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Other sports give food for thought

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AS DIRECTED by Congress President Mary Lynch appointed a Commission to examine 1 aspects of the Association and present their findings to the 1988 annual gathering. The members met in June and have been working on their brief ever since.

Camogie followers may wonder what progress has been made in the first six months by the Commission. It was agreed at the first meeting to afford each member of the Association with an opportunity of putting forward ideas and suggestions.

Every club in the country was circularised and requested to convene a special meeting to discuss the topics listed in the original Congress motion. Subsequently, club delegates carried the views expressed to a county board gathering called for this specific purpose.

A member of the Commission attended to record the opinions and recommendations expressed.

SUBMISSION

The various Ard Chomhairle sub-committees were asked to make a submission covering their own areas. Individuals considered to have something special to offer, e.g. medical doctors with a camogie background, were invited to make a contribution.

It was decided to take a look at other sports to see how they coped with what we regard as problem areas. A survey to obtain the views and attitudes of post primary school players is being prepared.

In addition, each member of the Commission is allocated homework at each meeting. He or she investigates a particular subject, prepares a paper and forwards the finished work in time for circulation prior to the following meeting.

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Let us take a look at what is coming through to the Commission so far. Perhaps the most interesting is the findings from other sports. In comparison, we score in certain areas. But we can learn from them in other aspects.

It is very obvious that girls playing other games dig much deeper into their pockets than camogie players do. It is the accepted thing that players pay and there is very little hassle over it.

Basketball and hockey are more conscious of the merits of coaching than the equivalent Camogie club is. The idea of learning the game before attempting to play it is unknown in camogie. Some sports place emphasis on this point.

Attitudes to sponsorship vary sharply. Some sports do not have standards or guidelines regarding sponsorship. They are willing to accept it in any form and from any quarter.

UNHAPPY

Ladies sports have much in common. All are unhappy with the amount of publicity which they attract. Television comes in for the heaviest criticism in this regard. Perhaps a united front in this area could bring results.

Girls are slow to accept administrative responsibility or take up refereeing in all games. They all want to play. Only a small minority are willing to work to allow others enjoy the game too. Concern of over-competitiveness of the modern player is another shared problem.

Lack of communication right through the Association is the main criticism in the feedback from our own members. Some are dissatisfied with our rule book. They consider it too flexible and open to various interpretations.

There is for and against altering the measurements of the pitch but in the main they cancel out.

SPONSORSHIP

There are calls for greater use of promotional material, increased efforts to attract sponsorship, the return of a camogie magazine and the removal of VAT on sticks. Many see our future development side by side with the G.A.A. rather than in isolation.

Should you wish to add your voice and have your ideas considered, it is not too late. Any member of the Commission will be pleased to hear from you. Let us hope that the Commission will play a constructive part in the development of our Association.

Standard is now everything

THE 1987 inter-county Fixture List reflects the changes voted in last Congress. The main alterations concern the National Leagues where counties are grouped according to standard rather than on a geographical basis.

The National Senior League will be organised in two sections. Group One contains the four top counties of 1986, Kilkenny, Cork, Dublin and Wexford will provide very keen competition for one another with no easy points going begging.

Group Two is made up of Galway, Antrim, Tipperary, Clare and Down. The two top counties from each group will qualify for the semi-finals on 7th June. Lally entertain Tipperary in the opening match of the season on 1st March. With such even grading, a crystal ball would be necessary to forecast the semi-finalists.

Promotion and relegation will be a feature of the National Junior League from now on. The second strings of senior counties are together in Group One. The quality of competition in Group Two will be excellent. Kildare, Derry, Armagh, Cavan, Tyrone and Carlow are evenly matched.

Fermanagh, Westmeath, Donegal, Monaghan, Wicklow and Louth comprise Group Three. Group Four contains Meath, Laois, Offaly, Waterford and

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Kerry. With the prospect of moving up and down the ladder, all matches will be important.

The Open Draw for the All-Ireland Senior Championship gets underway on July 5, but the final has been moved back to September 27. There are those who believe that the later date will improve television prospects and publicity generally but this remains to be seen.

The move will not be welcomed by county coaches who have to prepare their charges on dark nights.

Congratulations are extended to Angela Downey on receiving a Texaco Award. As one of the ten selected sports women announced, Angela's name was immediately pencilled in the minds of all camogie followers.

She has been the outstanding exponent of the game in recent years.

The reaction to the choice of camogie by certain established sports writers was very disappointing. If these gentlemen came along to our games, they would be amazed at the level of skill and expertise displayed by our top performers.

There is no hurler or footballer who has consistently maintained standards over the past ten



TOP PLAYER . . . Angela Downey, Ireland's foremost camogie player, receiving her B&I award earlier this year.

to twelve years on a par with Angela Downey.

Former President, Mary Fennelly is back in her old job of secretary to the Kilkenny County Board. However, the county has a new leader. John Phelan has succeeded Billy Malone.

Carmel Savage continues as deputy and Pauls defender, Annette Stapleton retains her position as treasurer. Kilkenny full-forward, Breda Holmes fills

the post of registrar while Phil Cashin and Breda Ryan share the P.R.O. position.

Cork have a mother and daughter combination at their top table. Mairead O'Donovan, a former treasurer, has taken over as secretary while her mother, Lily O'Sullivan acts as registrar.

Well-known Kay Dunne joins the Board as treasurer while Miriam Higgins and Sheila Spillane retain their positions.

The Texaco sports stars



● Winners of Texaco Sportstars Awards in Dublin last night (front, from left): HARRY BRADSHAW (Hall of Fame), CLAIRE HORIHAN (Golf), Tanaiste DICK SPRING, TONY HILL, chairman and managing director of Texaco, ANGELA DOWNEY (Camogie), DAVE McAULEY (Boxing). At back: JIM McLOUGHLIN (Soccer), PAT SPILLANE (Gaelic Football), GER CUNNINGHAM (Hurling), KEITH CROSSAN (Rugby).

Picture by JOE ST. LEGER



AWARD WINNERS

the Texaco awards dinner in Dublin last night. Report pictures: Page 18.

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STAR TRIO . . . Claire Houribane (left), Keith Crossan and Angela Downey award winners at last night's Texaco Sportstar presentations at the Burlington Hotel last night.



An Tanaiste Dick Spring with Claire Hourihane, left, and Angela Downey, who won the golf and camogie awards respectively.

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Bunclody face Thomastown in top clash

ACTIVITY RESUMES on the playing fields on Saturday with the quarter finals of the Leinster Colleges' senior championship. Five counties are represented in the last eight proving that a good standard is maintained in many areas.

The top match of the four listed for decision should undoubtedly be the clash of the holders, F.C.J. Bunclody with Vocational, Thomastown. Bunclody are, of course, Leinster champions in both senior and junior grades and will field many of the girls who played in Croke Park last April.

Thomastown has been a stronghold of the game for several years. The school has enjoyed success in the All-Ireland Vocational Schools championship in the past. The present side contains a number of very promising players and will test Bunclody sternly.

Assumption, Walkinstown, Leinster champions on a number of occasions, tackle the Kildare representatives Athy. Mercy, New Ross will meet either Tallaght or Donaghies while St. Marys, Edenderry face a stiff challenge in Presentation, Kilkenny.

Ulster Colleges made good progress on the run up to Christmas and are set to roll on 24th January with four play-off matches in the junior championship. Loreto,

Cavan are paired with St. Pauls, Bessbrook, Loreto, Letterkenny take on St. Aidans, Cootehill, St. Patrick's Dungliven meet St. Patricks, Maghera and St. Pius, Magherafelt face St. Patricks, Keady.

RECEIVED BYES

Four other schools received byes to the quarter-final stages. There are Loreto, Milford, Our Lady of Lourdes, Ballymoney, St. Louis, Kilkeel and St. Columbans, Portaferry. The quarter-finals are listed for 31st January and the semi-finals will be held on 7th February.

The Ulster Senior Championship is far further advanced. On January 31, Magherafelt play Loreto, Letterkenny in the semi-final. The winners will take on St. Patricks, Maghera in the Ulster final on February 21.

Many Ulster Colleges opted for the Senior B championship this season. Colleges still in contention are Loreto, Cavan, St. Pius, St. Pauls, Armagh, Dungiven, Keady, Cavan Vocational, Ballycastle, St. Louis, Donegal Vocational and Carrindonagh. Using the same dates as the junior championship, it is hoped to have the final of this championship on the 21st February also.

HUGE OBSTACLE

St. Raphaels, Loughrea are through to another Connacht Colleges senior final. Chasing their fourth consecutive provincial title, they are surely the team to beat. Accepting the challenge will be Maercy, Roscommon. Roscommon with seven replacements in this year's team face a huge obstacle.

Loughrea will also feature in the Connacht junior final. They looked good when defeating Castlereagh by four or five goals in the semi-final. Portumna struggled to overcome Roscommon by a single point in the second semi-final. At this stage a Loughrea double seems very much on the cards.

The Munster Colleges senior final is set for Ennis on 14th February. Colaiste Muire will play St. Marys, Charleville. It will be a first senior title for the winner. Charleville won the provincial junior title last season and are aiming for higher things this year.

Another good year for Cork camogie

CAMOGIE in Cork has enjoyed another successful year in 1986. Some very notable successes were achieved on the playing front at both Munster and National level, but the biggest disappointment must surely be the failure of the county teams to bring an All-Ireland championship title to the Lee.

The Cork seniors started the year well by taking the National League title with a 3-8 to 1-10 victory over old rivals Dublin. Marian McCarthy's performance which included a decisive goal from a puck out earned her a Jurys' award.

With an impressive league campaign behind them hopes were high for the championship. They had convincing victories over Antrim and Down in earlier rounds, and with five points to spare over Kilkenny, and only one minute remaining in the All-Ireland semi-final, Cork seemed assured of a place in the final, but all was not over. Kilkenny fought desperately, and with only injury time

remaining Kilkenny forwards Angela Downey and Joe Dunne slotted home two fast goals to give their team a one point victory. It was a shattering and disappointing experience for all involved.

The showing of the younger players must surely give hope for the future and in particular Colette O'Mahony who brought her scoring tally to 4-28 in her first season with the seniors, and Irene O'Leary who made a promising debut in the forward line. However, the Cork seniors did end the year on a winning note with a decisive victory over Tipperary in the Munster final.

The Cork junior team which included a number of new young players were successful in their first round game with Waterford, but were outclassed by a fine Clare side in the Munster final. Clare went on to take All-Ireland honours.

The Cork minors continued their successful run at Munster level with a fine victory over Clare in the Munster final, but failed to a strong Galway

side in the All-Ireland semi-final.

The Cork under-18 team had to fight hard to overcome Clare in their first round game, but went on to record a well deserved victory over Limerick in the Munster final.

On the club front, pride of place must go to Glen Rovers who made history for their club by capturing their first ever All-Ireland club title. Glen took this year's Cork senior championship in excellent fashion with impressive victories over Eire Og, Sarsfields and Killeagh. They went on to beat Granagh-Ballinagarry in the Munster final, Athenry in the All-Ireland semi-final and finally in a cracking final Glen Rovers took their first All-Ireland title with just one point to spare over a fancied St. Paul's side.

Fr. O'Neills, winners of last year's Junior 'A' championship, continued their successful run by taking this year's intermediate title.

Killeagh have once again shown that they have up and coming

young stars when they took this season's Junior 'A' title with a fine victory over a promising Cloughduv side.

St. Finbarrs were not without their successes too. They took their first ever senior title this year, when they beat Glen Rovers in the final of the All-Ireland Pan Celtic competition. Earlier in the year they took the 1985 Intermediate and Under-18 League titles.

Brian Dillons took the 1985 Under-18 Championship and Junior 'A' trophies.

Mid-Cork clubs Eire Og and Aghabullogue shared the honours in the Under-16 grade with the Ovens girls taking the championship and Aghabullogue the League. Aghabullogue completed one of their most successful years at underage level by also taking the Under-14 League.

Bishopstown were the Cork Feile Na nGael winners, but were disappointingly beaten by a point in the National Final.

Thomond likely to advance in Purcell Cup

TWO FIRST round matches of the Purcell Cup are listed for Saturday. This trophy is awarded to the champions of the teacher training colleges. An entry of six has been received representing Belfast, Limerick and Dublin.

The long term benefits of healthy competition and a high standard in the Purcell Cup are obvious. It was pleasing, therefore, to those with a keen interest in the future of the game that the players from the teaching training colleges ran their University counterparts so close in the annual representative match last season.

The final stages of the Purcell Cup will be hosted by Patricks, Drumcondra, next month. St. Pats have a bye to the semi-finals. Als through to the penultimate stage are Mary Immaculate, Limerick.

Thomond College face a long trip to play St. Marys, Belfast on Saturday. Thomond were very impressive last season when they took the cup with ease. On that form, they should advance. Finalists in 1986, Carysfort should prove too strong for their Dublin neighbours, Marino.

It is provincial convention time. Ulster, Munster and Connacht have planned their annual get togethers this weekend. The motions listed deal with internal matters and are not of the contentious variety.

SUCCESSOR

The Ulster counties will assemble in Limavady on Sunday at 2.0. One of the main items of business will be to find a successor to the late Maureen Smyth. Maureen acted as Ulster P.R.O. for many years. Nominated for the vacant position are Fr. Anthony Davies and Sarah Ann Quinn.

The Connacht Convention is scheduled for Hayden's Hotel, Ballinasloe on Monday night. Outgoing secretary, Anne McDermott is not standing for re-election. At the moment, nobody is showing interest in the position.

All the Munster officers have been nominated to

stand for a further year. However, treasurer, Mary Casey is opposed by Kitty McNicholas (Clare). The meeting will convene at the G.A.A. Centre, Tramore on Sunday, 3.0.

News from across the Atlantic confirms that the game is popular on the east coast of America. New York, Boston, Pittsburg and Philadelphia are strongholds of Camogie. Boston Shamrocks won the 1986 North American championship.

The game is particularly strong in New York where a league is organised for the Norbert Hennessy Cup. The Crecora team from Co. Limerick played Young Ireland's in Gaelic Park during their summer tour.

PLANNING

Several American born girls are now actively participating in Camogie as well as second and third generation Irish Americans. Young Irelanders are presently planning their 1987 programme. Training will start in early April and the club welcomes new members. They may be contacted through Kathleen McDonagh (718) 499-6814 evenings or Anne Canty, days (212) 686-1266.

The finals of the Leinster C.C.D. will take place at Na Fianna's ground, Mobhi Road on Sunday commencing 2.0. Entries have been received from Carlow, Longford, Dublin, Westmeath and Kilkenny.

The Munster C.C.D. finals fell victim to the weather last weekend. The event has been deferred to next month at the original venue, Grenagh, Co. Cork. Armagh, Down, Monaghan and Derry will display their talent in the Ulster competition which is scheduled for Bryansford, Co. Down on February 15.

FIXTURES

SATURDAY

Purcell Cup, 1st Round — At Marino—Marino v Carysfort, 2.0. At St. Mary's Venue—St. Marys, Belfast v Thomond College, 2.0.

Camogie

With competitive club activity completely dormant in the county for the month of January, perhaps now is an opportune moment to look back and reflect on Dublin's demise in the championship for the past number of years.

It is no secret that inter-county camogie is currently at a very low ebb in Dublin, with players and administrators alike all frustrated in their efforts to recapture some of the glory of former years. Our track record in recent finals reads dismally like an unbelievable fairy story with statistics showing — played five, won one, lost four.

In delving into these facts it's startling to reveal that Dublin have flopped dramatically and dismally in the last two finals against Kilkenny while in the two finals against Cork they did at least manage to put up some resistance but with the same results.

Their only victory during those five black years was against Tipperary who could not be regarded as among the elite in the inter county scene at the time. Thus, it emerges that Dublin in this period have never beaten the pre-

mier counties of Kilkenny or Cork in an All-Ireland final while they have managed to wrest league titles from both of them.

It is obvious that there is a message here somewhere. But where? No county that reaches five successive championship deciders can be termed a bad team. Many before me have sought to discover a reason for our failures but have failed to find the answers. Could it be that we are at our peak too early in the season?

Have we got the players with the individual skill and ability to take the game by the scruff of the neck and make things happen? Do we take pride in playing for our county or do we feel that we have a right to be selected? Are our selectors and trainers gearing themselves to instill the right kind of spirit amongst our players?

Do the players have respect for authority? Are the administrative procedures within the county suitable to the success we so earnestly strive for? We could go on and on with questions like these but unless we can come up with solutions, it is a waste of time.

Motivation is a word which is spoken about liberally nowadays, but surely being picked to play for one's county is all that is needed to motivate oneself. Present day trainers appear to put more emphasis on the fitness side of our game rather than the skills. While fitness is an essential part of every sport, is it not reasonable to presume that players playing and training with their clubs should be fit when it comes round to the inter county season?

After all a camogie game lasts for only 50 minutes and it would indeed be a very poor reflection on any of our county players if they were unable to last the pace for this length of time.

Perhaps more concentration should be given to the skills of the game. Nowadays we don't have the individual brilliance of Judy Doyle, Angela Downey, Orla Ni Shiochán and Una O'Connor, so we must compensate with our own assets. Players should be allowed express themselves more freely on the field of play while at the same time working together as a unit aiming for the supreme prize — an All-Ireland title.

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THOMOND 9-4

ST. MARY'S 3-5

LIMERICK COLLEGE from Thomond came north to Belfast and scored an easy win over the local St. Mary's side in the Purcell Cup Final. On this form the Thomond girls look as if they will retain the Purcell Cup for another season.

They put on a dazzling display and led at half-time by 6-2 to 2-3. St. Mary's had the opportunity in the first half but failed to take them. Outstanding for the winners were: Mary Linden, who curved her way through the 'lovers' midfield and defence to score one goal and three points.

Others to play well for them were Julie Gilmartin, Marian Magnier and Rita Coen. For St. Mary's the best were: McCann, Higgins and Traynor.

SCORERS — Thomonds: M. Cleary (3-6), M. Magnier (2-6), M. Linden (1-3), Nora Ni Mhuiri (2-6), Neala Halpin (1-1). St. Mary's: G. McCann (2-1), E. Traynor (1-3), J. McVeigh, A. McLaverty, A. Higgins (0-1 each).

Youth Awards

FORMER WINNERS TRIUMPH AGAIN

THREE former winners feature in the Cork Examiner sponsored Munster Youth Sports Awards for 1986 announced today. Honoured are Killarney golfer Eoghan O'Connell; Cork boxer Gordon Joyce, and Thomas Reidy, the Limerick badminton star.

Entries for the promotion were exceptionally high, and the standard of excellence posed many problems for the adjudicators. An innovation this year was that two sports stars were selected from each of the Munster counties, instead of ten from the entire province in previous years.

The awards will be presented at a function in Mallow this night week.

The winners are:

Clare—Catherine O'Loughlin, Kilnamona Camogie Club; Geraldine Sexton, East Clare Athletic Club.

Tipperary—Colm Moran, Nenagh Athletic Club; Michael O'Meara, Ballycommon Badminton Club.

Limerick—Barry Walsh, Limerick Athletic Club; Thomas Reidy, Adare Badminton Club.

Waterford—Julian Anderson, Waterford Harbour Sailing Club; Brid Hallissey, Ferrybank Athletic Club.

Kerry—Eoghan O'Connell, Killarney Golf Club; James Courtney, Listry GAA Club.

Cork—Michael Mullins, Na Piarasigh H & F Club; Gordon Joyce, Sunnyside Boxing Club.

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Purcell Cup semi-final — At Belfast: Thomond Coll. Limerick 9-4 (M. Cleary 3-6, M. Magnier 2-6, M. Linden 1-3, N. Ni Mhuiri 2-6, W. Halpin 1-1); St. Mary's Coll. Belfast 3-5 (G. McCann 2-1, E. Traynor 1-1, J. McVeigh, E. McLaverty, A. Higgins 0-1).

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At the Jurys Cork Supreme Sportstar Award, from left, front row: Miriam Forde (basketball), Marian McCarthy (camogie), Alan Glynn (marketing director, Jurys Hotel), Mick O'Dwyer (guest of honour), Teresa McCormack (karate), Valerie O'Mahony-Collins (athletics), John Joe O'Neill (horse racing), Donie Walsh (for Marcus O'Sullivan, athletics), John Herlihy (handball), John O'Driscoll (Gaelic football), Tony O'Sullivan (hurling), Denis Walsh (hurling), Sean McHenry (for his son, John, golf). — (Picture: Maurice O'Mahony).



At the Jurys Supreme Sportstar Awards (from left): Mr. Peter Malone (Jurys), Miriam Forde (Basketball), Marian McCarthy (Camogie), Mick O'Dwyer (Guest speaker), Teresa McCormack (Karate), Valerie O'Mahony-Collins (Athletics). (Picture: Maurice O'Mahony)



From left: Rose Malone, Owens, Rita and Denis McCarthy, Maria and Seán McCarthy from Ballinhassig and Con Malone from Owens.

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ANGELA DOWNEY HONOUR ENDS LONG WAIT

By Owen McCann

Well-deserved if somewhat belated recognition of the brilliant skills of one of the country's leading sporting personalities, and a long over-due honour as well for the game. That must be the immediate reaction to the selection of Angela Downey as one of the Texaco trophy award winners.

When the dashing forward and score-getter supreme from Kilkenny steps up later this month to receive her trophy she will be only the third camogie player honoured in the history of a promotion that now stretches back as far as 1958.

The first honoured in the sport was Una O'Connor, one of the greatest players in the annals of the game, who won thirteen All-Ireland senior medals between 1953 and 1966, and was a score-getter of rare ability. She was honoured by the Texaco selectors in 1966.

Camogie was back again in the awards in 1967. Earlier that year Sue Ward captained the Antrim team that snapped a great Dublin run of ten All-Ireland titles in succession by beating the Metropolitans in the final, and she collected a Texaco trophy. She played at midfield.

Now Angela Downey joins the ranks, and the only real surprise about her selection is the fact that she had to wait for so long for the honour. The Kilkenny star has been one of the outstanding figures in the sport for some years, and has collected every possible honour.

Downey had an excellent game in the All-Ireland senior final last September and contributed 2-4 to her team's scoring tally of 2-12 in their successful defence of the All-Ireland crown against Dublin. Earlier in the year, Angela took Gradam Tailte, camogie's superstar title, for the third successive year.

Angela, and her twin sister, Anne, come from one of Kilkenny's most famous sporting families — they are daughters of the legendary All-Ireland hurler, Shem. Angela won her sixth All-Ireland senior medal last September, while Anne, who had probably her best-ever final outing, and in an old position as well, collected her fifth award.

Anne shone in most of the earlier triumphs in the defence, but in the 1986 summit she really stood out with her high quality play at centre field. That was where she won her 1977

medal, the only other award outside of the defence.

Angela, who is a former All-Ireland senior title-winning captain, collected her second B&I Line G.A.A. Camogie Player of the Year Award last February. That honour helped her to become the first in her sport to win every major national title possible, other than club, in the same year. She had opened 1985 by winning a National Senior League medal with Kilkenny.

The return of camogie to the Texaco awards caught many off balance. Indeed, there were those who were critical of the inclusion of the national women's game in preference to other sports.



Angela Downey... another honour.

What such critics overlooked, or chose to ignore, is that camogie is now widely played throughout the country at all levels, from inter-county down to club and Colleges and schools level. There is wide support for the game, even if this support is not always matched in terms of press publicity.

In addition, camogie is not "hit and miss" affair. It is a skillful game, an enjoyable spectator sport, and the overall standard has not only reached a very

high stage, but is steadily improving every year.

The big hope now must be that camogie will not have to wait as long again until another player joins the ranks of Texaco award winners.

ANOTHER MEETING

Meantime, Kilkenny and Dublin, who clashed in the last two All-Ireland senior finals, could meet again in the championship this season — but not at the concluding stage. Both are in the same half of the open-draw.

Kilkenny will be at home in their initial defence of the title to Clare. Victory — and they will start firm favourites — would earn them a semi-final place.

Dublin will start their campaign, against Galway or Down, who will clash in a preliminary round tie. Should Dublin, who have not failed to reach the final since 1982, come out on top in their initial appearance they will have a place in the semi-final.

Cork look the leading power in the other half. Out of the All-Ireland winners placing since surprisingly enough 1983, they look to have an easy task in their first round engagement. This will be a home game against Antrim, who unfortunately, have slipped greatly from a once proud position in the sport.

Cork will be warmly fancied to win this encounter. Wexford will entertain Tipperary in the other first round game in this section, and the winners will get a place in the last four. The prize for the successful side in the Cork-Antrim tie is also a semi-final spot.

The All-Ireland senior final, incidentally, has been arranged for the last Sunday of September.

In this regard, let's hope that the game will be televised live. There was no coverage of the final last year, which was a pity as the match is the high point of the camogie year.

Finally, an indication of the way the game is making progress is the fact that Laois and Kerry will compete in the National Junior League this spring for the first time.

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Members of the Leitrim Camogie Club.



Clonduff, winners of Camogie's Intermediate Championship.



The Down Minor Camogie Team which won the Ulster Minor League and Championship in 1986.



Clonduff were 1986 Camogie Club of the Year in Down and pictured are club members Maura Quinn, Aideen Lowry, Briege McCartney and Eileen Hamill.



An Ríocht, winners of the U-12 Championship.

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MICKY BROWN

— A Tribute —



Mickey Brown, one of the boys of Wexford, became a legend in Newry, Co. Down. When he joined Newry Shamrocks he was already approaching the veteran stage yet he played both Senior Football and Senior Hurling for the Club. Small in stature, he was tough and tenacious,

scrupulously fair and never shirked a tackle. His hurling skill won him a mid-field place on the Down team, which after many years, beat Antrim to win the Ulster Title. He made an enormous contribution to the development of Hurling and the Shamrocks' Club and, even before his retirement, he was gaining a reputation as a Camogie Coach at Club and County level.

Many Gaels make such a contribution. Mickey Brown did much more. He was a 'character' known and loved by everyone in the area and much further afield. His vitality was totally channelled into his work for the G.A.A. and Shamrocks. He was a regular caller at the Bingo, regular gate-man at Club and County matches, regular groundsman, regular doorman at the Social Club, the regular person who was called on when any emergency arose. His humorous personality gained him instant recognition by, and regard from, visitors, and particularly the journalists who gathered in Newry for County Football matches. He was not only witty in himself but the cause that wit was in other men. Above all he enjoyed the many stories, true and false, that were told of him in the Shamrocks' Club. The measure of his legendary status is that these affectionate stories continue to circulate and increase even after his much lamented, early demise.

Camogie

FOLLOWING the long lay-off of over 6 weeks, activity on the camogie fields resumes this weekend with a full day's fixtures listed for tomorrow. There are three Senior 'A' matches down for decision with Kilmacud Crokes making the short trip to Belfield where the students must be certain to gain the points.

Elsewhere, Na Fianna, who have been somewhat disappointing in their outings so far this season, will be hoping to get the better of An Caisleain, who have been surprising a few people of late with their determination.

In the one remaining game in this grade league leaders Celtic must win against Woodville if they hope to hold on to their title. Already they have been defeated by Marino and another reverse at this stage would put paid to their ambitions. In the Senior 'B' division Crumlin would appear to carry too much strength for Kilmore while Celtic's second string, who are finding life a little difficult at this level, will do well to hold a very competent St. Monica's side.

With Dublin's first outing in the league just three weeks away the selectors have named a panel of 23 players from which their team to oppose Wexford on March 1st will be chosen.

With the winning of an All-Ireland title their prime objective the new selectors have made some brave changes. Gone are such familiar faces as Yvonne Redmond, Helena Broderick, Anna Condon and Bernie Toner.

Making a return to the inter-county scene are Toni O'Byrne, Barbara Redmond and Ann Colgan with junior panellists, Denise O'Leary, Suzane Doyle, Geraldine Dunne, Aileen Redmond, Carmel Gray and Louise Lynch gaining recognition. Another newcomer is the former Galway stalwart Mary Keane, who has decided to declare for the metropolitans this year.

Focus on the Ashbourne Cup

THE Colleges will dominate the camogie scene during the coming week with a preliminary round in the Ashbourne Cup competition down for decision tomorrow between UCC and Trinity College and on Wednesday next St. Marys, Charleville, and St. Marys, Macroom, meet in the Munster Junior Colleges semi-final.

Tomorrow UCC travel to Dublin to play Trinity College in the preliminary round of the Ashbourne Cup competition. UCC last won the Ashbourne in 1965 but were surprisingly beaten by Queens University, Belfast, in last year's semi-final.

This year they are very determined to do well and have had regular training sessions and challenge games since the start of the season under the expert guidance of coach Eamonn Cashman and Mary Murphy. They are a very experienced outfit and in a position to call on players of the calibre of Killeagh star Patsy Keniry and Sarsfields full-back Eileen Noonan. Both these girls were members of their 1985 winning squad.

St. Finbarrs full-forward Paula Carey has joined the side for the first time this year and she is sure to prove a big asset to the forward line. They have other fine players in captain and Waterford inter-county player Orla Flynn, goalkeeper Rose Desmond and Elaine Buckley and if these girls can repeat their recent performances it is hard to see the Trinity girls holding them despite the efforts of their top players Unis Keogh and Ann Baxter.

On Wednesday there should be plenty of excitement in the Munster Colleges Junior semi-final between St. Marys, Charleville, and St. Marys, Macroom. St. Marys, Charleville, are already through to the Munster Senior final so they will be very determined to make it a double event.

They won the Junior All-Ireland title last year and are still in a position to call on a number of these girls this year. This is sure to be a big advantage to Charleville but Macroom have been improving with every game since the start of the season. They are trained by Cork senior Angela Higgins and she is sure to have them in top form and with a number of the Aghabullogue under-14 team in their side could put a stop to Charleville's chances of advancing.

At last Sunday's Munster Convention the Munster Championship draws for '87 were made and are as follows:

Senior — Cork v. Clare; Tipperary v. Limerick.
Junior — Preliminary round: 'A', Clare v. Limerick; 'B', Tipperary v. Waterford. First round: Cork v. 'B'; 'A' v. Kerry.

Under-18 — Preliminary Round: 'A', Limerick v. Tipperary. First round: Clare v. Waterford; 'A' v. Cork.

Under-16 — Preliminary rounds: 'A', Tipperary v. Limerick; 'B', Cork v. Waterford. First round: Clare v. 'A'; 'B' v. Kerry.

FIXTURES

Tomorrow — Ashbourne Cup, preliminary round, UCC v. Trinity College, at Santry at 2.30.

Wednesday, February 4 — Munster Junior Colleges semi-final, St. Marys, Charleville, v. St. Marys, Macroom, at Charleville at 2.30.

Ashbourne cup holders without stars

ONE of the most keenly contested events in the camogie calendar, the Ashbourne Cup, gets underway on Saturday. Four quarter-finals of the university championship are listed for decision.

Holders U.C.D. find themselves taking the field against Maynooth without two of their inter-county stars. Brenda Kenay is presently nursing a leg injury and Marie Connell is unavailable for Saturday's match. It will fall on the shoulders of Anne Cooper, Ann-Marie Brennan, Joan Tobin and Colette Cribben to carry the team.

Maynooth has been out of the limelight since the heady days of Chris Silke and Angela Downey. Bridget Kane, Alice Cooney, Eleanor Meehan, Marie Kennelly and Rosario Nolan will attempt to rectify that situation but it will be an uphill struggle.

The most difficult pairing from which to pick a winner is the U.C.G. v U.U.J. clash. Sally McCone and Siobhan McKeogh have left their student days behind them. While missing these quality players, U.U.J. can field very useful porters in Bernie Quinn, Helen Loughran, Denise Dunleavy, Majella Rafferty and Catherine Mulholland.

U.C.G. were unbundled ceremoniously out of the 1986 competition by U.C.D. The players remaining on the side will be anxious to erase that memory. On duty will be Clare Jones, the Kilkenny midfielder, Mary Nagle, Colette Kennedy, Sheila Lee and Gerrie Carr.

In an all-Ulster match, Queens journey to Coleraine. Queens reached the final last season but have said goodbye to

Patsy Keniry, Orla Flynn, Elaine Buckley and new-comer Paula Carey will spearhead the Cork challenge.

Trinity look to Rosaleen O'Donoghue, Eunice Keogh, Rosmarie Mulholland, Clarie Dowdall and Martina Scullion to tame the visitors.

NEW PRESIDENT

The vacant post of President of the C.C.I.A. has been filled by Bernie McNally. Former Queens player, she fields with St. Endas, Derrymacash. An Armagh and Ulster player, she featured in goal in the 1985 All-Ireland junior final. A social worker in Belfast, she takes over from Mary Rose O'Connor.

P. J. Fulham (Westmeath) and Peter Hony (Louth) are nominated to replace Phyllis Breslin who has completed her term of office as

cathairleach of Leinster Council. The hard working Maureen Fulham, Marie Woods and Sophie Brack will be returned unopposed when Convention meets on Saturday.

Vocational, Thomas-town, played an exciting draw with F.C.J. Buncloidy in the quarter-final of the Leinster Colleges senior championship. The match will be replayed on Saturday in Buncloidy.

Pres. Kilkenny and Assumption, Walkinstown, are through to the semi-finals of the competition. Maryfield College and Vocational, Thomastown, have reached the last four in the junior championship.

Loreto, Letterkenny, defend their Ulster Col-

leges senior title against St. Marys, Magherafelt, at the semi-final stage next Saturday. Loreto look to Elaine McMonagle, Dolores McDermott, Susan Malone and Mary Ellen Harley to see them through to another final.

Hoping to cause an upset on behalf of Magherafelt will be Aileen Nelson, Catherine O'Neill, Sinéad Mulholland and Michaela McAteer.

FIXTURES

Saturday
Ashbourne Cup Quarter-finals
At Galway 12.00 — UCG v UUJ. At Coleraine 12.00 — UCC v Queens. At Belfast 12.00 — UCD v Maynooth. At Trinity 12.00 — Trinity v UCC.
Leinster Colleges S.C.
At Buncloidy 12.00 — FCI Buncloidy v Voc. Thomastown.
Ulster Colleges S.C.
At Loughmacrory 12.00 — Loreto, Letterkenny v St. Mary's Magherafelt.
Leinster Convention at Clarence Hotel, Dublin at 2.30.

EASY FOR QUEEN'S

CAMOGIE

QUEEN'S..... 2-9
UU COLERAINE... 0-0

QUEEN'S met Coleraine in the first round match of the Ashbourne Cup. It was played in perfect conditions and proved to be a very good match despite the score.

Queen's started off slow not scoring until the 20th minute of the game. The first score was taken by Nuala O'Connor from a 30 yard free followed shortly by a goal by Catherine Daly. Queen's continued with scores from Eileen Lennon and Mary McKelvey.

The second half proved to be

a complete domination by Queen's. Although Coleraine fought hard in the first half Queen's after finding their feet secured a place in the semi-final against UCD. Queen's feel confident although they are regarded by many as the underdogs. Three girls have trained hard under the management of Bernie McEally.

Scorers for Queen's: C. Daly (1-2), C. Mullan (1-0), E. Lennon (0-3), F. O'Connor and M. McKelvie (0-2 each).

Queen's: S. McEally, S. Mooney, G. McCormick, O. McElroy, L. Devlin, M. McKelvie, C. Daly, B. McKee, E. Lennon, F. O'Connor, C. Mullan, E. Mee.

Subs: M. Doherty, L. Farrell, McGrath, O. Reid, P. Goldrick, B. McKay.

UCD tops

U.C.D. 10-6; MAYNOOTH 0-2

U.C.D., the holders, had much too much fire power for spirited Maynooth in this quarter final of the Ashbourne Cup (camogie) at Belfast yesterday.

Catherine Feeney scored three goals with Susan Breslin, Ann Cooper and Joan Tobin, notching two each.

Scorers—U.C.D. — C. Feeney (3-1), A. Cooper (2-1), J. Tobin (2-1), S. Breslin (2-0), C. Grey (1-2), M. Brennan (0-1).

Maynooth—M. Carter (0-1), M. O'Keeffe (0-1).

West Cork Award winner



● Versatile sports star Joan Shannon, a winner in the Carrolls West Cork Awards.

Thomond will take some stopping

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CAMOGIE

Thomond College will take some stopping when the finals of this season's Purcell Cup get in motion at St. Patrick's, Drumcondra tomorrow morning.

The Limerick students produced enough evidence during their recent trip north to Belfast to suggest that a third consecutive Cup win is well within their reach.

In attack they possess a potent combination in the skills of Mary Lenihan, Nora Murray, Mary Magner, and M. Cleary.

Their deft finishing in front of goal put paid to any giant-killing hopes St. Mary's held, slamming nine goals past the Belfast teacher trainees to book their passage to the semi-finals.

Thomond are chasing their third successive Purcell Cup win this weekend, and standing between them and a place in the final against either host college St. Patrick's or Marino, is Limerick rivals Mary Immaculate.

Thomond's all round strength should prove too hot for Immaculate while St. Pat's should advance to the final at Marino's expense, who received a walkover in the quarter-finals from Carysfort.

The cup decider is scheduled for Sunday afternoon at 2.00 while the Shield honours will be decided when St. Mary's, Belfast take on Carysfort. St. Mary's, though a little out of their depth against Thomond in the last round, should have enough to see off Carysfort for the secondary title.

This season's Ulster senior colleges final will be an All-Derry affair after the exploits of St. Mary's, Magherafelt, who knocked out defending champions Loreto, Letterkenny, in the semi-finals.

Loreto, champions in three of the last four years, bit the dust on Saturday. Magherafelt will now take on St. Patrick's, Maghera, who from the outset have been short odds favourites to lift the laurels.

But, with the Ulster final pencilled in for February 21, Maghera have suffered an early and unexpected setback. Those long established championship odds have now eased with the news that their top player Catriona O'Kane has moved on to pastures new.

Catriona recently left school to take up a civil service appointment and no doubt her absence from Maghera's Ulster final side will be a blow.

There is also a strong possibility that Maghera's talented teenagers will be staking claims to both the senior and junior titles.

Their junior's were very impressive in their recent demolition of Portaferry in the Ulster quarter-finals, when they chalked up a convincing 7-3 to 0-1 win.

Tomorrow they take on Keady who ran up a sizeable tally when dismissing the challenge of Letterkenny. The winners will meet either St. Louis, Killeel, who dismissed St. Pauls of Bessbrook by 3-1 to 2-1, or Ballymoney/Milford.

All-Ireland junior champions Charleville place their National and Munster titles on the line against St. Mary's, Macroom in the provincial semi-finals. Despite having lost a number of last season's side Charleville should be able to qualify for the

final.

There are times when schools drop out of the picture purely for a want of somebody to look after them. Mount Mercy College, Cork is a case in point.

Mount Mercy, former winners of the Munster senior and junior colleges championships, faded from the scene not so long ago, but this season have re-established themselves since the arrival of UCC goalkeeper Rose Desmond.

Rose began teaching practice at Mount Mercy at the start of the term, and with the majority of the Bishopstown Feile team available to her has quickly built a good side at the college.

In the Munster junior championship they are going great guns, and this weekend take on St. Joseph's, Tulla, for a place in the provincial final. Mount Mercy have already accounted for St. Aidans, North Pres, and St. Aloysius, though Tulla are enjoying a good spell and this could be the end of the road for Mercy this season.

St. Raphaels, Loughrea, hope to achieve the first leg of an expected Connaught Colleges double when they meet Portumna in the junior final next Tuesday.

With players of the class of Kathleen Coen, Siobhan Earls, Olive Costello, Emer Hardiman, and Siobhan Keane they should prove too strong for Portumna who struggled to finish one point winners against Mercy, Roscommon in the semi-finals.

Clare forward Catherine O'Loughlin was one of twelve

exciting sports prospects to be honoured with a Munster Youth Sports Award recently. Open to all sports, Catherine's recognition was not surprising after her performance in last year's All-Ireland junior final.

At the Leinster C.C.D. finals Westmeath almost swept the boards. Drumraney took three titles while Tang, Moate, and Devlin featured on the winners list. Kildavin (Carlow), and Leo Caseys (Longford) picked up the remaining titles.

Staying with the C.C.D. competition, the Ulster finals take place at Bryansford on Sunday, commencing at 2.00. Four counties, Down, Derry, Armagh, and Monaghan will take part.

It promises to be a feast of traditional entertainment. Representing Down will be Attical, Ballyholland, Clonduff, Saul and Portaferry. For Monaghan will be Scotstown, and Truagh. Armagh are represented by Craigavon, while Ballerin, Glenullin, Glen, Faughanvale, and Limavady represent Derry.

Last weekend's Ashbourne Cup championship produced a glut of goals as UCD beat Maynooth 10-6 to 0-2, Queens dismissed Coleraine by 2-9 to no score, UCC dispatched Trinity by 6-10 to 1-3, while Galway defeated Jordanstown by 4-6 to 0-3.

The Cup semi-finals will be played at the Belfield on February 14. University College, Dublin take on Queens while Cork meet Galway. The four beaten quarter-finalists will play for the Shield on the same weekend.

Charleville girls in decider

St. Mary's,
Charleville 6-1,
St. Mary's,
Macroom 1-0

HOLDERS of the Munster and All-Ireland Colleges junior camogie crowns, St. Mary's, Charleville overcame the spirited challenge of its sister school in Macroom to reach the Munster final for the third year in a row, at Charleville, yesterday.

The holders, playing with a stiff breeze, were rocked when Lyn Dunlea scored an opportunist goal in the first minute but gradually the Charleville girls, on top at midfield, got back into the game and three goals before the break gave them a two-goal interval lead.

Charleville increased the tempo in the second-half and controlled the game and with some delightful attacks added three more goals and a point while Macroom failed to register another score.

A number of the team will play in the senior final against Scoil Mhuire on Saturday week at the Ennis school's venue.

CHARLEVILLE — A. Muleahy, F. Kelleher, A. O'Sullivan, G. Cotter, T. Watson, M. O'Sullivan (Capt); C. O'Callaghan, E. Farrell, B. O'Brien, C. Horgan, B. Daly, H. Galvin. MACROOM — C. Tyrrell, N. Twomey, C. Herlihy, P. Walsh, J. Dunlea, J. Howard, J. O'Callaghan, S. Lucey, L. Dunlea, S. Buckley, M. Carey, E. Howard.

Scorers: Charleville: R. Daly 3-0, H. Galvin 2-0, C. Horgan 1-0, T. Watson 0-1. Macroom: L. Dunlea 1-0.

Elected

THE following were elected at the annual convention of Monaghan Camogie Board:—

Chairperson, Pauline Rooney; Vice-chairperson, Alice McMahon; Secretary Sheila Finnegan; Registrar and Assistant Secretary, Geraldine Clarke; Treasurer, Mary Deery; PRO, Monica McMahon; Ulster Council Delegate, Alice McMahon.

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Thomond set for Purcell Cup

Thomond College will be warm favourites to make it three in-a-row when the final stages of the Purcell Cup are played at St. Patrick's College in Drumcondra over the weekend.

Thomond impressed in their quarter-final outing against St. Marys, Belfast and, with Mary Lenihan, and Nora Murray in fine scoring form, they will punish any slackness in opposing defences.

In the semi-final on Saturday, Thomond will face Mary Immaculate College. Mary Immaculate have some useful players but will find it very difficult to cope with the all-round strength of the physical education students.

The host college, St. Pat's, received a bye to the semi-finals and they should be good enough to reach the decider. Opponents Marino got a walk-over from Carysfort, who withdrew at the quarter-finals stage for the most trivial of reasons.

All-Ireland colleges junior champions St. Marys Charleville, are at home to St. Marys Macroom in the semi-final of the Munster Colleges junior championship today. Many of the stars of Charleville's win last season are now over age but they retain sufficient to form the nucleus of a good side.

Trained by Cork senior, Angela Higgins, Macroom captured the Munster Colleges first year championship last May. These girls, many of whom played in the National Feile with Aghabullogue, already dismissed Drishane, Pres, Bandon, Crosshaven and Scoil Pol. They will give Charleville a testing hour.

Mount Mercy College won Munster senior and junior championships in the early seventies. The school then faded from the colleges scene for the need of a coach. But U.C.C. goalkeeper, Rose Desmond, is doing her teaching practice at the school and set about getting a team going again. With the majority of the successful Bishopstown players to call on, she quickly had a fine side together and her charges overcame St. Aidans, North Pres, and St. Aloysius, in the Munster Colleges junior championship.



St. Mary's Charleville Junior Camogie team who are through to the Munster Junior Schools final for the third year in a row. Also included are Sr. Margaret, Brid Larkin, Vincent Harrington and Fr. Liam Kelleher.

On Saturday they make the long journey to Tulla to challenge St. Joseph's in the semi-final. That may be as far as they go, however, for the local girls have eliminated some fine sides and will be very hard to stop.

The Ulster colleges' senior final will be an all-Derry affair between St. Marys Magherafelt and St. Patrick's, Maghera. The decider will be played on February 21.

Maghera also hope to make it to the Ulster finals with their second string. Following an impressive win over Portaferry, they are looking forward to Saturday's semi-final against Keady with confidence. But Keady created and finished off many scoring opportunities in their quarter-final against Letterkenny and will not concede easily.

FIXTURES

TODAY

Munster Colleges junior semi-final — St. Mary's, Charleville v St. Mary's, Macroom, Charleville (2.30).

SATURDAY

Purcell Cup semi-finals — Mary Immaculate v Thomond College (11.0) Marino v St. Patrick's, Drumcondra (2.0), St. Pat's, Drumcondra.

Munster Colleges junior semi-final — St. Joseph's, Tulla v Mount Mercy, Cork, Tulla (2.30).

SUNDAY

Purcell Cup final, Drumcondra (2.0).

U.C.D. face tough defence of Ashbourne Cup

U.C.D. host the final stages of the Ashbourne Cup at Bel- field this weekend, when they can expect strong chal- lenges from UCG, UCC and Queens for their title. Sat- urday's semi-finals pair Queens with UCD and UCC with UCG.

The Bernie McNally trained side will need to get into the game from the start. Strong in defence where Sally Mooney, Orla McElroy, Siobhán McCormack and Gráinne McCormack excel, Queens are capable of winning good possession at midfield. Here, Ulster player Catherine Daly, Mary McKelvey and Breda McKee

can play vital roles. Up front Eileen Lennon, Flon- nuala O'Connor, Carmel Mullan and Emer Mee will have to make use of the slightest chance.

Breda Kenny and Marie Connell, UCD's two Dublin senior players, will be back in action on Saturday. Their colleagues showed no mercy to Maynooth when running their goal tally into double figures. Captained by Catherine Feeney, UCD will look to Anne Marie Bren- nan, Anne Cooper, Carmel Gray, Brid Ronaghan and

promising newcomer Joan Tobin to see them to the final.

UCG, disposed of the UUJ challenge more easily than expected and will pre- sent a very tough hurdle to UCC. Powerhouse of their team is Kilkenny midfielder Clare Jones. UCC will re- quire to curb her con- tribution if they hope to win. In addition, Galway field fine players in Deirdre Feeney, Gerrie Carr, Gerai-

dine Meehan, Mary Nagle and Sheila Lee.

Cork were not unduly troubled by Trinity in the opening round. But they may anticipate a much tougher game against Galway. Eileen Noonan, Patsy Keniry, Orla Flynn, Rose Desmond and Rose Fahy remain from their 1986 Ashbourne winning side and are joined by Paula Carey, holder of three All-Ireland minor medals.

The Durracht will be decided between Maynooth, Trinity, UUC and UUJ. Noreen McCusker, Helen

Loughran, Majella Rafferty and Catherine Mulholland will make a bold bid to bring it to Jordanstown.

A new name will be added to the list of Munster colleges senior champions on Saturday, when Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis and St. Mary's, Charleville, chase their first title.

Munster junior champions in 1985, Colaiste Mhuire are the more experienced side. To date they have ac- counted for Midleton, St. Patricks, Cork, and Shan- non in impressive style. They are very strong up

the middle of the field, where Shelley Hegarty, Angela Kileen, Mary Sheehy, Patricia O'Grady, Catherine O'Loughlin and Claire Bracken will take some beating.

Charleville are, of course, the reigning All-Ireland junior champions. They set out at the start of the season to gain experience with a view to the 1988 championship. But Frances Broderick, Helen Cagney, Frances Cremin, Eve Watson, Claire O'Callaghan and Therese Sheehy showed they were well able for the

senior grade and will make a great game of it.

FIXTURES

Friday: Munster Colleges Junior Championship replay St. Mary's (Cork) v. Joseph's (Tulista, Bishopstown) 1.0.

Saturday: Munster Colleges Senior Championship Final — Colaiste Mhuire (Ennis) v. St. Mary's (Charleville), 2.00. Ashbourne Cup semi-finals — U.C.G. v. U.C.C. 2.15; O.U.B. v. U.C.D. 2.45. Belfield, Durracht semi-finals — T.C.D. v. Maynooth, 1.0. U.U.I. v. U.U.C. 1.30. Bel- field, 1.30. Durracht Final, Bel- field, 2.45.

Wednesday — Feb. 18 — Con- nacht Colleges Senior Final — St. Raphael's (Loughrea) v. Mercy (Roscommon), Ballinacorney, 2.00.

THIS will be an all- action weekend both on and off the field for camogie enthusiasts. To- morrow, U.C.C. travel to Dublin to play U.C.G. in the semi-final of the Ash- bourne Cup and on the same day the Munster Colleges senior final will be decided between St. Mary's, Charleville, and Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis.

U.C.C. were surpris- ingly beaten in last year's Ashbourne semi-final by Queen's and are very determined to make amends this year. They have prepared well for the competition and are hopeful that they can bring back the honours they last won in '85. Two members of their '85 win- ning squad, Eileen Noonan and Patsy Ken- iry, are still in their line out and these, together with captain Orla Flynn and newcomers Paula Carey, Elaine Buckley and Sandy Landers com- bine to form a fine outfit.

But they can expect a tough game from a Gal- way side that includes Kilkenny senior Claire Jones, Deirdre Feeney, Colette Kennedy and Sheila Lee. If U.C.C. win their semi-final they will play the winners of the U.C.D. and Queens game on Sunday.

On the same day the Munster Senior Colleges final will be decided. St. Marys, Charleville, and Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis, will bid to take their first ever senior title so this should result in very keen competition. Char- leville won the All-

Ireland junior title last season and all credit must go to them for reaching the final in their first year at senior level.

They have marvellous performers in Frances Broderick, Eve Watson, Frances Cremin and Claire O'Callaghan but only top class perfor- mances by these girls will suffice if they are to overcome the challenge of the Ennis girls whose ace player will be Catherine O'Loughlin, scorer of three goals for Clare in the All-Ireland junior final last year.

In the first of the under-16 semi-finals on Sunday, Newcestown make the journey to Ovens to play Eire Og and here the homeside could have a tough game on hand. Newcestown have been improving with every game during the last year and with victories over city clubs Glen Rovers and Na Piar- saigh behind them could make history by reaching their first ever final.

They have up and com- ing young stars in Hilda Kenneally, Una Crowley and Lisa Collins and if these girls find form they could just edge it. But Eire Og are the holders and they will not give up the title too easily. They are in a position to call on players of the calibre of Clare O'Regan, Suzan- ne O'Brien and Alca Hol- mes from their last year's winning side and these girls are sure to fight all the way to achieve victory.

In the second semi- final, Bishopstown "A" will be expected to do well. They have been very successful at underage level during the last few years and with the ad- vantage of a home venue are sure to cause prob- lems for the Inniscarra girls. They have up and coming young players in Sheenagh Morley, Edel Ryan and Deirdre Carroll and on recent form should advance.

Inniscarra have paid a lot of attention to their underage in recent years. They had an impressive victory over Killeagh in their replay last Sunday

and if players like Irene O'Keefe, Maria O'Brien and Gillian find form it could be neck and neck to the final whistle.

On Sunday, camogie players and mentors will display their talents in a different fashion when the Munster finals of the C.C.D. competition will be held at Grenagh Sports Complex. The competition will be di- vided into eight different categories: figure danc- ing, solo singing, recita- tion, question time, ballad group, solo instru- mental, set dancing and novelty act.

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St. Mary's, Charleville senior camogie team who will be playing Scoll Mhuire, in Ennis in the Munster Schools final tomorrow. Included with the team are Brid Larkin, Sr. Margaret, Vincent Harrington and Fr. Liam Kelleher.

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The U.C.C. camogie team photographed here after training at the Mardyke for the Ashbourne Cup in Belfield, Dublin, this weekend. —(Picture: Richard Mills)

Galway girls surprising

UNIVERSITY College Galway will be the surprise opponents of hosts U.C.D. in the Ashbourne Camogie cup final at Belfield today. They surprised U.C.C. yesterday, 0-8 to 1-3, and with a very determined defence they could prove a difficult proposition for the fancied home side in the decider.

U.C.D. had absolutely no problems whatsoever in their semi-final against Queens University, winning 7-8 to 0-5. The Ulster side did well in the opening 20 minutes but once their opponents called in Dublin senior player Marie Connell, who did not start, they quickly lost their composure.

In the shield semi-finals, Trinity proved much too good for Maynooth by 2-6 to 1-1, while Jordanstown had absolutely no mercy for a weak Coleraine challenge and chalked up a handsome 8-9 to 1-0 victory.

UCG fall to rampant UCD

U.C.D. 3-5
U.C.G. 0-3

CAMOGIE

UCD had a runaway victory over UCG in the Ashbourne Cup final at Belfield yesterday. The Galway side failed to make an impact on a well balanced UCD side and the game lacked the excitement and competitiveness normally associated with this competition.

The U.C.G. defence closed down many attacks but U.C.D.'s persistence was finally rewarded when Marie Connell goalied after 20 minutes. Galway created a few scoring chances in his half but lacked any semblance of team work up front.

The home side looked comfortably positioned leading by 1-5 to no score at half-time. U.C.G. opened well in the second half and an early point from Claire Jones brought hopes of a re-

vival but UCD replied immediately with a goal.

A few minutes later the U.C.G. 'keeper deflected a long range free into the net and the game was over as a contest U.C.D. added two more goals while Galway could only manage a further two points from frees.

Scorers — UCD — B. Kenny (2-4), M. Connell (2-0), A. Cooper (1-0), E. Lambert (0-1); UCG — C. Jones (0-3).

UCD — A. M. Brennan; P. O'Dwyer, B. Ronaghan, C. Gervy, S. O'Donoghue, E. Lambert, B. Kenny, J. Tobin, A. Cooper, M. Brennan, M. Connell, C. Freney, S. Breslin, C. Cribbin.

UCG — S. Lee, M. Nixie, F. Bourke, D. Feeney, G. Meehan, E. Cooley, C. McDonnell, C. Jones, A. M. McCarran, G. Kerr, M. Scanlon, E. Feeney, L. Magee.

DUTHRACHT CUP FINAL — UUC, 4-4; (M. Barron 2-0, B. Zouren 1-0, K. McCollan 1-1, H. Loughran 0-3); Trinity College, 3-3 (E. Keogh 1-3, R. Smith 2-0).

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Colaiste Muire set for Munster glory

By Seamus Hayes

COLAISTE MUIRE will take on Charleville at Cusack Park on Saturday at 2.30 p.m. in the Munster senior camogie final and the Ennis side will be attempting to win the crown for the first time. Colaiste's only other appearance in the final was in 1968, the very first year of the competition, but they were beaten by St. Als of Cork on that occasion.

The nearest they have come to winning a senior title since was four years ago (1983) when they reached the senior B final only to lose to Saturday's opponents, Charleville. Both teams were promoted to the A grade after that campaign and now, four years later, they find themselves in opposition in the A decider.

Colaiste's captain in Saturday's final will be midfielder Patricia O'Grady who was a member of the 1983 team which lost in that B final. The Sixmilebridge star showed in that competition that she had exceptional talent and since then she has demonstrated this on many occasions.

In 1984 Colaiste won the Munster Colleges first year's title and a year later they reached the All-Ireland final in the junior grade. Saturday's side features many of the girls who played in those successful sides and the fact that they have been together for the last four years is sure to be in their favour. In charge of training during the past four years has been Eire Og's Mick Meagher and he has spared no effort in preparing the side for Saturday's final.

The Ennis girls have recorded three good victories on their way to the final. In the first round they made the long journey to Midleton where they had a hard earned and impressive win over the local St. Mary's side. In the next round they accounted for another Cork side, St. Pats, who were the holders of the title. In an all Clare semi-final they overcame St. Patrick's of Shannon in a most exciting game.

The Ennis side has a very strong midfield trio in Claire Hennessy, Patricia O'Grady and Paula

Roughan and their followers will be looking to these girls to give the side the upperhand in this vital area. Shelley Hegarty has proved to be an excellent goalie in the campaign to date and with defenders of the calibre of Angela Killeen and Mary Sheedy the Charleville forwards can expect a very difficult time. Up front the Ennis girls will be looking to Clare junior star Catherine O'Loughlin and Clare Bracken to pick off the necessary scores.

Charleville, like their opponents in Saturday's final, have been impressive on their way to the final in centre back Francis Cronin and midfielder Helen Cagney, they have two fine players. They are also eager to win the crown and they will travel to Ennis in determined fashion. Colaiste cannot afford to take anything for granted and they will really have to be in top form if they are to win the crown for the first time.

The team for duty on Saturday is as follows: Shelley Hegarty (Kilnamona); Angela Killeen (Kilmaley); Catherine McNamara (St. Joseph's); Louise O'Donnell (St. Joseph's); Mary Sheedy (Ballyea); Claire Hennessy (Kilmaley); Patricia O'Grady (Sixmilebridge); Paula Roughan (St. Flannans); Liz Hanrahan (St. Joseph's); Claire Bracken (Kilmaley); Anita White (St. Joseph's); Catherine O'Loughlin (Kilnamona).

Subs: Marie Mescall (Kilnamona); Catherine Tobin (Eire Og); Emer Landy (St. Joseph's); Josephine Howard (St. Joseph's); Anne McMahon (Kilmaley).

CAMOGIE NOTES

CONGRATULATIONS to U.C.D. on retaining the Ashbourne Cup in magnificent style last Sunday. Their opponents in the final, University College, Galway, were never able to reproduce the form they had displayed in their victory over U.C.C. in the semi-final, and U.C.D. had a relatively easy 50 minutes.

On the Dublin club scene this weekend, there are two very important Senior A games listed. U.C.D. open the day's proceedings with a tilt against Cumann UI Chonaill and it will be a major surprise if the students fail to gather the points tomorrow. Certainly, Joan Gormley, Edel and Frances Murphy, Gay Moran and Catherine Ledwedge would appear to be too strong for Cumann UI Chonaill.

In the other Senior A game, Crumlin will be clear favourites against Cuala, who have been a little overawed in this grade this season. Crumlin have not had very many outings so far but they can boast of the services of Barbara Redmond, Phyllis Lindsay, Anna Condon, Anne Byrne and Cathy Walsh, and must be very confident about the outcome of tomorrow's tie.

The Senior B league is a very closely contested competition and Ballyboden and St. Oliver Plunketts can boost their chances of ultimate success with victories over Marino and Sliabh Bloom, respectively.

With Dublin due to open their league campaign against Wexford in both senior and junior grades on Sunday week, much interest will centre around the composition of both teams.

Already the senior selectors have shown their hand with their choice. Toni O'Byrne returns as custodian, and in front of her will be her two clubmates, Marian Conroy and Ann Coleman, flanked by the strong Marino players, Germaine Noonan and Patricia Clinton. With Una Crowley, the regular right winger unavailable due to her marriage this week, Cathy Walsh is placed in the position where she played very well for Leinster in last year's Gael Linn competition, and alongside her will be the experienced Edel Murphy, with Jo Holden being given a chance to show her skill on the left wing.

It is in the forward division that the selectors have made some very interesting moves with only Carmel O'Byrne of last year's All-Ireland side chosen. After her year's sojourn, Barbara Redmond returns to fill the full-forward berth, while Mary Keane, the former Galway player, and young, promising star, Louise Lynch make their debuts on a Dublin senior team.

PHOENIX PARK FIXTURES

SENIOR A LEAGUE — U.C.D. v Cumann UI Chonaill (11.00); Crumlin v Cuala (1.30).

SENIOR B LEAGUE — Marino v Ballyboden (12.15); Sliabh Bloom v St. Oliver Plunketts (2.45).

INTER LEAGUE — Portobello v Good Counsel (12.15).

JUNIOR A LEAGUE — Marino (I) v Naomh Erid (11.00); Crumlin v Whitehall (12.15); An Caisleán v Na Fianna (1.30); St. Mark's v Woodville (2.45).

JUNIOR B (I) LEAGUE — St. Oliver Plunketts v Round Towers (12.15); Naomh Pádraig v Thomas Davis (1.30); Kilmacud Crokes v Rathcoole (2.45).

JUNIOR C (I) LEAGUE — Craobh Chiaráin v Naomh Mearnóg (1.30); Erin's Isle v Naomh Maur (2.45).



The Passage Vocational team which defeated Midleton in the Cork County vocational schools camogie final at Passage, Co. Cork. — (Picture: Maurice O'Mahony).

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Missed Chances lead to Colaiste's Downfall

Charleville 0-4

Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis 0-3

Colaiste Mhuire's hopes of winning the Munster Colleges senior camogie championship title were dashed at Cusack Park in Ennis on Saturday when they failed by the narrowest of margins to St. Mary's of Charleville. The final result was all the more disappointing as the Ennis side missed numerous chances particularly in the final five minutes when they launched attack after attack. During this period they insisted on trying for goals and the winners defence held firm to the end.

The winners took the lead in the first minute when Catherine Kiely pointed but while

they went on to dominate at midfield for the remainder of this half their forwards just could not get past a tight marking Colaiste defence. Just before the break the home side levelled when Patricia O'Grady pointed from a '30.

The winners started the second half in lively fashion with points from Catherine Kiely and Helen Cagney. The Ennis side were now doing better but their midfielders and forwards just could not get the upperhand on their opponents. St. Mary's increased their lead to three points midway through the half.

The Ennis girls, however,

were not going to go down without a fight and two points from Patricia O'Grady brought them to within a point of their opponents with six minutes remaining. In the remaining time Colaiste tried all they knew to score again but a combination of good defensive play and some bad misses ensured that there were no further scores.

It was disappointing for the Ennis side which had trained so hard in recent weeks under the watchful eye of Mick Meagher. Best for Colaiste Mhuire were Shelley Hegarty who was outstanding between the posts throughout, Angela Killeen, Mary Sheedy, Catherine McNamara, Louise O'Donnell and Patricia O'Grady in the second half.

Colaiste Mhuire: S. Hegarty, A. Killeen, C. McNamara, L. O'Donnell, M. Sheedy, C. Hennessy, P. O'Grady, P. Roughan, L. Hanrahan, C. Bracken, A. Whyte, C. O'Loughlin.

Tulla reach Munster Junior final

St. Joseph's, Tulla 1-0
Mount Mercy, Cork 0-0

February 13 certainly was a lucky omen for Tulla as the school's under 15 camogie team booked their place in the Munster junior colleges final by virtue of a hard earned but well deserved victory over Mount Mercy, Cork.

The match was played in Cork in appalling weather conditions but despite the unfavourable playing conditions both teams produced some excellent bouts of camogie. The Tulla girls had the edge in confidence and determination and it was these factors which saw them through in the end.

A week previous the teams played a one goal all draw in Clooney but in the replayed game Tulla certainly had their home work done and fully merited their win.

The Munster final is fixed for Saturday, February 21 in Clooney at 2.30 p.m. Tulla's opponents are St. Mary's of Charleville who have been prominent in this grade in recent years. Saturday's encounter promises to be a lively affair and if St. Joseph's play with the same determination as they did in their previous outings they will be hard to stop.

Tulla panel: C. Torpey, V. O'Halloran, A. Kelly, M. Nash, J. Frost, B. Frawley, A. Loughane, O. Daly, A. King, S. Carmody, M. Frawley, S. O'Halloran, A. O'Halloran, M. Collins, A. Marsh and S. McMahon.



Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis, beaten by a point in the Munster camogie final on Saturday last.

Camogie Success

Four Clare camogie clubs took part in the Munster camogie talent competitions, finals, (reed, cant agus damhast) at Greenagh in Cork on Sunday last. O'Connell's won both the set dancing and novelty act sections while Aine Keane of Kilmahona won the solo instrumental competition. The winners will compete in the national finals at Colaiste Mhuire in Dublin on March 7. The other Clare reps in the Munster finals were Six Milecross and Bodke.

Kilmahona's Catherine O'Loughlin and Bodke's G. Sexton were prizewinners in the Cork Examiner's youth sports awards of the year for camogie which were announced recently.

Fine Win for Eire Og

Eire Og 3-06;
Glen Rovers 0-4

GLEN ROVERS the All Ireland champions suffered their first defeat at the hands of arch rivals Eire Og in the final of the 1985/86 league at Ballincollig.

The mid Cork side defied their underdog tag and in the end were comprehensive winners. Scorers Eire Og, Miriam Higgins 2-0, Noelle O'Driscoll 1-3, Mary Geaney 0-2, Joan Shannon 0-1.

Glen Rovers, Val Fitzpatrick 0-1, Ger Mc Carthy 0-1, Terese O'Callaghan 0-1, Mary King 0-1.

Camogie, SL: Killeagh 4-2, Na Piarsaigh 2-4.
Under 14 L: Fr. O'Neills 6-3, Watergrasshill 3-0.
Under-16 Championship semi-finals—Inniscarra 3-1, Bishopstown 3-0; Eire Og 4-3, Newcestown 1-2.
SL 1985—Eire Og 3-6, Glen Rovers 0-5.

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CAMOGIE DOUBLES ON THE CARDS

Saturday is Colleges Camogie Final day in Ulster and Leinster. Doubles are on the cards as both St. Patrick's, Maghera and F.C.J. Buncloody field two teams. In Munster, St. Mary's, Charleville, will attempt the second leg of a double. With the senior cup already on the sideboard, they travel to Tulla in search of the junior trophy.

The Ulster senior final promises to be an exhilarating affair. It brings St. Patrick's, Maghera and St. Mary's, Magherafelt together for the third time this season. Maghera enjoyed the better of the exchanges in the two previous outings, but have lost their star player, Catriona O'Kane, who has left school to take up a civil service appointment.

Captained by Mary Hegarty, Maghera are determined to make up for Catriona's loss. In Karen Lee, Gertie Burke, Deirdre Doherty and Karen Convery, they field very useful players. Surprisingly, the side only contains one inter-county player, Karen Lee.

Magherafelt hope that their senior county player, Aileen Nelson, the Antrim midfielder, will make a considerable impact on the game. Captain Catherine O'Neill, Martina Mulholland, Siobhan McErlan and Sinead Mulholland can be depended upon to do well.

These Derry schools know each other so well. Style, tactics and strengths may be anticipated in advance. Level of motivation on the day may be the deciding factor in the end. It will be an historic occasion no matter who wins. A new name will be engraved on the cup.

Novel pairing

The Ulster junior final, Maghera and St. Louis, Killeel, will be meeting for the first time and do not know what to expect. Maghera showed good form against Keady in the semi-final when Brenda Kelly, Clare Mulholland and Sharon McCluskey caught the eye.

The name of St. Louis, Killeel appears time and again on the Ulster Roll of Honour, but they have been out of the limelight in recent seasons. Johanne Crummie, Rachel Bird, Pauline McGrath, Claire Gallagher, Lisa Collins and St. Louis captain Kathy O'Donoghue

helped Killeel to overcome Lurgan, Bessbrook and Ballymoney and are hopeful of going further.

F.C.J. Buncloody are holders of the Leinster senior and junior championships. At Croke Park on Saturday they defend both titles and must stand a very good chance of retaining them. In the senior final, they meet Assumption, Walkinstown, who have not held the cup since 1981.

Buncloody field six of the team which held St. Raphaels to a draw in last year's final. In addition, Ann Marie O'Connor, full forward on the Wexford minor side, has enrolled at the school in the meantime. With players of the quality of Deirdre Atkinson, Paula Rankin, Charmaine Gibson, Deirdre Byrne, Majella O'Neill and Catherine Atkinson in the side Buncloody should do well.

Walkinstown emerged from the Dublin zone before accounting for Athy and New Ross to reach the final. Their team is younger and has less experience than their opponents. However, Hilary Marnell, Ursula Norton, Patricia Byrne, Fiona Hughes, Ailish Doyle and Lorraine Kearney will make Buncloody work for the title.

Only three of the 1986 winning Buncloody junior side are eligible for the final against Maryfield College. Mary Fitzhenry, Deirdre Byrne, Tina Tobin, Jacqueline Jordan and Linda Doyle will have key roles for Buncloody. Hoping to take the cup back to Maryfield will be the promising Avis O'Brien, Karen Bauer, Amanda Hogan, Nuala Byrne and Sinead Whiskon.

St. Mary's, Charleville, made light of their lack of experience in the senior grade when they held on to a slender lead against Colaiste Mhuire to register their first Munster Colleges senior title. In a goalless match, Charleville closed down the scoring forwards from Colaiste and won by four points to three.

Charleville may complete the second leg of the Munster double when they meet St. Joseph's, Tulla, on Saturday. Tulla needed a replay to shake off Mount Mercy. St. Joseph's play exclusively ground camogie, and whether it will be sufficient to overcome Charleville remains to be seen.

Charleville girls' title

St. Mary's 0-4 Colaiste Mhuire 0-3

ST. MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE captured the Munster Colleges senior camogie championship when they defeated Colaiste Mhuire of Ennis by a point in the final at Cussack Park, Ennis on Saturday. There was little between the teams throughout with both sides missing many scoring opportunities.

The winners opened the scoring in the first minute when Catherine Kiely pointed. They went on to dominate for most of this half being particularly impressive at midfield but their forwards failed to capitalise on many scoring opportunities against a Colaiste backline which played very well. The teams were level at the break with Patricia O'Grady scoring for the losers just before halftime.

The winners started the second-half with points from Catherine Kiely and Helen Cagney. The Ennis girls then improved but their forwards still couldn't come to grips with a tight-marking Charleville defence.

Charleville: M. Cagney, M. O'Sullivan, T. Sheedy, A.M. Cotter, F. Broderick, F. Cronin, B. O'Brien, E. O'Callaghan, E. Watson, C. Kiely, H. Cagney, R. Daly.

Colaiste Mhuire: S. Hegarty, A. Killeen, C. McNamara, L. O'Donnell, M. Sheedy, C. Hennessy, P. O'Grady, P. Roughan, L. Hanrahan, C. Bracken, A. White, C. O'Loughlin.

Ashbourne title goes to UCD

UCD 5-5, UCG 0-3

A rampant UCD side overwhelmed UCG to take the Ashbourne Cup at Belfield, Dublin yesterday. The winners led 1-5 to nil at the interval. Galway started well in the second half but two quick UCD goals followed by two similar scores later completely submerged the losers.

Scorers: UCD — B. Kenny 2-4, M. Connell 2-0, A. Cooper 1-0, E. Lambert 0-1.

UCG — C. Jones 0-3.
Duaracht Cup Final — UUJ 4-4 Trinity College 3-3.

UCG 0-8, UCC 1-3

UNIVERSITY College, Cork girls bowed out of the competition at the semi-final stage being narrowly beaten by UCG who only clinched victory in the final seconds of the game.

Cork had enjoyed a good deal of possession in the first half but they failed to translate it into scores and so with the help of a goal by Rose Fahy they held a slender 1-1 to 0-2 lead at the interval.

However, in the second half which was fairly evenly balanced Galway, though foiled of a bigger score by Cork goalkeeper Rose Desmond picked off the points consistently to run out winners.

Scorers — Galway C. Jones 0-3, A. McCarron 0-3, E. Feeney 0-2.

UCC-B. Fahy 1-0, P. Keniry 0-3.

Eire Óg - Bishopstown Cross Camáns

PICK of the games on the Camogie front during the coming weekend will be the Junior "B" Championship Final on Sunday between Eire Og and Bishopstown. As a curtain raiser to this game Eire Og will be in action again in a senior league game against Blackrock and in the only other game listed St. Finbarrs and Sarsfields meet in the Senior League.

The Junior "B" Final on Sunday promises to be a close encounter with Bishopstown seeking their first Junior Championship title. In earlier rounds Bishopstown had impressive victories over St. Fannahans, Courcy Rover and Sarsfields and looked a strong side. They are in a position to call on a number of their more experienced

players who did not play in the "A" Championship and this is sure to be a big advantage to them. Players like goalkeeper Bernie Power, Rose Desmond, Aine Buckley, Liz Towler and Deirdre Carroll all looked in top form in their semi-final clash with Sars. Sheenagh Morley missed this game through illness but is expected to be fit for Sundays game and this could have a vital bearing on the outcome as Sheenagh would be one of their key figures in the forward line.

Eire Og on the other hand will have a combination of youth and experience in their line out. They play a hard uncompromising game and will certainly not give up until the final whistle. En route to the final they had comprehensive victories over Mourneabbey, Blackrock and Erins Owen and looked a useful side with former senior Kay Doherty playing a vital part. They have other fine players in Lynda Aherne, Helean Kiely and Eleanor Cronin and with

the possible return of former intercounty player Nancy O'Driscoll to the line out Bishopstown could have a tough game on hands but whatever the outcome it should be a game worth seeing.

The draw for the 1987 Senior Championship took place at last Monday night's Board Meeting and is as follows.

(A) Aghabullogue v Glen Rovers.
(B) Sarsfields v Na Piar-siagh.
(C) B v Killeagh.
(D) A v Blackrock.
(E) Eire Og v U.C.C.
(F) St. Finbarrs v Fr. O'Neills.
SEMI-FINALS
F. v D.
E. v C.

FIXTURES

Sunday, March 1, Junior "B" Championship Final, 1986: Eire Og v Bishopstown at Curraheen Rd., at 3.15. Ref. Marie Kearney.

Senior League 1986: St. Finbarrs v Sarsfields at St. Finbarrs at 12 noon. Ref. Kay Dunne.

Eire Og v Blackrock at Curraheen Rd., at 2 p.m. Ref. Brenda McDonnell.

Camogie team wins Munster senior title

THE senior camogie players of St. Mary's school, Charleville, wrote another chapter in the sporting history of their school when they won the Munster colleges senior camogie championship at fog-shrouded Cusack Park, Ennis, on last Saturday. Their opponents were old rivals, Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis, and the game was played in bitterly cold and damp underfoot conditions.

Contesting the senior title for the first time, the St. Mary's girls settled quickly and dictated the pace of the game from an early stage. But with the two sides very evenly matched, the game was hard and uncompromising and scoring chances were few, with the sides ending the first half at

one point each, the Charleville score coming from Catherine Kiely.

On the resumption the fare was as in the first half, but the Charleville side gradually began to get the upper hand. The captain, Catherine Kiely, leading by example, tacked on two more points to stretch the Charleville lead. Clare O'Callaghan scored what was to be the all-important insurance point when she scores from a 30 yards free with 10 minutes remaining. However, the Banner side rallied and scored two points in the last six minutes of the game but, urged on by their voiciferous supporters, the St. Mary's girls grimly held on their one point lead in a pulsating finish emerged the

deserving winners of the senior title at their first attempt.

The captain, Helen Cagney, received the Dripsey Wollen Mills trophy from Ms. Mary Moran of the Munster Camogie Board amid wild scenes of jubilation from their supporters. Team coaches Brid Larkin, Vincent Harrington and Rev. Fr. Liam Kelleher were naturally delighted with the win in their first year in senior competition and paid tribute to the wonderful team effort which brought the title to the school for the first time.

St. Mary's will now play the Ulster champions at Charleville on March 14 next. Meanwhile the school's second string, the under-16s, will be bidding to

emulate last year's success when they take on another Clare side, Tulla, in the Munster final of that grade on this Saturday.

The game will be played at the Clare venue of Clooney, a few miles from Tulla.

Although the Clare side again have the advantage of a home pitch, the St. Mary's mentors are quietly confident that they may be able to pull off the double. If they do it would be a wonderful achievement and a tribute to the efforts of the coaches and the team alike.

We all join in wishing the under-16's every good fortune for another win and another Munster title for St. Mary's school.

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St. Mary's Charleville u-16 camogie team which won the Munster junior camogie championship when they defeated Tulla at Clooney, Co. Clare on last Saturday. From left (front): Fr. Liam Kelleher, Brid Larkin, Clare O'Callaghan, Maria O'Sullivan, capt., Bernice O'Brien, Martin Morrissey, Róisín Daly, Eileen Farrell, Geraldine Cotter. Back row: Vincent Harrington, Gillian Binchy, Aine O'Sullivan, Tracey Watson, Fiona Kelleher, Anne Mulcahy, Helen Galvin, Corina Morgan, Sr. M. Margaret.

Fantastic double for the St Mary's junior camogie team

ST. MARY'S
CHARLEVILLE 2-5
ST. JOSEPH'S
TULLA 2-1

ON a beautiful sunny day on Saturday last the Junior Camogie team of St. Mary's retained their Munster Junior Colleges title and so completed the second leg of a fantastic double for the school, the Senior team having been crowned champions a week previously.

Make no mistake this is an achievement of monumental proportions because after just four short years the school has reached the very top, a feat any school would be proud of in a lifetime. The latest success sets up the team for a

long journey to Maghera in Derry for the All-Ireland semi-final on March 7th the same day the Junior cross-country team from the school will be competing at Mallusk near Belfast in the Irish Schools final. The biggest worry at the moment is the financial burden these commitments are going to place on the school and the players and athletes but I feel sure that everybody in the district will support the schools fund-raising activities which will be undertaken in the next couple of weeks to support the teams.

The game on Saturday was one of contrasting halves. Charleville who played with the strong sun to their backs were quickly into their stride, being well warmed up after a

good training session at Sixmilebridge. After missing an earlier opportunity Róisín Daly opens the scoring with an opportunist goal in the fifth minute. At this stage Charleville were completely on top with a plentiful supply of the ball coming from dominant midfielders Bernice O'Brien, Eileen Farrell and Tracy Watson. Scores were slow to come however and it took a cracking goal from Senior heroine Claire O'Callaghan to show a positive return from such total dominance. Then after missing a few frees the same player fired over a great long range point from a free to leave the holders seven points clear at the break and looking odds on to retain their crown, but finals are never won until the final whistle as the pattern of play in the second

half would prove.

The second period began in whirlwind fashion for Charleville with Claire O'Callaghan scoring a good point in the very first attack. Then the home side came to life and upped the tempo of their play and the defence which basked in the sunshine up to then were severely tested. Ann Mulcahy, Fiona Kelleher, Geraldine Cotter, Aine O'Sullivan and Marie O'Sullivan were placed under severe pressure and finally in the 12th minute Tulla broke through for a goal followed quickly by a rasping shot which just skipped over the bar and suddenly there were only four points between the sides, Róisín Daly and Claire O'Callaghan contributed valuable points but with five minutes to go Tulla struck again when a sideline cut

went all the way to the net and the leeway was reduced to just a goal but then the team showed true grit, Claire O'Callaghan grabbed the ball from the puck out and in a twinkling flashed over a glorious point which really was the clincher and the defence stood firm to fashion a famous victory and take the Junior crown for the second year in a row.

Team

Team: Ann Mulcahy, Geraldine Cotter, Aine O'Sullivan, Fiona Kelleher, Marie O'Sullivan, Tracy Watson, Bernice O'Brien, Eileen Farrell, Claire O'Callaghan, Karina Horgan, Róisín Daly, Helen Galvin. Subs: Bernadette O'Connell, Martina Morrissey, Gillian Binchy.

Glen ladies hold 40th AGM

GLEN Rovers, All-Ireland camogie champions and longest registered club playing in Cork County Board competitions, hold their 40th annual general meeting at the Glen Hall tomorrow afternoon. And their chairperson, Nora Newman, has been 24 years in the post, with her daughter, Mary Newman-McCarthy, secretary for the past eight years.

The chairperson is probably much better known in camogie as Nora O'Brien, for she and her sister Nancy were on the team that brought the first county senior championship to the club and set them on the road to a record sequence the following decade.

The Glen were founded in 1934, the year their hurlers won their first county senior championship and the first of their record eight in a row, but the girls dropped out after five seasons. Chrissie O'Donovan was one of those early camogie stars and she reorganised the club in 1947. They were put into Grade B senior, which nowadays is the intermediate grade, and they won that championship straight off.

They had to go senior the following season and got to the semi-final. In 1949 they made it to the final and were leading by

a point when St. Aloysius scored a last minute goal. They were there again, however, in the 1950 championship final, played on St. Patrick's Day 1951, and this time they won against a fancied Blackrock team.

That Glen team, captained by Siobhan O'Brien, is remembered for the sisters involved. As well as Nora and Nancy O'Brien, not related to Siobhan, there were the sisters Bridie and Bessie Lucey and sisters Peg and Mary Lucey, but the families were not related;

Chrissie O'Donovan's sister Eily was the full-forward, and there was also Kit O'Donovan, though she was not related to the others; and there was Noel Deane, whose sister Bernie was also in the panel.

The Glen retained the title and won it again in '54, '57 and '58. Their record seven in a row ran from '62 to '68. Anna Crotty, now life president of the club and still a selector, played in six of the seven and Peggy Dorgan played in all seven. They were the Glen's

first All-Ireland senior championship winners with Cork in 1968.

In the inaugural All-Ireland senior championship of 1964 the Glen went to a semi-final replay, losing by a goal to Celtic from Dublin, who went on to win the final easily. Three years later they lost by two points in the semi-final to Eoghan Ruahs, who also went on to an easy win in the final.

There was the consolation in '64, however, of goalkeeper Deirdre Sutton being awarded the first Gaelic Allstar

award. Not alone was Deirdre on the seven in a row teams, she was also on the '83 side that regained the county senior championship after a lapse of 15 years—and she was mother of three sons at the time!

Teresa Murphy gained the Allstar award in '65. She is now treasurer and is also a selector.

After the golden years came a decline, leading to relegation to intermediate ranks in '72. A Glen motion to county convention to start under-age competitions



THE GLEN 1963 — Back (left to right): B. Naughton, K. Brown, M. McCarthy, S. O'Connell, M. Brown, A. Crotty, D. Sutton, C. Buckley, Mr. Murphy (trainer). Front: N. O'Mahony, P. Deane, M. Buckley, T. Murphy, N. O'Callaghan, M. Lucey, P. Dorgan, C. Duggan.



Glen Rovers' 1950 champions — Front: Sheila Cahill, Bridie Lucey, Nancy O'Brien, Eve Dempsey, Siobhan O'Brien, Noel Deane, Bessie Lucey, Nora O'Brien. Back: Peg Lucey, Kit O'Donovan, Breda Buckley, Mary Fitzpatrick, Eily O'Donovan, Mary Lucey, Chrissie O'Donovan (chairperson).

was passed and they themselves won the city under-18 at the first attempt and the under-16 in 1974, the year they defeated Churchtown by a goal to win the intermediate county championship, after which they were allowed back up senior.

In 1980 the Glen won the senior club championship introduced during Imokilly's domination of the county championship and they won that club competition again in '82, leading up to the county title in '83, with a team captained by

Ann Delaney-O'Donovan, daughter-in-law of Donie O'Donovan, the Glen-St. Nicks inter-county star who was Cork's All-Ireland football coach in '73.

That brings us to 1986 and a county championship final victory over Killeagh, the Munster title against Limerick champions Grenagh-Ballingarry and the All-Ireland crown on their own territory against St. Pauls, who included player of the year Angela Downey and her sister Anne and half the Kilkenny team that scored two last minute goals in

the All-Ireland final to foil Cork, who had been a point ahead. Sandy Fitzgibbon and Val Fitzpatrick were the only county senior players on the Glen side captained by Christy Ring's daughter Mary, the full-back, and trained by former Glen and county goalkeeper Finbarr O'Neill.

Val, playing in the middle of the centrefield trio, was voted player of the match and Sandy, the basketball international playing wing centrefield, scored the spectacular winning point from 45

yards. Full-forward June Hamill got a goal and a point, and at the other end Fiona McCarthy distinguished herself in goal although the Kilkenny girls scored 5-4 against the locals' 4-8.

Mary Newman and daughter Mary were selectors with the famous Sutton and Crotty.

Now they are all planning for a massive reunion at the Glen Hall on Friday night, April 10, players, officials, delegates, etc., going right back to '34, the year they won the City Division

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Significant changes in Dublin selection

THE Dublin team named for the opening match of the National League against Wexford bears little resemblance to the side which played in the All-Ireland final last September. The new selection committee has discarded several established players and introduced many new faces.

Yvonne Redmond, Helena Broderick, Bernie Toner and Anna Condon are not included in the large panel of twenty-three players. Barbara Redmond, Toni O'Byrne and Anne Colgan return to the team. Patricia Clinton, Jo Holden, former Galway player Mary Keane and promising newcomer Louise Lynch get an opportunity to prove themselves. Recently married Una

Crowley missed out this match but Dublin will have Marion Conroy, Germaine Noonan, Walsh and Carmel O'Byrne on duty. The selectors intend to give each member of the panel the chance to prove that they have what it takes before planning their championship side.

Wexford have all their regular players available. All-Ireland hurler Martin Codd has taken charge of training and the girls are responding well. Looking forward to the tilt with Dublin are Elsie Cody, Catherine Murphy, Caroline Farrington, Tina Fitzhenry, Jackie Codd and young Deirdre Atkinson, who has jumped from minor to senior level.

Galway look to their 1985 winning juniors for their home game with Tipperary. Eileen Howley, Anne Gallagher, Bridie Cunniffe, Anne Ryan, Brid Stratford and Mary Kelly will put it up to Tipperary. Galway will be without scoring forward Deirdre Costello, who is still troubled with a knee injury. Tipperary were hit by emigration last season. As a result they were unable to reach their full potential.

Anne Gleeson, Ger Ryan and Rosie Ryan together with representatives of county champions Cashel should form the nucleus of the side to face Galway. Kildare selectors cast their

eye over thirty-six players before naming the panel to defend their National League title. Gemma Cooney, who is living in Australia, and Marianne Johnson, recovering from an arm operation, will have to be replaced. Miriam Malone, Rose Merriman, Patricia Keatley, Geraldine Dwyer, Melanie Treacy and Liz O'Donoghue are ruling to go.

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game for some time. Her foot has failed to respond to treatment for a tendon injury. Derry are further hit as regular goalkeeper Donna Speers is based in London. Patsy Quinn, Gene McQuillan, Marie Kilpatrick, Catherine Morgan, Margaret O'Kane will be joined by several newcomers on the Derry team. But they may find Kildare too much of a handful at the moment.

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raced into an early lead in the Munster junior final against St. Josephs, Tulla. But the Tulla girls fought back with two great goals. St. Marys held out to win by 2-5 to 2-1 to complete the quartet of doubles in the provinces.

At Glensmiddy — 2.00 — Junior — Galway v Tipperary. 3.00 — Senior — Galway v Tipperary.

Grange goalkeeper Anne Moran, Maltread Treacy, Marguerite Guiry, Mary Lenihan and Miriam Mag-nier should be strong enough to take the points from Kilkenny.

At Monomolin — 2.00 — Junior — Wexford v Dublin. Senior — Wexford v Dublin. At Ballyvaughan, 2.30 — Junior — Limerick v Kilkenny. At Cadamstown — 3.00 — Kildare v Derry.

CONNACHT MONOPOLY

The monopoly of Connacht Colleges championships by St. Raphael's, Loughrea, continues. The school may now boast of four senior and four junior titles on the trot. The loss of a player of the calibre of Deirdre Costello would leave many a side floundering. But Raphaels made light of the handicap to trounce Mercy, Roscommon, 2-14 to 0-2.

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Camogie round-up

Dublin begin their assault on the National Leagues when they travel to Monamolin tomorrow to face Wexford in both the Senior and Junior grade. With 3 new selectors having been elected at the 1986 convention to look after the welfare of the senior panel there have been many changes since last year.

Two of the new selectors, Phyllis Breslin and Rita White have been along this road before and were part of the committee who helped Dublin to win their only senior All-Ireland title in 20 years when they plotted the downfall of Munster rivals Tipperary in the 1984 decider.

For the third selector Ann Carey it will be a completely new experience. Not alone will Ann contribute to the selecting of the side throughout this year's league and championship but she has also taken on the added responsibility of trainer. Indeed the response that she received from the players at the first training session last Saturday was enough to suggest that the season ahead augurs well for the county.

Her total commitment and professional approach to the huge task in hand certainly impressed all present and one hopes that her ideas and promptings can be translated into success on the field.

For tomorrow's tough away assignment only five of the players who took the field in last year's final against Kilkenny have been called for duty. Yvonne Redmond, Joan Gormley and Una Crowley are unavailable. Marie Connell and Breda Kenny are now listed among the substitutes, while Helena Broderick and Mary Mernagh are out of favour. Nonetheless it is a nice blend of youth and experience that takes the field tomorrow.

Recalled custodian Toni O'Byrne is no newcomer to inter-county fare and with her captain and clubmate Marian Conroy in front of her their understanding will be invaluable to the side. Germaine Noonan and Patricia Clinton have been turning on some splendid displays for their club this season and these two young determined Marino players certainly deserve their places.

Anne Coghlan has been handed the vital pivotal position in the defence at centre back and much will depend on how she can dominate this area. The centre field trio, Cathy Walsh, Edel Murphy and Jo Holden will need to be on their toes throughout the entire 50 minutes for most games can be won and lost in this sector.

Cathy and Jo on the wings are relatively inexperienced at this level but Edel Murphy playing now in her favourite position at dead centre will no doubt play a big part in allaying the fears of these two younger players during those anxious opening minutes.

The forward line sees the introduction of two newcomers in Louise Lynch and Mary Keane in the right and left corners respectively. Mary has donned the maroon jersey of Galway on a number of occasions while Louise, who played with the junior side last season has the potential to become one of the most skilful players in the game today mans the centre forward berth, it is on the slightly built shoulders of Crumlin's Barbara Redmond that most of the responsibility for this sector will be tomorrow.

Barbara returns to the inter-county scene after a year's absence and takes her position on the edge of the square from where it is hoped she will co-ordinate the movements of those around her. At this stage of the season it is difficult to forecast a result.

The Dublin players will perhaps be fitter than their opponents Wexford, but this is a new metropolitan outfit and defeat tomorrow will not be the end of the world. Mentors and spectators will have to be patient. It is the future that the selectors are gearing themselves for. Tomorrow's game will give them some indication of what their charges will be capable of in the tougher championship matches ahead.

In the opening game the junior selectors have chosen a very strong side who would appear to carry too many weapons for the opposition.

All of the players have played for their county before and the bulk of them were on the team that lost to Kildare in both the league final and the Leinster final last year. Goalkeeper Cathy Hickey has had senior experience while Patsy Murphy, Mairead Cronin, Denise O'Leary and captain Anne Heavey have a wealth of inter county experience between them.

The two Na Fianna stalwarts man the centre field with Phyllis Dawson gaining a welcome and deserved call up on the left wing. Eunice Keogh showed up very well when playing for Trinity in the recent Ashbourne series while Anne Cooper impressed with her displays for U.C.D. in the same competition. Geraldine Dunne is a nimble and skilful center forward while Geraldine Fagan will fill what is for her the unusual position of left corner forward.

All in all the junior selectors Billy Maloney, Rose Ryan and Mary Matthews have put together what appears to be quite a useful combination and they should be capable of getting off to a winning start tomorrow.

DUBLIN (Senior) — Toni O'Byrne, Marian Conroy (capt.), Germaine Noonan, Ann Colgan, Patricia Clinton, Cathy Walsh, Edel Murphy, Jo Holden, Louise Lynch, Carmel O'Byrne, Mary Keane, Barbara Redmond. Subs — Breda Kenny, Marie Connell, Denise O'Leary, Geraldine Dunne.

DUBLIN (Junior) — Cathy Hickey, Patsy Murphy, Mairead Cronin, Denise O'Leary, Anne Heavey (capt.), Cheryl Whittaker, Carmel Gray, Phyllis Dawson, Eunice Keogh, Geraldine Dunne, Geraldine Fagan, Anne Cooper. Subs — Michelle Donnelly, Suzanne Doyle, Nicole Swift, Mary Kavanagh.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

AT MONAMOLIN, Junior — Wexford v Dublin (2.0). Senior — Wexford v Dublin (3.15).

AT PHOENIX PARK — Senior 'B' League — Kilmore v Erins Isle (11.0). Junior 'A' League — St. Marks v Marino I (12.15). Marino II v St. Annes (1.30). Junior 'B' League — Naomh Padraig v Rathcoole (1.30). St. Judes v Round Towers (12.15). Junior 'B' League — Lucan Sarafelds v Raheny (2.45). Junior C1 League — Good Counsel v Cumann setanta (2.45). Trinity Gaels v Clanna Gael Fontenoy (2.45). Junior C2 League — Clontarf v St. Johns (1.30).

AT MAY PARK — Junior C1 League — Craobh Chiarra v Naomh Maur (2.00).

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GONE ARE DAYS OF A SOFT MATCH

The careful grading of counties and the introduction of promotion and relegation give added interest to the 1987 National Camogie leagues, which get underway on Sunday. The days of a soft match are gone. Every outing is vital, as counties strive to attain the best possible position and avoid the indignity of dropping to a lower division.

The new Dublin selectors have shown little regard for sentiment. Familiar names like Yvonne Redmond, Bernie Toner, Anna Condon and Helena Broderick are missing from the panel. Back in favour, however, are Ann Colgan, Barbara Redmond and Toni O'Byrne.

Many promising young players are listed and will get an opportunity to prove themselves as the league progresses. For Sunday's game, only five of the all-Ireland final team are named. Marion Conroy, Germaine Noonan, Cathy Walsh, Carmel O'Byrne and Edel Murphy will take their places.

The three recalled seniors are included in company with

Patricia Clinton, Jo Holden, Mary Keane, the former Galway player and promising newcomer, Louise Lynch. This Dublin side will probably be fitter than their Wexford opponents, but can expect a tough game at Monamolin.

All-Ireland hurler Martin Codd is directing operations in the Wexford camp and is getting a good response from the players. Regulars Elsie Cody, Anne Reddy, Tina Fitzhenry, Ann Butler, Kathleen Tonks and Jackie Codd are joined by young Deirdre Atkinson, who was a minor last season.

Galway field a young team against Tipperary at Glenamaddy. The majority of the players won all-Ireland junior medals in 1985. Anne Ryan, Eileen Howley, Anne Fahy, Brid Stratford, Mary Kelly and Angela Cooney will be in action, but scoring forward Deirdre Costello is not expected to return to the game for some time.

Tipperary are rarely organised at this early point in the year. Hit by emigration last season, they will look to county champions, Cashel, for talent to join regulars. Ger

Ryan, Rosie Ryan and Anne Gleeson.

Junior champions Kildare face Derry, who they overcame by six points in the all-Ireland semi-final. Since then, Gemma Cooney has settled in Australia and Marianne Johnson is still trying to shake off the effects of an arm operation. Two trial games were held and 36 players were assessed in an effort to capture whatever talent is in the county.

Limerick choose to drop out of senior competition this season and will concentrate on the junior squad. In contention for a place on the team to meet Kilkenny are Miriam Magnier, Mary Lenihan, Mairead Treacy, Anne Moran, Maisie Clifford and Marguerite Clifford. They should be good enough to score against Kilkenny, who finished pointless last season.

The provincial colleges championships have produced four sets of doubles. In Connaught, St. Raphael's made light of the absence of Deirdre Costello to register a 2-14 to 0-2 win over Mercy, Roscommon. Their junior side

were equally convincing against Portumna College in the final.

Claire O'Callaghan and Roisin Daly scored 2-5 between them, which was sufficient to enable St. Mary's, Charleville, to complete a Munster double. St. Joseph's, Tulla, made a great fightback in the second half, but were four points short at the finish.

F.C.J. Buncloody scraped home by 1-4 to 2-0 in the Leinster senior final against Assumption, Walkinstown, but were considered better on the run of play. Their juniors had a more decisive win over Maryfield College by 1-5 to 0-1.

In Ulster, St. Patrick's, Maghera, enjoyed an impressive double, a feat not achieved in the province since the heady days of St. Louis, Kilkeel, and St. Michael's, Lurgan. However, St. Louis, Kilkeel, were one of the victims on this occasion, losing out by a big score in the junior final. Though the senior game was closer, Maghera were worthy winners.



• Ulster senior colleges camogie champions St. Patrick's, Maghera with Principal Fr. R. Devine and Miss A. Kelly (trainer).

ARMAGH recovered from a shock goal inside 30 seconds before resisting a blistering second half fightback by Monaghan to open their Maguire Cup account with a 3-6 to 3-3 win at Keady.

This was a case of being a game of two halves, with a blustery wind having a considerable bearing on the proceedings.

Armagh, after being caught cold by a swift Monaghan raid from the throw-in, replied with a brace of four points before Mary Donnelly and debutant Joanne Connolly found the net to give the Orchard County a 2-4 to 1-0 advantage at the break.

Things changed early in the second period when Ballymacnab centre-half-back Sally McCone, a former Combined Colleges and Combined Universities player during her days at the Poly was carried off with a badly twisted knee.

Team manager Isadore Beattie made a number of switches, as well as bringing on Denise McStay, to try and plug the gap but with little success.

Monaghan stepped up a gear to fire home 2-2 to reduce the deficit to three points after substitute Denise McStay had scored Armagh's third goal. An exchange of points finished with Mary Donnelly grabbing an insurance score to give the home side a hard earned victory.

Their minors were much more impressive against a somewhat disorganised Monaghan side, as they romped to a comfortable 4-9 to 1-0 win in the Ulster Minor League.

Armagh recover from shock

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With Mairead Donnelly and skipper Michele Conway dominant at midfield Armagh were never in danger of losing this tie.

They turned in a fine performance, capped by the scoring expertise of 15-year-old Olive Leonard, who has been a regular in the junior team for the past year.

Olive picked off six points from play while Mairead Donnelly and Sinead Daly were among the goals. Best for a rather weak Monaghan side was their goalkeeper Ethna Brennan. But for a series of superb saves, Armagh's 18 points win would have been much greater.

Antrim and Tyrone didn't play at the weekend. Both their Maguire Cup and Ulster Minor League games were postponed following a family bereavement of one of the Antrim players.

Donegal were down to meet Fermanagh, but the lakelanders have now decided not to take part in the Cup, and the game wasn't played. Their minors did

field though, but lost, with Donegal coming out on top by two points.

In the National Junior League there was disappointment for Derry. With resources stretched to the limit due to the unavailability of a number of key players, Derry had no answer to the all round class of National champions Kildare, going down by 24 points in Cadamstown.

National Junior League: Kildare 5-10 Derry 0-1; Wexford 1-3, Dublin 5-6; Limerick 1-7 Kilkenny 1-3.

National Senior League: Wexford 1-5 Dublin 2-8.

Maguire Cup: Armagh 3-6 Monaghan 3-3.

Ulster Minor League: Armagh 4-9 Monaghan 1-0; Donegal 3-0 Fermanagh 2-1.

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• Mary Hegarty (senior capt.), left, and Bronda Kelly (junior captain), of St. Patrick's, Maghera.



• Ulster junior colleges camogie champions St Patrick's High School, Maghera.

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•ANGELA DOWNEY

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TEXACO AWARD, THE CROWNING GLORY FOR ALL-ROUND ATHLETE ANGELA

by MARY MORAN

A Texaco Award is the highest honour to which a camogie player may aspire. The recipient is assured of a special place in the annals of the game.

Texaco Awards have been few and far between where camogie players are concerned. Twenty years ago, the legendary Una O'Connor joined the elite band as the first representative of the sport. A year later, Antrim captain, Sue Cashman extended camogie's winning list.

For nineteen years, camogie followers scanned the short list of selected sports with disappointment. Deserving candidates quickly sprung to mind but they had been passed over.

When camogie featured in the 1986 series, one name was on everybody's lips. It had to be Angela Downey. In company of Sean Kelly, Pat Spillane, Claire Hourihane and Ger Cunningham, Angela at last received the special distinction.

As a fifteen year old student from

Presentation, Castlecomer, Angela was introduced to the camogie public in the 1972 All-Ireland Senior Final. Too young and too light to upset an experienced Cork defence on that occasion, she was soon to make all opposition sit up and take notice.

Kilkenny and Cork played a heart-stopping draw in the 1974 decider. Brilliant passages of play marked the replay. The match marked the arrival of Kilkenny and Angela Downey.

Angela has won six All-Ireland and three National League medals in the Kilkenny colours. Such has been Angela's contribution that it is safe to say that her county's tally would be somewhat less without her services. The semi-final at Nowlan Park last August is a case in point.

Her lightning solo runs, quick acceleration on the turn, masterly ball control and blistering shot create havoc in any defence. Add to that her extremely competitive approach and hunger for success and it is easy to see why she is the game's top performer.

Angela is an all-round athlete. At Gradam Tailte, she has displayed her prowess at sprinting, basketball, gym tests and, of course, camogie skills. Undisputed winner of camogie's superstar competition for the past three years, she gave a matchless exhibition in 1985 when she amassed a staggering 64 points.

Daughter of Shem Downey, who won an All-Ireland hurling medal in the great final of 1947, Angela has achieved almost everything that the game has to offer. Side by side with her in those victories has been her twin sister Anne.

Constantly in the news, Angela has won top honours with her club, county and province. She captained Kilkenny to win the All-Ireland Senior championship in 1977. She has been honoured with two B & I awards and now the crowning glory, the Texaco Award.

St. Raphael's set a demanding test

ALL-IRELAND Colleges Junior champions in 1984 and 1985, St. Raphael's Loughrea bid to reach another decider when they clash with F.C.J. Buncloody on Saturday. The second semi-final features St. Mary's Charleville and St. Patrick's, Maghera in a unique pairing.

St. Raphael's record in the Connacht Colleges junior championship equals that of the great Pres. Athlone and Mercy Roscommon sides. The present twelve eased their way through the opposition to retain the title.

The competition will be much stiffer on Saturday. The Buncloody girls will test the mettle of the St. Raphael's team. In Kathleen Coen, Siobhan Earls, Olive Costello, Siobhan Keane, Emer Hardiman and Aileen Brett, Raphael's have youngsters of great skill.

Buncloody are determined to make amends for last year's disappointments. Despite the long trip ahead, they are very hopeful. Mary Fitzhenry, Deirdre Byrne, Tina Tobin, Jacqueline Jordan, Linda Doyle and Maura O'Donovan form the backbone of a talented side.

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Antrim will be short a number of regulars for their opening National Senior League match against Down. Missing from the championship side which played Cork are Anne McGlew, Carol McAllister, Catherine O'Hara, Anne McGarry and Patricia Hale.

A number of juniors will be promoted including Geraldine McCann who is not long out of the minor ranks. Mary Lundy, Margaret McKillop, Mary

McMullan and B. Quinn are available for the local derby.

Sheila McCartan, who emigrates to the States shortly, will be an absentee for Down. Three other members of the McCartan clan, Nuala, Geraldine and Monica, are at the disposal of the selectors. Donna Greeran, Noreen O'Prey, Bonnie McGreevey, Anne Trainor and Fionnuala McGrady should make the team for what should be a close encounter.

Cavan ran eventual winners Kildare to two

points in the semi-final of the National Junior League last season. They open the new campaign with a home game against Carlow. While Cavan should be good enough for the points, they would not want to take Carlow lightly.

Westmeath disappointed in the 1986 League and will be anxious to pick up the pieces as the new season gets underway. Monaghan will provide tough opposition at Collinstown. Donegal, Wicklow and Meath may pip Louth, Fermanagh and Laois in the remaining games.

Bishopstown girls' camogie double

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THE Bishopstown under-14 camogie team completed a superb double recently, when on Sunday last they won the 1986 Cork County under-14 league final to add to the county junior 'B' championship, which the club had won the previous Sunday.

Fr. O'Neill's were worthy opponents for the Bishopstown girls, in the under-14 final, playing great camogie from start to finish in a thrilling match. Bishopstown, playing

with the wind in the first half led by 2-2 to nil at half time, and scored an early point in the second half before Fr. O'Neill's opened their account with a goal. Bishopstown ran out convincing winners in the end on a 3-3 to 2-0 scoreline.

After the game, Mairead O'Donovan, the county secretary presented the cup to Edel Ryan, captain of the Bishopstown team, who certainly played a captain's part in contributing three points to her side's total.

Goalkeeper Aisling

O'Leary and defenders Moira Harrington, Patricia Horgan, Bláithín Keating, and Orla Higgins showed sterling defensive qualities throughout. Siobhán Barry, and Elaine O'Connor joined Edel Ryan in a strong midfield, whilst forwards Sínead White, Judy Walsh, Clare Murphy, and especially Eithne Duggan, who scored her side's three goals gave the Fr. O'Neill's defence a torrid time throughout.

Substitutes Cecilia Crowley, Gillian Conlon, Niamh Carroll and

Grace O'Connell, plus Edel Kearney, who missed the final through injury completed a strong Bishopstown panel who should go on to even greater things in the future.

Credit is also due to team trainer Cllr. Pat Murray, and adult club members Pat Ryan, Joe O'Hara, Sheila Harrington, Irene Higgins, John Geary, Anne O'Connor, Margaret O'Hara, Neil White and Elizabeth O'Neill, who supported the team's success.



The Bishopstown under-14 camogie team who had a successful season, winning the Cork U-14 League, Cork Feile na Gael and the Cork and Munster Community Games. Included are selectors Pat Murray, Joe O'Hara and Pat Ryan.

Draw a fitting result

ANTRIM 1-4, DOWN 2-1

A DRAW was a fitting result to this close and exciting National Senior League opening round tie played at Glenarriffe yesterday. The home side had the upper hand in the opening half and turned over with a lead of 1-3 to 0-1. Anne Higgins increased this by a point early in the second half.

Not to be denied, the visitors fought back and their star centre B. McGreevy goaded and in an exciting finish Thresa Allan made it a draw with a late goal.

Scorers — Antrim — A. Higgins 0-3, P. Hale 1-0, M. Gibson 0-1. Down — B. McGreevy 1-1, T. Allan 1-0.

NATIONAL JUNIOR LEAGUE — Westmeath 3-8, Monaghan 4-4. Carlow 3-4; Cavan 3-2, Meath 0-5; Lanes 0-1.

WESTMEATH 5-8, MONAGHAN 4-4

WESTMEATH had a very close call with Monaghan in the opening round of the Junior National League played at Collinstown yesterday. The winners led by 3-3 to 0-4 at the break.

Scorers — Westmeath — M. Ryan 2-4, M. Scully 1-0, E. Forde and A. Gynn 0-2 each. Monaghan — M. Finnegan 2-0, S. Finnegan and M. Murphy 1-0 each, B. Linden 0-2, M. Gardland 0-1.

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ALL-IRELAND COLLEGES J. semi-final

AT MAGHERA — St. Mary's Charleville 2-3 (R. Daly, C. O'Callaghan 1-1 each, H. Galvin 0-1), St. Patrick's, Maghera 1-3 (S. O'Donerty 1-0, B. Kelly, C. Mulholland, H. Mulholland, 0-1 each).

ALL-IRELAND SCHOOLS CSHIP — in Loughrea: St. Raphael's, Loughrea 1-3 (E. Hardiman 1-3), F.C.J. Bonclody 0-1 (D. Byrne 0-1).

St. Marys reach Junior All-Ireland

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St. Mary's, Charleville 2-3;

St. Patrick's, Maghera 1-3
THE junior girls' camogie team from St. Mary's Secondary School, Charleville, are through to the junior camogie all-Ireland final for the second successive year by virtue of their thrilling victory over St. Patrick's High School, Meaghera, Co. Derry, on Saturday last. The North of the country was hit by a sudden blizzard on Saturday morning, and after the long journey to Meaghera it looked like the match could not be played, the pitch being covered in snow.

But an alternative venue was found about 15 miles away in Portlennone and eventually the match got under way 3 hours behind schedule. In the biting wind and piercing cold both teams served up a great exhibition of Camogie.

Despite playing against a near gale wind Charleville survived early Meaghera pressure and in breakaway attacks Roisin Daly scored a goal and a point from virtually the only 2 Charleville attacks. The defence was again put under severe pressure and outstanding work by Fiona Kelleher, Marie O'Sullivan, Aine O'Sullivan, Geraldine Cotter and goalkeeper Ann Mulcahy kept Charleville in the game, despite all the pressure all the home team could notch up was 2 points, and when the short whistle sounded Charleville were in happy mood, knowing they would have the advantage of the second period.

Claire O'Callaghan fired over an early point but then the wind dropped, and Meaghera came roaring back again, the defence stood firm, Tracy Watson, Bernie O'Brien and Eileen Farrell were doing an amount of work at centrefield to keep the ball moving and then from a long ball and a cross from Karina Horgan, Helen Galvin shot a great goal to put St. Mary's seven points in front with just eleven minutes to go.

The home girls, urged on by their huge support, fought back gamely and broke through for a goal but Claire O'Callaghan replied with a great point. Maghera added another point and really went all out to get back on terms but the Charleville defence stood firm as a rock to fashion an exciting victory and set up an exciting confrontation with Loughrea



Fr. Stephen McKeogh, Kildimo, Sister M. Margaret, Fr. Jerry Fitzgerald, Kanturk, Sister M. Colman, Principal, St. Mary's, Charleville, Fr. Sean Conlon, Blackrock, Cork and Fr. Liam Kelleher, pictured at Iona, the Carmelite Retreat Centre at Termonacca, in Derry's Creggan last week.

Warm welcome for camogie players in the North

THE Charleville party of junior camogie players from Saint Mary's School and their small but faithful band of followers were assured of a warm welcome when they broke their journey to Meaghera to play the local Saint Patrick's High School in the All-Ireland junior camogie final.

The group overnighted at the Carmelite Retreat Centre at Termonacca which is situated in the nationalist Creggan area of Derry city. The director of the Retreat centre is Reverend Father Jerry Fitzpatrick, a native of Kanturk and he made the girls and the adults in the party feel so much-at home.

Both he and the other priests, fellow-Corkman, Father Sean Conlon from Blackrock, and Father Steve McKeogh from Kildimo, Co. Limerick, couldn't have done more for their guests.

They put the excellent facilities of the centre, which would rival the best of hotels, at the disposal of the

Charleville group, who experienced that Father Jerry described as a real Derry welcome. However, he and his fellow southerners confessed to being delighted at again hearing the soft southern accents, which he said they in contact with all to rarely in Derry.

The girls were delighted with their reception and reciprocated the overwhelming hospitality of the Fathers by behaving in an exemplary fashion and were a credit to their parents and teachers and worthy ambassadors of Saint Mary's.

There was also a surprise in store for team coach Father Liam Kelleher who renewed his acquaintance with Rev. Father Joe McElhinney, one of the priests who taught him in his student days at Castlemartyr's Carmelite College.

Prior to their departure for Meaghera on Sunday morning, Father Liam thanked Father Fitzpatrick and

his fellow-priests for their hospitality which, he said, was the best the team had ever experienced.

Sister M. Margaret presented Father Fitzpatrick with a gift pack of Golden Vale cheese products as a token of their appreciation.

Others in the party included: Saint Mary's Principal, Sister M. Colman; M/s. Seamus Kelleher, Chris Morrissey and Maurice Cremin, Newtownshandrum; Bob and Kay

Cotter, Tim O'Brien, Joe Gaffney, Michael O'Brien, Michael O'Sullivan, Mrs. Horgan and Mrs. Daly, all of Ballyagran, and Mrs. P. Galvin, Newtownshandrum.

A special word of praise for Joe Enright, the driver of the coach whose skill in negotiating the Glenshane Pass between Derry city and Meaghera which was under two feet of snow on Saturday morning, ensured that the party arrived safely.

St. Raphael's aim for three in-a-row

St. Raphael's, Loughrea, aim to become the first school in camogie history to win three consecutive all-Ireland senior titles. The side most likely to stop them is F.C.J. Buncloody, who will be at home to the Galway team in the semi-final on Saturday.

Buncloody held St. Raphael's in the all-Ireland final last April. Their tight defence closed down the Loughrea attack. However, they were unable to repeat that performance in the replay.

With the advantage of home venue, Buncloody will take the field with confidence. While a number of their side have left school, they retain several prominent players. Some of last year's juniors have moved up and are playing effectively. Deirdre Atkinson, Ailish Atkinson, Charmaine Gibson, Majella O'Neill and Deirdre Byrne will put it up to Loughrea.

SPECIAL

For St. Mary's, Charleville, and St. Patrick's, Maghera, Saturday will be a special day. Both schools recently won their respective provincial crown for the first time. The semi-final will be a new experience for them.

Charleville field practically the same team which won the all-Ireland colleges junior championship last season. They are a young side, all of whom will be eligible again next season. Frances Broderick, Bernie O'Brien, Claire O'Callaghan, Catherine Kiely and Helen Canney are skilful players who should lift their game in response to local support.

CAMPAIGN

All-Ireland senior champions, Kilkenny, will show their hand against Wexford on Sunday, when they open their National League campaign. The Kilkenny selectors are in the happy position of having the entire all-Ireland panel available again this season.

However, star forward Angela Downey will miss Sunday's game, as she will be taking her pupils on a trip to Holland. But, such is the wealth of talent in Kilkenny, they will be expected to do well in her absence. Liz Neary, Marie Fitzpatrick, Anne Downey, Clare Jones and Jo Dunne will take the field for the home county.

Wexford turned in a good show against Dublin, but it was not good enough to secure the points. Any further loss of points would rule Wexford out of contention. Kathleen Tonks, Jackie Codd, Tina Fitzhenry, Catherine Murphy, Anne Reddy and Elsie Cody will be expected to step up their performance to keep Wexford in the hunt.

Clare won the all-Ireland junior title in September. The entire team is now senior and many of them will feature in the side to meet Tipperary. Noeleen Quinn, Carmel Wall, Maura McNicholas, Helen Cusack and Patricia Rynne are good enough to make their presence felt in the higher grade.

Tipperary listed several newcomers to senior camogie for their game with Galway. Clare O'Connell, Brid O'Brien, Margaret Hackett, Maureen Connolly and Teresa Healy will be anxious to establish permanent places on the county team.

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Buncloody's overall strength the vital key

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Catherine Atkinson can lay the foundations for success.

St. Raphael's are chasing a hat-trick of All-Ireland Colleges titles — a feat never achieved before. They have a very well-balanced side thoroughly drilled in what is required to win.

MINOR EXPERIENCE

Angela Cooney, Brid Stratford, Anne Fahy, Imelda Hobbs, Triona Dolphin, Cra Curley and Siobhan Maher are very accomplished players for colleges level. St. Raphael's made light of the handicap of missing their top scorer in the Commacht Championship. If ground and weather conditions permit this game should be an epic.

Meanwhile, the girls of St. Patrick's, Maghera, will be entering unknown territory when they take on St. Mary's, Charleville. It will be the first taste of senior semi-final fare for both schools.

The Maghera side has contested the last three inter-finals, but had to wait until last month to capture the title. Drawn from a variety of clubs, the team contains a number of players with minor inter-county experience. Carrying their hopes will be Gertie Burke, Mary Hegarty, Dedidre O'Doherty, Yvonne O'Kane, Karen Lee and Karen Convery.

Charleville set out at the beginning of the season to gain experience in the senior grade with a view to the 1988 championship. They have made the grade ahead of schedule.

St. Mary's are great triers and will not give in easily. Frances Broderick, Claire O'Callaghan, Helen Cagney, Catherine Kiely, Roisin Daly and Eve Watson will be hoping to rise to the occasion before their own supporters 2nd qualify for the final.

All-Ireland champions, Kil-

kenny, make their first appearance of the season when they meet Wexford in the National League. News from the camp is that the entire panel is available for the coming season.

However, Texaco Award winner, Angela Downey will miss the Wexford game as she will be in Holland on a school tour. The fitness of the Kilkenny players may not be first-class at the moment, but the skill of Liz Neary, Bridie McGarry, Ann Downey, Clare Jones, Jo Dunne and Biddy O'Sullivan is not in question.

Clare will have several of the players who won the All-Ireland Junior Championship last September in action against Tipperary in the senior grade. Players like Maura McNicholas, Helen Cusack, Noeleen Quinn, Carmel Wall and Patricia Byrne should make the transition easily.

Tipperary feature several newcomers on their panel this season. Anxious to establish permanent places before the championship comes around will be Brid O'Brien, Maureen Connolly, Teresa Healy, Claire O'Connell and Margaret Hackett.

Convincing Kilkenny triumph

KILKENNY 1-6;
WEXFORD 1-2

THOUGH short Angela Downey and Jo Holden, Kilkenny the All-Ireland Champions defeated Wexford in the opening round of the Senior National League at St. John's Park yesterday. The game was keenly contested and the winners had a lead of 1-2 to 0-2 at the break.

Scorers: Kilkenny—Anne Downey 1-2, J. Dunne 0-1, R. Symes 0-1, B. Holmes 0-2. Wexford—A. Reddy 1-0, J. Dunne and G. O'Leary 0-1 each.

ST. RAPHAEL'S,
LOUGHREA, 0-2;

F.C.J. BUNCLOODY 0-1

HAVING already qualified for the All-Ireland Colleges junior final St. Raphael's won their way to the Senior decider when they defeated a hard working F.C.J. Buncloody College by the

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smallest of margins at Buncloody on Saturday.

Marking was too close for open play and the scores were at a minimum throughout. The challengers failed to take their chances in the opening half when they got their only score — a point by full forward A. M. O'Connor.

Early in the second period B. Stratford equalised and in an exciting finish G. Fenlon notched the winning point. The winners meet St. Mary's, Charleville in the final on April 4.

Scorers: St. Raphael's—B. Stratford, G. Fenlon 0-1 each. Buncloody—A. M. O'Connor 0-1.

OTHER RESULTS

S.N.L. — Clare 4-5; Tipperary 0-5.
J.N.L. — Clare 3-3; Tipperary 1-0. Kilkenny 1-5; Wexford 1-5.

Éire Óg—Inniscarra in intriguing clash

BIG attraction this coming weekend on the camogie front will be the meeting of near neighbours Éire Óg and Inniscarra in the 1986 Under-16 Championship Final on Sunday at Ballincollig. In other games listed Sarsfields and Killeagh meet in the Senior League at Riverstown and in the Intermediate League St. Finbarrs travel to Ballymacoda to play the home side.

There should be plenty of keen rivalry in the under-16 final on Sunday when Éire Óg and Inniscarra will battle it out in an all Mid Cork final. Both teams have shown excellent form during the championship campaign so this game promises to be a closely contested affair. Éire Óg are the present holders of the title and will not give up this crown too easily. En route to the final they had comprehensive victories over Grenagh and Bishopstown 'B' in earlier rounds and Newcestown in the semi-final. They are in a position to call on a number of their last year's winning squad including such fine players as Cork minors Suzanne O'Brien and Alca Holmes.

Inniscarra had a much tougher path to the final. After receiving a walk-over from Cloyne in the first round they went on to record a fine victory over Fr. O'Neills in the next round. Their quarter-final clash with Killeagh was a much closer

affair and went to a replay and from here they went on to record an impressive victory over a highly fancied Bishopstown side. The fact that Inniscarra have paid such a lot of attention to their under-age players in recent years certainly seems to be showing results and they could reap the rewards on Sunday by taking their first title for many years.

At Colleges level St. Marys, Charleville, will bid to reach their first ever senior final when they meet St. Patrick's, Maghera, Derry, tomorrow at 12 noon and if players like Eve Watson, Frances Broderick, Helen Cagney and Frances Crean can repeat their recent performances Charleville will be expected to advance.

In the remaining games Killeagh with such experienced performers as Ann Leahy, Ann Marie Landers and Patsy Keniry should prove too strong for Sarsfields and in the remaining intermediate game Fr. O'Neills, winners of the '86 Intermediate Championship, will be expected to have the edge over St. Finbarrs.

FIXTURES

Sunday next — Under-16 Championship Final 1986, Éire Óg v. Inniscarra at Ballincollig at 3 p.m. (referee Brenda McDonnell); Senior League, Sarsfields v. Killeagh at Sarsfields at 3

p.m. (Watergrasshill); Intermediate League, Fr. O'Neills v. St. Finbarrs at 3.30 (Cloyne).

Tomorrow — All-Ireland Senior Colleges Semi-final, St. Marys, Charleville, v. St. Patrick's, Maghera, at Charleville at 12 noon.

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THRILLER ON THE CARDS

THIS weekend the 1986 Under-16 Championship will be decided between two mid-Cork clubs, Éire Óg and Inniscarra. In other games Killeagh and Sarsfields meet in the Senior League at Riverstown and in the Intermediate League St. Finbarrs travel to Ballymacoda.

The Under-16 Final on Sunday promises to be one of the most exciting under-age finals ever played when Éire Óg and Inniscarra meet in a local derby. Both clubs have shown excellent form during the campaign with Inniscarra in particular overcoming strong challenges from Fr. O'Neills, Killeagh after a replay and Bishopstown 'A' in the semi-final. Inniscarra

are sure to be hungry for success as all major trophies have eluded them over the years. They have stars in Irene O'Keeffe, Maria O'Brien and Gillian Golden and if they can maintain their recent form, Inniscarra could just edge it.

But Éire Óg are the holders and they will be very determined to remain dominant at this level. En route to the final they recorded comprehensive victories over Grenagh, Bishopstown 'B' and Newcestown. They are in a position to call on a number of last year's winning squad including such fine players as Clare O'Regan, Suzanne O'Brien and Alca Holmes. These girls are very experienced and will certainly not give in too easily.

At Colleges level St. Mary's, Charleville will bid to reach their first ever senior final when they meet St. Patrick's, Derry on Saturday at Charleville at noon and if players like Eve Watson, Frances Broderick, Helen Cagney and Frances Crean can hit top form, Charleville will be expected to advance.

In the remaining games Killeagh will be expected to do well against Sarsfields in the Senior League while Intermediate Champions Fr. O'Neills should have the edge on St. Finbarrs.

Finally, congratulations to Maureen McDonnell, Niamh O'Connell and Marie O'Flynn, all members of the Grenagh Question Time team, which won the All-Ireland final of the C.C.D. competition held in Scoil Mhuire, Dublin, last Saturday night.

Éire Óg got a great fright

Éire Óg 3-3;
Inniscarra 1-6

THREE goals in a five minute spell midway through the first half put Éire Óg on the road to victory in the 1986 Cork Under-16 Camogie Championship final for the Majella O'Callaghan Memorial Trophy at Ballincollig yesterday.

The winners needed that cushion for they were forced to withstand severe second-half pressure by a spirited Inniscarra side, but a weak attack failed to put away several chances.

Éire Óg started slowly and trailed by 0-2 to 0-0 after seven minutes. Then Claire O'Regan pointed six minutes later to open their account and a minute later Sandra Webster scored the first goal. Similar efforts by Una Murphy and Aine Leahy left the winners 3-1 to 0-2 in front at half-time.

Inspired by Irene O'Keeffe, Inniscarra stormed back and forced the pace. O'Keeffe pointed twice before Orla O'Regan goaled after 39 minutes to leave just a goal between the sides. However, two pointed frees by O'Regan saw the winners pull away.

Éire Óg: H. Kiely, E. Cronin, S. O'Brien, C. Murphy, S. Webster, U. Murphy, M. Murphy, N. Lane, V. Ellis, Y. Morgan, C. O'Regan, A. Leahy.

Inniscarra: M. O'Brien, S. Golden, M. Donovan, C. Murray, F. O'Driscoll, O. Regan, A. Golden, M. O'Sullivan, I. O'Keeffe, C. Nolan, A. O'Leary, G. O'Sullivan.

Referee: B. McDonnell (Na Piarsaigh)
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— Killeagh 4-5, Sarsfields 0-7.



Inniscarra's Irene O'Keeffe tussles with Éire Óg's Una Murphy in the Cork County U-16 camogie championship final at Ballincollig, Co. Cork.

CHARLEVILLE NEWS FOCUS

Camogie team holds off a spirited challenge

ST. MARY'S Charleville senior camogie team held off a spirited challenge from the girls of St. Patrick's High School, Meaghera, County Derry, in the All-Ireland semi-final, played at Ballyagran on last Saturday.

The game was played in a continuous thick

drizzle which both teams made light of and served up an excellent game for the big attendance.

From the throw-in the Northerners served notice that they would provide stiff opposition for the home team. Catherine Kiely was the first to score for St. Mary's with a well-taken

point, to match one scored by Meaghera in the opening minutes. However, St. Patrick's struck again some three minutes later when a high ball was batted down by the Charleville defence but Karen Lee was on hand to shoot a great goal to put them ahead by 1-1 to 0-1. St.

Mary's centre-back Francis Broderick scored a great point from an acute angle to narrow the gap and it was a fine clearance from the same player which found Roisin Daly, who beat the St. Pat's keeper for Charleville's first goal.

There were some great passages of hurling in the remaining minutes of the first half, with the contrast in styles of play very much in evidence. But it was the St. Mary's girls who finished the half on a high note with a Clare O'Callaghan struck goal to leave the half-time score 2-2 to 1-1 in favour of St. Mary's.

St. Patrick's had a tonic start to the second half, when from the throw-in the ball was struck goalwards. The advancing Deirdre O'Doherty collected the ball and slammed the ball past a helpless Mairead Cagney in the St. Mary's goal to leave just one point separating the sides. However, the Charleville girls rose magnificently to the challenge and with Catherine Kiely coming into her own at midfield where she was switched for the second half, they gradually began to dominate this sector. Catherine herself scored two great points at a vital stage in the game and Claire O'Callaghan added another to edge the home side further ahead. Denise Stephenson tacked on a point from a free for the St. Pat's side and this proved to be their only other score of the half.

The game was virtually wrapped up when Helen Cagney scored Charleville's third goal from a melee a minute before the final whistle sounded, to give St. Mary's a 3-5 to 2-1 victory, and so booked their passage to an All-Ireland final date with either St. Raphael's (Loughrea) or Mercy Convent (Bunclogh) in early April.

The senior team now join the school's juniors in the All-Ireland finals of their respective grades and naturally all concerned with the school were really delighted that these young girls are bidding to bring the top camogie honours to St. Mary's, Charleville.



The Éire Óg team which defeated Inniscarra in the Cork County U-16 Camogie Final at Ballincollig

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SAME AGAIN FOR DUBLIN

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National Senior League camogie champions, Cork, open the defence of their title with a tough assignment, against Dublin, the side which Cork defeated by three points in the final of the 1986 competition.

Dublin have the advantage of an earlier outing against Wexford. For that game, the Dublin selectors chose an experimental side which acquitted themselves well. Before passing judgement, the selectors are anxious to see their new look team in action again. Consequently, the same twelve will start the game.

Players like Patricia Clinton, Jo Holden, Toni O'Byrne, Louise Lynch and Mary Keane get another opportunity to establish their claims to permanent places on the team. But one glance at the quality of the substitutes will make them realise that they are under real pressure to retain their positions.

For their first match of the new season, Cork introduce a few new faces. The success of Glen Rovers in the Club Championship is reflected in the increase in their representation to four. Anne Delaney and Therese O'Callaghan join clubmates Sandie Fitzgibbon and Val Fitzpatrick on the team.

Liz Dunphy moves to centre-back in front of Marion McCarthy and Eileen Dineen. Killeagh and U.C.C. player, Patsy Keniry returns to the team. Irene O'Leary holds her position in attack where she will team up with Linda Mellerick and Colette O'Mahony. Cork are not at their best at this time of the year and may find the Dublin side to fast to contain.

Antrim drew with Down in a low scoring game in the first round of the League. They only managed to score a point in the second half and will have to improve on that showing to take any points from Galway at Dunloy. Coach Donal McNaughton will be looking for more penetration from his forwards.

Walk-over

Galway's young side received a walk-over from Tipperary who could not muster sufficient seniors to take the field. Disappointed with no game on the last occasion, Mary Kelly, Bridie Cuniffe, Anne Gallagher, Anne Ryan and Anne Murray look forward to displaying their skills.

Cavan had a great tussle with Carlow before going down by two points. They should be good enough to open their account against Tyrone who have slipped back somewhat over the past few seasons.

Boosted with the win over Cavan, Carlow await the visit of Armagh with confidence. Carlow have excellent players in Mary Doyle, Nuala Quirke, Breda Foley, Sadie O'Brien and Agnes Smithers who should do well on the Myshall pitch. Armagh retain many of the players who fielded in the 1985 All-Ireland junior final and will prove once again that they are a force to be reckoned with.

Westmeath's young team opened with an impressive win over Monaghan. They travel to Wicklow hopeful that Teresa Corroon, Geraldine Cully, Bernie Rowley, Margaret Flanagan

and Marie Bardon will be able to fashion another win. Wicklow have a good side in which Kay Barry, Patsy Bradshaw, Anne Darcy, Audrey Kinsella and Teresa Cullen figure prominently.

The finals of the All-Ireland Colleges' Championships will be staged on April 4, between St. Raphael's, Loughrea, and St. Mary's, Charleville. Loughrea had an extremely close call in a tough encounter with F.C.J. Buncloody. Defences dominated in a game which saw Loughrea score two points and Buncloody only one.

In an entertaining match at Ballyagran, St. Mary's, Charleville, scored a 3-5 to 2-1 win over St. Patrick's, Maghera. Maghera were very much in the game until the final quarter when scores from Helen Cagney, Claire O'Callaghan and Catherine Kiely wrapped up the game for the more skilful Charleville team.

Action all the way on camogie front

THE Cork team open their National League campaign on Sunday next with a vital game against Dublin at Ballyanley. On the local front the under-18 championship gets underway with seven first round games down for decision. At college level U.C.C. travel to Dublin on Saturday to play U.C.D. in the final of the Higher Education League.

The Cork team for Sunday's game shows a number of changes from last year's championship side. Newcomers to the side are Ann Delaney at right corner-back and Therese O'Callaghan at half-forward. Both players showed excellent form with Glen Rovers during the All-Ireland series with Therese O'Callaghan in particular a dominant figure. Patsy Keniry from Killeagh comes on to the side at wing-centre and Liz Dunphy regains her position at centre-back to the exclusion of Cathy Landers who is not available for selection. The remainder of the positions will be filled by regulars Marian McCarthy, Eileen Dineen, Mary Spillane, Sandy Fitzgibbon, Val Fitzpatrick, Colette O'Mahony, Irene O'Leary and Linda Mellerick who

takes on a new role at full-forward. Regular full-forward Mary Geany is now named among the substitutes.

As a result of Central Council's decision to change the format of the league this year and put the four top teams in one section Cork will have just two further games to play and these will be against Wexford on April 5, and Kilkenny on April 26.

There are a number of interesting clashes listed on the under-18 championship with most games down for a twelve o'clock start due to the Cork match.

On Saturday U.C.C. play Ashbourne Cup winners U.C.D. in the final of the Higher Education League. U.C.D. won this year's Ashbourne comprehensively, so U.C.C. will be up against it. The last time these two sides met was in the Ashbourne Cup Final of 1985 which U.C.C. won.

In the only other National League game listed Antrim play Galway at an Antrim venue. **Cork team:** Marian McCarthy, Eileen Dineen, Mary Spillane, Ann Delaney, Liz Dunphy, Val Fitzpatrick (captain), Sandy Fitzgibbon, Patsy Keniry, Therese O'Callaghan, Colette

O'Mahony, Lynda Mellerick, Irene O'Leary. Subs.: Patricia Fitzgibbon, Noelle O'Driscoll, Mary Geany, Anne Leahy, Margaret Farrell, Mary O'Donovan, Marion Ring.

FIXTURES

Sunday, March 22
National League: Cork v Dublin at Ballyanley at 2.30.

Under-18 Championship, 1986: Blackrock v Glen Rovers at Blackrock at 12 noon (Ref. Douglas); Inniscarra v Killeagh at Inniscarra at p.m. (Ref. Ballincollig); Churchtown v Aghabullogue at Churchtown at p.m. (Ref. Cloyne); Brian Dillon v Cloughduv at 12 noon (Ref. U.C.C.); Erin Owen v Watergrasshill at 12 noon (Ref. St. Catherine's); Eire Og v Na Piarsaigh at 12 noon (Ref. Grenagh); Newcestown v Ballinasally at 3 p.m. (Ref. Cloughduv).

Under-16 League: Douglas v St. Finbarr's at 12 noon (Ref. Fr. Mathews); Sarsfield v Cloyne at Cloyne at noon. (Ref. Fr. O'Neill).

Saturday March 21
Higher Education League Final: U.C.C. v U.C.D. at Belfield at 2.30.

Changes on Cork side

CORK SHOW changes in personnel and positional switches for their opening game in the National Senior League against Dublin on Sunday. The success of Glen Rovers in the Club Championship is reflected with an increase of two in their representation on the team.

Veteran goalkeeper, Marion McCarthy retains her position and will be fronted by her clubmate Eileen Dineen. Liz Dunphy moves to centre-back and will be flanked by Amary Spillane and Anne Delaney. Patsy Keniry returns to the team to join Sandie Fitzgibbon and Val Fitzpatrick at midfield.

Therese O'Callaghan makes her senior debut. The

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Glen Rovers centre-forward joins Irene O'Leary, Linda Mellerick and Colette O'Mahony in attack. This will be the first outing of the season for Cork and it is unlikely that the team will be motoring in top gear.

Dublin fielded an experimental side against Wexford with satisfactory results. However, their selectors would like to have a second look at the new side before deciding who is going to be retained. They have named the same team to start against Cork.

Conditions were heavy in the Wexford game; a drier pitch would provide a stiffer

test. Goold displays by Jo Holden, Patricia Clinton, Mary Keane, Louise Lynch, Toni O'Byrne and Ann Colgan could establish them as regulars on the team. Dublin have four very experienced substitutes on the bench should any of the newcomers not come up to standard.

Galway's young team found themselves without a match at Glenamaddy when Tipperary failed to muster twelve senior players. They travel to Dunloy on Sunday to meet Antrim. There is plenty of talent in Galway and with good coaching Eileen Howley, Bridie Cuniffe, Anne Ryan, Mary Kelly, Anne Gallagher, Anne Fahy and Brid Stratford should mould into a fine team.

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Dublin girls take the points

Cork 2-4; Dublin 3-7

UNDERSTRENGTH Cork lost their opening camogie league game when Dublin proved too much of a handful at Ballynaly yesterday. Forced to line out without four of their selected side Cork struggled throughout and an eager Dublin side deservedly collected the points.

Dublin played with the strong wind in the opening half and they started promisingly with Carmel O'Byrne pointing after just 27 seconds. Edel Murphy added a second before a fifth minute goal by Barbara Redmond rocked Cork, who like their opponents found the very heavy pitch unsuitable for first time pulling.

The enormity of Cork's task was highlighted by Dublin's second goal after 11 minutes when Louise Lynch availed of a mix up in the Cork goalmouth to increase Dublin's lead to 2-3 without reply. The winners tacked on three more points before an injury time free by Colette O'Mahony opened Cork's account.

An O'Mahony point and a goal by

Margaret Farrell within four minutes of the resumption brought Cork closer. However Cork missed several chances and they paid dearly for them when Ann Holden lashed home Dublin's third goal in the 38th minute to leave her side 3-6 to 1-3 in front.

Cork rallied somewhat with substitute Noelle O'Driscoll scoring Cork's second goal from a free with five minutes left, but a glorious point by Una Crowley a minute later settled the matter.

Scorers Dublin: L. Lynch (1-1), B. Redmond and A. Holden (1-0) each, E. Murphy (0-3, 0-1 free, 0-1 '30), C. O'Byrne, M. Keane and U. Crowley (0-1) each, Cork: M. Farrell and N. O'Driscoll (1-0) each, C. O'Mahony (0-2 frees), P. Keniry and I. O'Leary (0-1) each.

Cork: M. McCarthy, A. Leahy, M. Spillane, M. Farrell, L. Dunphy, P. Keniry, M. O'Donovan, V. Fitzpatrick captain, I. O'Leary, L. Mellerick, T. O'Callaghan, C. O'Mahony, Subs: N. O'Driscoll for O'Callaghan, M. Geaney for O'Donovan injured, G. McCarthy for O'Mahony.

Dublin: J. O'Byrne, M. Conroy, G. Noonan, A. Colgan, P. Clinton, C. Walsh, E. Murphy, J. Holden, L. Lynch, C. O'Byrne, M. Keane, B. Redmond, Subs: U. Crowley for Keane and B. Kenny for O'Byrne.
Referee: H. Sheehy (Limerick)



Cork's Val Fitzpatrick clashes with Dublin Edel Murphy during the National League game in Inniscarra, Co. Cork. (Picture by Des Barry)

Raphael's still on course for camogie three-in-a-row

F.C.J. BUNCLODY 0-1
ST. RAPHAELS LOUGHREA 0-2

THE CLOSENESS of the score gives a fair indication of this titanic struggle between F.C.J. Bunclody and St. Raphael's, Loughrea in the All-Ireland senior camogie semi-final on Sunday.

Bunclody gave early warning of their intention to reverse last year's result in the All-Ireland final. But St. Raphael's were in no mood to relinquish their right to contest their third final in a row.

That they won was due mainly to the fact that they never panicked and never deserted their plan of action. Bunclody on the other hand relied more on bursts of individual brilliance to see them through.

From the throw in play swung furiously from end to end and with both defences dominant it took fifteen minutes before the first score was registered — a point by A. M. O'Connor for Bunclody. The manner in which this score was engineered showed that the Wexford girls were an uncompromising outfit who threatened to overrun the western representatives.

But apart from this lapse in concentration, St. Raphael's defense settled to their task and closed off the avenues to goal. Much credit must go to A. Cooney and S. Fahy and M. Dolphin who turned in their best display to date.

Once again B. Stratford was a tower of strength at centre back and she took her score very well to level matters midway through the second half. With play moving at a furious pace midfield had little opportunity to rest, but C. Curley, C. Robinson and A. Murphy after a slow start raised the standard of their performance to eventually gain the upper hand.

Ann Fahy found little space against a hard working centre back but she did bring the save of the game from the Bunclody goalie in the second half.

Imelda Hobbins played her best camogie in the final quarter when she really troubled the opposition. Emer Hardiman found the pace and strength of her opponent difficult to cope with but she showed much promise.

Three in a row is now very much a possibility for St. Raphael's and if they continue to show the same commitment and dedication it could well become a reality on April 4th when they meet Charleville in the final.

Dublin prevail in Cork tie

DUBLIN 3-7; CORK 2-4

DUBLIN, last year's runners-up, took the points at the expense of the holders Cork, in the second round of the Senior National Camogie League, at Cork yesterday. With the wind behind them in the first half, the winners combined well and laid the foundation for victory with a 2-6 to 0-1 lead at the break.

However, the home side rallied in the second period and tried hard to make up the arrears but the Dublin defence held out.

Scorers: Dublin — L. Lynch (1-1), E. Murphy (0-3), B. Redmond, J. J. Holden (1-0) each, M. Keane, U. Crowley & C. O'Byrne (0-1 each).

Cork — M. Farrell & N. O'Driscoll (1-0 each), C. O'Mahony (0-2), C. Tierney & I. O'Leary (0-1 each).

Varsity League

U.C.D. 3-12; U.C.C. 0-2
Ashbourne Cup winners U.C.D. proved far too strong for U.C.C. in a one-sided final of the Universities League at Belfield. The home side had the game well in hand in the opening half and turned over with a lead of 2-7 to 0-1.

Scorers: U.C.D. — B. Kenny (0-7), J. Tobin (1-2), C. Feeney (1-1), C. Gray (1-0), M. Brennan (0-2).

U.C.C. — R. Fahy & D. Cremin (0-1 each).

Another win for county camogie side

GALWAY 2-3
LIMERICK 1-5

GALWAY chalked up another win in the Camogie League with a deserving victory over Limerick in a hard fought game in Gort on Sunday last.

Limerick opened the scoring with a point from play in the second minute by Agnes Sheehy. This was followed by near misses on both sides.

In the 12th minute Margaret Greally had a point for Galway. The score remained unchanged until the 20th minute when Limerick's Patricia Toomey crashed home a goal, thus leaving the half-time score, Limerick 1-1, Galway 0-1.

Galway's spirits were lifted early in the second half by a goal from Margaret Greally. Then a brace of points from Limerick's Agnes Sheehy put them ahead again.

Margaret Greally and Margaret Ryan replied with points for Galway but these efforts were soon cancelled by a further point from Agnes Sheehy.

With ten minutes to go Galway put in a splendid effort resulting in a goal by Martina Heavey giving them the lead which they held to the end.

Best for Galway were Carmel Burke, Paula Earls, Margaret Greally and the Heavey sisters. Most prominent for Limerick were Agnes Sheehy, Patricia Toomey and Nora O'Keefe.

Galway: Patricia Mitchell, Noeleen Cormican, Paula Earls, Carmel Burke, Caroline Linnane, Geraldine Heavey, Margaret Greally 1-2, Martina Heavey 1-0, Hilda Flannery, Catherine Ryan, Joan Whoriskey, Margaret Tyan 0-1. Subs: Siobhan Maher, Deirdre Duff, Anna Marie Glynn.

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The Cork Camogie Team which was defeated by Dublin in the league at Inniscarra.



Championship success at adult level has eluded the Bishopstown Camogie Club since its inception in the late sixties. However the record was set straight recently when the Bishopstown girls made the breakthrough by winning the Cork County Junior B final. The team lined out as follows: B. Power, M. Crowley, A. Buckley, M. O'Shea, L. Towler, R. Desmond (0-1), L. O'Neill (0-1), C. O'Sullivan, S. Morley, E. Buckley (1-2), D. Carroll, T. Geary (Capt). Subs. L. Walsh, A. O'Sullivan, K. Higgins, E. Duggan, M. Harrington, B. Keating.

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Clare got their national camogie league off to a tremendous start on Sunday last when both the senior and junior teams travelled to Cappawhite and beat Tipperary.

CLARE 4-5
TIPPERARY 0-5

Newly appointed team trainer John Torpey must have been pleased with the teams four goal victory in the senior game in which Maura McNicholas was the top scorer with 3-2 to her credit. Other scorers for Clare were Pauline O'Brien, last years junior goalie, who notched 1-1, Catherine O'Loughlin and Sheila O'Halloran 0-1, each. Others to impress for the winners were Helen Cusack, Carmel Wall, and Leslie O'Flynn.

CLARE 5-5
TIPPERARY 0-1

Having to field a new side following last years all Ireland junior success, Clare had an easy win over Tipperary in the national junior league. Mary Higgins 3-1, and Patricia O'Grady 2-3, were the top scorers while Mary Sheehy also had an outstanding game. The other Clare point was scored by Teresa Naughton. Overall new trainer/manager, Mick Meagher, must have been satisfied with this performance.

There will be a special meeting of the Clare camogie board at the Queens hotel, at 8 pm on Monday next, March 23, and all clubs are urged to ensure that they have a delegate in attendance.

Counties face similar problems

NOW fifteen months in office Ard Runai and Development Officer, Sheila Wallace presents her report to Annual Congress in Limerick this weekend. In her contact and travel throughout the association, she pinpoints similar problems affecting counties in all areas.

Insurance, finance, fixtures, referees and administrators are listed by Sheila as the major areas of concern. No doubt these subjects will get an airing over the weekend in one form or other.

She is loud in her praise of those who participated and supported Coisheim. This project raised in excess of £6,000 for the

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Irish Wheelchair Association. Sheila draws attention to two forthcoming events. In May, a medical coaching seminar will be held and later in the year the first youth conference will be organised.

The election of officers will be a rubber stamp affair. Mary Lynch will commence her third and final year as president. Jo Golden (treasurer) and Mary Moran (PRO) get the nod to continue their work for a further term.

Thirty-three motions are listed for debate. Wexford propose to increase Ard Chomhairle by including one representative from each county. At present views are channelled up and down through provincial delegates. Would an enlarged council become unwieldy and slow down progress.

Insurance has been a lively subject in recent years. Another attempt is being made to make cover compulsory for camogie players. Delegates will have

a choice of two schemes before them.

The Gael-Linn competitions have been staged over a weekend in the past two years. While the players seem to be in favour of this system, officials who have to find the money to finance their teams have other ideas. Roscommon seek to revert to the previous arrangement whereby semi-finals and finals were organised on different weekends.

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Annual Congress at Two Mile Inn, Limerick, Saturday 10.0; Sunday 11.0.

Congress returns To Limerick

IN 1975, the Annual Camogie Congress departed from its Dublin base. Limerick hosted the first gathering to be held outside the Pale. Having visited such places as Wexford, Blarney, Newcastle, Castlereagh and Mullingar, Congress returns to Limerick this weekend.

Assured of the friendly welcome, the delegates will sit down on Saturday morning to examine a selection of reports. As always, the report of Ard Runai and Development Officer will get due attention.

Sheila Wallace, now well established in the job, outlines the problems facing the various counties as she sees them. She lists insurance, finance, fixtures, referees and administrators as being common to all in this regard.

She pinpoints the successful Coisheim as one of the high points of the year. Camogie followers raised in excess of

£6,000 for the Irish Wheelchair Association in a planned walk from Cork to the All-Ireland finals.

Sheila seeks support for coming events on the camogie calendar. In May, a medical/coaching seminar will be staged in Dublin. Later in the year, it is planned to hold a youth Convention. It will be geared towards the 16-22 age group and should prove useful.

Among the 33 motions listed for debate is one from Wexford calling for a delegate from each county to Ard Chomhairle. At present, views are channelled up and down via provincial delegates.

Anxious

Insurance has been a regular topic in recent years. Another attempt is being made to make cover compulsory for all players. Two separate schemes will be before the meeting. While there are those who are very anxious to see this motion implemented, others are not keen to adopt the compulsory elements. Whether the motion receives the necessary two-thirds majority remains to be seen.

For the past two years, the Gael-Linn competitions have been staged over a weekend. Many players appear to favour the idea. But the cost to provincial councils has jumped as a result. Roscommon seek to revert to the previous arrangement whereby semi-finals and finals were organised on different weekends.

The first Sunday in March marks the start of the inter-county season. From then to the end of October the playing fields are extremely busy

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with club and county matches. Two motions appear on the paper looking for an October start to the National Junior League. However, this was tried before with little success.

Permission

University students have enjoyed special privileges in camogie. The college rule enables them to line out with their university team and to field with their home club as well. Dublin attempt to apply this permission only where the home club is not in the same county as the university.

Roscommon request the Association to consider the possibility of inaugurating an All-Star scheme for senior and junior players. They do not spell out the details of their scheme, but will do so over the weekend.

Kilkenny call for neutral venues for the Club Championship final. This proved very troublesome when tried some years ago. The position of the Newtownshandrum Club which lies inside the County Cork border will get an airing. The club feels closer to the Limerick scene and seeks permission to participate in their competitions.

Raising finance is a major problem for all levels of the Association. With costs continually soaring, the dilemma is constantly becoming more acute. Ard Chomhairle has tabled a motion requesting each club to raise £50 on a once-off basis to cushion the Association against future calamity.

Busy weekend on

THE coming weekend will be a busy one both on and off the camogie field with the Annual Congress taking place in Limerick. On the playing fields the under 18 championship continues with two first round games between St. Finbarrs and Sarsfields and Douglas and Barryroe on Sunday. On the same day Na Piarsaigh and Blackrock meet in the Senior League and in the Intermediate League Glen Rovers will battle it out with Ballinora. There are also a number of under 16 League games down for decision on Sunday.

On Saturday morning next commencing at 10 o'clock delegates from all over the country will gather at the Two Mile Inn, Limerick for the Annual Congress of Cumann Camogalochta na nGael. Congress will continue on Sunday starting at 11 o'clock so Cork delegates Miriam Higgins, Sheila Spillane, Lily O'Sullivan and Rose Malone will have a busy weekend ahead of them. This year there will be

no contest for Officerships. The President Mrs. Lynch will be serving her last year as President and all other officers, general secretary, treasurer and P.R.O. are all being returned unopposed. There are 25 motions submitted so there should be plenty of discussion. Among the more interesting ones is a motion calling for compulsory insurance and this should arouse a lot of debate. Newtownshandrum are requesting permission to play in the Limerick County Board competitions. Central Council are requesting that all clubs be asked to raise £50 for Central Council and Cork have a motion in asking for the official party for All-Ireland semi-finals and finals be increased from 20 to 24.

On the playing fields the Under 18 championship continues with two further first round games listed. In the first game St. Finbarrs will be expected to advance. They have very experienced performers in Col-

ette O'Mahony, Paula Carey, Deirdre Christie, Niamh Coughlan, Colette Cronin and captain Collette Carey and on recent form these girls should prove too strong for Sarsfields who will be looking to Valerie Twomey and Lisa Davis to turn up trumps.

In the second game Douglas who have up and coming young stars in Ann McSweeney, Liz O'Neill and Claire Walsh will be expected to have the edge over newcomers Barryroe and qualify for the next round against Glen Rovers.

In the Senior League Na Piarsaigh will be expected to take the points at the expense of Blackrock and in the Intermediate League Ballinora could face a tough game from formidable opponents Glen Rovers.

finally congratulations to Maureen McDonnell, Niamh O'Connell and Marie O'Flynn all members of the Grenagh Question Time Team which won the All-Ireland final at the

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Camogie needs referees

THE Secretary and Development Officer of the Camogie Association, Sheila Wallace of Dublin, told delegates at the two-day annual congress in Limerick that it was time for the whole area of sponsorship to be examined.

She said that a set of guidelines should be drawn up so that the situation could be clarified and confusion avoided.

"With the ever-increasing costs of organising and promoting our game, it seems to be counter-productive to bar certain companies from becoming involved," she said.

Tobacco and drink companies employ thousands of Irish people and make a considerable contribution to our economy and the refusal to accept their sponsorship will not halt the abuse by individuals of their products, she stated.

But she said a responsible attitude on the part of the Association, with regard to availing of their financial support, might have a good effect.

The secretary said that she would be totally opposed to allowing sponsorship of under-age competitions by such companies, but she said adults were capable of making their own decisions.

All officers were returned unopposed, with the Congress being one of the most successful for a number of years.

The President of the Association, Maire Ni Lionsaigh, told the delegates that referees were a most vital part of the association. She appealed to counties to try to get more referees and she suggested that referees should review the rules from time to time.

Sponsorship boost

CAMOGIE teams will now be allowed to wear sponsors' logos on their playing gear following the decision at the annual Congress of the Camogie Association in Limerick to allow teams to accept sponsorship.

Insurance for camogie players is now compulsory. However, certain details remain to be ironed out before the scheme becomes operative.

Camogie players attending institutes of higher education may continue to play for their home clubs, provided it is not situated in the same county as their college. Students resident in University cities must choose between the college club and their own club.

Counties participating in the National Junior League will have

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an early start. The first round of the competition will commence in October.

The interprovincial championships for the Gael Linn Cup will revert to the old system, whereby the semi-finals and finals are played on separate weekends.

Kilkenny will stage a senior inter-county tournament over the Whit weekend. The matches will be played on a full-size GAA pitch as a pilot scheme.

Mary Lynch commences her third and final year as president. Other officers re-elected: Miss J. Golden (treasurer); Mary Moran (PRO). The 1988 Congress will be held in Ulster.

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1.45 SOISEAR

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Scoil Naomh Reafail
Baile Locha Riach

Reiteoir: Miriam Uí Cheallachain

3.00 SINSEAR

Scoil Naomh Reafail
Baile Locha Riach

v

Scoil Naomh Muire
Rathluirc

Reiteoir: Eilís Ní Sheoigh

LUACH: 10p

St. Raphael's in top form to take unique victory

PICK of the games on the camogie front over the coming weekend will be the All-Ireland Junior and Senior Colleges finals on Saturday, in which St. Mary's, Charleville and St. Raphael's, Loughrea will be involved in both.

On Sunday the Cork Senior team play their second National League game against Wexford at Coolree and on the local front there are three Intermediate League and one Junior League down for decision.

Saturday will be an historic day in the lives of St. Mary's School, Charleville, when they contest their first ever All-Ireland Senior final against the holders St. Raphael's. In the Junior decider they will be seeking their second title, having had their first victory in 1986 and here again their opponents will be St. Raphael's.

In the Senior game, St.

Mary's will certainly be up against it. They face a St. Raphael's side that have won the title for the past two years and will now be going for a hat-trick — a feat never before achieved in colleges camogie. They are a very experienced side, with a number of their players holding four All-Ireland Colleges medals — two senior and two junior.

Angela Cooney, Brid Stratford and Aine Fahy won All-Ireland Junior medals with Galway in '85 and have played for Galway seniors. Ger Fahy, Imelda Hobbs and Triona Dolphin won All-Ireland Minor medals with Galway in '86, but their star player Deirdre Costello is suffering from a knee injury and will not be lining out; but they are still a very strong outfit. They are coached by Cyril Farrell, trainer to the Galway hurlers and he is sure to

have them in top form.

Charleville are in their first year of senior competition and will field the team which won the Junior title last year. They have marvellous players in Eve Watson, Frances Broderick, Frances Cremin and Helen Cagney — four of their players, Roisin Daly, Bernie O'Brien, Clare O'Callaghan and Marie O'Sullivan will play in both junior and senior games. St. Mary's are a very young side with all players eligible for senior again next year, and will certainly be up against it on Saturday, but if they can rise to the occasion what a marvellous victory it would be for them.

In the junior game, St. Mary's will be fancied to retain the title. They had impressive victories over Nenagh, Cashel, Macroom and Tulla in the Munster campaign and then travelled to Derry to overcome St. Patrick's Maghera in the semi-final. They have four of last year's winning side in their line out and these girls will leave no stone unturned to bring the title back to Charleville.

In the National League game on Sunday, Cork will be very anxious to do well as they will have to win this game, as well as their remaining game with Kilkenny, if they are to qualify for the semi-finals. In their first outing against Dublin, Cork looked very much out of it with Dublin looking a much sharper side and if Cork are to succeed on Sunday, there will have to be a hundred percent improvement in their performance.

Cork: M. McCarthy, A. Leahy, M. Spillane, L. Dunphy, I. O'Leary, P. Keniry, V. Fitzpatrick, L. Mellerick, M. Farrell, C. O'Mahony, M. Geaney, N. O'Driscoll. Subs: S. Fitzgibbon, M. Ring, P. Fitzgibbon, G. McCarthy, A. Delaney, T. O'Callaghan.

FIXTURES

Tomorrow: All-Ireland Colleges finals at Cusack

Park, Ennis. Junior: St. Mary's, Charleville v St. Raphael's, Loughrea, 1.45 p.m.

Senior: St. Mary's, Charleville v St. Raphael's, Loughrea, 3 p.m.

Intermediate League: Glen Rovers v Ballinora, Glen Rovers, 6.30 p.m. Referee, Brian Dillons.

Sunday: National League: Cork v Wexford, Coolree, 3 p.m. (Wexford venue).

Intermediate League: St. Finbarrs v Watergrasshill, St. Finbarrs, 3 p.m. Referee, Ballinora. Cloyne v U.C.C., U.C.C., 3 p.m.

Junior 'A' League: Douglas v Aghabullogue, Douglas, 3 p.m. Referee, Bishopstown.

Under-16 Divisional Championship: Carbery v Muskerry, Ballineen, 2 p.m. Referee, J. O'Mahony.



Thirteen-year-old Clare O'Callaghan who will be in action for St. Mary's, Charleville in the junior and senior All-Ireland Colleges Final.

Raphaels in line for first ever hat-trick

Loughrea are a niche in Colleges Winters of Colleges in they take today's final (Charleville of hot where the sides in the

Galway Cusack Park two teams, empty, but to good later they

were back to take their first All-Ireland trophy. With practically the same panel of players, St. Raphaels have won two junior and two senior All-Ireland championships.

A number of them have played with the Galway senior team. Added to their individual talents is the coaching skill of their trainer, Cyril Farrell. Certainly previous achievements point to another St. Raphaels success.

What of the opposition? St. Mary's took up camogie less than five years ago. They progressed quickly to

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reach and win the 1986 All-Ireland Colleges Junior Championship. Their mentors decided to enter the senior ranks with a view to gaining experience for a shot at the 1988 All-Ireland title.

Now well ahead of target, Charleville plan to do more than sample the atmosphere of a final. Uninhibited by lack of tradition or the reputation of their opponents, they intend to give it their best shot knowing the matches are won and lost

on the day.

St. Raphaels are very strong in defence where Angela Cooney, Brid Stratford and Ger Fahy are very competent. Claire Robinson, Aileen Murphy and Cora Curley are a formidable midfield trio. In attack Anne Fahy, Imelda Hobbs, Triona Dolphin and Emer Hardiman will require careful watching.

The Charleville defence of Mairead Cagney, Marie O'Sullivan, Therese Sheehy, Frances Broderick and A.

Cotter proved to be a tight unit in the Munster final.

Frances Cremin, Bernie O'Brien and Eve Watson should win their share of possession in midfield. Catherine Kiely, Claire O'Callaghan, Roisin Daly and Helen Cagney are capable of turning chances into scores.

SATURDAY
All-Ireland Colleges Finals
Cusack Park, Ennis — 1.45 Junior — St. Raphaels, Loughrea v St. Mary's, Charleville, 3.00 — Senior — St. Raphaels, Loughrea v St. Mary's, Charleville.

SUNDAY
NATIONAL LEAGUES
At Silver Park, Dublin (2.00) Junior — Dublin v Kilkenny, 2.15

— Senior — Dublin v Kilkenny. At Coolree, Co. Wexford (2.00) — Junior — Wexford v Limerick, (3.00) — Senior Wexford v Cork.

St. Mary's, Charleville (Junior) — A. Moloney, A. O'Sullivan, Cotter, M. O'Sullivan, F. Kelleher, E. Farrell, B. O'Brien, T. Wats, H. Galvin, C. O'Callaghan, Horgan R. Daly. (Senior) — Cagney, M. O'Sullivan, Sheehy, F. Broderick, A. Cotter, C. Kiely, B. O'Brien, F. Cremin, R. Daly, C. O'Callaghan, Watson, H. Cagney.

St. Raphaels (Junior) — Coen, S. Earls, S. Keane, Costello, M. Corcoran, A. Moran, F. Keane, L. Maher, L. Daly, Brett, M. Connaughton, E. Harman. (Senior) — C. Loughrea, A. Cooney, G. Fahy, B. Stratford, M. Dolphin, A. Murphy, T. Egan, C. Curley, C. Ryan, Fahy, C. Robinson, J. Hobbs.

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Guiding the fortunes of St. Mary's two camogie teams are L-R: Vincent Harrington, Sr. Margaret, Brid Larkin and Fr. Liam Kelleher.

ST. MARY'S CHARLEVILLE PLAY IN TWO ALL-IRELANDS

By Fr. Liam Kelleher

When St. Mary's won last year's Junior All Ireland Camogie Crown in Croke Park for the first time at the first attempt, it was heralded as a marvellous achievement and one that might never be equalled again. There were great celebrations and the Camogie Clubs from which the players were drawn, honoured them for their achievements, as well as their school. This perhaps is one of the reasons why all those girls will be playing again on Saturday, some not just in one All Ireland but two.

Not only have the juniors with 4 of last year's winning team retained their crown but the seniors, with just 2 additions to last year's winning team, have captured the Munster Crown and they too are appearing in their first senior final. It is an old saying that says "success breeds success" and this is certainly true in Charleville, and apart altogether from winning, I counted at least 50 players out on the field training at lunchtime on Monday, including 25 first years who are not part of either team. This in itself is very important because if ever in the history of our country, young people needed plenty healthy activity, it is at this particular point in time. We mentioned the fact last year and it is important to stress it again. The major contribution the clubs in the area, Ballyagran, Newtown and Granagh-Ballingarry, make to the team and, of course, equally important is the contribution of the Primary Schools in these districts in fostering the game. One thing is certain, St. Mary's would not be playing in two All Ireland finals on Saturday but for the magnificent groundwork put in at school and club level. This is why so much attention must be given at National School level and that is the reason why each year I organise Track and Cross Country Leagues to help discover hidden talent. That much said let's return to Saturday's encounters.

NO CROKE PARK

The one thing the players are a bit disappointed about is the fact that the finals are not being played at Croke Park. But they are happy with the alternative venue, Cusack Park in Ennis. We played the Munster Senior Final there and won, so we will have that extra bit of confidence. We will also have the benefit of preparing for

the game at St. Flannans College like we did for the Munster Final and perhaps the good luck enjoyed by that school in winning the Harty Cup on Sunday last will rub off on us. The venue as well will be more accessible than Dublin and that should ensure a huge following, apart from the school pupils themselves and already five buses have been booked to go to Ennis. The Junior Final is timed to begin at 1.45p.m., while the Senior Final is timed for 3.15p.m. The opponents in both finals will be St. Raphael's, Loughrea, the most successful school in Ireland as far as Camogie is concerned for the past five years.

UNDERDOGS

St. Mary's despite a championship run of winning 25 matches on the trot between junior, first year and senior will start as underdogs in both matches. We have to be realistic. Loughrea have won three of the last four senior All Ireland finals and two of the last three junior finals and they will be able to call on the majority of players who helped them to those successes. On the positive side we are the only school to have beaten them for the past two years in the Championship arena and that was, of course, in last year's Junior All Ireland semi final. Another plus in favour is that all the team have trained really hard and they are hungry for success.

We are happy in the knowledge that nobody gave us a chance against Ennis of winning the Munster senior final but we confounded the critics and have every hope of doing so again.

Junior Panel: Ann Mulcahy, Fiona Kelleher, Aine O'Sullivan, Geraldine Cotter, Marie O'Sullivan, Capt., Tracy Watson, Bernie O'Brien, Eileen Farrell, Claire O'Callaghan, Carina Horgan, Roisin Daly,

Helen Galvin, Martina Morrissey, Gillian Binchy, Bernie O'Connell.
Senior Panel: Mairead Cag-

ney, Therese Sheehy, Ann Cotter, Marie O'Sullivan, Frances Broderick, Bernie O'Brien, Frances Cremin, Catherine Kiely, Eve Watson, Claire O'Callaghan, Roisin Daly, Helen Cagney capt., Aine O'Sullivan, Geraldine Cotter, Ann Mulcahy, Fiona Reidy, Ann Quill.

MEET THE PLAYERS



Anne Mulcahy, Club: Newtown, Camogie Honours: U/12 school team, U/16 Co. Club, first year league, junior Munster final, U/18 junior club league, junior club championship, junior All Ireland.



Geraldine Cotter, Club: Newtown, Camogie Honours: All Ireland and 2 Munster Junior Colleges, U/16, Junior League and championship for club camogie, 1 Munster Senior College.



Therese Sheehy, Club: Ballyagran, Camogie Honours: 2 All Ireland Camogie titles, and 4 county medals, 3 Munsters.



Marie O'Sullivan, Club: Ballyagran, Camogie Honours: Two All Ireland camogie titles, 1 for St. Mary's, 1 for Ballyagran Camogie Club, County titles and Munster titles.



Fiona Kelleher, Club: Newtown, Camogie Honours: U/12s County League '84, School League (County) '84, 1st year championship '86, Limerick Junior Championship '86, U/16 Championship '86, U/18 Championship '86, Munster Junior Colleges '87.



Aine O'Sullivan, Club: Newtown, Camogie Honours: Junior All Ireland and Munster '86, Junior Munster and Senior Munster '87, 3 U/12, 4 U/14, 1 U/16 Championship, Junior League and Junior Championship, Limerick Co. 1st year blitz.



Eve Watson, Club: Ballyagran, Camogie Honours: All Ireland U/14 Community Games 1984 in Mosney, All Ireland junior schools championship 1986 won three county titles playing for Ballyagran C.C., member of Limerick U/16 County team 1984 beaten by Cork in Munster final.



Anne Quill, Club: Ballyagran, Camogie Honours: 1984 Community Games All Ireland medal, 1986 schools camogie All Ireland medal (junior), 1987 Schools Munster medal (senior), County and Munster with club and school.



Frances Broderick, Club: Newtown, Camogie Honours: All Ireland junior, Munster and county with St. Mary's, Munster senior with St. Mary's, County Junior U/16, U/18 Championship and Junior League with Newtown Camogie Club.



Claire O'Callaghan, Major Camogie Honours: County Limerick U/16 and U/18 championship, All Ireland junior medal, 2 Munster Junior 1 Munster Senior, Co. Junior League Limerick, Junior Blitz.



Anne Cotter, Club: Newtown, Camogie Honours: 9 county medals, 2 college plaques with St. Mary's, one Munster senior colleges with St. Mary's.



Frances Gremin, Club: Newtown, Camogie Honours: All Ireland junior colleges camogie, Co. U/12, U/14, U/16, U/18, Junior Medals.



Catherine Kiely, Club: Granagh/Ballingarry, Camogie Honours: Munster Club finals with Granagh/Ballingarry, County finals and club finals.



Mairead Cagney, Club: Ballyagran, Camogie Honours: 2 All Irelands, U/12 county, U/14 county, 2 juniors and 2 intermediate counties.



Helen Cagney, Club: Ballyagran, Camogie Honours: Three All Ireland medals (Community Games '84, individual skills '85, Junior Colleges '86), U/12 County, U/14 county, 2 juniors and 2 intermediate counties.



Bernie O'Brien, Club: Granagh/Ballingarry, Camogie Honours: One All Ireland junior, 1 Munster senior, 2 Munster juniors club, 1 Co. senior, 1 Co. U/16, 1 Co. U/14, Felle na Gael, Community Games.



Karina Horgan, Club: Granagh/Ballyagran, Camogie Honours: Two County Community Games medals, County Championship U/14, 1st year championship, Munster Junior Schools.



Tracy Watson, Club: Ballyagran, Camogie Honours: All Ireland U/14 Ballyagran, Community Games '84, three county titles, represented Limerick in the Community Games long puck twice, one bronze medal '85.



Gillian Binchy, Club: none, Camogie Honours: 2 Munster medals, Junior and All Ireland medal



Fiona Reidy, Camogie Honours: All Ireland junior schools championship 1986, won many county medals with local camogie club - Newtown.



Eileen Farrell, Club: Ballyagran, Camogie Honours: 2 All Ireland Camogie finals, 4 county finals and 3 Munster medals.



Helen Galvin, Club: Newtown, Camogie Honours: U/12 school team, U/14, U/16, U/18 Junior League, Junior Championship and Co. first year.



Martina Morrissey, Club: Newtown, Camogie Honours: All Ireland and Munster junior championship, U/12 schools, U/16 and Junior Championships Felle na Gael.



Bernie O'Connell, Club: none, Camogie Honours: Junior Munster final, first year championship.



Roisin Daly, Club: Ballyagran Camogie Honours: U/14 All Ireland Community Games, All Ireland junior colleges camogie, U/14 and U/12 county medals, intermediate medal.

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Cyril Farrell giving a final talk to members of the St. Raphael's, Loughrea Camogie team which will play Charleville in the All-Ireland Schools' final at Ennis on Saturday.

Charleville's double bid



Charleville forward Roisin Daly.

TOMORROW at Cusack Park, Ennis, St. Mary's School, Charleville contest both the junior and senior All-Ireland Colleges Camogie finals. On Sunday the Cork senior team meet Wexford in a vital National League game.

What a marvellous achievement it would be for St. Mary's after only five years in competitive Camogie to take the title in their first year at senior level. But they are certainly up against it. St. Raphael's will be going for a hat-trick, a feat never before achieved. They are a very experienced side with a number of their players holding four All-Ireland medals. Deirdre Costello, their star player, has a knee injury and will not be lining out. But they can still call on such fine performers as Angela Cooney, Brid Stratford, Anne Fahy, Ger Fahy, Imelda Hobbins and Triona Dolphin.

YOUNG SIDE

Charleville will field the team which won the junior title last year. They are a very young side with all their players eligible again next year. Four of their players, Roisin Daly, Bernie O'Brien, Clare O'Callaghan and Marie O'Sullivan will play in both the junior and senior games.

In earlier rounds they recorded fine victories over Tulla, St. Aloysius and Colaiste Muire to win out in Munster and then went on to defeat St. Patrick's, Maghera in the All-Ireland semi-final. They have marvellous players in Frances Broderick, Eve Watson, Frances Cremin and Helen Cagney.

In the junior game St. Mary's should have a good chance of retaining their title. In earlier rounds they defeated Nenagh, Cashel, Macroom, Tulla and St. Patrick's, Maghera and looked an impressive side. They will depend a lot on the four girls remaining from last year's winning side.

VITAL GAME

On Sunday, Cork play Wexford in a vital senior league game. Because of their defeat by Dublin in the first round, Cork will now have to win their remaining games, if they are to qualify for the semi-finals. On Sunday Marian McCarthy is in goal, Ann Leahy comes in at full-back in place of the injured Eileen Dineen, Liz Dunphy moves to left corner-back

Raphael's girls a big camogie dou



BRILLIANTLY successful camogie season for St. Raphael's college, Loughrea will reach a fitting climax at Cusack Park, Ennis on Saturday when both their junior and senior teams will feature in the All-Ireland finals. In a long and arduous campaign under the guidance of Cyril Farrell both teams have shown all the skill, determination and strength of character which have characterised St. Raphael's teams in recent years.

It was those very qualities which enabled them to overcome the terrible odds of losing their outstanding player Deirdre Costello through injury. A lesser team would have been devastated by the loss of what is the finest exponent of the game in the country today.

St. Raphael's can win both games on Saturday they will be the first school ever to win the double on the same day for a second time.

If the seniors win they will be the first school ever to win this cup three times in a row. The junior team lost narrowly to Charleville, Cork in last year's All-Ireland semi-final. They will be anxious to avenge last year's defeat with Kathleen Coen, Emer Hardiman, Fionnuala Keane, Aileen Brett, Siobhan Earls and Alice Murphy remaining from last year's team that they must fancy their chances.

The senior side go in with a lot of experience; they have solid backs in Angela Cooney, Ger Fahy, Mary Dolphin and Breege Stratford.

Goalkeeper Caroline Loughmane is now in her third year on the team and should not be worried by nerves on the big day. Centrefield Cora Curley, Triona Dolphin and Aileen Murphy will be expected to perform well. While up front, they will have plenty of scoring power in Clare Robinson, Imelda Hodgins, Anne Fahy and Emer Hardiman. Raphael's would appear to have the

all round capabilities of bringing off the double on Saturday against arch rivals Charleville, Cork.

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St. Raphael's are confident

The All-Ireland Colleges Senior Camogie Championship final at Cusack Park, Ennis, on Saturday brings together accomplished champions and aspiring hopefuls. St. Raphael's, Loughrea, who aim for an historic three-in-a-row, are challenged by St. Mary's, Charleville, who are in their first season of senior competition.

Both Presentation, Kilkenny, and Presentation, Athenry, won Corn Sceilg and retained it in the following year. St. Raphael's hope to extend their run to three and make a place for themselves in the annals of colleges' camogie.

Two junior and two senior All-Ireland College titles since 1984 give the Co. Galway school every right to enter this game with confidence. Untroubled in the Connacht championship, St. Raphael's had to survive a mighty struggle against the Leinster representatives, F.C.J., Buncloody.

This Raphael's team has been together for several seasons. Anchored by a well-drilled defence which includes Angela Cooney, Caroline Loughmane, Mary Dolphin, Brid Stratford and Ger Fahy, St. Raphael's are strong in all sectors.

Claire Robinson, Aileen Murphy and Cora Curley are fine strikers in midfield. The forward division of Anne Fahy, Imelda Hobbins, Emer Hardiman and Triona Dolphin are match winners in their own right.

This young Charleville team has done all that has been asked of it in its short history. Unconcerned at their lack of tradition, they prefer to look to the future. A strenuous campaign in Munster followed by stiff resistance from St. Patrick's, Maghera, has prepared Charleville for their greatest hurdle to date.

Frances Broderick leads the Charleville defence and gets good support from Mairead Cagney, Therese Sheedy and Marie O'Sullivan. The midfield line of Frances Cremin, Bernie O'Brien and Eve Watson will keep the ball moving to the forwards. Catherine Kiely, Claire O'Callaghan, Roisin Daly and Helen Cagney have the ability to put their names on the score sheet.

Past performances and individual experience suggest a win for St. Raphael's. But a team has to get it right on the day for an All-Ireland victory. The same schools meet in the junior final where the result looks wide open. Charleville are the holders and retain four of their 1986 side.

Claire O'Callaghan, Tracy Watson, Bernie O'Brien, Roisin Daly and Marie O'Sullivan should continue to display the good form which they have shown all season for Charleville. Raphael's field another good crop of skilful young players who eased their way through Connacht and held off the challenge of F.C.J., Buncloody.

CAMOGIE CHAMPIONS

CLOGHANE Secondary School won the Kerry Colleges under-15 camogie blitz at the Gaeltacht pitch on Saturday last. They beat Tarbert Community School in the final by 3-0 to 1-0, with Linda Flynn and Sheila Moloney outstanding for them.

Tarbert's outstanding player was Jasmin McGinley and on this showing they must be favourites for the Feile na nGael competition, as all their players are under-14.

Beaten semi-finalists were Presentation School, Dingle, and St. Brigid's, Killarney.

The Kerry Colleges senior camogie blitz takes place in Castlegregory this Saturday, commencing at 2 p.m.

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Loughrea take camogie title

ST. RAPHAEL'S,
LOUGHREA 3-8
ST. MARY'S,
CHARLEVILLE 0-4

ST. RAPHAEL'S, Loughrea made camogie history at Cusack Park Ennis yesterday when they trounced St. Mary's, Charleville in the All Ireland Colleges Senior final and won the title for the third year in succession.

The Loughrea girls, trained by Galway hurling supremo Cyril Farrell, got off to a great start and had the game in the bag by the end of the first quarter when they led 2-3 to 0-0, both goals coming from Imelda Hobbins. Ann Fahy and Clare Robinson were the point scorers.

St. Mary's could well have been further adrift but for the brilliant performance of Frances Broderick, easily the best player on view, and scorer of the first half point.

Imelda Hobbins dashed all hopes of a Charleville comeback with Loughrea's third goal early in the second half. Ann Fahy added three points from frees and substitute Deirdre Costello had the final score. Helen Cagney, Fiona Reidy and F. Broderick were Charleville's second half scorers.

Junior Final — St. Mary's, Charleville 2-3; St. Raphael's, Loughrea 1-4.

Experience big factor

ST. RAPHAEL'S . . . 1-4
ST. MARY'S . . . 0-4

EXPERIENCE and scoring ability were the main factors in a lack-lustre final of the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championships played in rain-soaked Cusack Park, Ennis on Saturday.

Two goals and four points in the opening half gave the Loughrea winners a lead of 2-4 to 0-1 at the break.

St. Mary's tried hard to get into contention on resumption and in early point by full forward Helen Galvin was the signal for a short Charleville rally. But they were met with a strong defence when goal-keeper Catherine Loughane and Brid Stratford were outstanding and St. Raphael's retired worthy winners for the third successive year.

SCORERS — St. Raphael's: I. Hobbins (3-0), A. Fahy (0-6), C. Robinson (0-1), D. Costello (0-1). St. Mary's — F. Broderick (0-2), H. Cagney (0-1), F. Reidy (0-1).

JUNIOR FINAL

St. Raphael's 2-3

St. Mary's 1-4

The Junior Championship final was an exciting, rip-roaring game between two evenly matched teams and Charleville were lucky to win their second All-Ireland title by two points.

Scorers — St. Mary's: Charleville — H. Galvin 1-0, R. Daly 1-0, C. O'Callaghan 0-3. St. Raphael's — C. Robinson 0-4, F. Reidy 1-0.

All National League games were postponed.



The St. Raphael's Loughrea senior schools All-Ireland winning team. Top row, left to right: Emer Hardiman, Kathleen Coen, Aileen Murphy, Ger Fahy, Caroline Loughane, Imelda Hobbins, Angela Cooney, Brigid Fahy. Second row: Alice Murphy, Anne Fahy, Clare Robinson, Marlene Linnane, Sharon Maher, Rita Dolan, Geraldine Lee, Annette Keane. Seated: Triona Dolphin, Cora Curley, Mary Dolphin, Brid Stratford (captain), Anne Bugler, Carmel Ryan and Fionnuala Keane.

Early blitz sends Raphael's on way to third in a row

by BERNIE NI FHLATHARTA

ST. RAPHAEL'S COLLEGE, LOUGHREA 3-8
ST. MARY'S COLLEGE, CHARLEVILLE 0-4

THE SENIOR girls of St. Raphael's College in Loughrea were the deserving three in a row winners of the All-Ireland Colleges Camogie Final when they displayed some neat skills at Cusack Park, Ennis last Saturday.

And in doing so they are the first and only camogie team in Ireland to hold the title for three consecutive years. Their only disappointment

was that their junior team failed to make it a double.

However, St. Raphael's senior team were determined from the start of the game to retain the title that they have proudly held since 1985, when they won it for the first time.

Since then the school has built up a reputation for producing great team spirit and polished camogie skills, many of them could be the envy of the Galway County hurling team.

Indeed both teams have one thing in common — trainer, Cyril Farrell who was as joyful on Saturday as he would be on any All-Ireland hurling final day in Croke Park.

By the time the game was only seven minutes in progress St. Raphael's had scored two goals and three points. It certainly put the Charleville girls under pressure.

Anne Fahy scored the first point from a free only five minutes into the game. Three minutes later Clare Robinson, who had just played in the junior match, scored the second point.

And when a goal was scored for Raphael's by Imelda Hobbins a few minutes later the way was paved for the Galway girls.

Charleville fought back with centreback, Frances Broderick in particular doing all she could to relieve the pressure, but Raphael's full forwards were not to be denied and when Anne Fahy passed the ball to Imelda Hobbins it was belted right into the back of the net.

Charleville's first score came from Broderick who managed to be everywhere on the field. Her point was the only Cork score of the half as Raphael's defence held firm, particularly Angela Cooney who had a great match.

The first half ended like it started

with a point for Raphael's from a free being scored by Fahy, leaving the half-time scoreline at 2-4 to 0-1 in Raphael's favour.

A minute into the second half and Charleville scored a point when their captain, Helen Cagney took a free but only after minutes of play Raphael's went further ahead when Hobbins scored from a goalmouth scramble, effectively ending the Cork side's hopes.

Just before the end of the match Raphael's Anne Fahy was replaced by Deirdre Costello on the field. Deirdre was one of Raphael's best players but because of injury wasn't playing. She proved her skill when she almost immediately scored a point to leave the final score at 3-8 against Charleville's 0-4.

In accepting the cup from St. Mairead of the All-Ireland Colleges Board, Raphael's captain, Brid Stratford particularly thanked the team coach, Sr. Catherine for all her work.

St. Raphael's: Caroline Loughane, Angela Cooney, Geraldine Fahy, Brid Stratford (captain), Mary Dolphin, Aileen Murphy, Triona Dolphin, Cora Curley, Carmel Ryan, Anne Fahy 0-6, Clare Robinson 0-1, Imelda Hobbins 3-0. Subs: Rita Dolan, Marlene Linnane, Aine Bugler for Robinson, Emer Hardigan and Deirdre Costello 0-1.

St. Mary's: Mairead Cagney, Maire O'Sullivan, Therese Sheehy, Frances Broderick 0-2, Anne Marie Cotter, Catherine Kiely, Bernice O'Brien, Frances Cremin, Rosita Daly, Clare O'Callaghan, Anne Watson, Helen Cagney (captain) 0-1. Subs: Ann Quill, Fiona Reidy 0-1 for Daly, Ann Mulcahy, Anne O'Sullivan and Geraldine Cotter. Referee: Eilish Ni Sheoigh.

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LOUGHREA SUPREME

St. Raphaels, Loughrea 3-8
St. Marys, Charleville 0-4.

ST. RAPHAELS, Loughrea, created Senior Colleges camogie history at Cusack Park, Ennis on Saturday, when defeating St. Marys, Charleville, to become the first school to achieve the three-in-a-row.

Trained by Galway hurling supremo Cyril Farrell, Loughrea got off to a tremendous start and were well on the way to winning the title by the end of the first quarter when they led by 2-3 to no score, with both goals coming from full forward Imelda Hobbins.

They went on to hold a nine point advantage at the break and indeed could have been much further ahead but for the brilliance of the Charleville centre back Frances Broderick, who was the best player on view.

The Galway side went on unopposed to record a great victory.

St. Raphaels—C. Loughnane, A. Cooney, G. Fahy, B. Stratford, M. Dolphin, A. Murphy, T. Dolphin, C. Curley, C. Ryan, A. Fahy, C. Robinson, I. Hobbins, subs. E. Hardiman for Ryan, D. Costelloe for Fahy.

St. Marys—M. Cagney, M. O'Sullivan, T. Sheehy, F. Broderick, A.M. Cotter, C. Kiery, B. O'Brien, F. Cremin, R. Daly, C. O'Callaghan, E. Watson, H. Cagney, sub S. Reidy for Daly.



St. Mary's (Charleville) Tracey Watson (left) challenges St. Raphael's Cora Curley in the All-Ireland Colleges Junior Camogie Final at Ennis on Saturday.

—(Picture: Kieran Clancy)



Maire O'Sullivan, captain of the St. Mary's Charleville team, hold the trophy aloft after their victory in the All-Ireland Colleges Junior Camogie final at Ennis.

—("Examiner")

ST. MARYS CHARLEVILLE VICTORIOUS

St. Marys, Charleville 2-3
St. Raphaels, Loughrea 1-4.

ST. MARYS, Charleville retained their All-Ireland Colleges Junior camogie title, when they defeated St. Raphaels, Loughrea by two points, in a most entertaining final, at Cusack Park, on Saturday.

The teams were level at the interval at 1-1 each, before the Munster champions edged ahead in the second period to deservingly take the title.

Clare O'Callaghan, who scored three points and Helen Galvin a smashing goal, were most impressive for the winners.

St. Marys—A. Mulcahy, A. O'Sullivan, G. Cotter, M. O'Sullivan, F. Kelleher, E. Farrell, B. O'Brien, T. Watson, H. Galvin, C. O'Callaghan, C. Horgan, R. Daly.

St. Raphaels—K. Coen, S. Earls, S. Keane, O. Costelloe, M. Corcoran, A. Murphy, F. Keane, I. Maher, I. Daly, A. Brett, M. Connaughton, E. Hardiman.



The St. Mary's, Charleville senior team that lost to St. Raphael's, Loughrea in the All-Ireland Colleges Camogie final at Ennis.

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St. Mary's of Charleville — the All-Ireland Junior Schools Camogie champions.

Mixed fortunes for Charleville camogie

CHARLEVILLE'S St. Mary's Junior and Senior camogie teams travelled to Cusack Park, Ennis, on Saturday last to take on St. Raphael's College, Loughrea, in the all-Ireland finals of both grades.

The schools had mixed fortunes in the deciders with St. Mary's, the Munster champions, taking the All-Ireland junior title. The much more experienced and accomplished St. Raphael's, the Connacht champions, won the senior championship for the third time in a row.

JUNIOR ALL-IRELAND FINAL

St. Mary's (Charleville) . 2-3
St. Raphael's (Loughrea) 1-4

IN the junior final the Loughrea girls had a dream start to the game when they goaled shortly after the throw-in and quickly followed this score with a point. There followed a good spell of hurling with both sides playing to the best of their ability. Gradually the St. Mary's girls began to gain the upper hand and with ten minutes remaining in the half Helen Galvin crashed home a great goal and Clare O'Callaghan pointed from a free to leave the sides level at half time.

On the resumption Charleville went into the attack and Helen Galvin was again on target with a well taken goal to put St. Mary's ahead two goals and one point to one goal and one point for Loughrea. St. Raphael's fought hard to get back into the game and came within a point of the locals but the brilliant Clare O'Callaghan scored two vital points, one from a free and one from play to stretch the Charleville lead. The St. Mary's back division and goalkeeper withstood tremendous pressure from St. Raphael's over the last five minutes of the game who only managed to add on another point. However, this was not enough and the Munster champions, St. Mary's took the All-Ireland junior title for the second year in succession for Charleville. The trophy was presented to the captain of the junior team Maria O'Sullivan by the chairperson of the camogie board Sister M. Mairead.

SENIOR ALL-IRELAND FINAL

St. Mary's (Charleville) . 0-4
St. Raphael's (Loughrea) 3-8

THE girls from St. Raphael's College,

Loughrea playing in their third All-Ireland senior camogie final in a row had little difficulty in accounting for the Munster champions St. Mary's, Charleville in the second All-Ireland decider at Cusack Park, Ennis, on last Saturday.

The Galway girls stamped their authority on the game from the outset and led at half time by three goals and one point to Charleville's one point scored from a free by Francis Broderick. The St. Mary's side laboured under the disadvantage of having four of their team also involved in the junior final. Though this had an unsettling effect on the team the outcome of the game was never in doubt as the St. Raphael's team was the superior side in the contest. The four dual players Clare O'Callaghan, Maria O'Sullivan, Bernie O'Brien and Roisin Daly played themselves to a stand still in the game.

The locals had points from Helen Cagney; Fiona Reidy and Francis Broderick to bring their total for the game to four points. St. Raphael's coasted to their third All-Ireland senior title in a row on a scoreline of three goals and eight

points. The St. Mary's side were served best by Francis Broderick, Helen Cagney, when moved to centre back and Catherine Kiely.

However, there is no need for the seniors to be downhearted at this defeat as they have just completed a fantastic sporting year for the school. St. Mary's teams now share the unique distinction with St. Raphael's, of being the only two schools in Ireland to have teams contesting the junior and senior All-Ireland titles in the same year. This is the first time that this has happened in the history of colleges camogie competitions. Their performance is all the more creditable when one considers that the school only commenced playing camogie some four years ago after a lapse of many years.

The four people mainly involved with the teams are Brid Larkin, Vincent Harrington and Fr. Liam Kelleher, Dromina and Sister M. Margaret. They have received every co-operation from the school's principal Sister M. Colman and the other members of the teaching staff as well as the students involved in the teams.

ST. MARY'S JUNIORS RETAIN CROWN WHILE THE SENIORS ARE BEATEN & LEARN A LESSON

It is difficult to lavish praise on a group of players you become associated with and whom you have come to respect and appreciate because of the huge volume of work they have done to achieve a goal, but in the light of the achievements of the Camogie girls of St. Mary's Secondary School in Charleville, no praise could be high enough to adequately describe the monumental achievement of both the junior and senior teams from the school in reaching the All Ireland finals.

History will show that the juniors won a thrilling match to retain their crown with two points to spare and it will also show that the seniors lost by a wide margin, but it will never spell out the valiant efforts of those senior girls in their bid to win that crown. Neither will it show that they were giving away at least 2-3 years to the All Ireland champions of two years and now the first ever to record three in a row. Having watched the video of both games the junior was tough and so for the entire game while the senior's went in phases.

The Charleville girls matched their rivals in most sectors of the field but when it came to scoring then it was a different matter altogether. Loughrea took every chance Charleville did not, mainly due to lack of experience. But I know that the seniors have learned their lesson well and they will be back again next year, as determined as ever to succeed.

The most difficult task in any team situation is to motivate the team and to motivate the team is to motivate the team. Now they know what they have to do.

The juniors on the other hand had their motivation from the team that has gone before them and they showed true grit in the face of adversity to triumph. Considered by many at the beginning of the campaign not to be near as good or as talented as last year's team, but through the dint of sheer hard work and dedication, they have fashioned a famous victory, one that those who were privileged to witness will savour for many a day.

FANTASTIC SUPPORT

One of the vital factors on Saturday was the fantastic support for the Charleville girls. In addition to the team bus, six more bus loads of supporters plus numerous more by car, travelled to Ennis and certainly they outnumbered the opposition by at least 3 to 1. This is a great source of encouragement not only for the players but for the team management. From my own point of view, I cannot emphasise enough the enjoyment I have got from being associated with the team and I'm sure the same thoughts fill the minds of my dedicated colleagues, Vincent Harrington, Brian Larkin and Sr. Margaret. Of course, the full backing of School Principal Sr. Colman staff and all the other

ingredient allied to the total support of the parents and this we must all be grateful for.

That much said, I will try to recount for posterity through *The Vale Star* the proceedings as I saw them.

JUNIOR
St. Mary's Charleville.....2-3
St. Raphael's Loughrea.....1-4

The Juniors were first into the fray and immediately they went on the attack. Progress was slow due to the soggy condition of the field and the continuous rain. It was obvious from the outset that scores would be difficult to come by and while Charleville had most of the chances in the first 10 minutes, they failed to translate their superiority into scores. Then in the 9th minute Loughrea mounted a strong attack and slight hesitancy for the first and last time in the defence, left a Loughrea forward with a clear chance in front of goal and she neatly tucked the chance away for a vital goal. For the next five minutes it was all Loughrea and some excellent defence work by the full back line of Aine O'Sullivan, Geraldine Cotter and Fiona Kelleher, who had an excellent game all through, plus some timely interception by Ann Mulcahy kept the score down and the only reward for Loughrea for all their dominance was a solitary point. Now four points down and 15 minutes into the game, Charleville looked in real trouble. There was no let up in the rain. Then slowly but surely, Charleville began to come to grips with the game. Marie O'Sullivan controlled the path to goal from the pivotal position of the defence. The centrefield trio of Bernice O'Brien, Tracy Watson and Eileen Farrell began to get the upperhand and the ball found its way through to the forwards. Claire O'Callaghan, who gained good possession was unlucky not to score from free and play. Then with 2 minutes to go to the interval, the vital break came. Martina Morrissey, who had replaced Karina Horgan, won vital possession on the wing after the ball had been channelled through from centre forward and Helen Galvin was on hand to finish the ball to the net. Then just before the break Claire O'Callaghan

of the dressing room.

DREAM START

Charleville emerged from the break in a buoyant mood and in the very first attack, following a goalmouth scramble, Helen Galvin was on hand again to send to the net. Suddenly, it dawned on everybody associated with the team that victory was now in sight. But in a thrilling battle, the ball swung from end to end. Loughrea came back to within a point and actually had scored what they thought was the equalising point when a free out was ordered for a square infringement. Then with five minutes to go Claire O'Callaghan, who earlier scored an excellent point from a free from a very acute angle, struck again. She weaved her way past three tackles and sent over a fine point. Shortly afterwards Roisin Daly, with the goal at her mercy, shot narrowly wide and the defence, though tested a few more times, were equal to the task. So the final whistle blew to the relief of all and amidst a blue sea of unbounded joy, a memorable victory was savoured.

Capt. Marie O'Sullivan wound her way up the steps of the stand of Cusack Park to receive the coveted trophy from Sr. Mairead, following in the footsteps of Frances Broderick who had done the same the year before at Croke Park. History was repeated.

SENIOR:
St. Raphael's Loughrea.....3-8
St. Mary's Charleville.....0-4

The final score might suggest that there was only one team in this contest and let's be fair, Loughrea were good and very good and fully merited their expected victory. But for long periods



St. Mary's Senior Team on the march before the match last weekend.
Photo: Fr. Liam Kelleher



Marie O'Sullivan, captain, receiving the All Ireland Junior Cup from Sr. Mairead at Ennis.
Photo: Fr. Liam Kelleher

the inexperienced youngsters from Charleville gave as good as they got and while there were a few lapses in defence, they were understandable in a way, with the pressure applied by Loughrea. Charleville opened well and mounted a few fruitless attacks. Loughrea countered with two points and then two rather fortuitous goals and then a point and they were suddenly three goals up after 15 minutes. But from there to the interval Charleville matched them in every facet of play including the score board and when Frances Broderick acknowledged by friend and foe as the best player on view, rallied up the field for a great point, hopes were high of a revival. A great save by the Loughrea goalkeeper from a ball doubled on by Helen Cagney and the missing of an open goal did nothing to relieve Charleville's worries and as half time arrived they knew that they faced a mighty uphill struggle, especially with four of the stars of the Junior victory, Claire O'Callaghan, Bernice O'Brien, Roisin Daly and Marie O'Sullivan tiring.

BRIEF HOPE
A point in the opening minute of the 2nd half by Helen Cagney gave hopes of a revival but they were short-lived as Loughrea tagged on more points and another easy goal which was indeed the killer blow. While substitute Fiona Reidy added another point and one from



Claire O'Callaghan and her marker with eyes glued on the ball.
Photo: Fr. Liam Kelleher

Frances Broderick, they came too late to make any appreciable difference. So the last 10 minutes were played out amidst the aura of inevitability and few could deny the right of Loughrea to be crowned champions for the third year in a row. Still with every member of the team eligible for next year and most for the year after, the future of the sport is bright at St. Mary's. Our fervent wish is that ambitions so cruelly stifled this year will

rise again like the Phoenix and the ghost of disappointment in '87 will be laid to rest in '88.

Team: Mairead Cagney, Ann Cotter, Marie O'Sullivan, Therese Sheehy, Frances Broderick, Catherine Kiely, Bernice O'Brien, Frances Cremin, Claire O'Callaghan, Eve Watson, Roisin Daly and Helen Cagney. Subs: Fiona Reidy, Ann Quill, Aine O'Sullivan, Geraldine Cotter, Ann Mulcahy.



Champions, St. Mary's Junior Camogie team pictured before the All Ireland final at Ennis.
Photo: Fr. Liam Kelleher



Tom O'Brien, Co. Chairman of Limerick Co. Camogie making a presentation to Mrs. Lynch, National Camogie Board President at the National Congress in Limerick during the weekend.
Photo: Fr. Liam Kelleher

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Banner look to former Juniors

CLARE are banking on the players who won the All-Ireland Junior Camogie Championship in their bid to establish the county in the senior ranks. The majority of the 1986 junior squad has been promoted while several survivors of the previous senior side have been discarded.

The new-look team got off to a very good start against Tipperary with Maureen McNicholas, Pauline O'Brien, Helen Cusack, Carmel Wall and Lesley O'Flynn showing good form in the four goal victory. On Sunday they tackle a lively Galway side in the National League.

Mary Kelly, Anne Gallagher, Bridie Cunniff, Eileen Howley and Anne Ryan will be anxious to put the points to Galway's account.

Galway's juniors have good wins over Tipperary and Limerick behind them and will make it tough for Clare.

Two fine junior teams clash in the meeting of Armagh and Kildare. Kildare will be without Marianne Johnson whose hand injury should be ready in time for the Carlow game. Two fifteen year olds, Teresa Hanley and Bernie Farrelly have joined the team and are making quite an impact.

POOR OPENING

Both Derry and Tyrone made a disappointing opening in the current campaign. Young Cathrana O'Kane and Eiyane McColgan have come onto the Derry side and are settling in with the more experienced Patsy Quinn, Catherine Morgan, Marie Kilpatrick and Jean McQuillan.

Meath will miss Valerie Crean, who has returned to her native Carlow, for their tilt with Offaly.



At the annual congress of Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael in the Two Mile Inn, front row, from left: Sheila Wallace, secretary, Maire Lynch, president, and Joe Golden, treasurer. Standing at the back, from left: Limerick delegates, Father John Ryan, Helen Sheehy, PRO, Eithne Neville, Brid Stokes, Carmel O'Driscoll, Bernie O'Dea, secretary, and Tom O'Brien, chairman.

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Successful Congress '87

Limerick - hosts of the annual camogie congress, 1987 - can be proud of the fact that the well planned itinerary for the weekend was most successful with everything going to plan.

To add to this the Limerick delegates crowned the weekend by having their motion passed by a margin of 48 votes to 8.

The motion was that the Newtown Shandrum Camogie Club be allowed to take part in all Limerick competitions and with Limerick in competitions under the auspices of Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael.

G.A.A. REPRESENTATIVE
Michael Hennessy, County G.A.A. P.R.O., welcomed the delegates to Limerick. He congratulated Limerick Camogie Board on hosting the Congress and the national body on the work done throughout the years. He hoped that relations between the G.A.A. and Camogie would improve further with so many G.A.A. clubs having dubhoushes and social clubs. He hoped that both the G.A.A. and camogie

associations would be closely linked and would pool their resources for the benefit of furthering our national games.

The P.R.O. continued by saying that many parents feared injuries during the game but he pointed out that nowadays, with proper coaching and supervision available, it was obvious that once the players learned the skills of the sport the incidence of injury was reduced drastically.

He finished by wishing the Congress a very successful weekend.

COMPULSORY

One of the decisions taken at this Congress was that insurance is compulsory for every player. The finer details have to be sorted out before the scheme will become operative.

SPONSORSHIP

Camogie teams will now be allowed to wear sponsors logos on their playing gear. Ard Comhairle will insist on the size of the lettering of the display. This decision is a big help to county boards and clubs throughout the

country.

Limerick themselves have to travel to Wexford next Sunday to play Wexford in the National League. Sponsorship would help defray the costs considerably.

PILOT SCHEME

Kilkenny will host a tournament over Whit weekend for inter-county teams. The matches will be played on a full size G.A.A. pitch and the number of players will be increased to 15. Kilkenny have maintained over the years that 15 girls could play on a G.A.A. field, same as the lads.

If this pilot scheme is successful and if agreed to at a Congress the Camogie Association's problems on acquiring playing fields would be reduced.

PROGRAMME

The organising committee presented a booklet to each delegate to commemorate their stay in Limerick. Included in the booklet was a short history of camogie in Limerick written by Harry Greensmith; articles on past camogie presidents from Limerick i.e. Agnes Purcell and Chris Connell; a short history of Limerick and

some tourist attractions, and items of interest and controversy from past Congresses by Mary Moran, National P.R.O.

A framed piece of Limerick lace was presented to the president of the Association Mrs. Mary Lynch, from Carrickmacross, Co. Monaghan, by the chairman, Tom O'Brien.

Father John Ryan, a member of the Ballinacorra Gaels, celebrated a group Mass in Irish to the delight of the delegates.

Great credit is due to the organising committee: Tom O'Brien, Bernie O'Dea, Father Ryan, Eithne Neville, Brid Stokes, Tom Moynihan, Mrs. O'Leary (Newtown), Carmel O'Driscoll, Helen Sheehy, Mary Egan and Carol McNamara.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Limerick travel to Wexford on Sunday next 5th April, for their next match in the national junior league. To date they have defeated Kilkenny at home and lost away to Galway. This match is crucial if they are to be involved in the shake up for places in the semi-finals.

City school's unique treble completed by camogie side

Moneenageisha Community College 1-3
New Inn Vocational School 1-2

Moneenageisha camogie team completed a notable treble for the college when they defeated a fine New Inn side by the narrowest of margins in a thrilling, closely contested Galway Vocational Schools Senior Final played in adverse weather conditions at Oranmore on Wednesday.

This latest victory comes in the wake of Moneenageisha securing the Connacht Senior Football and Senior Hurling titles.

Two evenly-matched teams served up some great camogie in both halves and displayed a commitment and skill that was a credit to both schools.

Playing with the wind and rain in the first half New Inn soon jumped into the lead with a brilliant point from play by star centre forward and County senior player, Sheila Coen.

The same player had a similar score from a free shortly afterwards and the East Galway girls, trying hard to capitalise on their early supremacy, were in hard luck not to have increased their lead at this stage of the game.

But a few wides, allied to heroic work by the Moneenageisha defence, kept them out. The only score in this half was a point from a 30 for Moneen by County minor star Nora O'Rourke.

Play was fast and furious on the resumption, with Moneen now applying severe pressure on the New Inn defence. A lovely point from play by Nora O'Rourke levelled the scores but the Moneen forwards were finding County player Paula Earls and the Hanlon



The New Inn Vocational School team narrowly defeated by Moneenageisha C.C. in the Galway Vocational School senior camogie final at Oranmore last week. Back row, left to right: Carmel Finn, Joan Cooney, Siobhan Fahy, Mary Fahy, Fiona Earls, Deirdre Fadden, Rosaleen Earls, Brid McGrath, Deirdre Burke. Front row, left to right: Teresa Sheanon, Sheila Coen, Fidelma Hanlon, Paula Earls, Martina Hanlon, Fidelma Earls, Rose Sheridan.

sisters hard to beat in the New Inn defence.

Great midfield play by Fiona O'Ceallaigh, Dominica Forde and Una McGath kept the pressure on, however, and after Fiona Earls had the New Inn goal, Maria Vaughan beat the gallant New Inn 'keeper with an unstoppable shot from close range.

The city girls now threw everything into attack but were repulsed time and again by a great New Inn defence which turned around very quickly. In one such break Sheila Coen, escaping the close marking of Kay Kelly, got inside the Moneen defence and fired a great shot to the roof of the net, levelling the scores once more.

With about six minutes to go Moneen forced a 30 and Nora O'Rourke sent over what proved to

be the match-winning score.

The final five minutes were breathtaking as both teams strove might and main for victory, but defences were now firmly on top as play swung rapidly from end to end.

Sheila Coen was wide with a couple of dangerous shots and the game ended in a welter of excitement with Moneen very glad to hear referee Bernie Larkin's final whistle.

Best for the winners were goalie Pauline Sheridan, Michelle Cresham (capt.), Kay Kelly, Fiona Ni Cheallaigh, Dominica Forde,

Moneenageisha: Pauline Sheridan, Michelle Cresham (capt.), Sinead Fox, Kay Kelly, Carolyn Egan, Dominica Forde, Fiona Ni Cheallaigh, Una McGath, Maria Vaughan (1-0), Ann McCormack, Nora O'Rourke (0-3), Helen Donnellan.

Subs: Beatrice Grealish, Siobhan Walsh, Ann Marie O'Rourke, Margaret Kinneavey, Bernadette Shaughnessy.

New Inn: Fiona Earls, Martina Hanlon, Fidelma Hanlon, Brid McGrath, Siobhan Fahy, Mary

Cliffhanger expected at Ballyanley

THE Under 18 Championship continues this coming weekend with three first round games down for decision. In the first of these, Inniscarra and Killeagh meet at Ballyanley. Brian Dillons travel to Cloughduv to play the same side and Churchtown are hosts to Aghbullogue.

In the Senior League Eire Og, Killeagh, Glen Rovers, Sarsfields, Blackrock and St. Finbarrs all play for league points and in the only other league game listed, Fr. O'Neills and Watergrasshill meet in the Inter-League.

In the first of the Under 18 championship games, Killeagh and Inniscarra meet at Ballyanley and this could be a close encounter. Their recent Under 16 championship game went to a replay and as a lot of these girls will be playing Under 18 as well, it could be another cliff hanger.

Aghbullogue make the journey to Churchtown and here Aghbullogue who have up and coming young stars in the Kelleher sisters Brid and Renee should have too much strength for a young Churchtown side.

Brian Dillons, winners of the championship last season will be expected to do well again. They have very experienced performers in Karen Mellerick, Aileen Barry and Mary Mulcahy and with this kind of experience in their line-out, it is difficult to see the Cloughduv girls holding them despite the efforts of their top player Brid Walsh.

In one of the most interesting of the league games, Eire Og play

Killeagh at Killeagh, and this could be a close one. They will be fielding without the services of Cathy Landers but they can still call on such fine performers as Marion Sweeney, Ann Marie Landers and Ann Leahy but these girls can expect a tough challenge from familiar opponents Eire Og and of Ovens girls Marian McCarthy, Miriam Higgins, Noelle O'Driscoll and Mary Geaney find form it could be neck and neck to the final whistle.

In the remaining senior game, St. Finbarrs, who have made such an impact at senior level in recent years will be fancied to account for Blackrock. Margaret Farrell, Paula Carey, Deirdre Christie and Colette Cronin have all shown excellent form in recent games and if they find form again on Sunday should prove too strong for a Blackrock side that is sure to include Una and Bridget O'Connor and Joan Hyde.

In the only other game listed, Fr. O'Neills should have too much experience for a young Watergrasshill side in the Intermediate League.

Saturday—Senior League: Killeagh v Eire Og at Killeagh at 5 p.m. Ref. Fr. O'Neills; Glen Rovers v Sarsfields at Sarsfields at 6.30, Ref. Watergrasshill.

Sunday—Under 18 Championship: Inniscarra v Killeagh at Inniscarra at 2 p.m., Ref. Ballincollig; Churchtown v Aghbullogue at Churchtown at 3 p.m., Ref. Cloyne; Brian Dillons v Cloughduv at Brian Dillons at 3 p.m., Ref. UCC. Senior League: Blackrock v St. Finbarrs at Blackrock at 12 noon, Ref. Eleanor Hackett. Intermediate League: Fr. O'Neills v Watergrasshill at Watergrasshill at 3 p.m., Ref. St. Catherine's.

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THE DECISION of the Camogie Congress in Limerick last weekend that the winners of Division I will play the runners-up in Division II in the semi-final and the runners-up of Division I will oppose the winners of Division II in the other, has certainly put a different complexion on the outcome of tomorrow's senior league clash between Dublin and All-Ireland champions Kilkenny.

As matters stand at the moment Dublin have accumulated full points from their two victories over Wexford and Cork and if they can overcome the Noreiders tomorrow they would appear to have a very good chance, at least on paper, of qualifying for yet another league final. But victory against their conquerors in last year's championship final will not be easily achieved. Dublin are still smarting from that defeat and victory tomorrow would help a little to erase that memory.

This Dublin team has certainly changed since then with only six of the All-Ireland side starting tomorrow's game. Drafted into the team this season are Toni O'Byrne, Patricia Clinton, Ann Colgan, Barbara Redmond, Mary Keane and Louise Lynch.

The selectors' decision to keep faith with those who had won a hard fought game over Wexford was certainly justified when the same personnel along with substitutes Una Crowley and Breda Kenny returned home from Cork with two vital points.

Unfortunately for the selectors their successful combinations against Cork and Wexford is broken up tomorrow for one of the stars of that tremendous victory over Cork, Jo Holden, has decided to leave our shores to seek fame and fortune in America. While Jo is available for this clash the selectors have decided to look to the games ahead and have listed her among the substitutes.

Jo's replacement on the left wing Mary Mernagh will in no way weaken the side and indeed many might argue that Mary is deserving of a permanent place on the team. Aside from this one personnel change, Mary Keane and Carmel O'Byrne switch positions in the forward line with the former now operating from a possibly better suited central position.

Elsewhere the team is along expected lines with the defence selected en bloc for the third game running. As in the previous games much will depend on how Dublin settle down in the early stages. Certainly any complacency on their part will be severely punished by the clinical finishing of Angela Downey, one of the best ever forwards to grace the camogie fields.

Angela will be helped in her task by her equally famous sister Ann along with such experienced stalwarts as Bridie McGarry, Biddy O'Sullivan, Marie Fitzpatrick and Liz Neary. Kilkenny will want to win tomorrow for defeat for them would mean that they must beat their arch rivals Cork in their remaining outing in this group.

Dublin's plan throughout this league has been to try and come up with a team capable of making a serious challenge for the championship later on in the season.

To do this they must continue to win their league games for it is only through match practise they will get the essential experience for the championship.

Their team is not based on any one star or individual. Each player has her own job to do and knows exactly what is expected of her. Their successes to date have been achieved by commitment, teamwork and an ability to keep going even when things may appear to be working against them. Their task tomorrow will not be easy.

They know that only total concentration for the full 50 minutes will carry them through and in the belief that their more experienced players have been through it all before, I expect Toni O'Byrne, Edel Murphy, Barbara Redmond, Marian Conroy, Carmel O'Byrne and Germaine Noonan to help to swing the game in Dublin's favour.

In the day's opening game the Dublin juniors will be favourites to beat Kilkenny's second string. In their only outing to date they gave a competent display in disposing of the challenge of Wexford.

If Denise O'Leary, Phyllis Dawson, Carmel Gray, Ann Cooper and Geraldine Dunne can repeat their performances of that occasion it should be good enough to see the Dubliners through.

A FAMILY TREAT ON THE DOUBLE

By Michael Ellard

IT was a fabulous family occasion at the B and I sports stars awards in Dublin yesterday. Twin sisters from Kilkenny and two brothers from Galbally, Co. Limerick were the recipients of the prestigious Cuchulain trophies for their prowess on the camogie fields and in the handball courts.

Angela and Ann Downey from Ballyragget, were acclaimed jointly as the "the camogie player of the year" while the Quish brothers, Tom and John, received the handball award. It was really a "double double" celebration in the history of the B and I awards which were inaugurated back in February 1975.

The Downey twins, who hail from a very famous GAA family, were overjoyed at their recognition. The awards they received marked the decisive roles they played in Kilkenny's victory over Dublin in this seasons All Ireland final and also the consistently high form they had displayed throughout the year in all competitions.

It was the first B and I award for Ann but, for Angela, it was a third and she is now the only personality in the 12 years history of the awards to be honoured three times.

The twin sisters are the daughters of Kilkenny's legendary All Ireland hurler "Shem" Downey and both have been outstanding members of the Kilkenny camogie squad over the last decade.

They won their first All Ireland medals in 1974 and now stand on the pedestal as holders of six of the Celtic Cross mememtoes.

The Quish brothers were jubilant at their success. In the cinderella sport of the GAA, which is handball, the Quish's have made a tremendous impact. They won their awards in recognition of their clean sweep of the national doubles titles in the three different codes - 60 by 30 softball, 60 by 30 hardball and 40 by 20 Court.

Tom and John are now generally accepted as the most exciting pair in top class doubles events and are now in their 10th season of championship handball.

The awards were presented by Mr. R. M. Delany, publicity manager, B and I Line.

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• Pictured at yesterday's presentation of the B. & I. awards in Dublin were (from left): Angela Downey, Tom Quish, Ronnie Delany, publicity manager, B. & I. Line, John Quish and Anne Downey.

Double awards for camogie and handball



At the B. & I's Sportstar of the Year "Double Double" celebrations were, from left, Tom Quish, Waterford, handball winner, Angela Downey, Kilkenny, camogie winner, Ron Delany, Publicity Manager B & I, Angela's twin sister Ann and Tom's brother John Quish, who also won awards.
Picture: Jim Walpole



TRIPLE CHAMPIONS — St. Raphaels, Loughrea, who made history recently when they became the first school to win a hat-trick of All-Ireland colleges senior camogie championships. Pictured here are the players who were on all three teams. Front — Ger Fahy, Imelda Hobbins, Deirdre Costello and Brid Stratford. Back — Caroline Loughnane, Anne Fahy, Claire Robinson, Angela Cooney and Mary Dolphin.

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Vital clash

THE coming weekend being the Easter weekend clubs will enjoy a break from competitive Camogie but the County Board have taken the advantage of the free day today and have arranged a number of League games.

In the first of these games St. Finbarr's travel to Ovens to play Eire Og in a vital intermediate league tie. St. Finbarr's have full points in this competition to date and with only two games remaining will be very anxious to do well here but they can expect a tough challenge from formidable opponents Eire Og who are sure to field a number of their two-in-a-row under-16 championship winning sides. St. Finbarr's will look to the experience of the Christie sisters, Deirdre and Ann and Deirdre Ryan, to carry them through on this occasion while Eire Og will be hoping that their young stars Lynda Aherne, Suzanne O'Brien and Helena Kiely will turn up trumps.

There are six under-16 league games down for decision. In the first of these Killeagh who have up and coming young stars in Imelda Leahy and Breda Kelly should prove too strong for Watergrasshill.

Fr. O'Neill's with the experienced Fiona O'Driscoll in their line-out will be expected to do well against Castlemartyr.

Churchtown should have the edge over a young Sars side while Brian Dillons girls Gillian Ryan and Niamh Cotter should have too much experience for recently formed Mourneabbey.

Championship finalists Inniscarra who have such fine performers in Gillian Golden and Maria O'Brien could have a tough game on hand with near neighbours Aghabullogue and in the final game Ballincollig should take the points at the expense of Grenagh.

In the only other game listed Erins Own should prove too strong for St. Catherine's second squad in the junior "B" league.

The following is the Cork minor panel for the first round of the Munster Championship on the April 25.

Helena Kiely (Eire Og); Maria O'Brien (Inniscarra); Claire Barry (Brian Dillons); Eileen Buckley (Aghabullogue); Denise Cronin (Glen Rovers); Karen Higgins (Bishopstown); Fiona O'Driscoll (Inniscarra); Fiona O'Driscoll (Fr. O'Neill's); Hilda Kenneally (Newcestown); Niamh Cotter (Brian Dillons); Claire O'Regan (Eire Og); Imelda Leahy (Killeagh); Una Murphy (Eire Og); Valerie Ellis (Eire Og); Gillian Ryan (Brian Dillons); Catherine McSweeney (Douglas); Eithne Duggan (Bishopstown); Lynn Dunlea (Cloughduv); Elaine Barry-Murphy (Ballincollig).

FIXTURES

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

Intermediate League: Eire Og v St. Finbarr's at Ovens at 5 p.m. Ref. Cloughduv.

Junior "B" League: Erins Own v St. Catherine's at Erins Own at 5 p.m. Ref. Sarsfields.

Under-16 League: Killeagh v Watergrasshill at Killeagh at 5 p.m. Ref. Youghal. Castlemartyr v Fr. O'Neill's at Fr. O'Neill's at 5 p.m. Ref. Cloyne. Sarsfields v Churchtown at Sarsfields at 5 p.m. Ref. Brian Dillons. Brian Dillons v Mourneabbey at Mourneabbey at 5 p.m. Ref. Grenagh. Inniscarra v Aghabullogue at Inniscarra at 5 p.m. Ref. Eire Og. Ballincollig v Grenagh at 5 p.m. Ref. Richinstown.



Sr. Mairead presenting the All-Ireland College Junior Camogie Cup to Maire O'Sullivan, captain of the St. Mary's, Charleville, team that defeated St. Raphaels, Loughrea, in the final at Ennis. (Kieran Clancy, Echo)

40 Years Ago

IRELAND disappointed 31,000 home supporters at Dalymount Park, Dublin, when they were defeated three goals to nil by Portugal in their soccer international. The Irish team was: Breen (Shamrock Rovers), Gorman (Brentford), Hayes (Huddersfield Town), W. Walsh (Manchester City), Carey (Manchester United) (capt.), Farrell (Everton), K. O'Flanagan (Arsenal), Coad (Shamrock Rovers), D. Walsh (West Brom.), Stevenson (Everton), Eglinton (Everton).

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UCC won the Ashbourne Camogie Cup when they defeated UCD by 9-4 to nil in the final at the UCC Grounds. On the previous day in the semi-final they had another decisive 12-3 to nil win over Queen's University, Belfast, which must constitute some record, scoring a total of 21-7 with no score against you to win a competition. By their win, UCC completed a unique treble, having had already won the Fitzgibbon Hurling Cup and the Sigerson Football Cup. The UCC team was: B. Golden, S. Lyons, T. Hyde, C. Coveney, M. Conlon, S. Irwin, B. O'Carroll, M. O'Connell, B. Mitchell (capt.), G. Forrest, P. McHenry, N. McCarthy.

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Now juniors travel to Isle of Man

EFFORTS to promote Gaelic games in the Isle of Man continue over the Easter weekend with a festival of camogie. The number of clubs has doubled since the inaugural event last year.

Croagh-Kilfinny and Avoca return to Puirt Nyh-Inshe to challenge for Buanchorn na Casca. New-comers in the Senior competition will be Queens University and O'Donovan Rossa (Belfast).

Sponsored by Azaria Travel and facilitated by the Department of Education, Isle of Man, the festival expands to include a junior competition this season. Making the trip in this category will be St. Annes (Louth), Navan O'Mahonys and Glenties.

New ground was broken when the 1986 B&I Award was bestowed on the Downey twins. Normally

granted to an individual the Award was presented to honour the special contribution of Angela and Anne Downey in the 1986 season.

THE BEST

Angela already won a Texaco Award which set her aside as one of the top sporting personalities in the country. Her sister Anne had what was considered her best season to date. Anne performed particularly well for St. Pauls, Kilkenny and Leinster and becomes the fourth Kilkenny girl to be honoured.

While much of the National League programme fell victim to the weather, the provincial colleges council succeeded in staging their seven aside championships. The feedback suggests that the under-16 players took some time to adapt to the new format but the overriding opinion

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is that the girls found the new competition most enjoyable.

In Leinster, a new name emerges at All-Ireland level. Mercy, Granard knocked out Thomastown and Naas, survived extra time against Kilkormack and lead Assumption, Walkinstown to the final minute. As two teams go through to the All-Ireland series, both Granard and Walkinstown will represent Leinster on May 2.

DOMINATED

Derry schools dominated the event in Ulster. The county provided the four semi-finalists. However, St. Pius and St. Pauls, Kilrea failed to make it to the final.

St. Patricks, Maghera won their third Ulster Cham-

pionship of the season at the expense of St. Patricks, Dungiven. But, of course, Dungiven have earned their ticket to Dublin.

Scoil Mhuire, Cashel are back in an All-Ireland championship after an absence of several years. What a fightback the girls had to make to secure their place. Beaten in the first match of the day by Charleville they had to count on the last puck of the match to snatch victory from Laurel Hill.

A good win over St. Aloysius earned Cashel a play-off with Sarriff. Helen O'Leary, Ann Marie Fitzgerald, Evonne O'Dwyer, Sinead Ryan and Sharon Browne showed great determination and plenty of skill as they advanced to meet Colaiste Muire in the semi-final.

From early in the competition Colaiste with Catherine O'Loughlin in

flying form were hotly tipped to reach the final.

EASED WAY

The Cashel players gave every ounce of energy as they worked themselves to a standstill. They achieved a great victory over the Ennis school. In the meantime St. Marys, Charleville, with ten players from their senior team available, had eased their way to the final.

Exhausted limbs could give no more. The Cashel, girls had to give way to Charleville in the final but they were delighted to have secured a place.

Strangely the reaction to the new seven aside was poor in Connacht. Only two schools showed any interest. As two places were available no competition was held. Connacht will be represented by St. Raphaels, Loughrea and Mercy, Roscommon.

So easy for the champions

Cork 5-12, Waterford nil
CORK, All-Ireland champions for the past four years, overcame their first hurdle with ease, on Saturday night, when they beat a weak Waterford side in the opening round of the Munster minor championship at Ballymacoda.

It is difficult to visualise the true strength of the winners, but after a little training they could very well emulate the feats of their predecessors.

Cork's super midfield trio of Imelda Leahy, Claire O'Regan and Hilda Kenneally, provided a fantastic supply of the ball for the attack.

It took the winners 12 minutes to open their account with a point from O'Driscoll. A great goal from Imelda Leahy from 35 metres out started the goal avalanche, most coming in the second half.

Cork led by 1-4 to nil at the break and immediately after the resumption, they went further ahead through Fiona O'Driscoll and Imelda Leahy.

Cork introduced Catherine McSweeney after the interval and she fitted well into the attack, scoring a goal and making another for O'Driscoll, who emerged as Cork's leading scorer with 1-5.

CORK: M. O'Brien, C. Barry, D. Cronin, E. Buckley, F. O'Driscoll, I. Leahy, C. O'Regan, H. Kenneally, N. Cotter, V. Ellis, Lynn Dunlea, F. O'Driscoll (Fr. O'Neills). Subs.: C. McSweeney for V. Ellis; U. Murphy for N. Cotter and E. Duggan for F. O'Driscoll.

WATERFORD: B. O'Flynn, C. Hartrey, K. Hutchinson, G. O'Sullivan, S. O'Flynn, S. McCarthy, M. Crowley, G. Coughlan, S. O'Sullivan, A. M. Gorman, G. Kennedy, S. Bowes. Subs.: S. Butler for S. O'Flynn, O. Kinsella for G. Kennedy.

Referee: Mary Treacy (Kilbarney)



The Cork Minor Camogie team who defeated Waterford in the first round of the Munster Championship at Ballymacoda.

40 Years Ago

DOUGLAS won the Cork County Junior Camogie Championship title as a result of their 10-1 to 2-1 win over Whitechurch in the final. Scorers for Douglas were: A. Cummins, and D. Jones, while R. Sheehan, had the scores for the losers.

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Exciting new championship

THE ALL-IRELAND Colleges Council have come up with a very attractive new championship to commemorate their former colleague Agnes Purcell. Eight teams representing the top camogie colleges in the country will play off in a seven-a-side blitz to decide the destination of Corn Una Uí Phuirseil.

Each Provincial Council has already staged their own competition from which two teams won the right to play in Saturday's finals. The age grouping is U-16 which in effect sees the 1985/86 junior championship teams in action. The feedback from the provinces indicates that the new championship is a winner. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all who participated.

The teams have been drawn in two groups. They will play off on a league basis to find a section winner. It does not necessarily follow that a team which excels at the twelve-a-side game will be a dominant force in sevens. Classed together in Group 1 are Mercy, Roscommon, Assumption, Walkinstown, St. Patrick's, Dungiven and St. Mary's, Charleville. Group 2 assembles St. Patrick's, Maghera, Mercy, Granard, Scoil Mhuire, Cashel and St. Raphael's, Loughrea.

All-Ireland senior champions, St. Raphael's, Loughrea will be confined by age limit to two of their winning team. Triona Dolphin, and Emer Hardiman will be joined by excellent juniors Siobhán Earls, Bridget Fahy, Kathleen Coen and Fionuala Keane.

HAPPY POSITION

All-Ireland runners-up, St Mary's Charleville are in the happy position of being able to call on their centre senior panel. Players like Frances Broderick, Clare O'Callaghan, Eileen Watson, Helen Cagney, Bernie O'Brien and Roisin Daly are sure to get places.

Assumption, Walkinstown field a side as a fairing

of senior players, justified its inclusion in the Leinster, Midland, Ulster, Connaught and Munster finals. The age grouping is U-16 which in effect sees the 1985/86 junior championship teams in action. The feedback from the provinces indicates that the new championship is a winner. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all who participated.

Dual Ulster champions, St Patrick's, Maghera will be strong contenders. Brenda Kelly, Claire Mulholland, Sharon McCluskey, Bernadette Mullan and Anne McAtamney will lead the way. The second Ulster school, St. Patrick's, Dungiven have good players in Teresa Stephenson, Louise Broily, Catherine O'Neill, Celine O'Hara and Margaret McNicholl.

Scoil Mhuire, Cashel had a poor start to the Munster sevens but fought back in style to earn inclusion. If Evonne O'Dwyer, Helen O'Leary, Sharon Browne, Sinead Ryan, Ann Marie Fitzgerald and Angela Ryan show similar determination, Cashel will be a side to be reckoned with.

The final match in Division One of the National Senior League between Dublin and Kilkenny on Sunday will settle the table placings. Both counties are through to the semi-finals. Kilkenny made Cork look poor at Nowlan Park where the Downey sisters were in great form.

Galway and Clare look set to qualify from Division Two. They scored comfortable wins over Down and Antrim respectively and are nicely placed on five points each with another game in hand. Dublin, Waterford, Westmeath, Offaly, Cavan and Kildare should enhance their prospects in the National Junior League with further wins on Sunday.

CAMOGIE ROUND-UP

Without having to puck a ball against Kilkenny in tomorrow's National Senior League tie, Dublin have already qualified for a place in yet another semi-final. This has come about by Kilkenny's demolition of Cork in last Sunday's encounter in Nowlan Park and by virtue of that result the clash of the All-Ireland champions Kilkenny and beaten finalists Dublin will be to determine who finishes as winners and runners-up in division I respectively.

However, the performances of both sides will be watched with added interest as it is quite possible that these two same counties could meet again in the league final in just over a month's time. With this in mind, tomorrow's game takes on more than just academic interest. Particularly, from Dublin's point of view, it will be monitored to see how their new-look side perform against present camogie kingpins Kilkenny.

In naming their panel for the National League the Dublin selectors raised quite a few eyebrows in their choice of personnel with the result the starting line-up tomorrow includes only 6 of the team that failed so dramatically in last year's championship decider. They are Marian Conroy, Breda Kenny, Cathy Walsh, Edel Murphy, Carmel O'Byrne and Mary Mernagh.

In their outings so far the selectors' deliberations have certainly been vindicated with victories over Wexford and current league holders Cork under their belts.

But surely the supreme test will come tomorrow! Having been a spectator at the Kilkenny-Cork match last Sunday they will be very hard to beat and Dublin must be considered the underdogs on this occasion. This will suit the Dubliners as it will help to take the pressure off their players.

Nevertheless Dublin will want to win this one, particularly as it is their first outing on home territory in front of their sometimes over-critical supporters. To take on the likes of Bridie McGarry, Angela and Ann Downey, Liz Neary, Jo Dunne and Claire Jones is at any time a daunting prospect.

To face them when they appear to be in such devastating form, however, can unsettle the nerves of even the most experienced of players. For tomorrow's clash, the selectors have made two changes in personnel and one positional switch. The departure of Jo Holden to foreign shores has left a void on the left wing but the selectors have filled this gap by handing Crumlin player Mary Mernagh the chance of establishing herself for the forthcoming championship.

With Germaine Noonan unavailable, Breda Kenny, the talented and versatile UCD player is handed the onerous task of marking the game's most elusive forward Angela Downey. Angela had what must be considered one of her best games for a long time against Cork and tomorrow's result may very well hinge on how Breda and her defensive colleagues cope with this great player.

Indeed the Kilkenny forward line can also boast of other skilful players in Jo Dunne, Rita Wymes and Breda Holmes, all of whom will surely test the defensive qualities of Marian Conroy, Patricia Clinton and Ann Colgan. Breda Kenny will jump at this chance to stake a permanent position on the team and while Cork had no answer to the brilliant surging runs of Angela, I think Dublin will not allow her as much room tomorrow.

If this target is to be achieved, the Metropolitans will have to cut off the supply to the Kilkenny forward line. In this respect the centre field of Mary Mernagh, Edel Murphy and Cathy Walsh will have a heavy responsibility on their shoulders. If a team has any ambitions of triumphing they must at least win parity in the vital midfield sector.

It is from this area that the powerhouse of any good team emerges. Kilkenny's Ann Downey is playing some of the best camogie of her career just now, and her clash with Edel Murphy promises to become one of the highlights of the day.

Edel produced probably her best display ever for Dublin against Cork and will relish this threat to her supremacy. Cathy Walsh has turned in magnificent performances so far this season, and if she continues to produce the goods on the right side of midfield, she will take a lot of the burden off the defence while Mary Mernagh will need to be on her toes against the alert and industrious Claire Jones who covered every inch of Nowlan Park last Sunday.



The St. Mary's, Charleville, U-16 camogie team pictured at Belfield in Dublin after they had won the All-Ireland Seven-a-side Schools Camogie Championship.

Camogie seven a side win

THE Saint Mary's school, Charleville, camogie team scored a total of 22 goals and eight points to win the first All-Ireland Colleges seven-a-side camogie championship blitz at Belfield, Dublin, on last Saturday. The Saint Mary's side was one of two teams representing Munster in this new competition for camogie players under sixteen years of age on October 1st.

Saint Mary's played four games in the competition, beating the Northern side Dungiven by three goals and six points to one goal and one point. They were next pitted against Roscommon, one of the two Connacht representatives in the blitz and accounted for them on a scoreline of six goals and two points to one goal. Walkinstown, the Leinster team in their section were next to fall the rampant Saint Mary's girls who brushed aside their challenge by seven goals with a score of nine goals to two goals, to reach the final of the competition.

The final pairing produced a re-enactment of the sixteen camogie final proper when Saint Mary's again faced the Connaught champions Saint Raphael's from Loughrea. The Saint Mary's girls were equal to the occasion and again confirmed their superiority in this grade when they defeated Loughrea by four goals to one goal and four points to win this exciting all Ireland blitz outright. The win gave the Saint Mary's girls the right to be the first team in Ireland to put the name of their school on the magnificent Corn Una Phuirseil trophy.

Through this was a tremendous team effort, the two Ballyhea girls, Francis Broderick and Clare O'Callaghan, were acknowledged getting most of the scores for the



A delighted Eve Watson, surrounded by team-mates and supporters, holds the All-Ireland trophy aloft after the team alighted at Charleville Station on Saturday evening last following their great victory in the All-Ireland Colleges seven-a-side blitz at Belfield earlier that day. Also in the picture are Sr. M. Colman, Principal St. Mary's; Sister M. Alphonsus and Sr. M. Margaret, team coach.

Charleville girls. The win over the Loughrea girls was some measure of consolation for the Saint Mary's whose senior side was defeated by St. Raphael's in the senior All-Ireland camogie final in April.

This All-Ireland win is the second for the school this season as their under-16s also won the All-Ireland proper when they emerged winners over Loughrea last month. Saturday's All-Ireland was the fourth in which the school's teams contested since their entry into the camogie scene some four years ago. Their phenomenal success in the competition is due to the dedication of the team members and to the

expert coaching of Rev. Fr. Liam Kelleher; teachers, Vincent Harrington and Brid Larkin and Sister M. Margaret. All concerned with the team also gratefully acknowledge the excellent co-operation they have received from the school's principal Sister M. Colman and many people from Charleville and the general locality and in particular the camogie clubs in Ballyagran and Newtownshandrum.

The team to win the latest All-Ireland for the school was Mairead Cagney, Helen Cagney, Therese Sheehy, Eve Watson, Bernie O'Brien, Francis Broderick, Clare O'Callaghan, Francis Gremin, Fionn Reidy, Roisin Daly.

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Eve Watson shows the Corn Una Phuirseil to the Principal of St. Mary's School, Charleville, after the school's camogie team won the All-Ireland Colleges seven-a-side blitz at Belfield on Saturday last.

KILKENNY 2-4 DUBLIN 1-6

IN a closely contested senior National League Section One final played at Silverpark Leopardstown yesterday, Kilkenny ripped Dublin. The sides were level at the break — Kilkenny 2-0, Dublin 1-3.

Five minutes into the second period, Dublin were ahead by three points. But the visitors rallied, and levelled again three minutes from the end when ace forward Angela Downey got the winning point.

SCORERS — Kilkenny — A. Downey (0-2), J. Dunne, Ann Downey (0-1 each); B. Holmes, A. Holden (1-0 each). Dublin — MA. Keane (1-0), E. Murphy (0-3), C. O'Byrne (0-2), U. Crowley (0-1).

Junior National League — Kildare 2-3, Carlow 0-3, Offaly 9-11, Kerry 0-0. All Ireland Colleges 7-a-side Purcell Cup Final — St. Mary's Charleville 4-0, St. Raphael's Loughrea 1-1.

40 YEARS AGO

Pearl Diver, a 40/1 chance, ridden by G. Bridgland, won the English Derby at Epsom from Migoff (D. Smith, 20/1) and Sayazirao (E. Britt, 13/2).

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Cork scored a 5-3 to 2-2 win over Kerry in the first round of the Munster Senior Camogie Championships at Kenmare. The teams were: Cork: T. Barry, M. Barry, M. O'Shea, M. O'Callaghan, T. Long, M. Horgan, M. Morris, M. O'Connor, F. O'Mahony, F. Murphy, E. McDonnell, E. O'Leary.

Kerry: B. Galvin, J. Downing, A. Hanley, B. Mitchell, P. Browne, A. O'Sullivan, C. McCarthy, N. Palmer, F. O'Connor, T. Maybury, C. Healy, E. Healy.

Kilkenny must be choice

THERE was a rip-roaring finish to the last meeting between Kilkenny and Cork. Then, Kilkenny snatched victory in injury time and went on to win the All-Ireland title, while Cork were left pondering what might have been.

Eight months later Cork return to Nowlan Park for what will be more than a run of the mill National League match. Cathy Landers, Marie Ryan and Angela Sheehan are not available to the selectors and Clare Cronin is still in Australia.

A Cork side which showed an obvious lack of preparation finished two goals behind Dublin last month. Hopefully, experienced players of the status of Sandie Fitzgibbon and Eileen Dineen who missed that game will be in action in Nowlan Park. Cork are experimenting in a number of positions, notably centre-back and centre-forward and young players continue to get the opportunity to prove themselves.

A confident Kilkenny, with four B & I Award winners in their line-out, will take the field. The All-Ireland champions have their full panel at their disposal and will be very hard to beat. To remain in contention for League honours, Cork must do well.

The new look Clare team is progressing nicely. With three points from two games they are up among the leaders in Section 2. Clare had a fine win over Tipperary and held Galway to a draw. If Catherine McNicholas, Pauline O'Brien, Sheila O'Halloran and Catherine O'Loughlin can elude their markers, two further points will be on the board for Clare at the finish.

Bad weather has confined Antrim to one outing when they were held by Down. With several weeks training in the meantime Mary Lundy, Patricia Hale, Anne Higgins, Mary McMullan and M. Gibson should be in better fettle. However, a win over Clare will not be easy.

Down will be visitors to Oranmore where they meet Galway. Only three points separated these teams in the corresponding match last year. There was room for improvement in Down's display against Antrim. If Teresa Allen, Rita Neeson, Nuala McCartan, Fionnuala McGrady and Noreen O'Prey can step up on that performance, it could be a useful outing for Down.

Galway are doubly engaged at Oranmore. Their juniors have a vital game with Dublin. With five points already to their credit, a win here would put Galway in a very strong position. Dublin, as usual, field a strong second string. Denise O'Leary, Phyllis Dawson, Carmel Gray, Geraldine Dunne and Mairead Cronin will make Galway work hard for the points.

Kilkenny succeed in style

KILKENNY 3-14
CORK 1-9

IN the second round of the senior national camogie league played at Nowlan Park yesterday Cork, the holders, surrendered the points to an in-form Kilkenny side by a score of 3-14 to 1-9.

There was never any doubt about the superiority of the winners who had a half-time lead of 2-10 to 1-9. Ace forward Angela Downey was in top form scoring 2-7 of her side's total. In a Junior League match Kilkenny defeated Tipperary 3-19 to 0-4.

Scorers — Kilkenny — Angela Downey (2-7), Ann Downey (0-4), J. Dunne (1-1), R. Wymes (0-2). Cork — N. O'Driscoll (0-4), M. Farrell, L. Mellerick and V. Fitzpatrick (0-1 each), M. Geaney (1-0).

GALWAY, 6-7; DOWN, 2-5

AT ORANMORE, Co. Galway, Galway seniors defeated Down who had been in the match up to the interval when they trailed by just two points. However, Galway took control in the second half and ran out easy winners.

Scorers — Galway — A. Ryan (2-1), A. Fahy (1-1), D. Lawless (1-0), M. Kelly (1-0), S. Coen (1-0), T. Rafferty (0-1), B. Connolly (0-1). Down — F. McGrady (1-0), R. Neeson (1-0), K. Rice (0-1).

DUBLIN, 3-5; GALWAY, 1-1

IN THE Junior tie at Oranmore Dublin triumphed over a game Galway side who found the power of Dublin's forward line too much for them.

Geraldine Dunne had a great game for Dublin scoring 2-3 of her side's total. Geraldine Pagan scored the rest of Dublin's tally.

Scorers — Dublin — G. Dunne (2-3), G. Pagan (1-2). Galway — P. Connor (1-0), M. Ryan (0-1).

RESULTS

S. National League — Clare 1-11, Antrim 1-5, Galway 6-7, Down 2-5. J. National League — Clare 3-9, Wexford 2-2, Louth 1-9, Wicklow 1-4, Kilkenny 3-9, Tipperary 0-4.

Kilkenny easily master Cork

Kilkenny 3-14, Cork 1-9

THE scoreline truly reflects this senior national camogie league tie at sun-drenched Nowlan Park, Kilkenny yesterday.

Kilkenny dominated the game without extending themselves, and in the end were relaxed winners.

Angela Downey set the scene after little more than a minute from the start when she pointed and followed up with several more scores.

Margaret Farrell opened Cork's account with a point but with Angela Downey in rampant form, scoring two goals and six points in the first half, Kilkenny led by 2-10 to 1-3 at half time.

Cork opened well in the second half and hauled back a few scores, but two points from Ann Downey put Kilkenny back in control again and there they stayed.

Best for Kilkenny were sisters, Angela and Ann Downey, Bridie McGarry, Biddy O'Sullivan, Clare Jones, Anna Whelan and Jo Dunne.

The hardest triers for a Cork team who never seemed to get their act together, were Margaret Farrell, Val Fitzpatrick and Linda Mellerick.

Scorers Kilkenny, Angela Downey 2-7, Ann Downey 0-4, J. Dunne 1-1, Rita Wemyss 0-2. Cork: N. O'Driscoll 0-4, M. Geaney 1-0, M. Farrell, L. Mellerick, V. Fitzpatrick 0-1.

KILKENNY — M. Fitzpatrick, L. Neary, D. Malone, B. McGarry, B. O'Sullivan, A. Whelan, Ann Downey, C. Jones, Angela Downey, R. Wemyss, J. Dunne, B. Holmes.

CORK — N. McCarthy, E. Dineen, M. Spillane, L. Dunphy, L. O'Leary, V. Fitzpatrick, P. Keniry, L. Mellerick, M. Farrell, C. O'Mahony, N. O'Driscoll, M. Geaney, Subs J. McCarthy for O'Mahony, A. Leahy for Keniry, M. Ring for Spillane.

Referee, Phyllis Breslin, Dublin. In the Junior National Camogie League, Kilkenny had little difficulty in beating Tipperary by 3-19 to 0-4.

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Pictured at the Glen Rovers Camogie Club were above (from left): Nano O'Callaghan, Mamie Kenny, and Chrissie Hurley, and below (from left): Therese O'Callaghan, Mary Ring, and Tracy Riordan. (Eddie O'Connell)

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Cork treat Clare with caution

THE Cork senior team commence their Munster Championship campaign tomorrow night with a first round tie with Clare, scheduled for Ballincollig. On the local front, the Under-18 Championship continues on Sunday with four interesting clashes listed, while the coming week will see a number of vital Senior and Under-16 League games decided.

As a result of their very disappointing and decisive defeat by Kilkenny in the National League last Sunday, the Cork selectors have made a number of changes in the team selected for tomorrow's game against Clare.

Onto the team comes the Glen Rovers pair Mary Ring and Ann Delaney. Mary Ring comes in at right corner-back to the exclusion of Mary Spillane, while Ann Delaney takes over from Liz Dunphy in the left corner. Eileen Dineen, now fully recovered from her recent injury, returns to her old position at full-back with Killeagh's Ann Leahy, who did well when she came on to the side last Sunday, taking over at centre-back.

Sandy Fitzgibbon, unavailable for selection up to now, returns to the side and she will be partnered at mid-field by clubmate Val Fitzpatrick and Lynda Mellerick. Margaret Farrell regains her position at centre-forward. Irene O'Leary moves to the left corner-

forward position in place of Colette O'Mahony with Mary Geaney at full-forward and Noelle O'Driscoll in the right corner.

Clare, who won the All-Ireland Junior Championship last season, will field the majority of this team again tomorrow. They have been doing very well in the National League to date, having recorded fine victories over Tipperary and Antrim. Players like Maura McNicholas, Sheila O'Halloran, Carmel Wall and Catherine Loughlin have all shown excellent form and could put Clare well in contention at senior level this season.

Cork would be well advised to treat this game with caution and the selectors will be hoping for a hundred per cent improvement from all players if they are to be successful this season.

There are a number of interesting clashes in the Under-18 Championship on Sunday with top of the bill being the clash between old rivals St.

Finbarrs and Brian Dillons. The Under-18 Championship is the only under-age trophy that has eluded the Barrs and they will be hoping to rectify this situation this year. They are in a position to call on a number of their more experienced players in Colette O'Mahony, Paula Carey, Colette Cronin, Deirdre Christie and Niamh Coughlan but they are sure to face tough opposition from a Brian Dillons side that will include such fine performers as Aileen Barry, Karen Mellerick and Mary Mulcahy.

It is bound to be close, too, between Glen Rovers and Bishopstown. Glen have fine players in Tracy Riordan, Denise Cronin and Carmel Currid but these girls could find the going tough against a Sheenagh Morley and Deirdre Carroll led Bishopstown side.

Eire Og, under-16 champions for the last two seasons, should have the edge over Newcestown despite the efforts

of Cork minor Hilda Kenneally and in the final game Aghabullogue with the advantage of a home venue could put a stop to the progress of Killeagh.

In the remaining games of the week Glen Rovers, Eire Og and St. Finbarrs will all be expected to pick up Senior League points while in the Under-16 League Bishopstown, Killeagh and St. Finbarrs should all come out on top.

Finally, clubs are reminded to phone in the result of games to the PRO, Mary McCarthy, each Sunday night between 6.30 and 7.30 for publication in the *Cork Examiner*.

Tomorrow

Munster Senior Championship — Cork v. Clare at Ballincollig at 7 p.m.

Sunday, May 3

Under-18 Championship 1986 — Killeagh v. Aghabullogue at Aghabullogue at 12 noon (referee Ballinora); St. Finbarrs v. Brian Dillons at St. Finbarrs at 12 noon (June Hamill); Bishops-

town v. Glen Rovers at Glen Rovers at 3 p.m. (Sarsfields); Eire Og v. Newcestown at Eire Og at 12 noon (Mairead Donovan).

Junior 'A' League — Inniscarra v. Douglas at Inniscarra at 3 p.m.

Monday, May 4

Senior League — Killeagh v. Glen Rovers at Killeagh at 7 p.m. (Fr. O'Neill's).

Wednesday, May 6

Senior League — Eire Og v. Blackrock at Ovens at 7.30 (St. Finbarrs).

Under-16 League — Bishopstown 'A' v. Na Piarasigh at Na Piarasigh at 7.15 (Brian Dillons); Killeagh v. Fr. O'Neills at Killeagh at 7.15 (St. Catherine's); Douglas v. St. Finbarrs at Douglas at 7.15.

Thursday, May 7

Senior League — St. Finbarrs v. Na Piarasigh at Na Piarasigh at 7.15 (Glen Rovers).

Cork — Marian McCarthy, Mary Ring, Eileen Dineen, Ann Delaney, Ann Leahy, Sandy Fitzgibbon, Val Fitzpatrick, Lynda Mellerick, Margaret Farrell, Noelle O'Driscoll, Mary Geaney, Irene O'Leary, Subs.: Patricia Fitzgibbon, Colette O'Mahony, Mary Spillane, Liz Dunphy, Ger McCarthy, Patsy Keniry.



Cork full-forward Mary Geaney (right) in a tussle with a Clare defender during the Munster Senior Camogie Championship at Ballincollig on Saturday, which Cork won. (Examiner)



Glen Rovers Camogie Club committee members at their social held at the Glen Hall. Included (seated from left) are: Nora Noonan, chairperson; Anna Crotty, president and Nora Cronin, vice-chairperson. (Standing from left): Deirdre Coleman, treasurer; Mary Noonan-McCarthy, secretary; Finbarr O'Neill, trainer; Mary Ring, capt. All-Ireland 1986 winning team, and Ann Delaney. Trophies are the Cork County Senior Championship; Munster Club Championship and the All-Ireland. (Eddie O'Hare)

KILLEAGH -

A Fairytale Ascension To A Glorious Chapter

In the annals of G.A.A. sporting achievements the barony of East Cork is well renowned for its many splendid sons whose silken skills in the art of hurling thrilled countless Corkonians in pursuit of victory. From Cloyne came the immortal Christy Ring, who chose to pledge his allegiance to the famed North Side city club, Glen Rovers. From Carrigtwohill came two splendid hurling artists, Willie John Daly and Matt Fuhly. Paddy Barry of Sars and Glanmire needs no introduction to hurling followers, Gerald Murphy of Middleton was another fine exponent in the art. In later years parading on All-Ireland Day we have witnessed other notable East Cork men, Sean O'Leary of Middleton, who played his hurling with Youghal, is a household name. John Fenton, Willie Walsh and many other personalities represented the East Cork region with pride and dignity.

In May 1973, a cluster of enthusiasts in the village of Killeagh, which was the home of former hurler makers P.J. O'Mahony, united to form a club that was to become within 13 years a powerhouse in Cork Camogie. Sport has a nasty habit of proclaiming only the victors. Even in victory the sport of camogie gets scant recognition compared to its male counterpart, hurling. The popularity of camogie is confined to ardent supporters of the sport and attendances at games are mainly dominated by the female fraternity. Always striving for due promotion, camogie in the village of Killeagh, involves the whole community and since their foundation the honours garnered in the field of battle have been, to put it mildly, most impressive. Such achievements in any other sphere would have emblazoned this club's name in neon lights. Tucked away on the East Cork border it is a respected club in camogie circles.

The founder of Killeagh Camogie Club was Mr. Tony O'Neill. Without his inspiration it is possible that the ladies of Killeagh and surrounding hinterland would be compelled to join neighbouring parish teams.

Armed with the aspiration to form a team, Tony O'Neill approached, amongst others, Mrs. Sheila Spillane. Steeped in sporting interests, Sheila was the perfect anchor, and with daughters blossoming into womanhood, a local camogie club seemed a very logical idea. From those early discussions came the first officers of the club and from that inception in 1973 the seeds were sown on what was to become one of Ireland's most dramatic inclines in sporting annals.

For the record the officers of the founding committee were as follows:

President:
Fr. O'Brien
Vice-President:
Mrs. P. Joyce
Chairman: Mrs.
Sheila Spillane
Vice Chairman:
Mrs. Bridie Landers

Hon. Secretary:

Mr. Tony O'Neill

Hon. Treasurer:

Carmel Barry

Committee:

Mrs. M. Fitzgibbon, Mrs.

E. Fogarty, Betty Griffin,

Cathy Landers, Betty Joyce

and Mary Walsh.

*Club colours were adopted
as green and black.*

Fr. O'Neill's, from nearby Ballymacoda, provided the initial opposition in two challenge games, and in the words of Sheila Spillane, victory by Killeagh in both games was the perfect launching pad.

Boosted by the return of two local players, Marion Sweeney and Pat Moloney, both playing with Youghal, these two players were to be the foundation stones for a glorious chapter of success that has surpassed the wildest dreams of the original founders.

In 1974 for the first time a team was entered for the Junior 'B' County Championship and amidst a flurry of expectation conquered all-comers only to succumb to champions Eire Og in the final. A

spirit and conviction had been born and that torch is still shining bright in 1987. The beaten finalists on that eventful afternoon were:

Eleanor Walsh, Marion Foley, Breda Murphy, Breda Landers, Betty Joyce, Catherine Landers, Marion Sweeney, Mary Murphy, K. O'Driscoll, Mary Walsh, Mary Joyce, Catherine McCarthy. Subs: M. Seward, P. Barry, M. Fogarty.

Regretably for the girls of Killeagh, one of their stalwarts was not permitted to play in the final versus Eire Og due to a college rule at that time.

Also in 1974 Marion Sweeney captained the Cork team defeated by Kilkenny in the All-Ireland final and her clubmate Pat Moloney also wore the Cork jersey on that occasion. Representation was also achieved on the Cork Minor team by Cathy Landers and Betty Joyce. The honours for this babe of camogie did not conclude here, as Marion Sweeney and Cathy Landers won Cork County Senior Championship medals with their divisional team, Imokilly. At the conclusion of their first term of active competition, Killeagh had established a firm footing in Cork

Killeagh, small in population, but strong in heart was now gaining the attention of the local community. Support for this club is exceptionally strong and they enjoy a splendid harmonious relationship with a close affinity that forms a human tornado on match days. Supported from all quarters, they seldom failed to deliver the goods in large quantities and naturally on success there is an inclination to seek more. To-day in Killeagh, the camogie club is the vibrant aspiration of future stars, and with continued emphasis on development, they are right on cue to repeat the many triumphs achieved in a short history.

Success in Killeagh by the end of season '75 had a new meaning, but certainly it was a precious right that would not be relinquished lightly and in 1976 a further giant step forward took place.

Entering into intermediate ranks they were confronted by Eire Og in the final of the County Championship, but alas, confrontation with authority raised its ugly head. The final came to a dramatic draw and both teams were obliged to endure the heat of a repeat battle to dispute victory. The replay due to circumstances better known to Killeagh, than the officers of the Cork County Board did not take place. Drawing their reserves of talent from a small and select pool of players, Killeagh, due to injury could barely muster twelve players which is the minimum compliment required in camogie regulations. An injury to key player Pat Moloney, further decimated their ability to succeed and on these grounds they sought

approval for a postponement. This request was not granted, and despite Eire Ogs determination to claim the trophy in the field of action, the masters of the rules disqualified Killeagh. Despite this setback m/s Sweeney, Moloney, Landers, Joyce assisted Cork in respective inter-county grades. The club took titles in the Intermediate League and Under 18 League.

By 1977 they were upgraded to Senior ranks which was the fruition of three years planning and strategy in the lower grades. A remarkable achievement, desired by many but achieved by few. It was in every sense a fairy tale romance with camogie, that will live forever in the memories of those associated with this great game.

In the baptism of their first year they were beaten by arch rivals Eire Og at the semi-final stage on a score line of 4-6 to 4-3. To compensate however, they took the Senior Club Championship title, a competition which excluded divisional teams and for good measure also wrapped up honours in the Senior League, Under 16 League and Under 14 League.

By the end of season '77 they were truly baptised in every sense of the word and no longer the cinderellas of camogie. They adopted a passionate devotion to the game worthy of the highest recognition. So it was onto 1978.

Eire Og were now the prime thorn in the armoury of Killeagh, and once again provided the opposition in the Cork County Senior Championship final.

Slipping a gear they also lost to

Carrigrohilla in the Junior 'B' Championship final and again were on the wrong side of the victory rostrum against Watergrasshill in the Senior Club Championship. Consolation came their way in the winning of the Under 18 league, Under 16 Championship and perhaps disappointment again losing the final of the Under 14 league.

In September '78 no fewer than 6 players from this rural community of East Cork took the field in Cork jerseys in Croke Park on All-Ireland Final days. A distinction of sheer pride from a club in its fifth year of existence.

Pat Moloney carving a unique chapter for herself and her club was voted "Camogie Player of the Year" in 1978 to add further dignity to the explosion now taking place in camogie circles.

Suddenly 1979, although successful by the standards of other clubs, was not one of their better years. Runners-up to Eire Og in the Senior Championship once again, they garnered solace in triumphs at Under 16 Championship, while m/s Landers and Keniry won All-Ireland medals with Cork Under 16.

1980 was D-Year. Winning the County Senior Championship, they followed on with more titles by winning the Munster Super League, Munster Club Championship and of course this gathering of titles would not be complete without the big one. Yes, Killeagh were the first Cork Camogie Club to win the All-Ireland Senior Club Championship, a significant chapter in Cork Camogie.

Individual players gained recognition with Cork teams in every grade bringing further medals and glory to East Cork. By the end of season 1980 Killeagh had conquered the world of camogie and were replacing old established clubs as the kingpins of this national past-time.

After the hefty heights of stardom in 1980 Killeagh could have been excused if they drifted into obscurity in 1981. Such success inevitably takes its toll, and drawing from a small pool of players where the pregnancy of one member could ruffle the feathers of the team, it is remarkable that further success was accomplished in 1981.

The County Club Senior Championship and the Munster Club Championship were added to the laurels in 1981. Runners up to Buffers Alley in the All-Ireland Club Championship, they compensated by claiming the All-Ireland Club 7-a-side title.

1982 was another milestone in their development beating Na Piarraig in Cork County Senior Club Final (Championship) and also winning the Munster title, but again losing out to Buffers Alley of Wexford in the All-Ireland Club Final.

Cork in 1982 beat Dublin in the All-Ireland final and were captained by Pat Moloney of Killeagh. The

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Officers of the Killeagh Camogie Club

photographed with a selection of trophies won in 1980 including the All-Ireland Senior Club Title

From L to R seated Pa Foley (R.I.P.) Club President, Catherine Landers Team Captain, Standing left to right: Mrs. Sheila Spillane, Chairperson, Mr. Eamon Lenehan, Team Trainer, Marion Foley, Treasurer.

club also claimed representation in the persons of Marion Sweeney and Catherine Landers. Further inter-county honours were claimed in various grades during the '82 season by Anne-Marie Landers, Ann Leahy and Shelly Spillane.

In 1983 after a decade of camogie competition the scene was set for a temporary lull in performances that resulted in Killeagh succumbing to Eire Og in the semi-final of the Cork County Championship. No honours were placed on the side board that year, but a total whitewash was averted by Cathy Landers captaining Corks victorious senior team defeating Dublin again in the All-Ireland Final. Again Marion Sweeney swelled the Killeagh representation. On the Cork Junior team that also defeated Dublin, Killeagh were again represented by four players.

Having suffered lost pride in 1983 at club level, they set about in 1984 reclaiming titles that had rested during the winter months in unfamiliar territory. That they succeeded to regain the Cork County Championship is a great indication of their convictions and beliefs for outright success.

The Munster Club Championship again found its way to Killeagh, but the might of the Slaney side girls was again to prove an insurmountable barrier in the All-Ireland Club Championship Final. Cathy and Ann-Marie Landers were on the losing Cork team of the All-Ireland semi-final. A token of reprieve came their way by the presence of Kathleen Costine, Mary Spillane and Patricia Fitzgibbon on the Cork Junior Camogie team that wrestled the laurels from Cavan in the All-Ireland Final. At Under 16 level, two further members of this club represented Cork, Helen O'Connor and Ann Leahy clinching another triumph, this time at the expense of Galway.

In 1985/1986 they lost two successive Senior County Championship finals to Eire Og and Glen Rovers respectively. Their representation on the Cork Senior team now includes Cathy Landers, Patsy Keniry, Shelly and Mary Spillane, Marion Sweeney and Ann-Marie Landers. The strength of the club is still virile from their junior championship success in '86. They will be the team that others will have to challenge in 1987.

A team regardless of its credentials

on the field of play could not reap such dividends of success without the full and able co-operation of the back-ground organisation. In Killeagh that co-operation is epitomised by the sheer commitment of the Spillane family at Burgess on the Youghal/Killeagh Road.

Playing from their foundation in 1973 to 1977 at the local G.A.A. grounds, they moved in 1978 to a splendidly appointed sports field presented to the club free of charge by the Spillane family, a truly remarkable prize by any standards, but entirely deserved nevertheless. The entire Spillane family are immersed by the hour in Killeagh Camogie Club, but still find time to indulge in another past-time where further laurels have been garnered. The Spillanes know a trick or two in greyhound circles. Tony O'Neill, the founder of the club, is a father figure of authority that commands a respectful affinity with the camogie ladies in Killeagh.

Local support, financial and vocal, needs little encouragement. This club ascended to a fairy-tale chapter of success in a short term of existence ensuring that future generations of the club will have a difficult act to follow.

Such achievements in most other spheres of sport would have become legend, but camogie as a sister sport to hurling does not hug the limelight or grab news headlines as dramatically as its male counterpart. Our synchronising of the achievements of Killeagh Camogie Club will we trust bring joyful reading to our many readers.

Nenagh girls extra special

NENAGH VS 6-2, Passage West 3-1

NENAGH recorded a merited win over Passage in a thrilling Munster Vocational School Camogie Championship final that went to extra time at Cashel yesterday. The evenly matched sides were level at 2-1 apiece at the end of normal time after an enthralling game which produced some brilliant stickwork.

Passage looked the better side in the opening half with inter-county player Linda Mellerick starring at midfield and producing some brilliant solo runs. She tired, however, late in the game.

Nenagh settled down much better in the second half. They grew in confidence and produced a delightful brand of hurling from Deirdre Hughes, Sinead Tynan and Antoinette Kennedy. They gradually began to take control and in a great finish to the half got on terms to earn extra-time.

Nenagh went ahead soon into added time when Caroline Power lashed home a great goal to leave it 3-2 to 2-1. Margaret McSweeney replied with another goal to leave Passage just a point in arrears. Passage, however, seemed to fade and lose their momentum in the closing stages and Nenagh took control. They put the issue beyond doubt in the last second of the game when Josephine Freeman banged home a great goal to leave them worthy winners.

Scorers: Nenagh: C. Power 4-0, D. Hughes and J. Freeman 1-0, A. Hayes and J. Fennessey 0-1 each.

Passage: L. Mellerick 1-1, C. McSweeney and M. O'Donovan 1-0 each. Referee Mrs. M. O'Dwyer, Boherlahan.

Nenagh: N. Dwan, T. Madden, A. Hayes (Capt), A. Kennedy, J. Kennedy, D. Hughes, J. Fennessey, S. Tynan, M. Collins, C. Power, J. Freeman, C. Spaight.

Passage: G. Carroll, A. Cashman, D. O'Sullivan, S. O'Brien, A. Riordan, M. O'Donovan, C. Mellerick, U. O'Neill, L. Mellerick, D. Maxwell, C. McSweeney, E. Twomey.

Mullagh are still tops

MULLAGH 5-3
PEARSE 2-3

MULLAGH retained their Feile title when pulling away from their arch-rivals, Pearse, in the closing stages of an exciting county final at New Inn on Saturday last.

It was anybody's game up to ten minutes from the end at a stage when both teams were level, but Pearse did not have an answer to Mullagh's Emer Hardiman who seemed to be all over the place in the final stages.

Others to catch the eye for Mullagh were M. Connaughton, M. Garvey, P. Connolly and A. Cormican.

Pearse were not without their stars either and S. Glynn, one of the youngest players in the field, was a treat to watch. T. Laheen and C. Hynes also did well.

Mullagh: S. Hardiman, M. Connaughton, S. Kilkenny, P. Connolly (0-3), M. Garvey, F. Connaughton, Y. Lowry, L. Mannion, P. Nevin, A. Cormican (2-0), N. Glennon (1-0) and E. Hardiman (2-0).

Pearse: C. Laheen, A. M. Flynn, M. Grady, M. Geraghty, C. Dillon, S. Glynn (1-3), C. Hynes, J. Kenny, T. Laheen (1-0), H. Geraghty, L. Ryan, S. Hynes.

There were 28 competitors for the skills; competition was keen with C. Lynch (Davitts) retaining the title. S. Glynn (Pearse) was a close second, only four marks behind.

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St. Finbarrs defend Pan Celtic title

FIFTEEN visiting clubs will take the road to Killarney this weekend for the annual Pan Celtic Festival. The host club has planned competitions in senior and under 16 levels.

The holders, St. Finbarrs (Cork), are defending the Senior A Trophy and in a knockout competition, they will be opposed by Eire Og, Glen Rovers and Droghda-Kilfinny.

What promises to be the best competition is the under 16A where top clubs including Brian Dillons, St. Monicas, Saltchill, Newtownshandrum, St. Ibars, Eire Og (Clare), Eire Og (Cork), and Bishopstown will be bidding for honours.

Meanwhile, Clare should lay claim to the final

place in the National Senior League semi-finals when they play Downon Sunday. Considering that many of this Clare team are experiencing their first season in senior camogie, they have performed very well. Down have been something of a disappointment in the competition.

Kilkenny juniors looked very good against Tipperary in their last outing. Young players like Marina Downey, Breda Cahill, Joan Lanigan and Teresa Fennelly showed promise as future seniors. However, Galway will provide much stiffer opposition on Sunday when two good sides should produce a great game.

Tipperary have a home

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game with Wexford. The Tipp sidelacked preparation and organisation against Kilkenny. With their minors already out of the minor championship and the seniors unable to muster a team, the situation looks far from rosy in the county.

The Wexford juniors have not impressed this season either. Their rating has slipped significantly from what it was two years ago. This match will have no bearing on the League but both sides will use the outing to sharpen themselves for the championship.

Armagh slipped to section leaders Kildare but

should resume their winning way against Tyrone. Wicklow will be at home to Monaghan in a game which neither can afford to lose.

The Leinster championships get underway, with Dublin meeting Offaly in a junior and minor grades. The League chart points to a win for Dublin in the junior game, where Geraldine Dunne, Carmel Gray, Anne Cooper, Louise Lynch and Denise O'Leary should control matters. With so many underage players to choose from, Dublin must also be favourites for the minor game.

The inaugural Corn Ua Ui Phuirseil series proved to be a most enjoyable affair as the best of under 16 colleges players were on view.

St. Marys Charleville took their second All-Ireland Colleges trophy of the season when they were worthy winners over St. Raphaels, Loughrea. The play of Eve Watson, Frances Broderick and Helen Cagney and the scoring feats of 13-year-old Clare O'Callaghan caught the eye.

Cork and Limerick are through to the semi-finals of the Munster Minor Championship. Cork accounted for Waterford and will face Kerry next time out. Limerick, who scored impressively against Tipperary, will have a tough assignment in a highly rated Clare team.

Cork are through to another Munster Senior final. They finished five points in front of Clare in last Saturday's semi-final.

All action in the Kingdom for Pan Celtic Festival

THE big race for the Senior Championship starts this coming week with a preliminary round between Aghabullogue and Glen Rovers down for decision on Thursday night. Over the weekend the annual Pan Celtic Festival of Camogie takes place in Killarney and in the only other game listed, Killeagh and Erins Own meet in the quarter-final of the Under-18 Championship on Wednesday night.

On Thursday night Glen Rovers set out in defence of their senior title they won so impressively last season with a first round game against Aghabullogue and here Glen will be expected to field a number of their younger players that night.

There should be plenty

of keen competition at the annual Pan Celtic Festival in Killarney over the weekend. The Pan Celtic Festival has been growing in popularity since its inception some years back and this year's event promises to be no exception with clubs from all over the country travelling to the Kingdom for the big event.

This year Cork will be represented in the senior 'A' competition by Glen Rovers, Eire Og and the winners of the title last year, St. Finbarrs, while in the senior 'B' competition Cork will be represented by the holders Brian Dillons, Fr. O'Neills and Douglas.

In the under-16 grade Eire Og, Glen Rovers, Blackrock, Inniscarra and Bishopstown will

keep the Cork flag flying.

In the remaining game of the week, Killeagh should have the edge over Erins Own in the Under-18 Championship quarter-final. They have up-and-coming young stars in Imelda and Ina Leahy, Breda Kelly and Sandra Landers and if these girls can maintain their recent form it is difficult to see Erins Own holding them on this occasion despite the efforts of Joy Nicholl, Catherine Buckley and Lorraine Sheehan.

Friday, May 15: Sarsfields v. Na Piarsaigh at Delaneys.

Sunday, May 24: St. Finbarrs v. Fr. O'Neills at Carrigtwohill.

Wednesday, May 27: Winners of Na Piarsaigh/Sarsfields v. Killeagh.

Thursday, May 28: Winners of Aghabullogue/Glen Rovers v. Blackrock.

Tomorrow and Sunday next: Pan Celtic competition in Killarney.

Wednesday, May 13: Killeagh v. Erins Own at Killeagh at 7.15 (referee Fr. O'Neills).

Thursday, May 14: Senior Championship, Glen Rovers v. Aghabullogue at Ballinora at 7.30 (Bernie Murphy).

Glen Rovers prove best

Powered by their Cork senior midfielder, Val Fitzpatrick, Glen Rovers, of Cork, swept to their second Pan Celtic all-Ireland blitz title in three years in resounding fashion at Killarney yesterday. Rovers always held the whip hand over Cork rivals, Eire Og in the decider and even deprived them of the consolation of a score.

Brian Dillon, of Cork, defeated Youghal side, Fr. O'Neill's, in the senior "B" final. In the under-16 "A" final, first time entrants, Newtownshandrum (Limerick) narrowly defeated Bishopstown by 2-5 to 1-7 in the final. The under-16 "B" championship went to Waterford side Ardkeen, who beat Blackrock of Cork.

DUBLIN 2-12
OFFALY 1-2

Dublin qualified for the quarter-finals of the Leinster Junior championships by defeating Offaly 2-12 to 1-2 in the first round at Silver Park, Leopardstown, yesterday. The winners laid the foundation for success in the opening half and turned over with a comfortable lead of 2-8 to 1-2. Offaly, however, defended strongly in the second period and conceded only 0-4.

DUBLIN (G. Dunne 0-7, S. Cronin 1-0, E. Campbell 1-0, C. Gray 0-3, D. O'Leary 0-2).
OFFALY (F. Broghill 1-0, A. Rigney 0-2).

Leinster Minor Championship (first round) — Dublin 4-11, Offaly 1-2. Leinster Colleges' Senior "B" final — Mercy, Granard 2-9, Presentation, Castlecomer 1-1. Intermediate Colleges' Championship final — Loreto, Navan 7-1, Holy Faith, Clontarf 1-1. NSL — Clare 3-4, Down 2-5.

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Time running out for Cork, Wexford

TIME is running out for Cork and Wexford if their senior teams are to salvage something from the season. Nestled together at the bottom of the National Senior League table, both have been at the receiving end from Dublin and Kilkenny.

With only seven weeks to go to the opening of the All-Ireland Senior Championship both teams will be hoping to improve sufficiently to make an impact in the premier competition. They meet at Monomolin on Sunday for two League points which will be of no value.

Cork opened the League campaign as champions, but have tumbled from that position of oblivion. For those who believe that sufficient players of good standard are available to form a strong side, the present

state of affairs in Cork cries out for action.

Wexford's hopes of a good season have not as yet materialised. Neither the senior or junior teams have made an impact in the League.

These counties find themselves in what is generally regarded as the easy side of the championship draw. Opportunity lies ahead for the one who can put it together.

The semi-finals of the Dublin Senior Championship will be staged at Russell Park on Wednesday night. The strong teams have survived the earlier rounds to make an attractive programme. Holders Crumlin face U.C.D. while up and coming Marino tackle Celtic.

Crumlin swept all before them in 1985. They retained their Dublin title last season

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and are the team to beat. In Barbara Redmond, Cathy Walsh, Mary Mernagh, Mary Keane and Ann Redmond they have class players and will prove very difficult to beat.

U.C.D. have enjoyed great success at intervarsity level in recent years. A mixture of students and graduates from those winning teams will take the field against Crumlin. Edel Murphy, Breda Kenny, Gaye Moran, Marie Connell and Joan Gormley form the mainstay of the team which will prove strong opposition for the champions.

The great work undertaken over the years at underage level by the Marino club is now paying off. Players like Carmel

O'Byrne, Patricia Clinton, Germaine NMOONAN AND Denise O'Leary are products of their excellent system. The addition of Maura McNicholas, who captained Clare to victory last September, improves Marino's chances of a breakthrough.

Celtic, a club with a great tradition, has been out of the winners enclosure for a few seasons. Some new faces including Anne Thorpe, Toni O'Byrne and Mairead Cronin are seen in Celtic colours. They join with Anne Colgan, Marion Conroy and Una Crowley to strengthen the side.

Tipperary are at home to Dublin in the National Junior League. A hundred per cent improvement on their Kilkenny showing will be required if they are to prevent Dublin from stretching their lead at the top of the table.

Clare and Kilkenny juniors should provide an excellent game. Both have young talented players with promise for the future. A win for Clare would keep them in touch with the leaders. Louth should account for Fermanagh at Enniskillen.

The Ulster Minor Championship opens with four matches. If colleges camogie may be regarded as a useful indicator, Derry should do well in the competition. With successful college teams in Mrehera, Dungannon and Magherafelt to choose from, the nucleus of a first side exists.

Armagh will be expected to account of Monaghan. Cavan should prove too strong for Fermanagh. Holders Down should be superior to Tyrone and Derry should have the beating of Antrim.



The Newtownshandrum under-16 team who won the Pan Celtic National camogie competition in Killarney recently are photographed here. They beat Bishopstown in the final by 2-7 to 2-5 after a thrilling game.



St. Marys, Middleton, who won their first ever Munster Colleges Championship on Saturday when they defeated Colaiste Muire, Ennis, in the final of the Munster Colleges First Year Championship in Limerick.

COLLEGES BLITZ

Colaiste Muire, Ennis, reached the final of the Munster Colleges first year camogie blitz at the Laurel Hill Convent grounds in Limerick on Saturday last. The team, trained by Mairead Bergin, beat Laurel Hill and Cashal to qualify for the semi-final where they overcame Hospital. In the final they came up against Middleton and lost narrowly 1-0 to 1-2.

Impressive for the Ennis side were Claire Griffin, Catherine Cahill, Olive Callinan, Patsy Gleeson, Patricia Moloney, Orla Keane, Anne Marie Casey and Mary Teresa McMahon.

St. Patricks College Shannon reached the semi-final of the event where they were down to eventual winners Middleton on a 2-1 to 1-0 scoreline. On their way to the semi-final St. Pats accounted for St. Pauls, Kilkennane (3-0 to 1-0) and St. Patricks Cork (4-0 to 1-0).

Siobhan O'Driscoll, Pauline Madigan, Aine Cummins, Marian Costelloe, Deirdre O'Gorman, Elaine Purcell and Catha Stenson impressed for the Shannon side in the competition.

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TREBLE FOR ST. RAPHAEL'S

St. Raphael's, Loughrea, made camogie history when they beat St. Mary's, Charleville, in the All-Ireland Colleges' senior final at Ennis. This was the Westerners third successive title, and earned St. Raphael's ranking as the first school to complete a hat-trick of titles. St. Mary's, Charleville, had better fortune in the junior final, when they beat St. Raphael's.



St. Raphael's, Loughrea, winners by 3-8 to 0-4 over St. Mary's, Charleville, in the All-Ireland Colleges' senior camogie final at Ennis. Back row from left: Anne Fahy, Aileen Murphy, Caroline Loughnane, Claire Robinson, Angela Cooney, Imelda Hobbins, Geraldine Fahy. Front row: Cora Curley, Triona Dolphin, Brid Stratford, captain, Emer Hardiman, Mary Dolphin.



St. Mary's, Charleville, All-Ireland Colleges' Junior Camogie champions 1987. Back row from left: Karine Horgan, Claire O'Callaghan, Aine O'Sullivan, Ann Mulcahy, Maria O'Sullivan, Tracy Watson, Eileen Farrell. Front row: Helen Galvin, Fiona Kelleher, Geraldine Cotter, Roisin Daly, Bernie O'Brien.

Crumlin tackle Marino in tonight's Senior 'A' decider

By NIAL SCULLY

THE MOST intriguing match of the Dublin Camogie season takes place tonight at Russell Park when Crumlin play Marino in the final of the Dublin Senior 'A' Championship (7.45).

Crumlin are striving for the hat-trick after twice defeating UCD in the last two years. Their task against Marino will not be easy.

Marino showed class and hunger in overcoming Celtic in the semi-final. Crumlin were considered a little lucky to force UCD to a replay in their semi-final.

That took place last Wednesday and Crumlin's win was comfortable enough. UCD never produced the form of the first match, and Crumlin's winning margin of 1-8 to 0-2 was well deserved.

The game rarely sparked in front of about 100 people on a perfect night for camogie.

CLEVER FLICK

Mary Mernagh and Anna Condon were in good form for Crumlin and Condon's first half goal at the pavilion end was a clever flick with her back to goal.

Crumlin goalkeeper, Anne Byrne, looked very sound, but overall, UCD hardly showed the promise of likely champions. As ever, Edel Murphy worked hard, but the response, especially in attack, was not good enough to worry Crumlin.

The Crumlin defenders will not have it so easy tonight. Maire McNicholas will make sure of that.

Billy Maloney, the Crumlin boss, will make sure she is curtailed as much as possible. Yet, no matter what

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plans he has for Maire, her brilliant pace and lethal finishing is almost sure to emerge at some stage.

Marino's defence was very tight against Celtic, and the team's overall understanding and work rate will test the champions to the limit.

They will be looking to curb the exploits of Mary Mernagh, always a bundle of energy and drive in Crumlin's midfield. Much of Crumlin's inspiration comes from Mernagh.

Nerves are bound to affect Marino more. Crumlin boast of seasoned experience, but if Marino settle early and McNicholas can impress in attack, then a famous night is certainly possible for this flourishing north-city club.

Whatever happens, those that go to Blanchardstown tonight will hope for the same sort of quality that UCD and Crumlin produced in their first semi-final. That was a classic. Perhaps this could be as well.

This game will be preceded by the Intermediate championship final between Thomas Davis and Clanna Gael (6.30).

CUALA'S TITLE

Meanwhile, in the Phoenix Park last Sunday afternoon, Cuala from Dalkey won the Junior C2 Championship final by beating Ballinteer St. John's 2-2 to 0-0.

This was Cuala's third Junior C2 final in three years. They lost the other two, but their experience was too much for Ballinteer who improved tremendously after the break when they trailed by 2-1.

Cuala captain, Karen Haskins, had a wonderful match and she scored two points. The goals came from Janice Dunne and Fionnuala Ni Bhraidaigh.

BIGGER PITCHES

A major pilot scheme will be launched in Kilkenny on next Saturday and Sunday. Six senior county teams will play in a competition on full length GAA pitches. The teams will comprise 12, 13 and 15 players and the tournament is on a league basis.

Many have felt that a larger camogie playing area is necessary because of the improved fitness and standard in the game. The six teams involved are Kilkenny, Clare, Cork, Galway, Down and Wexford. On Saturday the matches begin at 1.0 in Nowlan Park and O'Loughlin Gaels. Finals on Sunday (2.0) at Nowlan Park.

Naomh Pdraig 1-2; Rathcoole 1-0

DESPITE the low scoring this Junior B Championship Final played in Russell Park last Wednesday proved to be a real thrill a minute affair as two very sporting teams played their hearts out in their efforts to get on top.

COMEBACK TOO LATE

Wexford 4-6 Cork 3-4

WEXFORD ended their National Camogie League programme on a winning note when they held off a late Cork resurgence to take both points from an entertaining game at Cloughbawn.

The tie was purely academic as both sides had already failed to qualify for the final stages of the league.

Wexford built up an interval lead of 2-3 to 0-0 and had gone into a fifteen point lead entering the final quarter when Cork staged a late revival which helped put a more respectable look on the scoreboard.

Scorers—Wexford—A. Reddy 1-4, C. Farrington 1-2, G. O'Leary and J. Codd 1-0 each.

Cork—P. Keniry 2-0, C. O'Mahony 1-1, I. O'Leary 0-2, P. Fitzgibbon 0-1.

Wexford—K. Tonks, T. Fitzhenry, A. Butler, D. Atkinson, C. Murphy, F. Cousins, C. Farrington, A. Reddy, E. Cody, G. O'Leary, J. Codd, S. Dunne.

Cork—M. McCarthy, E. Dineen, A. Leahy, M. Ring, L. Dunphy, L. Melbery, V. Fitzpatrick, I. O'Leary, P. Keniry, C. O'Mahony, M. Geany, P. Fitzgibbon.

Referee—A. Fennelly (Kilkenny).

Third title

CRUMLIN 0-11
MARINO 0-7
CRUMLIN won the Dublin county senior championship for the third successive year when they defeated Marino by 0-11 to 0-7 at Russell Park last evening.
Scorers: Crumlin — A. Heary (6-9), A. Condon, P. Dalton (0-1 each); Marino — C. O'Byrne (0-7).
Intermediate championship final — Thomas Davis 2-5, Clanna Gael 1-6.

CAMOGIE TIE OFF

The Senior Camogie Championship game between Glen Rovers and Aghabullogue was not played last night as Aghabullogue failed to fulfil the fixture. Glen Rovers now go on to meet Blackrock in the next round.

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LIMERICK are involved in two championship matches this weekend, one in junior and U. 16.

The U. 16 team are at home to Clare in the semi-final having beaten Tipp. in a preliminary round. This is an experienced young team.

The team who lined out against Tipperary was A. Mulcahy, T. Sheehy, B. McMahon, M. O'Sullivan, H. Cagney, E. Watson, B. O'Brien, A. Chawke, I. Quaid, C. O'Callaghan, E. Ridy (capt.), R. Daly.

The match will take place in Ballygran on Sat. evening May 23, at 7 p.m. Having trained hard this Limerick side should hold off the Clare challenge and go forward to contest the Munster final. All players are requested to be at the pitch well in advance of the starting time.

Junior

Limerick juniors travel to Kilkenny, Co. Clare, for their clash against the Banner County on Sunday, May 25. This match will commence at 3.15 p.m.

Limerick, having been relegated to junior status, will be fielding a strong team and should account for themselves well on the day. Clare on the other hand have had to build a new junior team having being junior champions in 1986. This new Clare panel will be no cake walk as they have proven by their victories over Wexford, Galway and Kilkenny in the national league. Limerick will have to be in top form, be first to the ball at all times and never giving up if they are to beat this Clare team on Sunday.

Foile

Granagh-Ballingarry are the 1987 Limerick champions and will represent us in Clare later in June. They had a narrow victory of 1 point over Newtown in their section of the league on Sunday last and went on to beat Ballygran by 3 goals in the final. This was a very exciting competition.

SPARKLING WIN FOR SARSFIELDS

SARSFIELDS 1-4
NA PIARSAIGH 0-6

SARSFIELDS provided the shock of the Cork County senior camogie championship at Kilbarry, last night when they had three points to spare over fancied Na Piarraigh after a rip-roaring contest.

Valerie Twomey was the matchwinner for Sars, notching the only goal of the game with just two minutes remaining.

Sars, who led 0-4 to 0-3 at the interval, were pegged back early in the second half and a point from Paula Goggins gave Na Piarraigh a 0-6 to 0-5 lead midway through.

However, five minutes from the end, Lillian Zinkant equalised and then Valerie Twomey crashed home the golden goal to take Sars unexpectedly into the next round.

Scorers for Sarsfields - L. Zinkant 0-5 (0-1 free); V. Twomey 1-0; S. Barry 0-1. Na Piarraigh - E. Healy 0-3 (0-2 frees); I. O'Leary, P. Martin, and P. Goggins 0-1 each.

Sarsfields - L. Twomey, M. FitzPatrick (capt), E. Noonan, G. Barry, L. Dunphy, M. Brady, B. O'Sullivan, A. Brady, L. Zinkant, E. Barry, S. Barry, V. Twomey.

Na Piarraigh - D. O'Shea, L. Kelly, S. O'Sullivan, C. Martin, I. O'Leary (capt), L. Sheehan, E. Healy, A. Donovan, P. Goggins, J. Kent, P. Morgan, P. Martin. Sub. Sharon O'Leary for Paula Martin (second-half). Referee: Eleanor Twomey (St. Finbar's).