and this game is sure to swing on the battle between their midfielders Colette O'Mahony, Therese O'Callaghan and basketball International Sandie Fitzgibbon and Kilkenny's Marina and Ann Downey and Jillian Dillon.

The Junior final between Tipperary and Down has

particular significance for one Cashel family as mid-fielder Triona Bonnar may enable them to bring a fourth All-Ireland medal into the cache.

**CORK (SC v Kilkenny):** M McCarthy, L Dunphy, P Goggins, B Kenny, L Towler, C O'Mahony, T O'Callaghan (Capt), S Fitzgibbon, L Mellerick, G McCarthy, L O'Neill, I O'Leary.

**KILKENNY (SC):** M Fitzpatrick, B O'Sullivan, U Murphy, D Malone, F Rothwell, M Downey, Ann Downey, J Dillon, S Millea, B Mullaly, A Downey (Capt), B Holmes.

**TIPPERARY (JC v Down):** A Keeshan, J Delaney, S Nealon, C Kennedy, C Madden, T Bonnar, K Moloney (Capt), O Hogan, D Hughes, J Tobin, A Gleeson, H O'Leary.

**DOWN (JC):** L O'Prey, A Coyle, P Greene, T Allen, D Smyth, N McCartan, I Oakes, B Kelly, M O'Higgins, M McAleenan, N O'Prey, V McGrovey.

## Cork's turn has come

BY TOM HIGGINS

KILKENNY will be bidding to make it seven in a row when they take on Cork in the All-Ireland camogie final at Croke Park tomorrow. However, having beaten the Noresiders in the League final at the end of June, the Rebel county are in confident mood.

The last time the sides met in the decider was in 1989 when Kilkenny came out on top by 3-10 to 2-6. They also met in last year's semi-final, when Cork were unlucky to go under by two points - 3-5 to 4-4.

There are three changes from that team, with the injured Claire McCarthy being replaced by Liz Towler, and Betty Joyce and Lyn Dunlea giving way to Colette O'Mahony and Ger McCarthy.

The panel have trained very hard under the guidance of Joe McGrath and will be able to field their strongest team, even though two of the side, Ger McCarthy and Therese O'Callaghan, have slight injuries. McCarthy has been getting physiotherapy for a muscle injury, while Therese

has an injured finger, which she described as "more awkward than painful", and has been protecting it with a glove.

County Secretary Rose Desmond feels that this is going to be Cork's year.

"We have beaten Kilkenny in two of our last three meetings, in the league twice, but they beat us in the championship last year. When it boils down to it league form means nothing when it comes to the championship. Everyone is aware of Kilkenny's ability and they won't give up the O'Duffy Cup without a fight.

"All the Cork players have the right mental attitude and are really determined to rectify the situation. No one would begrudge them an All-Ireland medal", said Rose.

"Trainer Joe McGrath has really instilled the will to win into the side and that have reciprocated by training hard for him. They won't be found wanting tomorrow. We seem to bring out the best in Kilkenny, and they in us, so it is going to be a 50-50 game. Let's hope it will be Cork who will regain the title and deprive Kilkenny of their seven in a row", added Rose.

A player on each side will be endeavouring to make their own little bit of history tomorrow.

Cork's Therese O'Callaghan will be seeking to land a rare treble by leading her side to victory. Last year she was captain of her club, Glen Rovers, when they won the All-Ireland Club championship and was nominated to captain the county team who won the National League title at the end of June.

On the Kilkenny side is Sinead Millea, a daughter of Joe Millea who played top of the right for the Cats when they beat Cork in the 1969 All-Ireland. If her side retains the O'Duffy Cup she will become the first player to win an All-Ireland senior and minor medal in the same year. Incidentally, she joins Cork star Sandy Fitzgibbon as the only player to win three All-Ireland minor medals.

Cork are seeking their fifteenth title tomorrow while Kilkenny will be looking for their eleventh. The Downey sisters, Ann and Angela, hold the rare honour of having figured in all Kilkenny's previous winning sides. Only Kathleen Mills (15) and Una O'Connor (13) have more medals than the Kilkenny sisters.



Marion McCarthy: chasing her ninth All-Ireland medal tomorrow





The Kilkenny team who will face Cork in the All-Ireland camogie final at Croke Park tomorrow.

Tomorrow's All-Ireland camogie final has the makings of a *classic*

# Kilkenny aim for seven in a row

Tom Brett

This week-end belongs to the players from Kilkenny, Cork, Tipperary and Down, all of whom will be in Croke Park tomorrow trying their best to bring the All-Ireland titles back to their respective counties.

Reigning All-Ireland senior holders Kilkenny will be striving to make it seven title in a row when they line out against this year's national league holders Cork, in what should be a fascinating duel.

Earlier in the afternoon Down will be trying to achieve what their footballers did last Sunday and take the junior title across the border for the next twelve months. On current form throughout this year's league and championship Kilkenny and Cork deserve to be in contention tomorrow for the games most coveted prize the O'Duffy cup.

Cork, who were so unlucky to be beaten in last year's semi-final by tomorrow's opponents are all out to avenge that disappointing set back and have been encouraged by the fact that they have already defeated Kilkenny twice this season. On their way to this year's final they have brushed aside the challenges of Dublin and Galway but in Kilkenny and particularly in Croke Park they know it won't be easy for them.

While many are of the opinion that this year could see the demise of Kilkenny's great team of the past decade, who could write off a side that boasts of the likes of the Downey twins Angela and Anne, Biddie O'Sullivan, Breda Holmes,

Marie FitzPatrick, Marina Downey and Bridget Mulally.

With the array of talent like that in your side you can be sure that Kilkenny will fight tooth and nail to hold on to the title they have so gloriously won in the past six years. Tomorrow they will be striving for their seventh successive crown and no other county besides Dublin, who managed to win ten titles on the trot, can boast of this distinction. Kilkenny have proved to be invincible during the past six years and one cannot write off their chances tomorrow.

Cork on the other hand have disappointed many times during Kilkenny's reign and they would dearly love to atone for all their let-downs during this period. They have excellent and very skilful players in Sandie Fitzgibbon, Linda Mellerick, Captain Theresa O'Callaghan, Ger McCarthy, Liz O'Neill, and Irene O'Leary and Kilkenny will have to keep a close watch on these.

Marian McCarthy who lines out in goal for Cork is the proud owner of eight All-Ireland medals - seven of which she won as a goalkeeper and one when she turned out on the wing for her native county. Her experience could prove invaluable tomorrow. This game has all the makings of a classic.

It is hard to go against Kilkenny but they don't seem to be winning their matches as comfortably as perhaps they would like.



Helping out St. Canice's Credit Union in Kilkenny have helped out the county camogie team for tomorrow's All-Ireland final in Croke Park and here Breda McDonald, Director presents team captain Angela Downey with a hold-all. On the left is Paddy Fry, Credit Controller, and on the right is Breda Ryan, Kilkenny County Camogie Secretary.

Cork have been so near but yet so far on many an occasion in recent years and they feel they can go all the way this time.

However, they should not allow themselves to be lured into a feeling of false security and their two victories over the All-Ireland champions earlier in the season will count for nothing tomorrow. Kilkenny have shown that they are never beaten until the final whistle. If the game is close coming towards the end the threat of Angela Downey will come to the fore as she can turn a game with one flash of genius.

The most disconcerting aspect of this Cork side is that they have shuffled around their forces for this game, and if these changes do not come off, they may live to regret it.

In the junior game Ulster champions Down will be hoping to emulate their footballers of Sunday last and bring the trophy north of the border. Tipperary, who were unfortunate to be beaten in last year's final are also keen to add to the All-Ireland title their hurlers so gloriously won earlier this month.

So all in all both counties

are going into this game on a high note. Down defeat a Galway side that was very much favoured in the semi-final while Tipperary overcame Leinster champions Dublin with a very strong finish in a marvellous game that saw them come back from two points down with only minutes left for play.

The experience gained from last year's final will stand them in good stead tomorrow and with a mixture of senior players in their ranks they should make it a memorable one for the blue and tomorrow.



## Kilkenny again

KILKENNY have struck it so rich in the All Ireland Senior Camogie championship that they line out against resurgent Cork in an appealing Croke Park final today with an unbeaten record stretching back to 1985.

The champions go into what has the makings of a thrilling game of high standard play with a rich quota of gifted and experienced players. Only two of their side, half back Una Murray and forward Sinead Millea, are newcomers to senior final action. Both are former All Ireland Minor medal winners and have shown up well already in the top grade.

Cork, who are appearing in their first final in two years, can take much encouragement from the fact that they had seven points to spare over Kilkenny, who fielded ten of today's side in the National League final in June. There is a world of difference between League and championship play, but that success still suggests Cork are on the right track.



■ ANN DOWNEY

Many believe that Kilkenny had reached the end of a era after the League final set-back, but the All Ireland champions have emphasised, in the meantime, that they are not ready yet to easily relinquish their grip on the crown.

There was much to admire in their six points semi final win over Wexford, who were runners-up for last year's National title. Ann Downey had an outstanding game at midfield, scoring eight points. That sparkling form and the tremendous experience of ten All Ireland senior medal wins indicates that Downey will prove a big threat to Cork.

Kilkenny's defence, with Marie Fitzpatrick in goal, plus the experience of Deirdre Malone and Frances Rothwell, is unlikely to give much away. Angela Downey remains one of the best match winners in attack and she has good all-round support in this division.

Nor is it easy to overlook Kilkenny's great experience, and the clever and combined play they have developed over the years. These are other vital assets as they face up to what is sure to prove a very strong challenge from a fine Cork side.

With the likelihood of Ann Downey proving the most influential figure in the vital midfield area, Kilkenny look to have the allround power to narrowly keep their great winning run intact after an entertaining match.

**KILKENNY** - M Fitzpatrick, B O'Sullivan, U Murray, D Malone, F Rothwell, M Downey, Ann Downey, G Dillon, S Millea, B Mullally, Angela Downey, B Holmes.

**CORK** - M McCarthy, L Dunphy, P Goggins, B Kenny, L Towler, C O'Mahony, T O'Callaghan, S Fitzgibbon, L Mellerick, G McCarthy, L O'Neill, I O'Leary.

**TIPPERARY**, who lost their All Ireland Junior Camogie final debut to Kildare last year, are hoping for better fortune when they meet Down in the Croke Park curtain-raiser.

**TIPPERARY** - A Keesham, J Delaney, S Nealon, C Kennedy, C Madden, P Bonnar, K Maloney, O Hogan, D Hughes, J Tobin, A Gleeson, H O'Leary.

**DOWN** - L O'Prey, A Coyle, P Greene, T Allen, D Smyth, I Oakes, N McCarthy, B Kelly, M O'Higgins, M McAleenan, N O'Prey, V McGreeves.

## Kilkenny to prevail

**T**HIRTEEN months ago, Cork's mentors gifted victory to an ill-prepared Kilkenny side in the All-Ireland camogie semi-final, writes Kevin Cashman. As folk drifted away from Ballinlough, expectation was almost unanimous that — granted a minuscule increment of selectorial sense — a Cork dynasty would be inaugurated in 1991, and might prove as longaeval as its mighty predecessor.

Three months later, Glen Rovers obliterated St. Pauls in the All-Ireland club final: expectation hardened into inevitability. Now, ten months and a League victory onward, inevitability has dissolved back into misgiving.

Central players, Therese O'Callaghan, Sandy Fitzgibbon and Liz Dunphy are doing their bits. But a meagre brace of goals in each qualifying game, against such disjointed resistance as that of Dublin and Galway, presages even fewer today. And point taking has been on the minus side of competent.

Thrust and hunger made Linda Mellerick Cork's principal defier of Kilkenny in her first final. If she can rediscover those properties, she may become the leader Cork very much need up front.

In every recent Championship match against Kilkenny, Marion McCarthy conceded a soft goal or two. She was absent for the League — and Cork won it. Today she's back. A once great goalkeeper, having lost much of her agility, is clearly no longer great, nor even adequate. Seems that modicum of selectorial sense was not granted.

Quite unquestionably the old zest and zoom were missing in Kilkenny, and St. Pauls, right through 1990. They got by on an extravagance of experience and instinct, and even more luck. Now, those inestimable properties, zest and zoom, are said to be flooding back and training proceeding like that of Desert Orchid for a Boxing Day at Kempton.

This year's Kilkenny minor team overflowed with startling, almost frightening, skill. The velvet touch of a Keher, the svelte carriage of a Morrissey, bloomed in four or five of them and budded in the rest. The influence of Angela Downey was not difficult to perceive.

Sublime of the lot, Sinead Millea, lines out beside her preceptor today. No player can know what an All-Ireland debut occasion will do to or for her or him — but having a few dozen All-Ireland medals on hand to guide and protect can be a wonderful antidote to doubt and inhibition. If this youngster gets motoring . . .

One question is whether Kilkenny have promoted sufficient young blood — or, rather, young legs. Another is whether Cork have the sagacity, on pitch and line, to direct and maximise their ambition and appetite and outfield mobility.

The answer to both is probably "no". And that's where Kilkenny's sagacity and Cork's goalkeeping may very well become decisive. As oft-times before.

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**ALL IRELAND SEVEN** (at Glenabryne) — Quarter final — Marino 4-5, Sarsfieldbridge 1-2; Butler's Alley 3-4, Tara 0-8; Swatragh 1-3, St. Munna's 4-1; Glenamaddy 3-3, Crumlin 1-3; Semi-final — Butler's Alley 3-7, St. Munna's 1-1; Marino 0-7, Glenamaddy 0-3; Final — Marino 2-10, Butler's Alley 0-4.

**All-Ireland senior final** — Kilkenny 3-8; Cork 0-10; Junior Final: Down 3-13, Tipperary 2-14.



# Kilkenny seeking seventh successive All-Ireland title

ONE of the most-successful squads in modern Irish sport will be back on centre stage in Croke Park tomorrow. This is the Kilkenny senior camogie team, which seeks its seventh successive All-Ireland title when they meet Cork in an eagerly-awaited final.

This game will be preceded by the junior decider, in which Tipperary, runners-up 12 months ago to Kildare, play Down.

The champions are strengthened by the return of the experienced Breda Holmes, who lines out at full-forward.

Other changes from the League final, which Kilkenny lost to Cork, send Una Murphy to wing-back, feature the recall of Gillian Dillon to midfield and the introduction of star minor Sinead Millea to attack.

The champions are without three of last year's final team. Bridie McGarry has retired. Breda Cahill is injured while Claire Jones is not available.

Yet, they still field the Downey twins, Angela and Ann, long-serving goalkeeper

Marie Fitzpatrick, sterling full-back Biddy O'Sullivan, another vastly-experienced defender in Deirdre Malone and Breda Holmes.

These provide a formidable backbone that should enable the younger players to quickly settle down.

Cork retain eight of the team that lost the 1989 final. Significantly, perhaps, the half-back line has been completely changed since that game.

Two of their newest recruits, Paula Goggins and Liz Towler, flank Galway-born Breda Kenny, and the outcome could well depend on how this trio counter Sinead Millea, Bridget Mullally and the incomparable Angela Downey.

Towler is making her senior championship debut

while full-forward Irene O'Leary returns after missing the semi-final because of injury.

Cork, seeking their 15th O'Duffy Cup triumph, are determined to once and for all lay what they consider a Kilkenny bogey. They have prepared diligently, will not fail for lack of fitness or skill and comfortably accounted for Dublin and Galway en route.

However, Kilkenny will not lightly surrender their title. As so often in the past, Angela Downey's ability to create scores from, literally, nothing could prove the difference between these rivals and bring this title to Nore side for the 11th time.

Tipperary lost last year's junior final by only four points to a very-experienced Kildare team. They are



● THE DOWNEY TWINS Ann (left) and Angela, who are both seeking their eleventh All-Ireland senior medal tomorrow.

strengthened by the return of Joan Tobin and could make amends at the expense of Down, who are seeking their third national crown in this grade.

**CORK** — M. McCarthy; L. Dunphy; P. Goggins; B. Kenny; L. Towler; C. O'Mahony; T. O'Callaghan (capt.); S. Fitzgibbon; L. Mellerick; G. McCarthy; L. O'Neill; I. O'Leary.  
**KILKENNY** — M. Fitzpatrick; B. O'Sullivan; U. Murphy; D. Malone; F.

**Northwell**: Marina Downey, Ann Downey, G. Dillon; S. Millea, B. Mullally, Angela Downey (capt.).  
**DOWN** — L. O'Prey; A. Coyle; P. Greenan; T. Allen; D. Smith; N. Wren; C. O'Brien; I. Oakes; B. Kelly; M. O'Higgins; M. McAleenan; N. O'Prey; V. McGreevy.  
**TIPPERARY** — A. Keeshan; J. Deane; S. Nealon; C. Kennedy; C. Madden; T. Bonnar; K. Moloney; O. Hogan; D. Hughes; J. Tobin; A. Cleary; H. O'Leary.

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Ar an lá faoi leith seo, lá na mBan, tá bród agus rinéad orm fáilte ó chroí a chur roimh Uachtarán na hÉireann, Máire Mhic Róibín, dr n-aionna speisialta agus, gan amhras, romaibh uilig!

Tar éis do na foirne an buaicphointe a shroichint, rachainn i mbannai go mbeidh sár-choimhlínt idir Cill Chainnigh agus Corcaigh ins an gCluiche Sinsir agus idir An Dún agus Tiobraid Árann ins an gCluiche Sóisear.

Corcaigh and Cill Chainnigh have each got a great tradition of camogie. They meet for the 10th time in All-Ireland finals! The Kilkenny team is going for seven-in-a-row and will hope to exact sweet revenge for a defeat by Cork in this year's League Final. However, Cork will endeavour to dethrone the champions and take Corn Ua Dubhthaigh to the Lee-side for the 15th time!

An Dún and Tiobraid Árann clash in the curtain-raiser. Both teams had an exciting journey to the Junior Final. With the expertise available to these sides, it augurs well for a thrilling opening to to-day's programme.

Gabhaím buíochas fíréanta le lucht leanúna ár gcluiche i rith na bliana agus go háirithe leis na réiteoirí, na maoir agus leis na hoifigigh a chabhraigh lenár gcluiche náisiunta a fhorbairt. Is breá liom, freisin, go bhfuil borradh agus fás tagtha ar labhairt ár dteanga dhúchais i measc ár mball.

Tá togha agus rogha mná spóirt na hÉireann a' déanamh gaisce anseo inniu. Go n-éirí an t-ádh leis na foirne. Táimid buíoch diobh agus bróidiil astu!

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## CLÁR AN LAE

### AN DÚN v TIOBRAID ÁRANN

Sóisear: 1.45 i.n. Réiteoir: Máire Uí Chonchubhair (An Lú)

### CILL CHAINNIGH v CORCAIGH

Sinsir - 3.30 i.n. Réiteoir: Miriam Uí Cheallacháin (Uibh Fháighle)  
Banna Ceoil Ard Aidhin a bheidh ag seinm

## NA RÉITEOIRÍ

### SINSEAR

#### MIRIAM UÍ CHEALLACHÁIN

(Miriam O'Callaghan, Uibh Fháighle)

MIRIAM officiates at her first all-Ireland Senior Championship Final today. However, she is an experienced Inter-County Referee who has officiated at all levels.



Miriam Uí Cheallacháin.

Si Miriam a bhi i gceannas ar Cluiche Ceannais na Sóisear anuraigh i bPáirc an Chrócaigh. Roghnaiodh ina Réiteoir i dosna Cluichí Ceannais sna Sraithchomórtais ag leibhéal na Sinsir agus na Sóisear, maille le Craobhchomórtas na Mionúr agus na n-Iarbhunscoilleanna.

Miriam is an extremely able administrator and holds the positions of Cathaoirleach Choiste Uibh Fháighle agus Leas-Chathaoirleach Chomhairle Laighead. She is a member of Ardchomhairle and of the Central Referees and Fixtures Committees. She has made an enormous contribution to the growth and expansion of Camógaiocht both within and outside of her own county.

Imríonn si leis An Tulach Mhór agus le foireann Uibh Fháighle agus is an-imreoir go deo i.

### SÓISEAR

#### MÁIRE UÍ CHONCHUBHAIR

(Mary Connors, An Lú)

MÁIRE referees her first all-Ireland Final today, but like her colleague, Miriam, is an experienced Referee. She has refereed at all levels from Club to Inter-County.

I measc na gcluichí ar dhein Máire móltóireacht ortha bhi Craobhchluiche Idir-Chlub, Sinsir agus Sóisear, i gCúige Laighean, Cluichí Leathcheannais den Sraithchomórtas, Sinsir agus Sóisear, Cluiche



Máire Uí Chonchubhair.

Leathcheannais de Chraobhchomórtas na Sóisear, agus Comórtas Gael Linn.

Máire is involved in administration in her own Club, Naomh Áine, and at County level. She has held the offices of Cathaoirleach and Rúnaí of her club, and that of Clárathoir an Choiste Contae.

Is an-imreoir i Máire leis. She has won County Junior and Senior Championship medals with Naomh Áine, as well as Leinster Junior Club medals. She was a member of the An Lú team which carved its name in the history books when winning the County's first all-Ireland title, the Junior Championship, in 1982.

Go néirí go geal le Miriam, le Máire, agus lena gcuid oifigeach inniu.



# Cill Chainnigh

Dathanna: Dubh is Ómra

## 1. MÁIRE NIC GIOLLA PHÁDRAIG

Marie Fitzpatrick  
(St. Brigid's, Ballycallan)

## 2. BRÍD NÍ SHÚILLEABHÁIN

Biddy ÓSullivan  
(Tullogher)

## 3. ÚNA NÍ MHÚRÍ

Una Murray  
(Tullogher)

## 4. DEIRDRE NÍ MHAOLEOIN

Deirdre Malone  
(St. Brigid's, Ballycallan)

## 5. PROINSÉAS ROTHWELL

Frances Rothwell  
(St. Brigid's, Ballycallan)

## 6. MARINA NÍ DHÚNAIGH

Marina Downey  
(Lisdowney)

## 7. ÁINE NÍ DHÚNAIGH

Ann Downey  
(St. Paul's)

## 8. GILLIAN DHIOLÚN

Gillian Dillon  
(Freshford)

## 9. SINÉAD NÍ MHAOLAOIDH

Sinead Millea  
(St. Brigid's, Ballycallan)

## 10. BRÍD NÍ MHAOLALAIH

Bridget Mullally  
(Glenmore)

## 11. AINGEAL NÍ DHÚNAIGH

Angela Downey (Captain)  
(St. Paul's)

## 12. BRÍD NIC THOMÁIS

Breda Holmes  
(St. Paul's)

Ionadaithe: 13. Nórlín Ní Thlarnaigh (Noreen Tierney) Tullogher; 14. Noelle Ní Dhrisceoll (Noelle O'Driscoll) James Stephen's; 15. Bríd Bhearnabhal (Bridget Barnaville) Lisdowney; 16. Tracey Ní Mhaolaoildh (Tracey Millea) St. Brigid's, Ballycallan.

# CORCAIGH

Dathanna: Dearg is Bán

## 1. MUIREANN NIC CÁRTHAIGH

Mation McCarthy  
(Eire Óg)

## 2. ÉILÍS NÍ DHONNCHAIH

Liz Dunphy  
(Sarsfields)

## 3. PÓILÍN GHÓGAN

Paula Goggins  
(Na Píarsaigh)

## 4. BRÍD NIC CIONAOITH

Breda Kenny  
(Sarsfields)

## 5. EILIS TOWLER

Liz Towler  
(Bishopstown)

## 6. COLETTE NÍ MHATHÚNA

Colette O'Mahony  
(St. Finbarr's)

## 7. TREASA NÍ CHEALLACHÁIN

Therese O'Callaghan (Captain)  
(Glen Rovers)

## 8. SANDRA NIC GIOBÚIN

Sandie Fitzgibbon  
(Glen Rovers)

## 9. LINDA NÍ MHAOLGHEIRIC

Linda Mellerick  
(Glen Rovers)

## 10. GEARPÍDÍN NIC CÁRTHAIGH

Ger McCarthy  
(Glen Rovers)

## 11. ÉILÍS NÍ NÉILL

Lis O'Neill  
(Bishopstown)

## 12. IRENE NÍ LAOIRE

Irene O'Leary  
(Na Píarsaigh)

Ionadaithe: 13. Bríd Bhreatnach (Bríd Walsh) St. Finbarr's; 14. Mairéad Ní Fhinn (Margaret Finn) Fr. O'Neill's; 15. Sinéad Paula Cheannt (Jean Paula Kent) Na Píarsaigh; 16. Irene Ní Chaoimh (Irene O'Keefe) Inniscarra.



## FOIREANN CHILL CHAINNIGH

1. **Marie Fitzpatrick** (St. Brigid's). Bualteoir Chomórtas na Scileanna Féile na nGael 1980. Has represented Cill Chainnigh at every level; 6 Senior All-Irelands, 5 Senior National Leagues and 5 Gael Linn medals.
2. **Biddy O'Sullivan** (Tullagher). Bhuaidh si Gradam an B+I i 1989; 7 Senior All-Irelands, 7 Senior National Leagues and 7 Senior Gael Linn medals.
3. **Una Murphy** (Tullagher). An chéad bhliain leis na Sinsir di. She has played with the county at U-14, Minor and Junior, 1 All-Ireland Minor medal.
4. **Deirdre Malone** (St. Brigid's). An-chosantóir atá inti; 7 Senior All-Irelands and 5 Senior National League medals. She has taken over the vital role of centre-back this year.
5. **Frances Rothwell** (St. Brigid's). Bhuaidh si Craobhchomórtas Laighean faoi-14 Cill Chainnigh. Holds All-Ireland Cross-country championship medals; 4 All-Ireland senior and 3 Senior National League medals.
6. **Marina Downey** (Lisdowney). d'Imir si le foireann na Mionúr. Si seo an ceathrú bhliain di leis an Sinsir; 3 All-Ireland and 3 Senior National League medals.
7. **Ann Downey** (St. Paul's). Ina captaen Cill Chainnigh i 1989. With twin sister Angela was a joint winner of the B+I Award in 1986 and 1989. International squash player; 10 Senior All-Ireland, 8 Senior National League, 10 Club Championship and Gael-Linn medals.
8. **Gillian Dillon** (Freshford). Daughter of famed Cill Chainnigh hurler Pa. Bhuaidh si Craobh Laighean na gColáistí i 1990 le Clochar na Toirbheirte Cill Chainnigh. All-Ireland Minor medals 1988, 1989; 1 All-Ireland Senior medal, 1 National League medal 1990.
9. **Sinéad Millea** (St. Brigid's). An chéad bhliain leis na Sinsir di. Won Senior County Championship with her club in 1990. 3 All-Ireland Minor and All-Ireland Junior Colleges medals.
10. **Brigid Mullally** (Glenmore). Bualteoir Chomórtas na Scileanna i bhFéile na nGael 1988. All-Ireland Minor medals in 1988 and 1989. She scored 6-7 in the 1989 final; 1 All-Ireland senior and 1 National League medals.
11. **Angela Downey** (St. Paul's). Captaen. Angela is recognised as the player of the decade. Bhuaidh si Gradam Texaco i 1986; Gradam an B+I i 1977, 1986, 1989, agus Gradam Taithe 1984, '85 and '86; 10 Senior All-Ireland, 8 Senior National League, 9 Club Championship and Gael-Linn medals.
12. **Breda Holmes** (St. Paul's). Bhuaidh si Gradam B+I in 1987. Former captain of Carysfort Training College team; 6 All-Ireland, 5 Senior National League, Club Championship and Senior Gael-Linn medals.
13. **Noreen Tierney** (Tullagher). Is imreoir críochnaithe i Nóirín. Her third season with Cill Chainnigh Senior panel. Played in most of the county matches this season; 2 All-Ireland Senior, National League and Leinster Championship medals.
14. **Noelle O'Driscoll** (James Stephens). One of a small number of players who have won All-Ireland medals with two counties. Tá boinn bualte aici le Corcaigh agus le Cill Chainnigh. d'Imir si le U.C.C. i gComórtas Mhic Giolla Bhríde. Now teaching in Scoil Bhríde, Callan. Noelle has coached the school team to win Craobhchomórtas Sóisear na gColáistí 1989; 4 Senior All-Ireland, 2 Junior All-Ireland and 1 Senior National League.
15. **Bridget Barnaville** (Lisdowney). d'Imir si leis na Mionúr agus leis na Sóisir. An dara bliain leis na Sinsir di; 2 All-Ireland Minor, 1 Senior National League and Leinster Championship medals.
16. **Tracy Millea** (St. Brigid's). Is deirfiúr le Sinéad i. Ina captaen ar fhoireann na Mionúr 1989; 3 All-Ireland Minor, 1 Senior County Championship, Leinster U-14, Minor and Senior medals.

## FOIREANN CHORCAÍ

1. **Marion McCarthy** (Éire Óg). Cúlbaire den chéad scoth i. Has won 8 All-Ireland Senior, 3 Gael-Linn, 3 National Senior League and 20 Munster Senior medals. A former Corcaigh captain, she has been honoured with a B+I Award, 1980.
2. **Liz Dunphy** (Sarsfields). Sar-imreoir i a bhuaidh Craobh Chorcaí lena Club i 1989. She has won All-Ireland Junior, All-Ireland Senior Colleges, National League Munster Senior and Gael-Linn Junior medals.
3. **Paula Guggins** (Na Píarsaigh). An dara bliain leis na Sinsir di. All-Ireland Minor, Junior, National Senior League, Gael-Linn Senior and Munster medals.
4. **Breda Kenny** (Sarsfields). Ina captaen ar fhoireann na Gaillimhe a bhuaidh Craobh na Mionúr. Ashbourne medals with U.C.D., Gael Linn, Junior and Senior, National Senior League medals and Provincial medals i gCúige Laighean, Chonnachta agus Munhan.
5. **Liz Towler** (Bishopstown). Ar fhoireann na Mionúr a bhuaidh Craobh na hÉireann 1983. Played with the Senior team in New York 1990.
6. **Colette O'Mahony** (St. Finbar's). Playing in her fourth Senior final. Colette captained Cork's 1983 All-Ireland winning Minor team. An imreoir aici i; 2 National League, 2 All-Ireland Minor, Gael-Linn and Senior medals.
7. **Therese O'Callaghan** (Glen Rovers). Captaen. Iar-chaptaen ar fhoireann na Sóisear. Captained her Club to All-Ireland victory in 1990. National League, All-Ireland Club, Gael-Linn and Munster medals.
8. **Sandie Fitzgibbon** (Glen Rovers). Sandie's exceptional fitness enables her to combine top-class camogie with international Basketball. The high standard which she has maintained over the years resulted in All-Ireland medals at Senior, Minor, Colleges and Club levels. An imreoir go deo i.
9. **Linda Mellerick** (Glen Rovers). Played alongside Sandie Fitzgibbon and Clare Cronin on the Rest of Ireland team in 1988. All-Ireland Club Championship, National League, Gael-Linn, All-Ireland Minor and Junior medals. d'Imir si le foireann na Munhan.
10. **Ger McCarthy** (Glen Rovers). Tosach den chéad scoth i. Her large collection includes All-Ireland Senior, Junior, Minor and Club medals. She has won Gael-Linn Senior and Junior and National League medals.
11. **Liz O'Neill** (Bishopstown). An ceathrú bliain leis ina Sinsir di. A strong player who can adapt to several positions, she has won Munster U-18, Junior and Senior medals, National League and Gael Linn medals.
12. **Irene O'Leary** (Na Píarsaigh). Chun tosaigh 'sna Coláistí, played a major role in bringing North Presentation to Croke Park in 1984. She returned a few months later to captain an All-Ireland winning Cork Junior team; Gael Linn, National League medals. Has Munster medals in all grades.
13. **Brid Walsh** (St. Finbar's). An cúlbaire ar fhoireann na Sinsir san Sraithchomórtas i mbliana. Brid played with Cloughduv before joining St. Finbar; Munster U-18, All-Ireland Minor, National League and Gael-Linn medals.
14. **Margaret Finn** (Fr. O'Neill's). Won a Senior National League medal 1991. Holds Gael-Linn Senior and Junior medals. Helped her club to win Cork Junior and Intermediate Championships and holds 2 Munster Junior Championship medals. Ina captaen nuair a bhuaidh Corcaigh Sraithchomórtas na hÉireann i 1984.
15. **Jean Paula Kent** (Na Píarsaigh). Sar-imreoir leis na Mionúr agus leis na gColáistí i; 3 All-Ireland Minor, Gael-Linn Junior, National Senior League and Munster medals.
16. **Irene O'Keeffe** (Inniscarra). Iar-imreoir le Scoil Aloysius i; Munster Minor, Junior and Senior medals, Junior Gael Linn medal.



## CILL CHAINNIGH



AR CHÚL (ó chlé) – N. Ní Dhrisceoil, D. Ní Mhaolaeoln, N. Ní Thiarnalgh, B. Ní Mhaolalaídh, B. Ní Thomáils, P. Rothwell, S. Ní Mhaolaoídh, E. Ní Chinnéide, S. Aighleart, Tomás Ó Riain. CHUN TOSAIGH (ó chlé) T. Ní Mhaolaoídh, G. Dhiolún, M. Ní Giolla Phádraig, M. Ní Dhúnaigh, Aingeal Ní Dhúnaigh (Captaen), Á Ní Dhúnaigh, U. Ní Mhúirí, B. Bhearnabhal, B. Ní Shúilleabháin.

## CORCAIGH



AR CHÚL (ó chlé) – D. Ní Oitir, E. Towler, E. Ní Dhonnchaidh, S. Ní Giobhúin, I. Ní Laoire, T. Ní Cheallacháin (Captaen), B. Ní Clonaoith, G. Ní Cárthaigh, E. Ní Néill, L. Ní Mhaoligheiric, E. Ní Sheosaigh. CHUN TOSAIGH (ó chlé), B. Ní Thúama, M. Ní Fhinn, B. Bhreatnach, F. Ní Dhroisceoil, M. Ní Cárthaigh, I. Ní Chaoimh, S. P. Cheannt, P. Ghógan, C. Ní Mhathúna.



## Corcaigh v Cill Chainnigh

NO matter what happens in the All-Ireland Senior Final this afternoon, the present squad of camogie players from Cill Chainnigh must rank among the truly top combinations in the history of the game. Indeed, only the record-breaking Dublin outfit of the fifties and early sixties may claim a more exalted testimonial.

Nobody argues about the quality of the Kilkenny side. All the ingredients are there, skill, teamwork and fitness, in abundance. But the special component which sets this team apart is their intense will-to-win.

When their goal is in sight all other considerations are cast aside. They unite to pursue their aim with unwavering dedication. There is no let us, no dwelling on past achievements or no talk of being satisfied. That is what makes Kilkenny so formidable.

Kilkenny made a slow start to the 1990 season. Only half the regular team took the field for the opening of the National League and suffered the consequences. Captain Angela Downey rallied her forces and brought them to the League final.

Despite showing improved form, they suffered their first major defeat in five years at the hands of today's opponents - Corcaigh. Thug Cill Chainnigh aghaidh ar an gCraobhchomórtas le fonn ansin. In the semi-final against Wexford it was evident that the champions were back on course. The excellent handling and striking skills, the slick teamwork and most of all, the grim determination were back.

Corcaigh undoubtedly received a major boost in defeating Kilkenny in the National League final. There is a wealth of camogie talent in the Cork squad. When it all falls into place, they are a match for any side.

In the championship, Cork overcame both Áth Cliath agus An Ghaillimh and will be very anxious to defeat their old rivals in the final.

Motivation will not be a problem when they take the field against Kilkenny. They know so well that it is Kilkenny and nobody else which has come between them and many honours in recent years.

Tá seisear imithe desna foirne ón uair dheireannach a bhí Cill Chainnigh agus Corcaigh in éadan a chéile sa Chraobhchomórtas.

Since their last meeting in the 1989 All-Ireland Final, both sides show changes. Bridie McGarry, one of the greats of the modern game, Claire Jones and Anna Whelan have left the Cill Chainnigh side. Into the team come tremendous prospects from the winning minor sides, Bridget Mullally, Gillian Dillon, Úna and Sinéad Millea.

Cathy Landers, Claire Cronin and Betty Joyce no longer appear in the red and white. Corcaigh field a new half-back line comprised of Paula Goggins, Breda Kenny and Liz Towler. Four members of the Glen Rovers team which won the All-Ireland Club Championship in 1990, Therese O'Callaghan, Sandie Fitzgibbon, Linda Mellerick and Ger McCarthy, greatly add to the effectiveness of the side.

Go raibh sár-chluiche eatarthu inniu.

### Na Maoir Chúil

Uibh Fhaighle  
Noilin Ni Smolláin  
Veronica Ni Smolláin  
Eighli Chinséalach  
Cearúilín Mhic Cártaigh

An Lú  
Connie Ni Chroidheain  
Caitlín Nic Cú Uladh  
Siobhán Ni Mhearthailé  
Gobnait Ni Chorráin

### Na maoir líne

#### Áth Cliath

Gearóidí Ni Dhuinn  
Karen Bauer  
Máire Ni Chonaill  
Brenda Ni Shirideain



Paula Ghógan, Corcaigh, ag cosaint sa Chluiche Ceannais, Sraithchomórtas na hÉireann, 1991, agus Treasa Ni Cheallacháin, Corcaigh, agus Proinséas Rothwell agus Aingéal Ni Dhúnaigh, Cill Chainnigh, ag faire uirthi.



## AN DÚN



AR CHÚL (ó chlé) — N. Ní Phréith, M. Ní Uiginn, N. Ní Artáin, D. Shabhaois, M. Ní an Aba, B. Ní Sheachnasaigh, C. Ní Luaín, P. Ní Uaine, V. Ní Eidhin, F. Ní Raols. CHUN TOSAIGH (ó chlé) M. Ní Glolla Fhinnéin, V. Ní Riabhaigh, I. Ní Darach, T. Ní Allín, Á. Ní Glolla Chomhaill (Captaen), L. Ní Préith, C. Ní Eidhin, B. Ní Cheallaigh, D. Ní Gabhann, D. Ní Gríoghair.

## TIOBRAID ÁRANN



AR CHÚL (ó chlé) — B. Mhic Phillib, Roghnóir, M. de Stóc, K. Ní Mhaolomhnaigh (Captaen), C. Ní Chinnélda, S. Ní Tholbín, C. Ní Mhadáin, Á. Ní Chléáin, G. Ní Riain Uí Mheachair, I. de Buíléar, Á. Ní Dhúláinne, Á. Ní Ghliasaín. CHUN TOSAIGH (ó chlé) T. Ní Chnámhsí, Á. Ní Ghliasaín, L. Ní Laoire, J. Ní Dhúláinne, D. Ní Aodh, O. Ní Ógáin, S. Ní Ógáin, S. Ní Niallailín, N. Ní Chnámhsí.



# Tiobraid Árann v An Dún

Down made their first All-Ireland appearance in 1948 when they contested the senior final against Dublin. Despite the best efforts of Anna Kerr, Peg Dooley, Jean McGrath, Anna Hollywood and Angela Denvir, Dublin won the day.

When the All-Ireland Junior Championship was introduced in 1968, Down saw their opportunity and prepared well. They captured the Ulster title and overcame Wexford 3-2 to 2-1 in the semi-final.

Moirá Caldwell led Down onto Croke Park. Patricia Crangle, Carmel Reid, Eileen Coulter, Barbara Sands, Roisin McCann and Eucharía Turley showed excellent form in defeating Cork 2-3 to 1-1 to become the first holders of the New Ireland Cup.

Down were first off the mark once more when an All-Ireland Minor Championship was inaugurated. Susal Lively captured a great side which included Christina Roney, Sheila McCartan, Rita Neeson and Cathy O'Hare. Susan carried the new Corn Tailteann back to Down.

Down returned to Croke Park in 1975 in the Junior Final but found Dublin's ability to take goals too much to cope with. They learned from the experience. Marion McGarvey led the 1976 side which played a thrilling game to edge out Wexford by 3-4 to 3-3. Eileen

Hamill, Stephanie Kelly, Elizabeth Gibson, Anne Rooney, Kathleen Rice and Lil Kane were very much part of victory.

They tried their luck in the Senior Open Draw from 1977-1986 but found no joy. Since returning to the junior grade in 1987 they have recorded three Ulster victories. A brand of fast ground camogie has earned Down a place in the final. The county has a good record in finals and the present squad of players are very keen to bridge the fifteen year gap.

Time ran out for a gallant Tipperary team in Croke Park last September. They whittled Kildare's lead to ten points down to four in the closing minutes. However, like Down in 1975-76, they have analysed their performance and underlined the lessons to be learned from the experience.

After many decades of competing, Tipperary made their All-Ireland breakthrough in 1990 when a fine minor side captured Corn Tailteann. The attention to underage camogie in the county has certainly paid off. Ten of today's panel are eligible to play at under eighteen level. Tipperary will certainly be a force for many years to come.

In the Munster Championship, Tipperary played a hectic game with Cork before advancing by two points. In the final, they turned the tables on newly crowned National Junior League champions, Limerick.

Although Tipperary ran up an impressive score of 5-12 in the All-Ireland semi-final against Dublin, they had to come from ten points behind and won by only two points in a thrilling game.

Beidh fonn ar an dá fhoireann aithris a dhéanann ar a gcuid laochra san Iománaíocht agus sa Pheil. Deir muintir an Dúin go raibh an dá Chraobh acu i 1968 agus go mbeidh arís i mbliana. n'Fheadar cén freagra a bheidh ag Tiobraid Árann ar a leithéid? Gan amhras, beidh an-cluiche eatarthu.



Briainín Ní Chellaigh, An Dún, ag déanamh ar an gcúl i gcoinne na Gaillimhe sa Chluiche Leath-Cheannais.



Cluiche Ceannais na Sóisear, 1990. Gearóidín Ní Riain-Uí Mheachair, Tiobraid Árann, agus Treasa Ní Ainle, Cill Dara, in iománaíocht lena chéile.



## TIOBRAID ÁRANN

Dathanna: Gorm is Ógra

1.  
ÁINE NÍ CHISEÁIN  
Ann Keeshan  
(Roscrea)
2.  
JOVITA NÍ DHULAINNE  
Jovita Delaney  
(Cashel)
3.  
SINÉAD NÍ NIALLAÍN  
Sinead Nealon  
(Burgess)
4.  
CÓRA NÍ CHINNÉIDE  
Cora Kennedy  
(Toomevara)
5.  
CLÁR NÍ MHADÁIN  
Claire Madden  
(Portroe)
6.  
TRÍONA NÍ CHNÁIMHSÍ  
Triona Bonnar  
(Cashel)
7.  
KAIFEE NÍ MHAOLOMHAIGH  
Kaiffee Maloney (captain)  
(Cashel)
8.  
ORLA NÍ ÓGÁIN  
Orla Hogan  
(Burgess)
9.  
DEIRDRE NÍ AODHA  
Deirdre Hughes  
(Toomevara)
10.  
SIOBHÁN NÍ THOIBÍN  
Joan Tobin  
(St. Enda's, Ballymacash)
11.  
ÁINE NÍ GHILÍASÁIN  
Ane Gleeson  
(Toomevara)
12.  
LEÁN NÍ LAOIRE  
Helen O'Leary  
(Cashel)

Ionadálthe: 13. Ailish Ní Dhuláinne (Ailish Delaney) Templemore; 14. Máebh De Stóc (Maeve Stokes) Clonmel; 15. Gearóidín Ní Riain Uí Mheachair (Geraldine Ryan-Meagher) Cappawhite; 16. IRENE DE BUITLÉAR (Irene Butler) Cashel

## AN DÚN

Dathanna: Dearg is Dubh

1.  
LÁRA NÍ PHRÉITH  
Laura O'Prey  
(Ballycran)
2.  
ÁINE NÍ GIOLLA CHOMHAILL  
Anne Coyle (captain)  
(Ballycran)
3.  
PÓILÍN NÍ UAINÉ  
Pauline Greene  
(Drumaness)
4.  
TREASA NÍ AILÍN  
Teresa Allen  
(Attical)
5.  
DOLOURS NÍ GABHANN  
Dolours Smyth  
(Portaferry)
6.  
ISIBÉAL NÍ DARACH  
Isabel Oakes  
(Leitrim)
7.  
NUALA NÍ ARTÁIN  
Nuala McCartan  
(Leitrim)
8.  
BEARNAIRDÍN UÍ CHEALLAIGH  
Bernadette Kelly  
(Leitrim)
9.  
MÁIRÍN NÍ UIGINN  
Maureen O'Higgins  
(Leitrim)
10.  
MÁIRÍN NÍ GIOLLA FHINNÉIN  
Máirín McAlenan  
(Leitrim)
11.  
NÓIRÍN NÍ PHRÉITH  
Noreen O'Prey  
(Leitrim)
12.  
VERONICA NÍ RIABHAIGH  
Veronica Nic Riabhaigh  
(Attical)

Ionadálthe: 13. Valerie Ní Eldhín (Valeria Hynds) Ben Derg; 14. Donna Nic Grioghair (Donna Greeran) Leitrim; 15. Deirdre Shabhaois (Deirdre Savage) Portaferry; 16. Brid Ní Sheachnasailgh (Bridgeen Sands) Ballyholland.



## Foireann Tiobraid Árann

- Ann Keoghan** (Roscrea). Nuair a chéad d'imir si le Tiobraid Árann bhí Ann ina lán-tosach. She was a member of the panel in the 1984 Senior All-Ireland Final. She has represented Cúige Mumhan in Gael Linn. She coaches her Club's under-14 team; 2 Munster Junior medals.
- Jovita Delaney** (Cashel). Has won two All-Ireland medals in 1990. Bhí si ar fhoireann na Mionúr a bhuaigh Craobh na hÉireann agus ar fhoireann Scoil Mhuire, Caiseal, a bhuaigh Comórtas na Iarbhunscóileanna d'fhoirne seachtair. Jovita played with the Minors for five years; 1 All-Ireland Minor medal, 2 Munster Junior and Minor medals.
- Sinead Nealon** (Burgess). Inion le Donie, iar-imreoir. Captaen ar fhoireann na Mionúr, 1990. All-Ireland Minor, Munster Minor and Junior, Féile na nGael medals.
- Cora Kennedy** (Toomevara-Temple-derry). Tá Cora pósta le hoiliúnaí na foirne, John Kennedy. She has won County League medals with her club and inter-county intermediate medals with Tiobraid Árann. Ar fhoireann na Mumhan.
- Claire Madden** (Portroe). d'Imir si le foireann na Mionúr a bhain an Cluiche Ceannais amach i 1989. She was a noted Colleges player with Scoil Mhuire, Nenagh. A senior club player, Claire also holds Munster medals with Tiobraid Árann at under-18, Minor and Junior.
- Triona Bonnar** (Cashel). Lena d'eirfiúrach, Eithne agus Nuala, d'imir si le Scoil Mhuire, Caiseal. Imríonn a deartháireacha, Conor, Colm agus Cormac, le foireann Iománaíochta Thiobraid Árann. Triona played for Tiobraid Árann in the 1984 All-Ireland Senior Final. She has 5 County Championship medals.
- Kaiffee Moloney** (Cashel) (captaen). Imreoir eile a d'imir le Scoil Mhuire, Caiseal, i Kaiffee, agus bhuaigh si Craobhchomórtas na Mumhan leis an scoil i 1989. a senior club player, she holds 5 County Championship medals.
- Orla Hogan** (Burgess). Ba scoláire i i Scoil Mhuire, Aonach Urmhumhan. She played in the 1989 All-Ireland Minor Final. Orla holds many medals from Community Games to Senior Pan Celtic, and was on the under-18 County team.
- Deirdre Hughes** (Toomevara-Temple-derry). d'Imir Deirdre le foireann na Mionúr a bhain Cluiche Ceannais na hÉireann amach i 1989. She has won under-14, under-18, Intermediate and League medals with her club, in addition to Munster Minor, Junior and Vocational Schools' medals.
- Joan Tobin** (Naomh Eanna, Ardmhcha). Comórtas Mhic Giolla Bhríde buaite le U.C.D. agus le Q.U.B. aici. A former player with Scoil Mhuire, Cashel; several county titles with Cashel club.
- Ann Gleeson** (Toomevara-Temple-derry). She has played for Tiobraid Árann at all levels, including the 1984 All-Ireland Senior Final. Anne won a Purcell Cup medal. d'Imir si i gComórtas Gael Linn, sinsear agus sóisear, le Cúige Mumhan.
- Helen O'Leary** (Cashel). Helen won 6 Munster Colleges medals and an All-Ireland seven-a-side medal with Scoil Mhuire, Caiseal. She also holds under-16, under-18 and Senior County Championship medals with her club. Bhí si ina Captaen ar fhoireann na Mionúr a bhain Cluiche Ceannais na hÉireann amach i 1989.
- Ailish Delaney** (Templemore). Ailish, in her second season with the County team, is the reserve goalkeeper. Won 2 Munster Junior medals. d'Imir si le foireann Thiobraid Árann faoi 18.
- Maeve Stokes** (Carrick-on-Suir). Maeve has represented Tiobraid Árann at under-16 and under-18 as well as at junior level. Bhí si ina captaen ar fhoireann na Mionúr i 1986; 2 Munster Junior and under-18 medals.
- Geraldine Ryan-Meagher** (Cappawhite). d'Imir si le Tiobraid Árann i gcoinne Átha Cliath i gCluiche Ceannais na Sinsear i 1984. Geraldine has represented her county in Gradam Tailte and has played with Cúige Mumhan at both Junior and Senior level. Holds an All-Ireland Football medal.
- Irene Butler** (Cashel). An-imreoir i gComórtas na gColáistí i. Five County Senior Championship and Munster Junior

## Foireann An Duín

- Laura O'Prey** (Ballycran). Cúlbaire den chéad scoth i. Iar-imreoir le Sinsir An Duín. She fielded with Ulster on successful Gael-Linn teams. Laura, who enjoys cycling, has 3 Ulster senior, 4 Ulster junior and 2 Gael-Linn medals.
- Ann Coyle** (Ballycran). Captaen. Teams up very well with her clubmate Laura O'Prey to cut off the route to goal. An-chosantóir go deo i. Holds 4 Ulster Senior, 3 Ulster Junior and 2 Gael Linn medals.
- Pauline Green** (Drumaness). Imreoir na Bliana 1991, An Duín. Has lined out with the Northern Ireland U-18 Netball team. Has 1 Ulster Senior and 1 Ulster Junior medal.
- Teresa Allen** (Attica). Formerly played with Queen's University and the Combined Universities. Teresa is an accomplished performer. Interested in swimming and skiing, she has 2 Ulster Club, 6 Ulster Senior and 5 Ulster Junior medals. Iar-imreoir le Sinsir an Duín.
- Dolours Smyth** (Portaferry). An duine is óige ar fhoireann An Duín. Honoured as the 1990 Down Minor Player of the Year and looks certain to have a bright camogie future. She holds 1 Ulster Senior and 1 Ulster Junior championship medals.
- Isabel Oakes** (Leitrim). Is a first cousin to Down footballer Conor Deegan. A good badminton player, enjoys swimming; 1 Ulster Senior and 1 Ulster Junior championship medal. Ba mhaith lei aithris a dhéanamh ar Chonchúr i mbliana.
- Nuala McCartan** (Leitrim). A fine mid-fielder, Nuala has been an automatic choice for her county for several seasons. She has represented Ulster and holds 2 Gael-Linn, 2 Ulster Senior and 3 Ulster Junior championship medals. d'Imir si leis na Sinsir.
- Berndette Kelly** (Leitrim). Ar an bhfoireann a bhuaigh An Chraobh i 1976. A keen swimmer and cyclist, she has 1 All-Ireland junior, 2 Ulster Senior, 3 Ulster Junior and 2 Ulster Minor medals.
- Maureen O'Higgins** (Leitrim). One of six players from County Senior champions, Leitrim, on the team. Maureen has given great service to her club and county. Has 5 Ulster Senior, 3 Ulster Junior, 1 Ulster Minor and an Ulster Club medal. Tosach críochnaithi.
- Maureen McAleenan** (Leitrim). Scoláire in Ollscoil Chúl Raithín i. Won her place on the Combined Universities sides in 1990 and 1991. 3 Ulster Senior, 3 Ulster Junior, 2 Gael-Linn and Ashbourne Shield medals.
- Noreen O'Prey** (Leitrim). d'Imir si le Sinsir An Duín. Keeps fit with a regular game of squash and loves to go skiing. She has 1 Gael-Linn, 5 Ulster Senior, 3 Ulster Junior, 1 Ulster Club and 1 Ulster Minor medals.
- Veronica McGreevy** (Attica). Bonnie has worn the red and black for many seasons. She enjoys basketball and swimming. An Ulster player, she has 6 Ulster senior, 5 Ulster junior, 2 Ulster Club and 1 Ulster Colleges medals. Beidh an-fonn uirthi an chraobh a bhuachaint inniu.
- Valerie Hynds** (Ben Dearg). Óg-imreoir sár mhaith atá inti. While still a minor, she played in the senior championship with Down this year. A good netball player, she has 2 Ulster Colleges, a Maguire Cup, 1 Ulster Senior and 1 Ulster Junior medals.
- Donna Green** (Leitrim). d'Imir si le foireann Chúige Uladh. She holds 2 Ulster Senior, 3 Ulster Junior, Ulster Minor and Gael-Linn medals.
- Deirdre Savage** (Portaferry). Deirdre is an effective midfield player who enjoys squash and swimming as well as camogie. She has won an Ulster Senior and an Ulster Junior camogie medal. Fonn uirthi Bonn Uile-Éireann a chur leo.
- Bridgeen Sands** (Ballyholland). Tosach tí-feachtach, cliste i. Spends time cycling and swimming. Bridgeen holds Ulster Senior and Junior medals.



# **N A B U A I T E O I R Í**

## **NA SINSIR (1932-1990)**

Áth Cliath (26)	1932, 33, 37, 38, 42, 43, 44, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 84.
Corcaigh (14)	1934, 35, 36, 39, 40, 41, 70, 71, 72, 73, 78, 80, 82, 83.
Cill Chainnigh (10)	1974, 76, 77, 81, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90.
Aontroim (6)	1945, 46, 47, 56, 67, 79.
Loch Garman (3)	1968, 69, 75.

## **NA SÓISIR (1968-1990)**

Corcaigh (4)	1973, 80, 83, 84.
An Ghaillimh (4)	1972, 79, 85, 88.
Áth Cliath (3)	1970, 71, 75.
Cill Dara (3)	1987, 89, 90.
An Clár (3)	1974, 81, 86.
Doire (2)	1969, 78.
An Dún (2)	1968, 76.
An Lú (1)	1982.
Luimneach (1)	1977.

## **BOINN UILE-ÉIREANN — THE LEADERS**



Aineal Ni Dhúnaigh  
Cill Chainnigh (10)



Caitlín an Mbeallán  
Áth Cliath (15)



Una Ni Chochubhair  
Áth Cliath (13)



Aine Ni Dhúnaigh  
Cill Chainnigh (10)

**T**HE 1991 Minor Championship produced splendid matches, great scores and outstanding individual displays. The standard was equal to anything which went before.

Aontroim a bhi chun tosaigh i gCúige Uladh nuair a bhuadar an chéad Craobh Chúige ó 1984 i leith, b'Í An Ghaillimh a bhuaidh Craobh Chonnacht. Sharon Glynn was a match-winner when these teams met in the All-Ireland semi-final. Scoring 3-09 of which 2-6 came from play, she created huge problems for the Antrim defence.

Corcaigh agus Tiobraid Árann a bhi in iomaíocht lena chéile i gCluiche Ceannais na Mumhan.

Cork relieved Tipperary of their titles in a great Munster final. In Leinster Kilkenny came through with something to spare in each game. In the semi-final at Cork, the goal-scoring skills of Sinéad Millea was the difference between teams. Bhi Cluiche Ceannais eile bainte amach ag Cill Chainnigh.

# **Na Mionúir Abú**

The scene was set for an epic encounter at Nowlan Park as the young stars of Galway and Kilkenny took the field. Early in the game, Sharon Glynn raced through the Kilkenny defence to score a beautiful point on the run. Kilkenny reacted with a change of marker and Sharon was confined to scores from placed balls for the remainder of the game. Some of these, particularly a side-line cut for a point and a

goal from a close-in free, were excellently executed.

The day belonged to Sinéad Millea. Her deft wristwork enabled her to play the ball in any position. She engineered and scored two great goals and set up a third.

Sinéad collected her third All-Ireland Minor medal and shares this distinction with three Cork girls, Sandie Fitzgibbon, Jean Paul Kent and Paula Carey. One may speculate, however, if she had been available to play in the 1990 final, would she now hold four medals?

Ba thógáil chroí dúinn é sár-imreoiri óga d'fheiscint sa Chluiche Ceannais. Marie Maher, Margaret Hickey, Paula Dowling, Sinéad Costello, Imelda Kennedy and Margaret Comerford will be seen in the Kilkenny colours again. Deirdre Hardiman, Olivia Broderick, Dymna Maher, Ann Broderick, Ann Dolan and Martina Haverty will bring honours to Galway in the future.

*Moltar iad uilig as an éacht atá déanta i mbliana acu.*



## 1932-1991 . . . An 60ú Cluiche Ceanais

**A**R AN ócáid stairiúil seo, agus an seascadú Cluiche Ceannais de Chraobhchomórtas na Sinsear druidte linn, ní mór dúinn féachaint siar ar na blianta atá imithe tharainn agus imreoirí agus riarthóirí áirithe a thabhairt chun chuimhne.

In these enlightened times, it is difficult for the modern player to visualise an era in which the active involvement of women in sport was frowned on, if not forbidden. Imagine a scene in the early 1900's when girls wrapped their camogie sticks in brown paper to hide from public view and had to practice their game in obscure places where they would not be seen. That the game survived initially, and then flourished, is a tribute to the women themselves and to the men of vision who supported and encouraged them.

I measc na bhfear sin bhí Seaghan Ua Dubhthaigh a chéad bhain Áth Cliath amach i 1900. b'As Cill a'Bhaile i gContae Mhuigheo do. This Mayo man's contribution to the establishment and growth of Cumann Camógaiochta na nGael was phenomenal. It is fitting that the Senior Trophy, first presented in 1932, bears his name. How proud Seaghan must have been to see the beginning of the All-Ireland Senior Championship.

b'Ad Áth Cliath agus An Ghaillimh a bhí in iomaíocht lena cheile sa chéad Chluiche Ceannais, agus bé fear as Contae na Midhe, J. McDonnell, a bhí ina réiteoir. The players were attired in gym-frocks which covered the knee, long black stockings, black boots, white blouses and belts. Some wore a beret. The sticks had long flat heels to facilitate ground strokes. The teams were captained by Máire Gill (Áth Cliath) and Peggy Morris (An Ghaillimh). Áth Cliath a bhuaidh an cluiche, 3-2 go 0-2. An unusual aspect of that first Final was

that Máire Gill was also Uachtarán of the Association at the time.

Áth Cliath (8) agus Corcaigh (6) were to share the first fourteen titles. Lil Kirby, who was on the Corcaigh team which won its first title in 1934, became Uachtarán an Chumainn in 1945. Úna Uí Phuirseil, a former Luimneach player, won an All-Ireland medal with Áth Cliath in 1938. She, too, was to grace the office of Uachtarán from 1976 to 1979. Úna made a tremendous contribution to the game at all levels including second and third-level Colleges.

As the game developed, the contests between Áth Cliath agus Corcaigh became truly remarkable and produced players who were to become legendary.

The Camogie uniform changed somewhat over those years as hem-lines crept up and coloured sashes replaced white belts.

1942 saw the first drawn Final between Áth Cliath agus Corcaigh, with Áth Cliath winning the replay, 4-1 to 2-2. This was also the first Final to be broadcast.

Aontroim a bhí chun tosaigh ói 1945 - 1947. Nancy Murray and Lily Spence, who won All-Ireland medals during those years, also served as Uachtaráin, Lily from 1956 to 1959, and Nancy from 1973 to 1976.

An Dún contested its only Senior Final in 1948. One of its team, Peg Dooley, had won All-Ireland medals with Aontroim in each of the preceding three years.

Some months later, one of its former players, Síghle Nic an Ultaigh, became Uachtarán. Síghle subsequently held the office of Ardránaí from 1953 to 1975 and guided the Association through a period of development and expansion.

Bhí Áth Cliath do-sháraithe, nach mór, idir 1948 agus 1967. During this time Áth Cliath won eighteen titles, defeated only by Aontroim in 1956 and

1967. Kay Mills, who won her first All-Ireland medal with Áth Cliath in 1941, won her record fifteenth in 1961. Kay was a member of the C.I.E. Club which created history in representing Áth Cliath in the 1948 final and in winning Corn Ua Dubhthaigh.

There were many other exceptional players of this era and it would be impossible to do justice to all those who delighted Camogie followers during those years. Beidh cuimhne ortha uilig go deo againn.

1968 heralded the beginning of a new era when Cill Chainnigh inflicted its first defeat in the Leinster Championship in thirty-six years on Áth Cliath. Loch Garman subsequently defeated Cill Chainnigh in the Leinster Final, won its first All-Ireland title and retained it in 1969.

Corcaigh took the next four titles, the 1973 Championship being played on the Open Draw system. The last seventeen titles have been shared by Áth Cliath,

Aontroim agus Loch Garman with one each, Corcaigh, four and Cill Chainnigh, ten.

Bhí an bua ag Cill Chainnigh don chéad uair ariamh i 1974 agus tá sé cinn as a cheile buaite ó 1985 i leith acu. Ábhar Uachtaráin eile a bhí i gcaptaen na foirne, Máire Ní Fhionnalaigh, i 1976. Bhí sí ina hUachtarán ar an gCumann ó 1982 go 1985.

The winds of change continued to blow during the 1970's. Cill Chainnigh set a trend in 1972 when they swapped the gym-frocks for the modern playing uniform. The top crossbar, which had made point-scoring an art in itself, was now gone, and, as a result, there tended to be higher scores in Finals. Cill Chainnigh, in their last six finals, have registered sixty-nine points.

Mar sin, tá 1991 buailte linn agus tá Corcaigh agus Cill Chainnigh in iomaíocht lena cheile don deichiú uair. Go raibh an cluiche seo ar chomhéim leo uilig a bhí eatarthu go dtí seo.

## A LINK WITH THE PAST



Banlaochra 1935 - Foire Átha Cliath agus Corcaigh cluiche ceannais na hÉireann - Corcaigh 3-4; Áth Cliath 4-0. Corcaigh: M. Kelleher, Joan Cotter, Lena Delaney, Eileen Staunton, Delia Quirke, May McCarthy, Lil Kirby, Margaret Delaney, Kitty Buckley, Jonie McGrath, Sheila Brennan and Maura Cronin. Áth Cliath: Brid Kenny, Mary Walsh, Eileen Windsor, Emily Delaney, Louise Doran, Angela Egan, Maura Gill, Máire O'Kelly, Nuala Sheehan, Queenie Dunne, Ita McNeill and Jean Hannan. Subs: Peggy Griffin, May Fletcher and Nuala O'Daly.



# Kilkenny dig deep to overcome gallant Cork

AN INTENSE desire to win has been the hallmark of the Kilkenny team since they took their first senior All-Ireland camogie title as recently as 1974. Yesterday they had to dig deep, to the very bottom of their seemingly limited well of grim determination, to overcome the challenge of Cork by a seven-point margin as they lifted their seventh successive title and 11th in all, before one of the largest crowds to witness a final in Croke Park.

An emotional Angela Downey, who was beset by cramp in the final minute and who looked as if she would not actually make it up the steps to receive the O'Duffy cup, put it more succinctly when she said: "It was pure stubbornness. We were written off but we came back for one last hurrah."

No doubt, they will be back next year for another such hurrah. It was a particular triumph for the Downey twins, Ann and Angela, both picking up their 11th medal, with Angela captain on three occasions.

Cork, the league champions, had already two victories over Kilkenny going into this game. Faster to the ball, there was a tendency, however, to over-elaborate with Linda Meilerick's 25th minute feeble effort — when she kicked wide with the goal at her mercy — symptomatic of what ultimately proved to be their downfall.

Cool heads were called for by Kilkenny in the opening 10 minutes and the champions were not found wanting. At full-back, Biddy O'Sullivan was rock-like in dealing with all that Cork were offering in those frenetic stages. Beside her Una Murphy displayed

KILKENNY ..... 3- 8  
CORK ..... 0-10

Kathryn Davis

a caniness that belied the fact that this was her first senior final when she calmly lifted the ball inside the square and confidently cleared it outfield.

Marina Downey had some delightful forays down the right wing in the first half but was more subdued when faced by Cork's Sandie Fitzgibbon in the second half. Marina, however, exudes class, and that manifested itself in Kilkenny's third goal in the 34th minute.

Emerging from a cluster of players on the right near the halfway line, she passed to Angela Downey before the ball finally found its way to Gillian Dillon, who easily beat Marian McCarthy in the Cork goal.

Kilkenny's opening goal in the 17th minute was the result of well flighted puck, cutely teed up by Ann Downey to the unmarked Breda Holmes, who was operating at centre forward and who blasted the ball into the back of the net.

Once the Cork cover was broken, the last line of defence was suspect. The agility and nimbleness of Marian McCarthy was not so apparent when Dillon got her first goal to make it 2-6 to 0-6 at half-time.

Even in defeat, Cork should not be down hearted. Paula Goggins enjoyed the better of her battle with Angela Downey, keeping the great forward down to four points from play. The introduction of Irene O'Keefe added more speed and variation to the Cork attack and the pity is that she was not seen in action earlier as she may



The Kilkenny captain, Angela Downey, though losing her camán, takes the ball into her grasp during the all-Ireland senior camogie final at Croke Park yesterday. Giving chase for Cork is Una Murray.—(Photograph: Joe St Leger)

have helped to increase the effectiveness of that forward line.

Full-forward Irene O'Leary emerged as Cork's top scorer with five points, two of them from frees late in the game.

However, on the day there was no breaking down this resolute Kilkenny team who thus join the

great Dublin side of the 50s and 60s in winning seven in a row.

Down took their third junior title and their first for 15 years when they had a narrow two-point (3-13 to 2-14) win over Tipperary. As in the senior game, over elaboration contributed to the Tipperary downfall.

Goals by Isabel Oakes and Veronica Nic Raibhaigh (2) copper-fastened victory for Down, who led by 2-8 to 0-6 at the interval.

Mairin McAleenan, with nine points (eight of them from frees) was equally effective in punishing any indiscretion.

Cashel's Triona Bonnar, a sister of three more famous brothers, was top scorer for Tipperary with nine points, while Joan Tobin and Jovita Delaney were credited with goals.

KILKENNY: M Fitzpatrick; B O'Sullivan, U Murphy, D Malone, F Rockwell, Marina Downey, Anne Downey (0-3, one from a free).

CORK: M McCarthy; L Dunphy, P Goggins, B Kenny, L Towler, C O'Mahony (0-3), T O'Callaghan (capt), S Fitzgibbon (0-1), L Meilerick, G McCarthy (0-1, from free), L O'Neill, I O'Leary (0-5, two from frees). Sub—J O'Keefe for O'Mahony (36th minute). Referee: O'Callaghan (Offaly).



# Kilkenny's seventh heaven

## First-half goals put paid to Cork's hopes

BY TOM HIGGINS

**KILKENNY 3-8 CORK 0-10**

HAVING beaten Kilkenny twice in the League campaign this year, Cork had high hopes of relieving Kilkenny of their All-Ireland senior camogie crown. But their aspirations came unstuck at Croke Park yesterday when the National League champions were beaten by a very determined and better balanced black and amber side, who were recording their seventh success in a row.

Apart from the opening 15 minutes, when Cork played against the strong wind, the Leesiders never got to grips with the game. Too many of their better players were very off form and once Kilkenny went ahead in the 18th minute Cork were always fighting a losing battle.

The Leesiders got off to a good start when Irene O'Leary pointed within a minute from a pass by Liz O'Neill and although Ann Downey levelled after two and a half minutes Cork had the next two scorers from a Colette O'Mahony free and Irene O'Leary after six minutes.

At this point Cork must have felt happy as they were playing well in the middle of the field and their backs were policing the Kilkenny forwards quite well. But once Kilkenny settled down, they began to gain a grip at midfield and were level 0-5 each in the 17th minute.

### TURNING POINT

Then came the turning point of the game as Kilkenny had two goals in the space of three minutes which knocked the heart out of Cork.

A sideline cut by Ann Downey was caught by Brid Holmes, who turned quickly to give Marion McCarthy no chance from close range and when the Cork backs failed to clear in the 21st minute Gillian Dillon pounced to shoot home from close range.

Kilkenny continued to press but poor shooting and a hard tackling Cork defence stood firm with Ann Downey and Colette O'Mahony swapping points in the closing stages of the half to leave it 2-6 to 0-6 to Kilkenny at the interval.

With such a strong wind, two goals did not look that big a lead and Cork came out in the second-half

in a determined mood. However they were giving little scope by a very solid Kilkenny defence in which Biddy O'Sullivan, at full back and Deirdre Malone were outstanding.

Then in the 35th minute Cork were rocked back on their heels when Ann Downey placed Gillian Dillon for a goal and with a nine point advantage the game looked over as the Kilkenny defence began to tighten up.

The Cork forwards were being well held and with Marina Downey and Ann Downey controlling midfield the they were given little possession. However, what possession they did get they tried to turn into goals rather than points and missed many good opportunities.

Cork's best chance came in the 25th minute when Ger McCarthy found Therese O'Callaghan free on the edge of the square but her weak effort trickled wide.

At the finish it was Kilkenny who were the stronger and although the Cork backs played reasonably well it was the forwards and midfield that really let them down.

Scorers for Cork: I. O'Leary 0-5 (0-2 frees), C. O'Mahony 0-3 (frees), G. McCarthy 0-1 (free), S. Fitzgibbon 0-1.

Kilkenny: G. Dillon 2-0, B. Holmes 1-1, Ann Downey 0-4 (0-1 free), Angela Downey 0-2.

CORK: M. McCarthy; L. Dunphy; P. Goggins, B. Kenny, L. Towler; C. O'Mahony, T. O'Callaghan (Capt), S. Fitzgibbon; L. Mellerick, G. McCarthy, L. O'Neill; I. O'Leary. Subs. I. O'Keefe for O'Mahony (36th minute) M. Finn for Mellerick (48th minute).

KILKENNY: M. Fitzpatrick; B. O'Sullivan; L. Murphy, D. Malone, F. Rothwell; M. Downey, A. Downey, G. Dillon; S. Millea, B. Mullally, A. Downey (capt); B. Holmes. Sub. T. Millea for Rothwell (48th minute).

Referee: M. O'Callaghan (Offaly).



Sandie Fitzgibbon, Cork, solos past Kilkenny's Marina Downey during the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Final at Croke Park yesterday.

—(Picture: Maurice O'Mahony)



# KILKENNY STILL THE QUEENPINS!

KILKENNY remain queenpins of the camogie world. Yesterday at Croke Park they once again underlined their dominance of this code when capturing the O'Duffy Cup for the seventh successive time and the eleventh in all.

The Downey twins, Angela and Ann, have been key figures in every one of these successes, the first achieved in 1974, so it was fitting that Angela, who is contemplating retirement, should have bowed out of the inter-county scene on the highest-possible note.

The strong wind that blew directly towards the Railway End, to some extent, ruined this game as a spectacle but there could be no doubting Kilkenny's superiority.

They survived a torrid opening 20 minutes, during which Cork, despite facing the elements, played with frightening determination and no little skill.

However, the challengers could never crack the champions' defence, in which Deirdre Malone was a tower of strength. Time after time, Cork attacks foundered on the rock that was Kilkenny's No. 4.

Biddy O'Sullivan, at full-back, was soundness personified while Una Murphy, in her first All-Ireland senior final, regularly caught the eye with telling clearances.

The 18th minute brought Kilkenny's first goal. Ann Downey's line-ball from the left was caught by Breda Holmes, who palmed past Marion McCarthy. The champions led by 1-5 to 0-5 and within four minutes they struck another telling blow.

A pressurised Cork defence cleared the ball low across the face of their own posts. Gillian Dillon pounced and

whipped home the goal that very obviously undermined the challengers' self-belief.

Kilkenny led by 2-6 to 0-6 at the interval and Angela Downey almost put the issue beyond doubt within seconds of resuming. She raced through a static Cork defence but Marion McCarthy effected a brilliant save and clearance.

Nemesis was not, unfortunately, long delayed, so far as the losers were concerned. The 35th minute saw Angela Downey in possession and a shrewd, palmed pass into

**Gerry McCarthy reports**



**Kilkenny 3-8  
Cork .... 0-10**

Gillian Dillon's path was first-timed to the net.

A little more than 25 minutes remained but it was even then obvious that the O'Duffy Cup would return to the Nore.

The remaining exchanges were positively scrappy, as Kilkenny comfortably contained the opposition. Wind-assisted Cork dominated territorially but they overplayed the ball and made hardly any impression on the champions' rearguard.

Indeed, it was a reflection

of the losers' lack of ideas up front that they scored only four points during the second half, and three of those came from frees.

**KILKENNY** — M. Fitzpatrick; B. O'Sullivan; U. Murphy; D. Malone; F. Rothwell; M. Downey; Ann Downey (0-3, 0-2 frees); G. Dillon (2-0); S. Milne; B. Mullally; Angela Downey (capt.) (0-4); B. Holmes (1-1). Sub. — T. Milne for F. Rothwell.

**CORK** — M. McCarthy; L. Dunphy; P. Goggins; B. Kenny; L. Towler; C. O'Mahony (0-3, frees); T. O'Callaghan (capt.); S. Fitzgibbon (0-1); L. Mellerick; G. McCarthy (0-1, free); L. O'Neill; I. O'Leary (0-5, 0-2 frees). Sub. — I. O'Keefe for C. O'Mahony, M. Finn for L. Mellerick.

Referee: M. O'Callaghan (Offaly).



● FIRING AWAY ... Ger McCarthy (Cork) gets in a shot despite Ann Downey's (Kilkenny) attempt to block, during the All-Ireland Senior Camogie final at Croke Park yesterday.

## Another great day for Down all thanks to 'Bonnie'

**DOWN**.....3-13  
**TIPPERARY**.....2-14

VERONICA MCGREEVY was the Star of the County Down at Croke Park yesterday when her late goal robbed Tipperary of what seemed certain victory in the All-Ireland junior camogie final and brought the New Ireland Cup to the Mournes for the third time, writes Gerry McCarthy.

Only seconds previously, the losers' supporters were ecstatic after Joan Tobin took a pass from Deirdre Hughes and shot to the net, to put the Munster girls in front for only the second time in this game.

This score came after 59 minutes and it looked the end of the road for the Ulster representatives. However, Veronica McGreevy,

Bonnie, to her friends and acquaintances, got possession from the puck-out, soloed through the opposing defence and cracked home the clincher.

No wonder Tipperary were shattered, as the cup of cheer was dashed from their lips.

So, for the second successive Sunday, the Red and Black took over Croke Park after an All-Ireland final. Down had first use of the gale-force wind and led by 2-8 to 0-6 at the interval.

They defended bravely against the elements and Tipperary's first, second-half score from play did not come until the 51st minute.

Down led by five points, 2-12 to 0-13, in the 55th minute and looked reasonably safe. However, a mammoth free by Jovita Delaney was deflected to her own net by the losers' goalkeeper, Laura O'Prey, and the issue was back in the melting-pot.

A solo run by Veronica McGreevy ended in a free that Mairin McAleenan pointed. Deirdre Hughes replied for Tipp. Next, came Joan Tobin's goal and then, when the honours appeared bound for Knocknagow, the McGreevy Factor turned seeming-defeat into another Mourne celebration.

**DOWN**: L. O'Prey; A. Coyle

(capt.); P. Greene; T. All (0-1, Free); D. Smyth; Oakes (1-0); N. McCartan; Kelly (0-1); M. O'Higgins; McAleenan (0-8, 0-6 frees, '30'); N. O'Prey (0-1); McGreevy (2-2). Sub: Hynds for D. Smyth.

**TIPPERARY**: A. Keeshan; Delaney (1-0, free); Nealon; C. Kennedy; Madden; T. Bonnar (0-9, frees, 0-1 '30'); K. Molon (capt.); O. Hogan; D. Hughes (0-3); J. Tobin (1-0); Gleeson (0-1); H. O'Leary (1). Sub: G. Ryan-Meagher; A. Gleeson.

Referee: Mary Connolly (Louth).



# MUNSTER MISERY AT CROKE PARK

BY Tom Higgins.

IT was a frustrating afternoon for the Munster counties in yesterday's All-Ireland camogie finals at Croke Park with Cork losing out to Kilkenny by 3-8 to 0-10, and Tipperary going under to Down in the Junior decider by 3-13 to 2-14. On the run of play neither county deserved to win and were beaten by better sides on the day.

In fact it is Cork who may feel the more aggrieved as they travelled to Dublin with high expectations, having beaten Kilkenny twice in this year's League campaign. But apart from the opening fifteen minutes, when they played against a very strong wind, they never showed the form they displayed in their previous championship ties and were soundly beaten at the finish.

## Seeking

Kilkenny, who were seeking their seventh title on the trot, on the other hand were the much more determined side and once they settled they gave a disappointing Cork side little scope. With so many Cork players playing badly it was evident early in the second half that they were not going to realise their ambition and bring the O'Duffy Cup back to Leaside after a lapse of eight years.

Kilkenny, after taking quite a while to settle down, really got their act together midway through the first half when they scored two goals in the space of three minutes and once they had their third early in the second half the game was over as a contest.

Cork played well in the opening quarter but once Kilkenny took control at midfield they began to put the Cork defence under severe pressure. But the two goals in the 18th and 21st minutes by Breda Holmes and Gillian Dillon seemed to take the heart out of Cork but they were still in touch at the interval, 2-6 to 0-6, with a strong wind to help them in the second half.

However, it was Kilkenny who settled best after the interval and once Gillian Dillon scored Kilkenny's third goal in the 35th minute it was all over.

After that score the Kilkenny defence tightened up and began to mark closer which made it difficult for the



Cork's Linda Mellerick solos goalwards shadowed by Kilkenny's Frances Rothwell, during the All-Ireland senior camogie final at Croke Park.

Cork forwards to pick off their scores. With a limited supply of the ball from midfield they had to rely on the long clearances from defence to set up some promising moves. Still the Leesiders missed a great chance of getting back into the game in the 37th when Irene O'Keeffe, who had come in as a sub, a minute earlier got

an excellent pass from Linda Mellerick to the right of the posts but her shot was smothered and cleared. Cork were intent in going for goals and although they still were getting long clearances from the backs they persisted in shooting low from play and frees when points were there for the taking.



The Cork team defeated by Kilkenny in the All-Ireland Senior camogie final at Croke Park.



# Dazzling ladies celebrate 7-up!

KILKENNY ..... 3-8  
CORK ..... 0-10

**ALL HAIL** the glorious champions! Those peerless heroines of sport, the Kilkenny senior camogie ladies, have done it again... walked away with another All-Ireland title.

At wind-swept Croke Park, on Sunday, they out-foxed expertly prepared Cork to take home the O'Duffy Cup for the 7th successive year.

As expertly as Cork were prepared and played, they were left in the shade by the dazzling Noreiders, who produced a performance as good, if not better, than the six magnificent wins that have gone before. In a nutshell, this was brilliant stuff. This was Kilkenny's 11th win in all.

There was, in the end, absolutely no doubt about the Noreiders' superiority over a Cork team that started most determinedly, and at a hectic pace, but was undermined by two Kilkenny goals early in the second quarter.

The losers were bidding to end a dismal sequence in all-Ireland finals against the super determined champions. Not since 1972 had they beaten the Noreiders at this stage of the championship, and in the meantime they failed on seven occasions to the black and amber ladies.

Sunday's reverse extended this unenviable record to eight, so all connected with Cork camogie must be wondering just what they must do to end this Kilkenny domination.

## Looked good

Yet, for 18 minutes it had all looked so good for Cork. They were facing a gale-force wind that blew downfield towards the Railway goal. In

determined. They opened the scoring within half a minute of the throw-in, led by 0-3 to 0-1 after five minutes, and by 0-4 to 0-2 after 11.

They might have been further ahead at that stage but for some sterling defensive play by Deirdre Malone, while Una Murphy was performing with distinction in her first senior final.

Gradually Kilkenny began to come to grips with matters. Ann Downey (free) and Breda Holmes had them level by the 16th minute. Cork again inched ahead, but Angela Downey, with a sailing high point, once more balanced.

Within seconds of this score came the breakthrough the champions had been seeking. A line ball from the Kilkenny left was cut into the Cork square by Ann Downey. Breda Holmes jumped high to win possession and, in a twinkling, palmed the ball to the net.

That left the score 1-5 to 0-5. Almost immediately Cork's Colette O'Mahony was wide from a free. This was the signal for a sustained Kilkenny attack, and eventually the opposing defence cracked under the pressure.

## Severe blow

A hurried, low clearance across the face of their own posts created all sorts of problems for Cork. Gillian

ball home, to put the champions two goals clear and deal a severe blow to their opponents' confidence.

This was reflected in two bad Cork wides before Ann Downey stretched Kilkenny's lead when she pointed a free after Angela was fouled. Two minutes from the interval Colette O'Mahony was on target with a Cork free. Almost immediately her team-mate, Ger McCarthy, was wide from play.

Then followed an inexplicable wide by Ann Downey from a close-in free before the same player failed to get sufficient height into a '30' with the last stroke of the half. The ball was deflected over the bar, but this 'score' was not allowed.

A two-goal (2-6 to 0-6) half-time lead did not look nearly enough for Kilkenny, considering they faced the strong wind for the concluding 30 minutes. However, Angela Downey nearly settled the issue within seconds of the resumption, when she soloed through before unleashing a powerful shot. That effort brought the best out of Cork goalkeeper Marion McCarthy, who parried the ball and cleared without handling the leather.

That daring sortie clearly unsettled Cork, because Colette O'Mahony missed two frees before Kilkenny effectively wrapped up title No. 11 in the 35th minute.

Angela Downey was the creator. She expertly placed a palmed pass ahead of Gillian Dillon, whose first-time, left-handed shot gave Marion McCarthy absolutely no chance.

## Aimless

Leading by 3-6 to 0-6, Kilkenny were firmly in the driving seat. They comfortably contained a lot of aimless



Swamped! ... Cork goalkeeper Marion McCarthy is "swamped" by determined Kilkenny forwards (from left) — Angela Downey, Sinéad Millea and Marina Downey.



(Report by a special correspondent).

Pictures by TOM BRETT

Their defence during this time was rock-solid, and it is a tribute to this department that Cork scored only four points, three from frees, when aided by the elements.

The losers' best goaling chance was foiled when Marie Fitzpatrick timed her advance to perfection to rob Cork substitute, Irene O'Keefe, and Biddy O'Sullivan completed the clearance.

A solo point by Angela Downey left the score 3-7 to 0-8 after 43 minutes. Soon afterwards, Ann Downey sent a '30' wide. Midway through this half Frances Rothwell retired and Tracey Millea was introduced on the right flank of defence. Una Murphy switched to the left.

Cork's play began to lose all pattern and they more than once ignore possible points from frees as they sought the goal that might bring them back into contention. However, the winners' defence defied their best efforts.

Therese O'Callaghan did have a chance with five minutes remaining, but was slow to react and Biddy O'Sullivan tidied up. Angela Downey had the last say with a palmed point, and the only other incident of note was a wide by Ann Downey from a handily-placed free.

This was another utterly competent team performance by Kilkenny. Defence, with Deirdre Malone outstanding, was rock-solid and got sound second half assistance from Ann Downey, who played very deep in the teeth of the wind.

Marina Downey constantly

created problems for Cork with her surges down the right, and Gillian Dillon crowned a fine all-round performance with two well-taken goals.

Sinead Millea and Bridget Mullally worked hard and will have benefited from this experience. Breda Holmes's goal was the foundation on which eventual victory was built. She made life very difficult for the Cork defence, both at full-forward and when switched to the half line. Angela Downey has, perhaps, had more spectacular games, but she scored four points from play, created that third goal for Gillian Dillon, and always threatened the opposing defence when in possession.

### The Scorers

Kilkenny: G. Dillon (2-0), B. Holmes (1-1), Angela Downey (0-4), Ann Downey (0-3, two frees). Cork: I. O'Leary (0-3, two frees), C. O'Mahony (0-3, frees), S. Fitzgibbon (0-1), G. McCarthy (0-1, free).

Kilkenny — Marie Fitzpatrick, Biddy O'Sullivan, Una Murphy, Deirdre Malone, Frances Rothwell, Marina Downey, Ann Downey, Gillian Dillon, Sinead Millea, Bridget Mullally, Angela Downey (capt.), Breda Holmes. Sub: Tracey Millea for Frances Rothwell.

Cork — Marion McCarthy, Liz Dunphy, Paula Goggins, Breda Kenny, Liz Towler, Colette O'Mahony, Therese O'Callaghan (Capt.), Sandie Fitzgibbon, Linda Mellerick, Ger McCarthy, Liz O'Neill, Irene O'Leary. Subs: Irene O'Keefe for Colette Murphy, Margaret Finn for Linda Mellerick.

Referee: Miriam O'Callaghan (Offaly).

All-Ireland Junior final: Down 3-13, Tipperary 2-14.



Deadly duo! ... The Downey twins, Ann (left) and Angela, team captain with the All-Ireland trophy at Croke Park. They have won eleven All-Ireland senior medals with Kilkenny.



Meeting the President ... Kilkenny players are introduced to President Mary Robinson before the All-Ireland. Included are (from left) — Breda Holmes, Bridget Mullally, Sinead Millea, Gillian Dillon, Ann Downey, Marina Downey, Frances Rothwell and Deirdre Malone.





CONCENTRATION . . . is the name of the game as Kilkenny's Breda Holmes breaks away from Cork's Liz Dunphy.

## Magnificent Seven for Kilkenny girls

KILKENNY.....3-8  
CORK.....0-10

KILKENNY going for their seventh title, captained by the legendary Angela Downey; Cork hoping to beat them for the third time this season.

On paper, yesterday's All Ireland senior camogie final at Croke Park had all the ingredients for a thriller. Sadly, it lived up to expectations only for the first ten minutes.

Cork opened their account within the first half-minute and Kilkenny looked all at sea until midfield general Ann Downey steadied the ship with a well struck equaliser from play.

Half way through the first half, it was still nip and tuck at five points apiece but, then, Kilkenny took control.

First, Breda Holmes buried the sliothar into the Cork net from Ann Downey's beautifully-placed side-line puck and, then, five minutes later, the promising Gillian Dillon struck for another goal.

It was a double blow from which the Leesiders never recovered.

They huffed and they puffed but all too often they fell prey to hesitation and over-fussy play. At least three good chances for goals went up in smoke — and not just as a result of Kilkenny's loose marking.

With the swirling wind and slippery underfoot conditions adding to the players' problems, a plague of wides afflicted both sides after the interval.

Kilkenny, though, were always in control and Dillon's second goal finally killed off Cork's faint hopes of a revival.

Scorers: Kilkenny — G Dillon 2-0, B Holmes 1-1, Angela Downey 0-4, Ann Downey 0-3, Cork — C O'Mahoney 0-5, I O'Leary 0-4, S Fitzgibbon 0-1.

KILKENNY: M Fitzpatrick, B O'Sullivan, U Murphy, D Malone, F Rothwell, M Downey, Ann Downey, G Dillon, S Millea, B Mullally, Angela Downey, B Holmes. Subs: T Millea for F. Rothwell.

CORK: M McCarthy, E Dunphy, P Goggins, B Kenny, E Towler, C O'Mahoney, T O'Callaghan, S Fitzgibbon, L Mellerick, G McCarthy, E O'Neill, I O'Leary. Subs: M Finn for Mellerick, T O'Keefe for O'Mahoney.

Referee: M O'Callaghan (Offaly).

DOWN.....3-13  
TIPPERARY.....2-14

DOWN just hung on in a thrilling finish to foil a brave Tipperary rally in the junior final.

Tipp were adrift by a massive 2-8 to 0-6 at half-time, having been unable to contain the Down attack and especially the brilliant Mairin McAleenan.

But, in characteristic style, they came out fighting for the second half and clawed their way back into the game, thanks mainly to Triona Bonnar's superb point-taking.

With eight minutes left, Down led by 2-12 to 0-13 and their supporters' agitation became even more acute when, first, full back Jovita Delaney and, then, Joan Tobin crashed home goals for Tipp.

Down, however, were in no mood to surrender and the impressive Veronica Nic Riabhaigh scored her second goal to put them back in control — just.

Scorers: Down — V Nic Riabhaigh 2-2, I Oakes 1-0, M McAleenan 0-9, N O'Prey and B Kelly 0-1. Tipperary — J Delaney and J Tobin 1-0 each, T Bonnar 0-9, D Hughes 0-3, A Gleeson and H O'Leary 0-1 each.

DOWN: L O'Prey, A Coyle, P Greene, T Allen, D Smyth, I Oakes, N McCartan, B Kelly, M O'Higgins, M McAleenan, N O'Prey, V Nic Riabhaigh. Sub: V Hynds for Smyth.

TIPPERARY: A Keeshan, J Delaney, S Nealon, C Kenney, C Madden, T Bonnar, K Mahoney, O Hogan, D Hughes, J Tobin, A Gleeson, H O'Leary. Sub: G Ryan-Meagher for Gleeson.

Referee: M O'Connor (Louth).



● KILKENNY'S Biddy O'Sullivan action during the senior camogie final at Croke Park yesterday.



Liz O'Neill, Cork, tussles with Kilkenny backs Una Murphy, Biddy O'Sullivan Frances Rothwell, during the All-Ireland Senior Camogie final at Croke Park



A delighted Kilkenny captain, Angela Downey, watched by the President, Mrs Robinson, after her team beat Cork in the All-Ireland camogie final at Croke Park yesterday. — (Photo)





Happy day! . . . Biddy O'Sullivan, Tullogher (right, who had a great game at full-back and won her seventh All-Ireland senior camogie medal, celebrating at Croke Park with Tracey Millea, Ballycallan, who won her first All-Ireland senior medal. In front is team mascot Ciara Ryan. (Photo: Tom Brett)



Seventh Heaven! . . . Watched by President Mary Robinson, Kilkenny's jubilant captain Angela Downey holds aloft the All-Ireland senior camogie trophy after her team's victory over Cork at Croke Park on Sunday. This created a record-breaking achievement of seven All-Ireland titles in a row. (Photo: Tom Brett)



Cork's Linda Mellerick lines up a shot at goal as Frances Rothwell comes in to challenge during the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Final at Croke Park





## Ann Downey

AFTER a splendid  
midfield display in  
their seven-in-a-row  
All Ireland camogie

title win over Cork,  
Kilkenny midfielder  
Ann Downey is this  
week's Irish Independent/Jurys Hotel  
Dublin Sports Star of  
the Week. Once again  
she came out of the  
shadow of her brilliant  
twin Angela, and  
was tireless in defence  
and attack on her way  
to a well-earned 11th  
senior All Ireland  
medal.



**THAT WINNING FEELING . . .** Angela Downey shows her delight as she proudly holds the trophy aloft after Kilkenny's All-Ireland camogie championship triumph at Croke Park yesterday. Picture: DARA MacDONAILL.



**Linda Mellerick** of Cork gets away from challenge by Kilkenny's Una Murray with Ann in the background in the All-Ireland camogie Kilkenny won at Croke Park yesterday to take title in a row.



# Scoring machine Sinéad is a star

A TALENTED young Kilkenny lady who has a tendency to equal or create new records has walked away with the county's latest sports personality of the month award.

One of the rising stars on the camogie scene, Sinéad Millea was chosen as the Hotel Kilkenny - Kilkenny People sports personality of the month for August.

The 16-year-old was selected after winning a record equalling third minor All-Ireland camogie medal with

Kilkenny.

Not finished at that, she also played a leading role when her club, St. Brigid's (Ballycallan) captured their first Kilkenny senior camogie title by defeating Lisdowney in the final.

And since she was presented with her Kilkenny crystal trophy last week, Miss Millea has created a second camogie record.

She was part of the Kilkenny senior team that ran up 7 wins on-the-trot at Croke park on Sunday. She thus

became the only player in the history of the game to complete the minor-senior All-Ireland double.

## Third success

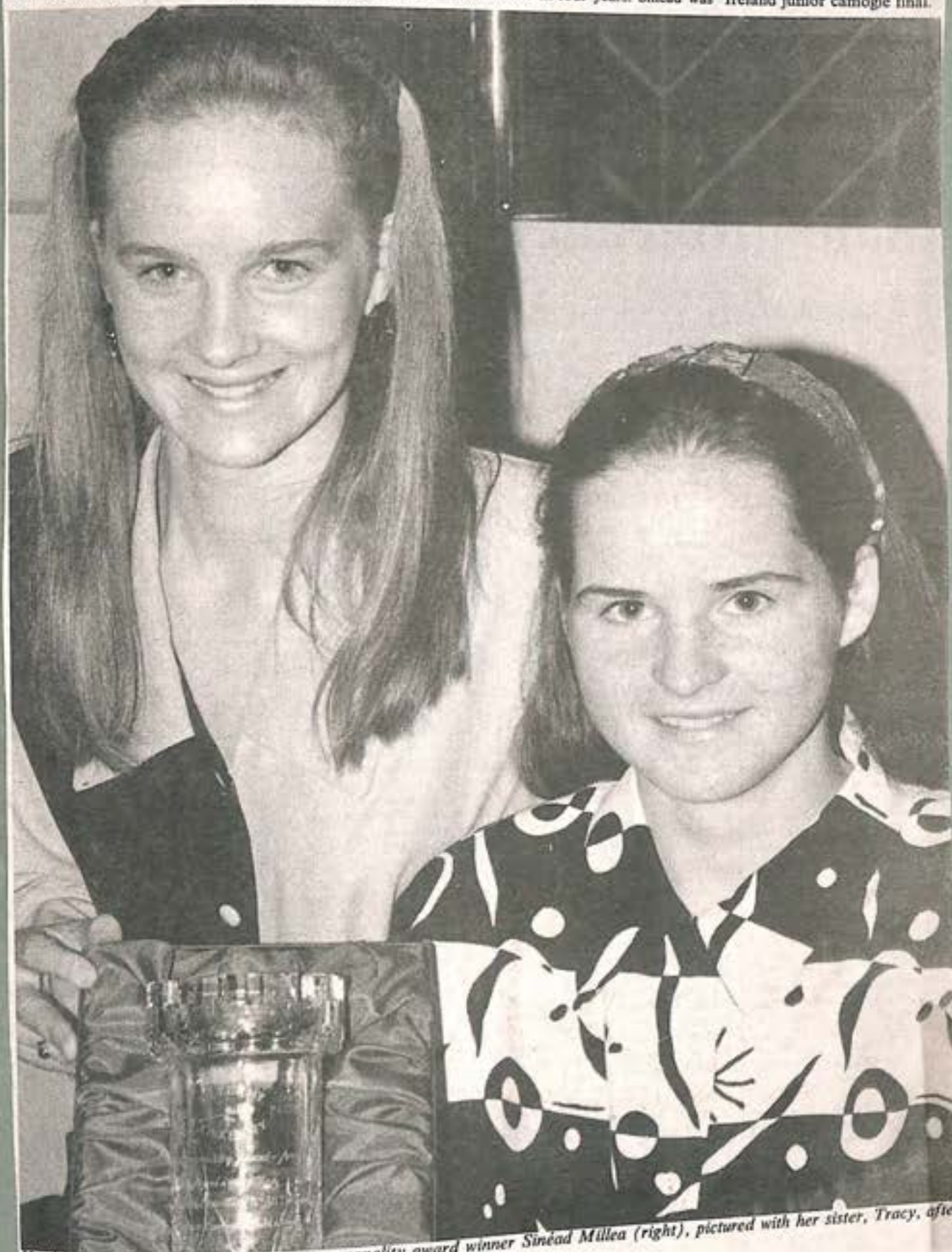
In recognition of her exciting exploits with the Kilkenny minors and her club, Sinéad was honoured as the Hotel Kilkenny and Kilkenny People sports personality. In the minor All-Ireland against Galway, which Kilkenny won by 4-12 to 3-7, she bagged 2-4.

That was Kilkenny's third success in four years. Sinéad was

sick for last year's final against Tipperary, and the Noreiders were beaten by just one point. Had she won a medal there, her haul now would be four, and she would have the record outright.

In the county final, which St. Brigid's won by 2-15 to 1-11, the fleet-footed attacked slammed home 1-9.

Last year Sinéad was honoured as a monthly star in April. On that occasion she grabbed a record score of 4-7 when helping her school, St. Brigid's college, Callan to their first victory in the All-Ireland junior camogie final.



Hotel Kilkenny/Kilkenny People sports personality award winner Sinéad Millea (right), pictured with her sister, Tracy, after receiving the Kilkenny Crystal trophy at a reception in Hotel Kilkenny.  
(Photo: Michael Brophy)



# Agonising Defeat For Tipperary Girls

Tipperary ..... 2-14; Down ..... 3-13.

**DOWN** full-forward Veronica "Bonnie" McGreevy put paid to Tipperary's hopes of laying hands on the New Ireland Cup for the first time with a late late winning goal that resigned the Tipperary girls to their second successive defeat on the all-Ireland stage. Time just ran out for a gallant and resolute Tipperary team as they whittled away Down's lead of nine points and took the lead themselves in the dying seconds only to see victory snatched from them with practically the last puck of the match.

After the disappointing defeat by Kildare last year, Tipperary felt that they could learn from the experience and capture the cup this year, sadly it was not to be. The fact that this year they came closer to achieving success than last year just adds to the heartbreak.

The wind factor had a huge bearing on the game as it whipped mercilessly from the Canal to the Railway end. The biting wind was added to by sporadic wintry showers that contributed to the players and the spectators discomfort. It's influence on the outcome was hugely significant. The strength of the wind was very beneficial to the team that played with it and Down took advantage of this to open up a substantial lead on Tipperary by half time.

Down however did not have everything their own way for the first fifteen minutes of the first half and the Tipperary girls kept in touch with some intelligent play against the wind. Centre half-back Teresa Allen started the ball rolling for the Down girls with an early point from a free. Not to be outdone Triona Bonnar responded with a point, also

a hand passed point after a lengthy solo run. Down were now swamping the Tipperary defence with high balls and McGreevy pointed once more. Again Deirdre Hughes hit back with a point and again Down cancelled it out. This was the pattern that the match was played in with sweeping moves and skillful stickwork by both sides, but Down's ability to play effective ground camogie stood to them over the course of the sixty minutes.

Triona Bonnar responded with a much needed point for Tipperary, curling the ball in on the breeze, to lift the pressure. The reply from Down was crushing. McGreevy gathered the ball deep in the Tipperary half and beat several players before hammering the ball to the net, an action that produced an ear-splitting roar from the huge throng of Down supporters. That proved to be the final score of the half and saw Down go into the dressing room with the considerable advantage of 2-8 to 0-6. At this stage things were looking ominous for Tipperary but the pressure was now on Down as Tipperary would have the wind in the second half and

and Dublin earlier in the campaign.

The break they needed came after twenty-five minutes of the second half when a free by Jovita Delaney was lobbed into the square, went off a defender's hurley and into the net. Tipperary were now only two points down and this made for a hectic final five minutes.

Down showed their resilience and battling qualities by moving the ball quickly up-field for McAleenan to point from a free. They needed that score for Tipperary were now putting them under fierce pressure and were going for the jugular. Tipp. desperately needed a goal and they got it. Joan Tobin gathered the ball ten yards out, slipped her marker, side-stepped another defender and cracked it home. Tipperary were in front and the cup was as good as theirs. The joy, however, was short-lived.

## CRUEL BLOW

From the puck out, Bonnie McGreevy, who was a constant thorn in Tipperary's side, dealt them a cruel blow by soloing on and smashing the ball to the net to restore Down's lead. Tipperary were stunned as the vast majority of the crowd went wild with delight. Time had run out, the Down goal was the final chapter of a memorable match that pitted two wonderfully talented teams against each other. Sadly somebody had to loose.

Down, as most would agree, deserved their victory. Their unflinching spirit and sportsmanship saw them through a nerve-racking final ten minutes, the mark of true champions. Tipperary, for their part, were bitterly disappointed and they had every right to be. They battled their hearts out and their never-say-die attitude brought them so close to laying their hands on the illustrious cup. Their despondency was understandable.

On reflection, the failure of the Tipperary girls to score from play for twenty-one minutes of the second half, with the wind behind them, probably cost them the match. They must analyse their performance and realise that this team is young and it's good. The attention to under age camogie in the county has certainly paid off. Ten of Tipperary's panel last Sunday are eligible to play at under eighteen level which bears well



Tipperary captain Kaiffe Moloney in tears after the defeat by Down.

for the future. The Tipperary girls can now only lift their heads, look to next year and give it another go. The experience of playing in two all-Ireland finals will stand to them and their desire to win the New Ireland Cup will be doubled, and hopefully it will be third time lucky.

Scorers: Tipperary — T. Bonnar (0-9), D. Hughes (0-3), J. Delaney (1-0), J. Tobin (1-0), A. Gleeson (0-1), H. O'Leary (0-1). Down — M. McAleenan (0-8), V. McGreevy (2-2), I. Oakes (1-0), T. Allen (0-1), B. Kelly (0-1), N. O'Prey (0-1).

Tipperary: A. Keeshan (Roscrea); J. Delaney

(Cashel); S. Nealon (Burgess), C. Kennedy (Toomevara), C. Madden (Portroe), T. Bonnar (Cashel), K. Maloney (Cashel, capt.), O. Hogan (Burgess), D. Hughes (Toomevara), J. Tobin (St. Enda's, Ballymacash), A. Gleeson (Toomevara), H. O'Leary (Cashel). Subs: G. Ryan-Meagher (Cappawhite) for A. Gleeson; M. Stokes (Clonmel) for H. O'Leary.

Down: L. O'Prey; A. Coyle (capt.), P. Greene, T. Allen, D. Smyth, I. Oakes, N. McCartan, B. Kelly, M. O'Higgins, M. McAleenan, N. O'Prey, V. McGreevy.

Referee — Mary Connors (Louth).



# Mar Eolas Duit

— First cousins, Sínead Costello and Marie Maher won All-Ireland Minor medals with Cill Chainnigh last month. Their mothers, Brenda and Maura Cassin, better known in their playing days as the Cassin Twins, fielded with Cill Chainnigh in the 1970 and 1972 All-Ireland Senior finals.

— An Dún won the first All-Ireland Junior Championship in 1968 and the first All-Ireland Minor Championship in 1974. The county achieved a football-camogie double in 1968.

— Joan Tobin (Tiobraid Árann) and Maureen McAleenan (An Dún) were team-mates of the Combined Universities team.

— 'Tá imreoirí an-óga ag teacht chun tosaigh i measc na sinsear. Four of the Cill Chainnigh team which won the 1989 All-Ireland Minor title have already played senior championship for their county. They are: Bridget Mullally, Gillian Dillon, Una Murphy and Sínead Milles.

— Sandie Fitzgibbon (Corcaigh) won All-Ireland Club honours in two sports last season. She captained Blarney to win the ICS Basketball Cup and played with Glen Rovers in their camogie victory.

— There are several links between today's players and G.A.A. personalities. Triona Bonnar (Tiobraid

Árann) is a sister of Cormac, Colm and Conal, who won All-Ireland hurling medals earlier this month. Sínead Nealon is a daughter of Munster Council Secretary and former Tiobraid Árann star, Donie Nealon.

— Cúlbaire Chorcaí, Marion McCarthy, and her deputy, Brid Walsh, are sisters of All-Ireland senior hurling medal winners, Sean McCarthy and Denis Walsh.

— Angela and Ann Downey are the twin daughters of former All-Ireland hurler, Shem Downey, while Gillian Dillon and the Milles sisters, Sínead and Tracy, are daughters of All-Ireland hurlers, Pa Dillon and Joe Milles.

— Is deirfiúir i Máirín Ní Giolla Fhinnéin le Seamas, iar-Ardúnai agus Oifigeach Forbartha an Chumann.



Catherine Guerin



The Tipperary team which lost to Down in the all-Ireland final.

## FIGHTBACK

Indeed Triona kept Tipperary in the game throughout with an outstanding display of free-taking with some beautifully executed scores. Full forward Helen O'Leary added a second with a handpass over the bar to put Tipperary in front, but then centre-forward Mairin McAleenan took over, pointing twice to put Down in front. Ann Gleeson replied for Tipperary but by now Down were in control and were making all the play with the strong wind. Bonnie McGreevy was by now posing a serious threat to the Tipperary defence with her speed to the ball her darting runs and her intelligent passing and shooting. She put over for her first score of the game and McAleenan followed up with another pointed free to stretch their advantage.

However, Sínead Nealon, Cora Kennedy, Claire Madden and full-back Jovita Delaney were restricting the Down forwards with hard, aggressive and defiant tackling. The Tipperary defence were prone to giving away needless frees in front of goal and they were duly punished by Down's ace free taker, McAleenan.

## OAKES GOAL

The wind though was their greatest enemy and it made it quite difficult for them to judge the flight of the sliotar. Down capitalised on this and once again a typical mazy run from McGreevy set up Isobel Oakes to blast home a goal and give Down a 1-6 to 0-3 lead. Tipperary were struggling and a response was vital to regain their composure. Deirdre Hughes duly obliged with

Down, however, gained the early possession against the wind and won a free which McAleenan pointed. But the wind advantage boosted Tipperary's confidence and with Kaiffee Maloney, Triona Bonnar and Orla Hogan winning balls in midfield, Tipperary's fightback began in earnest. Bonnar showed her true class with three points from frees and one from a 30' to cut Down's lead to five points. Tipperary were really pushing forward looking for a goal when Down caught them on the break and were awarded two frees in succession and McAleenan pointed both to put Down 2-11 to 0-10 in front. Bonnar pointed again from a free and then full forward Helen O'Leary missed a golden opportunity for a goal, denied by the Down goalie Laura O'Prey's lunging tackle.

By now it had started to rain and the near freezing conditions hindered both teams' performances. Tipperary were not closing the gap quickly enough and Down seemed to have enough in reserve to hold on. Noreen O'Prey hand passed a point for Down and things looked bad for Tipperary. The introduction of Geraldine Ryan - Meagher for Ann Gleeson and Maeve Stokes for Helen O'Leary gave the forward lines an added boost. The substitutions paid dividends with Triona Bonnar pointing from play and then from a free. Tipperary were giving it everything and were showing their true battling spirit that had seen off Limerick, Cork





## CON

by Con Houlihan

### The Cats have seven lives

I should have been in Croke Park by 1.45 yesterday but couldn't resist watching a slice of this country's national game.

It is neither hurling nor football but a game that existed long before organised sport; it is called politics.

And of course I had to listen to the duel between my old colleague and my co-eval Charlie Haughey.

Such confrontations usually yield little; the man in the dock — whether he be Charlie or some other leading politician — usually resorts to a language called Dailpeak.

Yesterday's little joust was rather different; The Boss came near to ordinary language — if only for a few scattered moments.

And so it was worth my while to remain for the confrontation.

I am rather amused when — as happens so often — people suggest that Charlie's age is a factor that must be considered in the context of the leadership.

Perhaps the most salient aspect of his performance yesterday was his mental agility.

He is far more articulate now than he was in his alleged prime.

I am not a member of his fan club — and that's pure truth — but I was forced to admire his mental agility yesterday.

While all this was going on, Down and Tipperary were producing a thriller in Croke Park.

My scouts told me all about it — and they raved about Down's full-forward, Veronica McRiabhagh.

She was pointed out to me; she is a fair-haired sturdy little girl who looked supremely happy as she watched The Senior Final.

It was hardly surprising — she had been the especial heroine of a famous victory.

There was a high swirling wind in Croke Park yesterday — it blew towards The Railway end.

### Establish lead

And it helped Down to establish a lead of 2-8 to 0-6 by half-time.

If you are familiar with camogie, you will know that such a lead is very hard to pull back, no matter how strong the wind.

Tipperary were undaunted; their right-side midfielder Triona Bonnar, sent over a stream of points.

And Tipperary put in a late brace of goals and went ahead by 2-13 to 2-12.

And then little Veronica struck her second goal — and helped Down to a great double.

The stadium was still seething with red and black when I got there about a quarter past three.

The afternoon was dark and cold but the good people from under The Mournes were on the proverbial roll.

Their presence swelled the crowd so much that it was the biggest I have ever seen at a camogie final.

As has happened on several occasions, the game on the undercard proved to be the better.

It was well known in camogie circles — not to mention triangles and rectangles — that Cork were determined to emerge from their desert.

For six long years they have watched Kilkenny monopolise The All-Ireland.

My scouts told me that they had been in training since October and had been under the tutelage of a professional coach since February.

It was an impressive load of homework — and a few shrewd judges told me that Cork were certainties.

Cork had beaten Kilkenny in The League Final; the six times champions appeared to have been vulnerable; the omens were good.

And the girls in red-and-white began with a flourish. Irene O'Leary hit a flying point after 30 seconds.



● IT'S MINE ... Bernadette Kelly (Down) and Deirdre Hughes (Tipp) vie for possession during the All-Ireland Junior Camogie final at Croke Park yesterday.

### Were ruffled

And for about ten minutes it seemed that Kilkenny were ruffled and that Cork's dash would ruffle them further.

Two fair-haired sprites, Linda Mellerick and Ger McCarthy, were threatening to touse Kilkenny's defence — the followers were in good voice.

While all this was going on, Ann Downey, Kilkenny's central midfielder, was her usual admirable self.

She got the equalising point — and for the remainder of the game her coal-black head was seldom far from the eye of the storm.

And when Kilkenny settled, it was clear that those who had deemed them yesterday's girls were away out.

The lassies in black-and-amber were playing with all the hunger of snipe in a winter field.

And yet Cork were well placed at the end of the first quarter; the score was five points each — and they would have the wind in Act Two.

Soon, however, the leaves began to fall from their day: Ann Downey cut a great sideline ball from the left into the goalmouth — Breda Holmes stroked to the net.

A few minutes later a great goal gave Kilkenny a grip which was never loosened.

Marion McCarthy was out of her goal trying to quell an attack on her left; the sliothar came out of a ruck to Gillian Dillon — she cut it first-time to the net.

It was 2-6 to 0-6 at the break; Cork's task was daunting.

They fought bravely but to little avail against a vastly more experienced expedition.

Kilkenny made light of playing into the wind; they seldom played the ball high and they passed shrewdly.

And soon a neat movement put the game almost out of Cork's reach.

It culminated when Angela Downey passed square to Gillian Dillon about 12 yards from goal and in the middle.

The ball came waist high to the comparative newcomer from Freshford — she hit it first time into the roof of the net.

And more and more as play went on, Cork began to look like a light brigade.

All in all, they are a very young side: the fusion of experience and expertise of Cathy Landers and Betty Joyce and Claire Cronin was sorely missed.

The final score 3-8 to 0-10 was a fair reflection of the play.

It is very difficult to win a camogie game without scoring a goal or two, a fact of life of which Kilkenny were acutely aware.

The champions were sound at all points and brilliant at several.

To see a game in which Angela Downey fails to score a goal is akin to seeing a Kerry dinner without spuds — she compensated by posting four points.

Ann untypically scored only two points from frees — the wild wind was no help.

Cork's outstanding player was centre-back Theresa O'Callaghan.

Lil Towler and Sandie Fitzgibbon did very well too.

Linda Mellerick did many fine things but will rue a miss that might have changed the course of the game.

In the last minute of the first half she wriggled past three defenders but kicked wide from five yards.





Ann Gleeson in action for Tipperary on Sunday in the junior camogie All-Ireland final. (Photo: Joe Fanning)

## We'll Be Back, Say Tipperary Girls

**DEFEATED** but defiant, Tipperary junior camogie team and mentors returned to Thurles on Monday night last and vowed that they would be back for another mighty go at the elusive All-Ireland.

When they arrived by train in Thurles at approximately 7.30 p.m. tears welled in their eyes again as they were afforded a welcome home on the platform by their families and friends. The disappointment so acute immediately after last Sunday's devastating defeat by Down had subsided to some degree, however, and there was a more steely determination etched on the faces of the players and management to make it third time lucky next year.

There to greet the team was Thurles Silver Band and it led them on a parade from the station into the town.

Later the team left for Cashel, home of captain Kaiffe Moloney and there they were given a rousing reception. They paraded through the town led by the Diarmuid O'Hurley Pipe Band and were met by the chairman of Cashel Urban Council, Mr Richard Wood. Afterwards the team enjoyed a function in Grant's Hotel.

County Secretary Marion Graham said that the team were absolutely shattered after the game. "We had it won and then suddenly gave it away with that late Down goal. To be beaten a second time is so hard to take but to lose in such a manner makes it even worse. For one split second after Joan Tobin's goal that seemed to have it clinched for us, we lost concentration. I lost it myself too and suddenly before we knew what was happening the Down goalie had the ball pucked out and it was a goal at the other end. It was cruel", Marion said.

And while Monday night was not the time to be thinking of plans for next year,

there's no doubt Marion said, that the relatively young team are determined to give it "another shot". And why not, we say! After all, they have given followers of the game great enjoyment and should continue to be a force for the foreseeable future.

Team coach John Kennedy was high in his praise of Cork's sporting hand to the Tipperary girls in Dublin on Monday. The beaten senior

champions met up with Tipperary in the Aisling Hotel before they left for home, and as John says, "the crack was great even in defeat".

Tipperary also attended the official Camogie Association reception for all four teams, Kilkenny, Cork, Down and themselves in the Grand Hotel, Malahide, on Sunday evening.

Meanwhile, it's back to the domestic scene this weekend with the county junior final down for decision between Clonmel and Shannon Rovers at Borrisoleigh at 1.30 p.m. The game will be preceded by the under 16 semi-final between Roscrea and Gortnahoe at 12 noon.

## Sunday September 22nd All-Ireland Senior Camogie Final

At Croke Park

Kilkenny ..... 3-8  
Cork ..... 0-10

**KILKENNY:** M. Fitzpatrick; B. O'Sullivan, U. Murphy, D. Malone, P. Rothwell, M. Downey, Ann Downey (0-3, 0-2 frees), G. Dillon (2-0), S. Millea, B. Mullally, Angela Downey (capt.) (0-4), B. Holmes (1-1). Sub - T. Millea for P. Rothwell

**CORK:** M. McCarthy, L. Dunphy, P. Goggins, B. Kenny, L. Towler, C. O'Mahony (0-3, frees), T. O'Callaghan (capt.), S. Fitzgibbon (0-1), L. Mellerick, G. McCarthy (0-1, free), L. O'Neill, I. O'Leary (0-5, 0-2 frees). Subs - I. O'Keefe for C. O'Mahony; M. Finn for L. Mellerick.

Referee: M. O'Callaghan (Offaly).

## All-Ireland Junior Camogie Final

At Croke Park

Down ..... 3-13  
Tipperary ..... 2-14

**DOWN:** L. O'Prey, A. Coyle (Capt.), P. Greene, T. Allen (0-1, free), D. Smyth, I. Oakes (1-0), N. McCartan, B. Kelly (0-1), M. O'Higgins, M. McAleenan (0-8, 0-6 frees, 0-1 '30'), N. O'Prey (0-1), V. McGreevy (2-2). Sub - V. Hynds for D. Smyth.

**TIPPERARY:** A. Keeshan, J. Delaney (1-0, free), S. Nealon, C. Kennedy, C. Madden, T. Bonnar (0-9, 0-7 frees, 0-1 '30'), K. Moloney (capt.), O. Hogan, D. Hughes (0-3), J. Tobin (1-0), A. Gleeson (0-1), H. O'Leary (0-1). Sub - G. Ryan-Meagher for A. Gleeson.

Referee: Mary Connors (Louth).



Cork's Linda Mellerick runs through the Kilkenny defence, during the All-Ireland Senior Camogie final at Croke Park last Sunday. (Picture: Maurice O'Mahony)





Pictured catching up on yesterday's report of the All Ireland senior camogie final at a reception at Cork Examiner Publications Ltd. last night were (from left): Joe McGrath, coach; Gretchen Crosbie, Therese O'Callaghan, Cork captain; Sile Golden, chairperson Cork County Camogie Board and Ted Crosbie, chief executive Cork Examiner Publications Ltd. (Picture: Norma Cuddihy)

## Spirited Cork are down but not out!

A DISAPPOINTED but highly spirited Cork camogie team which lost Sunday's All-Ireland in Croke Park arrived home last evening to a reception hosted by Cork Examiner Publications.

After a great season, in which they beat Kilkenny twice on their way to winning the National League, the Cork girls were unable to stop Kilkenny winning their seventh All-Ireland title in succession.

Welcoming the Cork team home, Mr T.E.

Crosbie Chief Executive of Cork Examiner Publications said it was understandable that they were disappointed after all the effort they put into their campaign but he said he was confident that they would go all the way next season.

Team captain, Therese O'Callaghan paid tribute to the squad of 25 players who had been together since Christmas and training three nights a week in recent weeks under the direction of their coach, Joe McGrath. She said they could not blame anyone for their loss - they had their chances but Kil-

kenny were better on the day.

While she hoped the panel would stay together and make a comeback next year, the senior member of the team, goalkeeper, Marion McCarthy who won her first All Ireland medal in 1970, said she would take a long hard look at everything before making her mind up about next year.

Team coach, Joe McGrath said the Cork girls had scored ten times to Kilkenny's eleven but three of those were major scores and that was the difference between the teams.



Mná na hÉireann ... President Robinson presenting Kilkenny's captain, Angela Downey, with the All Ireland camogie trophy at Croke Park.



## Chrissie's cuppa' joy

It is not everyone who can boast having tea in "The Park" with the President.

But Cork City Councillor, Chrissie Aherne, can. Councillor Aherne, or Chrissie as she is known to her friends, did not have the cuppa with President Mary in the Phoenix Park, however - but in Croke Park.

The occasion was the All-Ireland Camogie Final clash between Cork and Kilkenny.

And Chrissie was in Croker deputising for the Lord Mayor.

"We had a wonderful day out and it was great to have tea with President Robinson after the game," Chrissie told the *Echo*.

Accompanying Chrissie was her granddaughter Jacqueline Chantry, from Mahon, who was thrilled with the experience.

Chrissie was very impressed with the hospitality she received in Dublin.

"We were even picked up by a special car at Heuston station and taken to Croke Park," she explained.

And even though the Cork girls lost to the Cats, the trip was more than worthwhile, said Chrissie.

NO TEA-SING! Chrissie had tea with President Mary at Croke Park.





### Croke Park action

Right : A perfect catch by  
Down's Pauline Green.

★★★★★★★★

Left: Dolores Smith  
harries a Tipperary  
forward.



UNDER ATTACK — Anne Coyle does well while under  
attack from two Tipperary players.



# CAMOGIE FINAL ACTION FROM CROKE PARK

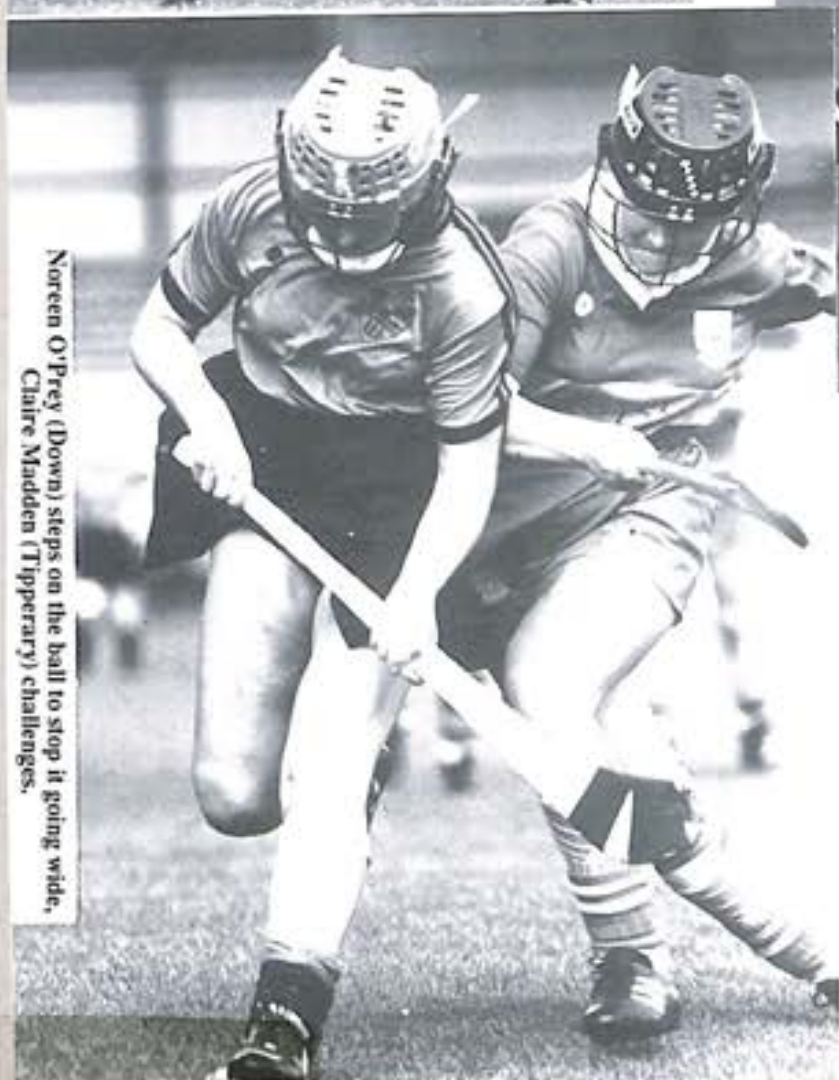
By JOHN QUIRKE



Linda Mellorick (Cork) appears to be performing a bit of magic as she hides the ball in her left hand. Deirdre Malone (Kilkenny) and Theresa O'Callaghan are in the background.



No identification problems with this picture, it's Martina Downey's camogie stick as she sets up another Kilkenny attack. Eile Towler (Cork) is close to challenge.

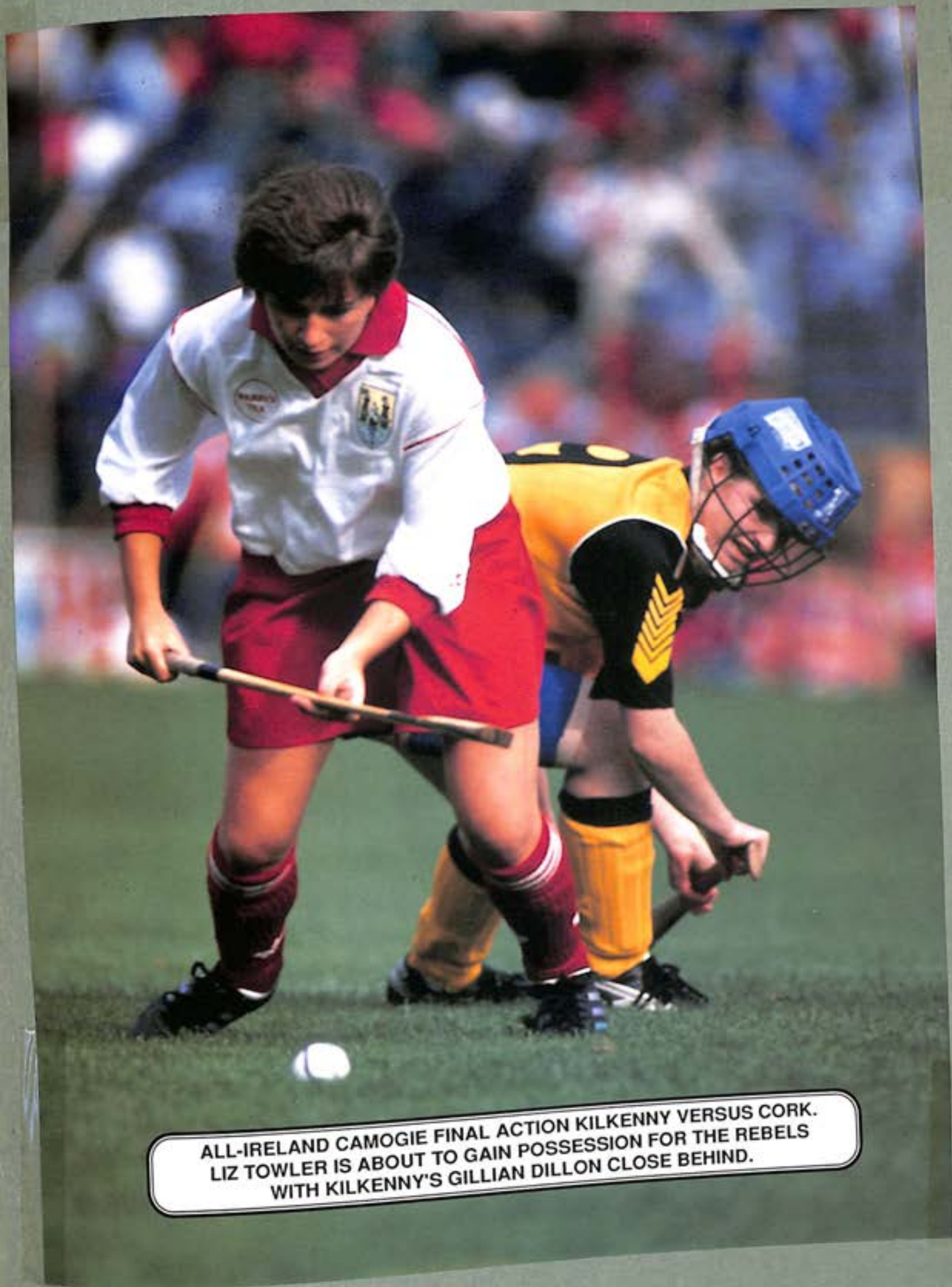


Noreen O'Prey (Down) steps on the ball to stop it going wide. Claire Madden (Tipperary) challenges.



Cork's Ger McCarthy in action.





ALL-IRELAND CAMOGIE FINAL ACTION KILKENNY VERSUS CORK.  
LIZ TOWLER IS ABOUT TO GAIN POSSESSION FOR THE REBELS  
WITH KILKENNY'S GILLIAN DILLON CLOSE BEHIND.



# *History repeats itself in Down*



The Down girls with the All-Ireland Junior camogie cup during a celebration in Newcastle on Monday night.

Photo: Michael Flanagan.



# WHAT A BONNY GOAL!

VERONICA 'Bonny' McGreevy will go down in County Down camogie history for her great goal in the dying seconds of the All Ireland Junior camogie final against Tipperary at Croke Park on Sunday.

Down were a point behind after Tipperary had scored a goal but from the puck-out Bonny got the ball and charged goalwards to bulge the net and give Down their third All Ireland Junior title.

It was a sensational finish to one of the best camogie finals ever seen at Croke Park and for the second consecutive Sunday Down fans were celebrating an All Ireland success.

They say history repeats itself. Down footballers and camogie girls won the double in 1968. Now they have done it again!

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Veronica 'Bonny' McGreevy bursts through for Down's late winning goal.



Down captain Anne Coyne with the cup.

Match photos: Vivien McConvey

MAGIC — Bernie Kelly, who scored a goal for Down on Sunday, enjoys her moment of triumph.



# THE RED IS BEST

Down..... 3-13 Tipperary.....2-14

THE RED and black far outnumbered the other colours on the terraces of Croke Park on Sunday as Ulster fans in the 10,000 strong crowd cheered the Down girls to a famous victory in the All-Ireland Junior Camogie decider over last year's beaten finalists Tipperary.

Down played with wind advantage after Tipperary won the toss, and were forced back inside their own half for most of the opening ten minutes. However, they managed three points with Teresa Allen opening their account with a free from over half way. T Bonnar and H O'Leary replied with points for Tipp. Maureen McAleenan pointed from play and from a free before A Gillespie levelled things up at three points each.

Down then opened up a three points lead with two from McAleenan and one from McGreevy.

Ten minutes from the break McGreevy blocked down a centre into the path of Bernie Kelly who easily hit the net. Fifteen years ago in Down's last All Ireland victory she

## GOALS FOR KELLY AND MCGREEVY

also scored a goal.

Tipperary came back with two points from Deirdre Hughes and another from Triona Bonnar, a sister of Cormac, Conal and Colm who won senior hurling medals three weeks ago. Down replied with points from McGreevy and McAleenan.

Then with the referee ready to call a halt for the break McGreevy took a fine pass from Maureen O'Higgins and slammed home a fine goal to leave Down an eight points cushion, 2-8 to 0-6, before facing a strong breeze.

Down had a good start to the second half with McAleenan pointing a free but indiscretions in defence and midfield were punished with four points from frees by Bonnar.

McAleenan drove over two more points for the Ulster champions but Bonnar cancelled them out with a further three points.

Noreen O'Prey missed a good chance when she burst through but only managed a point with just the keeper to beat.

Heartened by the let off Tipperary came stor-



Down captain Anne Coyle and two-goal hero 'Bonny' McGreevy.

## Praise for camogie heroes

DOWN'S junior Camogie team was congratulated on its All-Ireland success over Tipperary during Monday's meeting of Newry and Mourne Council.

Cllr P J Bradley said it was "another great Down victory" and felt the players were inspired by the exploits of the senior footballers the previous

week. Cllr Sean Gallogly said the achievement was "proportionately the same."

Cllr Arthur Ruddy referred to the team's joy, while Cllr Michael O'Neill described the win as "quite remarkable."

It was agreed to arrange suitable recognition for the team members.



With the camogie All-Ireland cup are, Bernie McNally (coach), Nuala Calhoun (chairperson), Fr. Davies, Anne Coyle (captain) and Fionnuala McGrady (manager).





Angela Downey, captain of the victorious Kilkenny team, lifts the All-Ireland senior camogie Cup after her team had beaten Cork in the final. President Mary Robinson in on left with Bridin Uí Mhaolagáin, National Camogie President who made the presentation, on right.



Pictured at an IFA presentation to farmer-players on the All-Ireland Kilkenny and Cork camogie teams in recognition of the contribution made by the farming community to our national games were (left to right): Chairwoman of Cork Camogie Board, Síle Bean Uí Ghoillidhe; Camogie Association President, Bridin Uí Mhaolagáin; Chairwoman, Rosemarie Smith; Cork Camogie Board Registrar Eilís Ní Shuilleabháin; Máire Ní Súilbhne.



All-Ireland senior camogie final action. Frances Rothwell (Kilkenny) avoids the challenge of Cork's Linda Mellerick (on ground).



ANOTHER GREAT DAY FOR DOWN

# Camogie Girls win All-Ireland Title

It was 1968 all over again at Croke Park on Sunday last when the Down Camogie Girls won the All-Ireland Junior Championship Title! In a great finish they defeated Tipperary by three goals and 13 points to two goals and 14 points.

Away back in '68 there was a great Down "double" when the senior footballers won the All-Ireland Crown, and the Girls won the All-Ireland Junior Camogie Crown. Now, 23 years further on, the "double" has again been achieved by the County.

This was Down's third All-Ireland success at Junior Championship level. It was their fourth appearance in the final and their other two successes were in 1968 and 1976. They were beaten in the 1975 Final.

In Sunday's big match against a very formidable Tipperary Team, Down, cheered on by another great sea of red and black flags, rose to great new heights to win the title. Many observers of the game remarked afterwards that the Junior Final was far superior in excitement and good play than the senior final in which Kilkenny defeated Cork.

When the Down girls returned home on Monday night they were given a



Anne Coyle, the Captain proudly holds the All-Ireland Junior Camogie Championship Cup.

tremendous welcome by the large turn-out of fans, and the celebrations which were highlighted by the holding of a big function held in Newcastle went on until a late hour.



ALL-IRELAND CAMOGIE

# DOWN GIRLS DELIVER

DOWN 3-13 (22 pts) TIPPERARY 2-14 (20 pts)

It wasn't exactly a case of "anything you can do we can do better" at Croke Park on Sunday, but the Down girls did as well as their footballing counterparts by winning the All-Ireland Junior Camogie final.

Veronica McGreevy has been playing camogie almost as long as Liam Austin and Ambrose Rogers have been playing football and on Sunday evening she was the star of the County Down after her last minute goal snatched victory for Down.

Down led by eight points, 2-8 to 0-6, at half-time and with five minutes remaining led 2-12 to 0-13. Two Tipperary goals transformed the game and Down appeared to have lost, but a puck out by Ann Coyle was fielded by Nuala McCartan who picked out Bonnie and the An Ríocht girl solos through the Tipperary defence to send a crashing shot to the net for the third Down goal. There was no way back for Tipperary and Down collected the New Ireland cup for the third time.

Down team and scorers: L.

O'Prey, A. Coyle, P. Greene, T. Allen (0-1), D. Smith, I. Oakes, N. McCartan, B. Kelly (1-0), M. O'Higgins, M. McAleenan (0-9), N. O'Prey (0-1), V. McGreevy (2-2). Sub., D. Greeran for D. Smith.

## Terrific reception for girls

The triumphant Down Camogie team got a terrific reception on their home coming on Monday evening.

They were met by a big crowd in Hilltown and after a reception the cavalcade moved on to Newcastle where the Down Supporters Club had laid on another reception and banquet.



Anne Coyle, captain of Down's All-Ireland winning camogie team, holds the cup aloft as the team is met by supporters in Hilltown on their journey home.



The victorious Down camogie team.

## Down's All-Ireland Camogie feats

Down have now an impressive All-Ireland record in the Camogie scene!

Down first appeared in the All-Ireland Junior Camogie Final in that historic year of 1968 when they defeated Cork by two goals and three points to one goal and one point.

The victorious Down team on that occasion P. McGrady, B. Sands 0-2, R. McGrady, P. Grangle 0-1, Rita Walsh, M. Caldwell (Captain), E. Turley 1-0, C. Reid 1-0, E. Coulter, J. Nelson, D. Doherty, A. M. Kelly, N. Sands, D. Turney and J. Rodgers.

1975 saw Down contest the All-Ireland final again this time against Dublin but were defeated 5-0 to 0-3.

1976, the following year saw them defeat Wexford 3-4 to 3-3. Down team on this occasion was Eileen Hamill (Clonduff); Brigid Maginn (Kilcoo); Elizabeth Gibson (Warrenpoint); Joan Hamilton (Ballycran); Stephanie Kelly (Portaferry); Bernie Brown 1-0 (Leitrim); Marion McGarvey 1-4 (Newry); Anne Rooney (Warrenpoint); Kathleen Rice (Downpatrick); Susan Lively 1-0 (Clonduff); Mary McGrath (Portaferry); Lil Kane (Kilcoo); subs. K. O'Hare (Kilkeel); Ursula Carey (Newry); Teresa McVeigh (Kilkeel); G. Grilly (Clonduff).



# The All Ireland Camogie Final, 1991

## FAST, FURIOUS AND FEMININE!

That was the 1991 All-Ireland Camogie Final with Kilkenny making its seventh successive victorious appearance.

Battling Cork had come to Croke park confident and determined. Their plan: To de-rail the Kilkenny juggernaut and secure victory for the Leaside. But Kilkenny Captain, Angela Downey, and her team had a different plan - and Cork weren't going to upset it.

Kilkenny had gone down to Cork twice already this season. That wasn't going to matter. The Cats wanted seven on the trot! The Cork girls got off to a flying start, scoring within the first half-minute. Then Angela Downey struck back for Kilkenny with the equaliser.

Kilkenny looked somewhat perplexed in midfield. Cork looked rudderless.

Still it was tit-for-tat in the early stages with both teams equal half-way through the first half.

Then Kilkenny took control, turning on the power and the pressure. Ann Downey, sister of the Kilkenny Captain, landed a neat side-line puck into Breda Holmes who promptly turned it in the Cork net.

Cork had barely time to recover the shock when Kilkenny scored a second goal. This time courtesy of Gillian Dillon. In the second half, Gillian was again the tormentor, putting Cork on the rack with a second goal. After that, there was no way back for the Leesiders.

The two teams hit an enormous number of wides between them. The wet, slippery conditions meant skill went out the window from early on, and both sides had to struggle to impress. Cork must later have rued the chances they missed - especially three fluffed opportunities at goal. However, their play was generally too halting and overexact to take advantage of some weak Kilkenny marking.

So the final score:

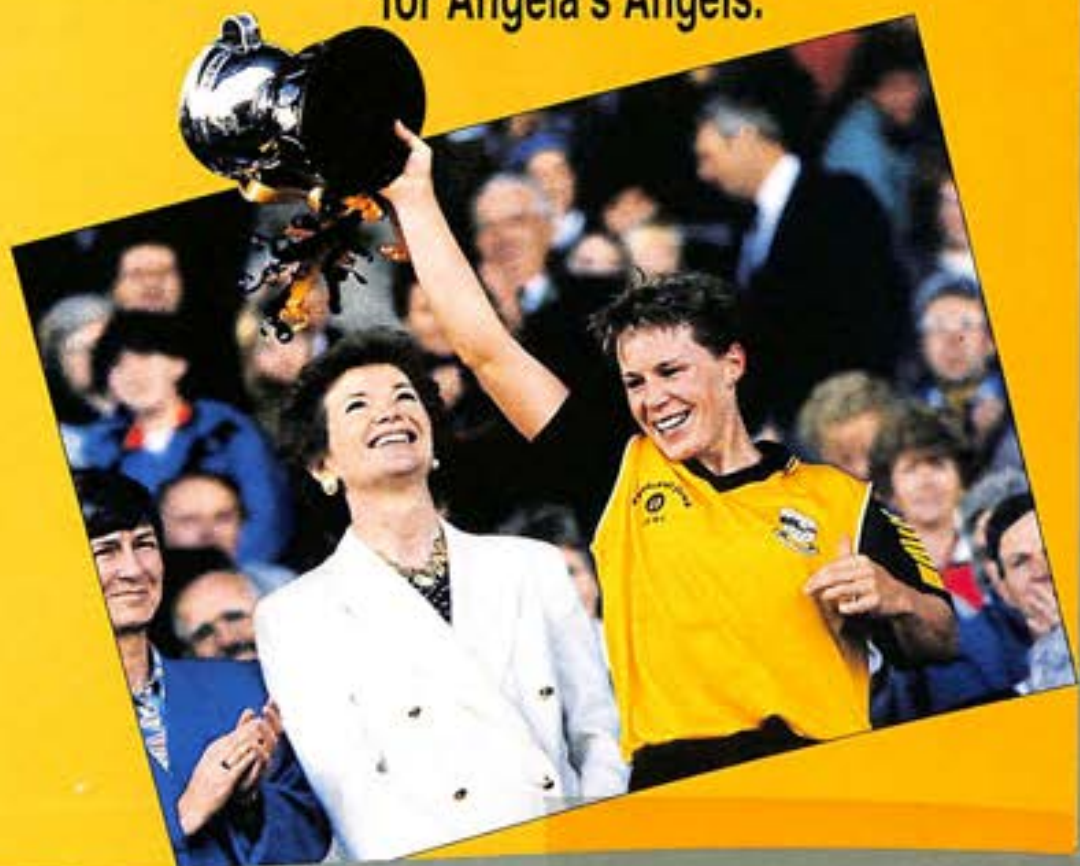
Kilkenny 3 - 8 Cork 0 - 10

..... And deserved congratulations to Kilkenny!



## KILKENNY'S SEVENTH HEAVEN!

Cork came determined to win. Instead it was a seventh heaven for Angela's Angels.



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# All-Ireland Camogie Final Action



Kilkenny - All-Ireland senior camogie champions, again.

Linda Mellerick (Cork) gets the better of Frances Rothwell (Kilkenny) in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Final.



Down's Ann Coyle with the Junior Cup



Veronica McGreevy (Down) sets off on a solo-run towards the Tipperary goal, Claire Madden (Tipperary) is in close pursuit



The Tipperary Camogie panel which lost to Down in the All-Ireland Junior Camogie Final at Croke Park.



A mad scramble for possession in the all-Ireland Senior Camogie Final.



Kilkenny's Ann Downey, left, tussles with Cork's Linda Mellerick



Cork - All-Ireland senior camogie runners-up as they had to bow to the might of Kilkenny once again.



# TIOBRAID ÁRANN

*All-Ireland Junior Camogie  
Finalists 1991*

*BACK ROW (l. - r.): Ann Gleeson, Claire Madden, Jovita Delaney, Ann Keeshan, Orla Hogan, Joan Tobin. FRONT ROW (l. - r.): Sinead Nealon, Triona Bonnar, Deirdre Hughes, Kaiffee Moloney (Captain), Helen O'Leary, Cora Kennedy.*

