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LIKE MOTHER.... LIKE DAUGHTER

By Niamh O'Connor

SHEER grit on and off the pitch is what Nuala Dunlea has passed on to her daughter, Lynn. Both have played camogie for Cork at club and county level and for both the disciplines of the game reflect their wider outlook on life.

Camogie is in the blood of the Dunlea ladies. Lynn's great aunt Katie captained the Cork team at the turn of the century. And her younger sister Stephanie (19) also broke the mould when she joined Lynn as the only sister captaincy act to have brought respective teams to victory in the Persil College Weekend when Stephanie captained the UCC team and Lynn the Mary Immaculate Education College in Limerick.

The women have another factor in common, John Dunlea, a husband and a father neither can speak highly enough of, in his own right was a skilled hurler and footballer.

Today Lynn continues the lineage, and is widely regarded as the one who secured Cork's historic victory over Kilkenny, breaking the stint which the champions of six



★Mother Nuala and her daughter Lynn pictured outside their home in County Cork. Plenty of fields there for getting in some practice. (Picture: Dan Linehan)



★HANDY PLAYER: Lynn in her Glen Rovers colours shows how handy she is, even without the hurley.

years held over their toughest opponents.

Special Training

John Dunlea introduced his eldest daughter to a cumán when she was knee height and even to this day takes her aside for special training.

But while Nuala and John were aware of Lynn's natural talent, from an early age the sport was just that and Lynn did not play competitively until the relatively old age of 13-years.

The jewel in Cork's crown is modest about the widely held belief that she will replace Anglea Downey to emerge as one of the country's most prominent players over the next few years.

At 21-years-old, Lynn has just qualified as a primary school teacher, but whereas many women of her age will list summers away from home among their achievements, the Glen Rovers centre half for-

ward displays the relaxed confidence she is noted for in play.

"Of course I want to travel and meet people," she says, "but there will be plenty of time to do that, now I spend my summers training. It's well worth it."

The mother and daughter duo are alike in more ways than one. It's clichéd they admit but for them the game is not so much about winning but taking part.

"You play a better game as a relaxed person," says Lynn, and Nuala agrees that once you lose your nerve, concentration is lost too.

Unlike the game, that is something that hasn't changed over the years. "There's no doubt it used to be just a pastime," says Nuala. "But the stakes are much higher, the emphasis now is win, win, win."

"That's not a bad thing if skills are heightened and pace quickened, the danger is it takes the enjoyment out of the

game", says Lynn.

But if little else, the Glen Rovers spirit has remained unchanged over the years. "It's outstanding because we spend so much time together," says Lynn.

Nuala agrees that the friends you meet in sport are those you have for life. She herself played with Nora Newman (Chairman of the Glen) in the late sixties and together the pair enjoy their daughters' involvement in the club. Nora's daughter Mary is the PRO of Glen Rovers.

And in the family tradition Lynn is passing on what she's learned, this summer she's training 10 - 14 year olds in hurling and camogie at a summer camp.

Love of the game was part of the reason she decided to train as a teacher.

"The PE aspect of teaching was a definite consideration in making the career choice," she says.

Her evenings are spent training with Glen Rovers.

"We're going for three in a row at club and county level," she says. "It's within our grasp, we've put the work in."

Anything the Dunlea ladies put their mind to it seems, is within their grasp.

Armagh captured their second National Junior League title back to back, when they had an overwhelming victory over Cork in this final replay at An Port Mor. The winners had a terrific first half, leading 1-13 to 0-0 at the break. The final half was evenly contested, Armagh added a further 0-5 while Cork managed 1-2. Final score: Armagh 1-8, Cork 1-2. Scorers: Armagh: Ursula McGivern 0-9, Deirdre Connolly 1-2, Bernie McBride 0-3, Mary Donnelly and Patricia McEvoy 0-2 each. Cork: Antoinette O'Connell 1-0, Mary Sexton and Vivienne Harris 0-1 each. Referee: Biddy Phillips, Tipperary.

Tipperary Junior team made their exit from the Munster Championship when they went down to a very strong Limerick side at Kilcolman Park, Burgess. Limerick had the greater appetite for victory. Their superb combined play had Tipperary in disarray almost from the throw-in.

Tipperary were first to take command with a pass collected by Ciaran Burns from Aine Hogan was pointed in the third minute. This lead was shortlived when Limerick's Pauleen McCarthy connected almost immediately and crashed the ball to the back of the Tipperary net. Tipperary replied with another point from a free by Ciara Burns, but Limerick took control from here on and had 3-8 to their credit to Tipperary's 1-3 at the interval.

Tipperary played better in the second half they had 0-5 up before Limerick replied with a point on the 16th minute. Tipperary tried hard to penetrate the Limerick defence line, but they held on and came out kingpins of Junior Camogie in Munster after an absence of five years on a score of 3-11 to 1-9.

Tipperary team and scorers: Nora Dwan (Capt.), Marie Hogan, Nicola Kennedy, Theresa Brophy, Paula Bulfin, Claire Egan 0-1, Emma Carroll, Joanne Horgan, Aine

Hogan 0-1, Shiela Kyne, Michelle Bulfin 1-0, Ciara Burns 0-7. Subs: Orla Hogan for J. Horgan, Gillian O'Neill for E. Carroll, Patricia Carroll, Annette Brennan, Lizzie Maher, Caroline Buckley, Orla Crompton, Pamela Dagg, Niamh Bonner.

Derry added the Ulster Minor League to their Championship Title in a closely contested match with Fermanagh. After a sparkling first half the winners led 1-5 to 1-3, five points separated the sides at the final whistle: Derry 2-10, Fermanagh 2-5. Scorers: Derry: Shauna McCaul 1-1, Claire McNicholl 1-0, Eilis O'Neill and Catherine Pickering 0-3, Aileen O'Kane 0-2, Siobhan Murtagh 0-1. Fermanagh: Ursula Maguire 1-2, Roisin Owens 1-0, Michelle Curry -2, Claire Kilpatrick 0-1.

Leinster County Championship final results:

Meath: Killyon collected their 6th Senior title in a row by defeating Trim 2-9 to 0-2. Scorers: Killyon: Stephanie Heavey 1-6, Jacqueline Maher 1-0, Michelle Lucey 0-2, Katie Connolly 0-1. Trim: Christine O'Brien 0-2. Westmeath: St. Munnas collected their 7th Senior title when they overcame Raharney 4-8 to 1-6. Scorers: St. Munnas: Doreen Egan 3-0, Annette Heffernan 0-6, Catherine Glynn 1-0, Yvette Cully 0-2. Raharney: Gemma Weir 1-6. Kildare: Senior: St. Laurence's 3-11, Clane 2-3. Scorers: St. Laurence's: Elaine Miley 1-4, Michelle Aspel and Sharon Browne 1-2 each, Melanie Treacy 0-3, Aisling Treacy 0-1. Clane: Claire Moloney 1-3, Rose Merriman 1-0. Intermediate: Moorefield 2-7, Rathcoffey 2-2. Scorers: Moorefield: Veronica Donnelly 2-1, Tracey Maher 0-3, Margaret Higgins, Eileen Murray and Anne Marie Cummins 0-1 each. Rathcoffey: Clodagh Brilly 1-2, Pamela Cummins 1-0. Junior: Straffan 0-3, Cappagh 0-0.

On Sunday next there are three major games down for decision. In an All-Ireland Junior Quarter final match Leinster

Champions Kilkenny travel to cross swords with London at Parnell Sports & Social Centre, Sand Lane, The Mall, Kenton, Kingsbury. This should be quite a tussle as the London squad are always a formidable force. Coming into the competition at this stage each year, they have never made it to the semi finals but have always put up a good fight on home ground. Kilkenny are a young skilful squad and will have the advantage of more competitive matches and should advance.

The All-Ireland Minor Championship semi final between Galway and Derry takes place at the latter venue. Derry took their third Ulster Minor title by defeating Fermanagh 3-4 to 2-4, while Galway had an easy victory over Roscommon. The Connacht Champions were defeated in the All-Ireland final last year by Tipperary after a replay. They are always a formidable force. However, Derry will be no pushover, they have good performers in Eilis O'Neill, Shauna McCaul, Aileen and Ciara O'Kane.

Down travel to take on Kildare at Clane 2.00 p.m. in the first round of the All-Ireland Intermediate Championship. Down were knocked out in the first round of this competition last year by Tipperary while Kildare lost out in the semi final to eventual winners Clare. Sunday's game is sure to be a cliff-hanger. Kildare have prominent players in Claire Moloney, Miriam Malone, Nuala Kerrigan, Melanie & Reilín Treacy.

The visitors have lots of talent which include Mairin McAleenan, Bonnie McCreavy, Brígeen Sands, Coleen and Valerie Hynds and could get the verdict.

On Saturday next the Leinster Under 14 Roinn A final takes place at a Kilkenny venue, between the holders Wexford and Kilkenny. This should be an entertaining affair. This competition is run on League basis and Wexford won all their matches convincingly. They are slightly fancied to hold on to the title.

ARMAGH PUT JUNIOR LEAGUE TITLES BACK TO BACK



Kilkenny who face London in the All-Ireland quarter final on Sunday. Front, left to right: Fran Shore, Esther Kennedy, Joan Aylward (Capt.), Mary McGrath, Catherine Dunne, Helan McGrath. Back, left to right: Imelda Kennedy, Sinead Costelloe, Margaret Kavanagh, Hilda Butler, Margaret Commerford, Marie Maher

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Camogie World

by P.J. Fulham

Kilkenny booked their place in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship semi final when they got the better of Clare in this quarter final match played at Ballyragget. Kilkenny had a good first half, setting the pace from the start. A goal from a free by Ann Downey pushed them into a 1-11 to 0-6 lead at the break. Clare were quite a spirited side and proved this in the second half with two early goals by Patricia Maloney. Brigid Mulally pulled one back but Caitriona O'Loughlin had Clare back in contention with a well taken goal. Kilkenny had to fight all the way to hold on to a three point victory. Kilkenny scorers: Brigid Mulally and Ann Downey 1-4 each, Angela Downey 0-4, Sinead Millea 0-3, Marina Downey 0-1. Clare: Patricia Moloney 2-0, Catherine O'Loughlin 1-2, Frances Phelan 0-4, Sylvia O'Brien 0-3, Debbie McDonagh 0-1. Referee: Betty Joyce, Cork.

Tipperary and Wexford must meet again to decide a place in the All-Ireland Minor Championship final when they ended all square in this semi final played at Buffers Alley Park. The match was a thriller with non-stop action from start to finish. Tipperary would have been considered slight favourites going into the game, but Wexford had high hopes for their team and they were justified. Tipperary were first to score 0-1 from a free by Catherine Hennessy in the first minute. This was followed by a similar score by the same player almost immediately. Wexford went on the attack and were rewarded with 1-0 by Lizzie Wickham. Five minutes later Kate Kelly added a similar score for the Slaneysiders. At this stage Tipperary were starting to settle and a couple of switches made all the difference. Ciara Gaynor going in at centre back and Jacqueline O'Connor taking the centre forward berth. In the 12th minute Mary Looby reduced the lead with a well taken goal from a Ciara Gaynor pass. Wexford quickly replied with 0-1 by Esme Murphy. Scorers were now coming fast. The sides exchanged points before Mairead O'Leary had Wexford's

third goal. Catherine Hennessy replied a minute later with a goal from a free. Tipperary backs were under pressure at this stage, but stood firm. Elaine Fitzgerald, Meadh Corcoran, Marie Harkins and goalie Emily Hayden were very impressive. However Wexford added a further 1-4 to their tally, while Tipperary only added a Ciara Gaynor point before the break leaving the half time score Wexford 4-5, Tipperary 2-5.

Just one minute into the second half Wexford increased their lead by 0-1. Tipperary went on the attack and Jacqueline O'Connor goaled after a great solo run. Wexford notched off two more points before Jacqueline O'Connor had another

at Toomevara. The sides were locked together at full time in an exciting game, which was played in a fast and furious manner, with neither sides giving an inch and contesting every ball leaving the score at the interval Cork 0-9 Tipperary 1-4.

The second half was an end to end struggle and was anyone's game up to the final whistle. Final score: Tipperary 2-10, Cork 1-13. The replay will take place at a Cork venue.

Westmeath and Laois must meet again to decide the Leinster Under 14 Roinn B Championship, having drawn in the final at St. Loman's Park, Mullingar. The sides were level at half time Westmeath 1-0, Laois 0-3. Final score: Westmeath 3-1, Laois 2-4. Westmeath scorers: Caitriona Buckley 1-1, Tanya Goss and Irene Nooney 1-0 each. Laois: Mary Moore 2-0, Theresa Keenan and Sandra Culleton 0-2 each. Referee: Eamonn Kelly (Dublin).

Leinster Junior Club Championship first round results: Killyon, Meath 3-9, St. Munnas, Westmeath 1-11. Scorers: Killyon: Michelle Lucey 1-1, Christine Ralleigh 0-4, Stephanie Heavey and Siobhan Darby 1-0 each, Sharon Ralleigh

0-3, Joanne Carney 0-1, St. Munnas: Annette Heffernan 0-5, Yvette Cully 0-4, Doreen Egan 1-0, Catherine Glynn 0-2. Referee: Phyllis Breslin, Dublin.

Myshall, Carlow 1-7, Camross, Laois 0-6. Myshall scorers: Olivia O'Neill 0-6, Mairead Hogan 1-0, Margaret Hogan 0-1. Referee: Breda Byrne, Wicklow.

Kilkerley, Louth 4-12, Gleneally, Wicklow 2-5.

Offaly Senior Championship final: Drumcullen 3-13, Shinnrone 3-8.

The Club Championship semi finals take place this weekend. On Saturday Kilkerley show their hospitality to Drumcullen at 7 p.m. This should be a good tussle with little separating the sides at the finish. On Sunday Killyon, the holders, travel to cross swords with Myshall in what should be another excellent encounter. Killyon have a tough task on hand as Myshall are hard to overcome on home ground. The match is timed for 3 p.m.

Kilkenny Book Semi-Final Place

great goal. At this stage the scoreboard read Wexford 4-8, Tipperary 4-5. Tipperary were awarded a free and Catherine Hennessy opted to go for a goal which she blasted to the back of the net to leave the sides level. The sides exchanged scores and were still locked as the full time whistle approached. Tipperary were awarded a free but failed to convert, leaving the full time score Tipperary 6-8, Wexford 5-11. Tipperary scorers: Catherine Hennessy 3-6, Jacqueline O'Connor 2-0, Mary Looby 1-0, Ciara Gaynor 0-2. Wexford: Esme Murphy 0-9, Lizzie Wickham and Kate Kelly 2-0 each, Mairead O'Leary 1-0, Caitriona Kinsella 0-2. Referee: John Pender, Kildare. The re-play takes place on this Sunday at Templemor at 6 p.m.

Tipperary draw with All-Ireland Senior champions Cork in the Munster Senior Championship final

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Camogie replay

BIG game on the camogie front this coming week will be the replay of the Munster Senior Championship final which will see Cork and Tipperary in opposition on Monday night at St. Finbarr's GAA Grounds at 7.15 p.m. At club level the Junior 'B' and Under-16 leagues continue with a full programme down for decision.

Three weeks ago, the Cork senior team travelled to Toomevara to play Tipperary in the Munster Senior final. After a cracking contest the teams finished all square and on Monday night next at St. Finbarr's Grounds in Togher we will see both sides in action again in what promises to be another great contest. The Cork selectors have not yet finalised their side but are expected to be at almost full strength. Kathleen Costine and Sandy Fitzgibbon are both on holidays at the moment but are expected to return over the weekend and should be on the starting lineout. The remainder of the team should see regulars Paula Goggins, Colette O'Mahony, Irene O'Keeffe, Linda Mel-

lerick, Denise Cronin, Breda Kenny and Therese O'Callaghan, all gaining places.

The Cork panel are presently preparing for their All-Ireland Championship semi-final clash with Kilkenny on August 21 and no doubt they will be very anxious to come out on top on Monday. However, they will face difficult opposition in Tipperary who can call on such fine performers as Deirdre Hughes, Noelle and Cora Kennedy and the two Ann Gleasons. All these girls played extremely well in the drawn game and on form again on Monday night could cause problems for the home county.

Tipperary are the Munster Minor Champions for the past three seasons and certainly look to have a bright future ahead of them but on this occasion Cork on form should have the edge. Whatever the outcome it should be a game well worth attending and Cork will certainly be hoping for a big home following.

Monday, August 8: Munster Senior Championship final replay. Cork

v Tipperary at St. Finbarr's at 7.15 p.m.

JUNIOR 'B' LEAGUE

Wednesday, August 10: Sarsfields v Watergrasshill at Sarsfields at 7.30, Ref. Cobb; St. Catherine's v Cobb at St. Catherine's at 7.30, Ref. Fermoy; St. Fannahans v Mayfield at St. Fannahans at 7.30, Ref. Kildorrery; Fermoy v Castlemagner at Fermoy at 7.30, Ref. St. Catherine's; Bishopstown v Inniscarra at Bishopstown at 7.30, Ref. St. Finbarr's; St. Vincents v St. Finbarr's at St. Vincents at 7.30, Ref. Bishopstown; Gleann na Laoi v Delanys at Gleann na Laoi at 7.30, Ref. Inniscarra; Valley Rovers v Bandon at Valley Rovers at 7.30, Ref. Ballinhassig; Ballinhassig v Kilbrittain at Ballinhassig at 7.30, Ref. Valley Rovers; Clonakilty v Courcy Rovers at Clonakilty at 7.30, Ref. Barryroe.

Thursday, August 11: Under 16B League, 7.30 p.m.: V. Rovers v Tracton at V. Rovers, Ref. Tracton; Shanrocks v St. Vincents at Shanrocks, Ref. St. Vincents; Clonakilty v Bandon at Clonakilty, Ref. Bandon; Ballygarvan v Carrigaline at Ballygarvan, Ref. Carrigaline; Delanys v Mallow at Delanys, Ref. Mallow; Sars v Mayfield at Sars, Ref. Mayfield; Ballyphehane v Grenagh at Ballyphehane, Ref. Grenagh.

Cork get it right

Cork 4-11
Tipperary 1-6

AFTER a rather sluggish first-half display, Cork turned on the power after the break to earn a decisive victory over Tipperary in the Munster Senior Camogie final replay at Togher last night.

With Theresa O'Callaghan and Sandy Fitzgibbon very quick to settle at centre-back and midfield respectively, Cork made the early running and led by 1-2 to 0-0 after full-forward Lynn Dunlea knocked in a goal from close range in the fifth minute. Cork almost had a second goal when Lynn Dunlea's blistering drive zoomed narrowly over the bar in the 9th minute but when Noelle Kennedy opened Tipp's account from a free four minutes later, the losers gained the confidence to come much more into contention for the rest of the half.

Noelle Kennedy did a lot of effective foraging from the half-forward line to improve their fortunes around the middle and with Deirdre Hughes showing up well at full-forward, Tipperary were to add three more points to their tally before Colette O'Mahony stopped the rot with a Cork point from a free in the 23rd minute.

With Stephanie Dunlea emerging as the leading light at midfield, Cork gained a grip again nearing half-time and fittingly it was Dunlea who sent their prospects soaring with a great

goal in the 26th minute.

But spirited Tipp side bounced back before half-time with Deirdre Hughes pouncing for a goal after Cork 'keeper Kathleen Costine had initially brought off a great save from Noelle Kennedy.

It was 2-4 to 1-5 at the break but an early second-half goal from centre-forward Liz O'Neill provided Cork with a huge boost and they went on to take control in all sectors after that.

Breda Kenny had a fine second-half at full-back while Irene O'Keeffe and Colette O'Mahony regularly caught the eye in attack with the latter shooting Cork's fourth goal which effectively put the game beyond Tipp's reach after 37 minutes.

O'Mahony embellished Cork's victory with a string of points from frees in the remaining time.

Scorers for Cork: C. O'Mahony 1-8, (8 frees), L. Dunlea 1-1, S. Dunlea and L. O'Neill 1-0 each, I. O'Keeffe 0-2.

Tipperary: D. Hughes 1-1, N. Kennedy 0-3 (frees), C. Burke and H. Kiely 0-1 each.

CORK: K. Costine; B. Kenny, D. Cronin, T. O'Callaghan, P. Goggins, S. Dunlea, S. Fitzgibbon, L. Mellerick, I. O'Keeffe, L. O'Neill, C. O'Mahony, L. Dunlea.

Subs: F. O'Driscoll for L. Dunlea, P. Murphy for O'Keeffe.

TIPPERARY: E. Delaney; T. Burke, R. O'Meara, C. Kennedy, C. Madden, S. Kelly, K. Moloney, M. Stokes, N. Kennedy, C. Burke, H. Kiely, D. Hughes.

Subs: T. Bonner for S. Kelly, A. Gleeson for Kiely, S. Cusack for T. Burke. Referee: M. Pollard, Waterford.

CAMOGIE

LONDON 2-6 KILKENNY 0-5

SURPRISE packets London are through to their first ever All-Ireland Junior Camogie Championship semi-final after shocking Kilkenny in Kinton yesterday. The exits played with great determination and led 1-3 to 0-3 at half-time. They went from strength to strength and completely outclassed the Leinster champions in the second half.

London: M. Grealis 2-4, B. Donoghue 0-4, Kilkenny: I. Kennedy, M. Kavanagh 0-2 each, M. Coorford 0-1.

KILDARE 2-11 DOWN 2-5

MARY MALONE amassed a fine personal tally of 1-6 as Kildare qualified for the All-Ireland Intermediate Camogie Championship semi-final at Clane yesterday. A Malone goal gave Kildare a 1-7 to 0-2 lead at the break. Down struck back with goals from Maureen McAleenan and Bonnie McCreery, but the home side showed their authority in the closing stages with a goal by Bernice Family.

Kildare: M. Malone 1-6, B. Family 1-2, E. Miley 0-2, M. Aspell 0-1. Down: M. McAleenan 1-3, B. McCreery 1-0, J. Braniff, D. Savage 0-1 each.

GALWAY 10-7 DERRY 2-4

VERONICA CURTIN scored an amazing 5-2 as rampant Galway brushed aside Derry and cruised into the All-Ireland Minor Championship final at Ballinascreen. Galway led by 5-2 to 1-3 at the break.

Galway: V. Curtin 5-2, A. Tannian and F. Healy 1-1 each, G. Maher, A. Lynskey, S. Tannian 1-0 each, A. Hillery 0-3. Derry: A. O'Kane 1-1, C. McNichol 1-0, S. Murtagh 0-2, S. McCaul 0-1.

Ulster MC Quarter-finals: Armagh 7-13, Monaghan 2-1. Down 5-13, Donegal 0-2. Tyrone 3-11; Derry 4-8. Leinster U14 A Final: Westford 6-11; Kilkenny 0-5. U14 B Final Replay: Laois 7-10, Westmeath 2-4.

'Town girls go through

Bishopstown 2-9
Fr. O'Neill's 1-9

A goal by Liz O'Neill in the 42nd minute killed any aspirations Fr. O'Neill's had of qualifying for a crack at their next-door-neighbours, Killeagh, following this Cork Co. B Camogie Championship quarter-final replay in Middleton last night.

At the break Bishopstown led 1-3 to 0-5.

Scorers for Bishopstown: L. O'Neill 1-9 (0-5 frees 0-1 a '30), A. White 1-0, E. Duggan 0-1 (free).

Fr. O'Neill's: M. Kenefick 0-9 (frees) A. Walsh 1-0.

BISHOPSTOWN: R. Desmond, L. Towler, C. Murphy, A. Buckley, E. Duggan, S. Morley, V. Harris, L. Hall, L. O'Neill, A. White, B. Keating, P. Doyle.

Fr. O'NEILL'S: A.M. Brennan, M. Aherne, F. Hennessy, S. Meade, N. Aherne, S. McCarthy, M. Finn, E. Hennessy, F. O'Driscoll, C. Shanahan, A. Walsh.

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Munster Senior Final Replay

THE replay of the Munster Senior Camogie Final between Tipperary and Cork played at St. Finbarr's GAA Grounds on Monday evening last, never lived up to the standard of the first game.

The Tipp girls never raised their game like they did in the first game. Cork emerged winners in the end by nine points. Not taking anything from the Cork victory but the concession of some very soft scores didn't help the cause.

From the start, Cork looked as if they would run riot, but all credit to the Tipp girls and to the defence in particular Regina O'Meara, Theresa Bourke, Clare Madden, Cora Kennedy and Ailish Delaney, who repelled many Cork attacks. Midfield of Meadhbh Stokes, Kaiffe Moloney and Suzanne Kelly

were finding the going difficult.

Cork opened the scoring and had 1-2 on the board before Catherine Bourke opened Tipp's account with a point. Cork added another point before Noelle Kennedy had the next three points for Tipperary without reply. Cork added another point before Deirdre Hughes pulled one back for Tipp. Noelle Kennedy added a further point, before Cork had an very easy goal which was covered by Ailish Delaney until one of the defence cut across her line of vision. Tipp quickly replied with a similar score. A great goal by Deirdre Hughes after good work by Helen Kiely and Catherine Bourke left the half time score Cork 2-4 Tipperary 1-5.

Cork started the second half as they did the first, throwing everything at Tipp. The backs were containing them, until tragedy struck after four minutes when a

harmless looking shot deceived Ailish Delaney in the Tipp goal and finished in the net. This gave the home side the confidence required and knocked the stuffing out of the Tipp girls. Cork were to dominant this half to a great extent and scores flowed freely with some excellent Camogie being played. To the Tipp girls credit, they never gave up and though they only scored two points one from Noelle Kennedy and one from Triona Bonner to Cork's 1-8 they lost nothing in defeat and we look forward to meeting Kildare in the Championship Intermediate Open Draw.

For Tipp: Regina O'Meara, Cora Kennedy, Meadhbh Stokes, Kaiffe Moloney, Suzanne Kelly, Noelle Kennedy and Deirdre Hughes played well while to a lesser extent the other girls played well. The final score was Cork 3-10, Tipperary 1-7. Referee Marie Pollard (Waterford).

The Munster Intermediate Camogie Final between Tipperary and Clare played in Kilmalman at the weekend ended in an easy victory for the visiting side. Clare are present Intermediate all Ireland champions and could field that side whereby Tipperary by a strange logic had to field their second string. But all credit to the Tipp girls who made Clare fight all the way. Clare scored 1-2 before Ciara Burns opened Tipp's account with a point and though the home team were playing well through Orla Hogan, Jovita Delaney, Paula Bulfin and Teresa Brophy, they were finding scores difficult to come by. Clare added a further two points before Ciara Burns added another for Tipp. Clare added a further four points to their tally before the break to leave it 1-8 to 0-2 at half time.

Tipp made a change for the second half bringing Joanne Horgan in for Ciara Burn (injured) and Jovita Delaney switched to the forward line to add some scoring power and strength to it. Clare added three points before Jovita Delaney had Tipp's first score of the second half - a point after fifteen minutes. The forward line of Clare Egan, Aine Hogan and Michell Bulfin were trying very hard, but making no impression on the Clare defence. Tipp conceded two more points before Jovita added another point. Clare added two more before Jovita Delaney had two more points to Tipp's tally leaving the final score Clare 1-15, Tipperary 0-6. Besides those already mentioned, others to play well for Tipperary were Sheila Kyne, Nora Dwan and Maria Hogan.

This team lost nothing in defeat and one must admire the spirit and commitment shown.



Tipperary minor camogie selectors (l. to r.) Richard Horgan, Marion Graham and Conor Ryan photographed in Templemore on Sunday before the start of the all-Ireland semi-final replay between Tipperary and Wexford.

(Photo: B. O'Connor)

Grainne's Double Sinks Wexford

(By Noel Dundon)

Tipperary.....4-6
Wexford.....2-6

THE flag of the Premier County is still flying high thanks to the camogie players who are back in the All Ireland minor final again this year and bidding for the three in a row following their hard fought replay win over old rivals Wexford at Templemore on Sunday evening last.

Victory came thanks to two beautifully taken Grainne Shanahan goals in the second half after she was introduced into the fray and her all round contribution to the team was immense. Tipperary who had beaten Limerick in the first round and then went on to beat Cork in the Munster Final won the All Ireland in 1990, '92, and '93 and now they are on course to win the three in a row if the Gods smile on them.

The drawn game against Wexford was a classic and many had expected that the replay would not live up to the same kind of epic encounter, but how wrong they were. It was nothing short of brilliant. Each girl played with determination and skill and it was a real pity

that one team had to lose.

It was the Wexford team that got the good start and when Kate Kelly netted for them in the 7th minute things looked bad for the Tipp girls. However they fought back and had two goals in two minutes from Cathriona Hennessey and Helen Grogan to put Tipperary into a promising position after a quarter of an hour.

Lizzie Wickham, Kate Kelly and Esme Murphy took some lovely points for the Slaney sides but they were wiped out by scores from Ciara Gaynor and Cathriona Hennessey to give Tipperary a 2-3 to 1-4 lead at the interval.

Wexford pressed hard again after the interval and when Esme Murphy goalled after 9 minutes to give her side a two point lead Tipperary were given a severe test of their character. They replied well and with two pointed frees from Cathriona Hennessey the sides were back on level terms with just 10 minutes remaining.

It was then that Grainne Shanahan came into the reckoning. Her first goal came after a centre from Mary Looby was blocked down by the Wexford keeper Linda Byrne, and Shanahan was there to pounce on the breaking ball. The super sub struck

again one minute from time to put the game beyond Wexford once and for all after she pounced on another cross this time from Helen Grogan.

Despite the best efforts of the Wexford players they could not pull back that kind of lead with so little time remaining and with Tipperary defending gallantly they ran out eventual winners by a scoreline of 4-6 to 2-6.

Victory was no more than Tipperary deserved and there were some really good camogie players on show in this game. In defence the Tipperary girls fought bravely and with Jackie O'Connor and Elaine Fitzgerald in fine form backed up by Marie Harkin and Meadh Corcoran they snuffed out many Wexford attacks. Up front Tipperary were very strong. With players like Helen Grogan, Cathriona Hennessey, Mary Looby and Ciara Gaynor they are bound to pose problems for any team and Wexford found out that to their detriment. Midfield too is strong in the Tipp camp with the tireless Orla Egan, Fiona Hanrahan and Noelette O'Dwyer running and running until they dropped. In many ways their hard grafting at midfield won the game for the Tipperary girls and Egan in particular was impressive. However, it was the substitute Grainne

Shanahan who stole the show with her two goals which gave Tipperary victory.

For Wexford Kate Kelly, Esme Murphy, Michelle O'Leary, Catriona Kinsella and Rosemary Breen were best while goalkeeper Linda Byrne was also impressive.

Scorers: Tipperary: C. Hennessey (1-5), G. Shanahan (2-0), H. Grogan (1-0), C. Gaynor (0-1).

Wexford: E. Murphy (1-4), K. Kelly (1-1), L. Wickham (0-1).

Teams: Tipperary: Emily Hayden (Cashel), Elaine Fitzgerald (Gortnahoe/Glengoolie), Marie Harkin (Drom Inch), Jacqueline O'Connor (Drom Inch), Meadh Corcoran (Moycarkey/Borris), Orla Egan (St. Bernadettes), Fiona Hanrahan (Burgess), Noelette O'Dwyer (Clonoulty/Rossmore), Cathriona Hennessey (Drom Inch), Ciara Gaynor (Kilruane/MacDonaghs), Helen Grogan (Templemore), Mary Looby (Drom inch), Sub Grainne Shanahan (Toomevara).

Wexford: L. Byrne, A. Codd, D. O'Neill, C. Kinsella, M. Mooney, J. Redmond, R. Breen, A. Murphy, M. O'Leary, K. Kelly, E. Murphy, L. Wickham. Sub. A. Hughes.

Referee: S. Phandair.

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The Tipperary minor camogie team which qualified for the all-Ireland final by defeating Wexford in the semi-final (replay) at Templemore on Sunday last. Back row (l. to r.) - Paula Stapleton, Neasa O'Driscoll, Emily Hayden, Helen Grogan, Orla Egan, Noelette O'Dwyer, Jacqueline O'Connor, Julia Delaney, Catherine Cahill, Olwen Noonan, Patricia Cummins, Claire Horan. Front row - Grace Ormond, Ciara Gaynor, Mary Looby (captain), Fiona Hanrahan, Elaine Fitzgerald, Marie Harkin, Meadh Corcoran, Cathriona Hennessey, Helen Campion, Grainne Shanahan, Catherine Tiernan, Alice Darcy.

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Camogie World

By: P.J. FULHAM

Kildare booked their ticket to the All-Ireland Intermediate Championship semi final when they got the better of Down in this quarter final played at Clane. Down never really got going in the first half. In the second half Down produced lots of fire, and goals by Mairin McAleenan and Bonnie McCreavy left them well in contention. The home side showed their authority in the closing stages. A goal by Bernie Farrelly gave them a 0-6 victory. Final score: Kildare 2-11, Down 2-5. Scorers: Kildare: Miriam Malone 1-6, Bernie Farrelly 1-2, Elaine Miley 0-2, Michelle Aspel 0-1. Down: Mairin McAleenan 1-3, Bonnie McCreavy 1-0, Jennifer Branniff and Deirdre Savage 0-1 each. Referee: Aine Derham, Dublin.

Kilkenny met with a surprise when they travelled to take on London in the All-Ireland Junior Championship quarter final at Parnell Park, Kingsbury. The Londoners proved to be a formidable force, with a great defenceline which Kilkenny forwards found hard to handle. While Kilkenny were the fastest team it was London who picked off the scores.

After a low scoring first half Kilkenny led 0-3 to 0-1. On the resumption London goaled and from there on took command, to run out winners on a score of 2-8 to 0-5. This is the first time that London has reached the All-Ireland semi final since they entered the competition seven years ago. Scorers: London: Margaret Greally 2-4, Brendan O'Donoghue 0-4. Kilkenny: Imelda Kennedy and Margaret Kavanagh 0-2 each, Margaret Commerford 0-1. Referee: Kathleen McAllister, Antrim.

Galway went through to the All-Ireland Minor Championship final when they coasted to victory over Derry in this semi final played at Ballinascreen. Galway led 5-2 to 1-3 at the break. No less than seven of the Galway team contributed to the score, with Veronica Curtin notching off 5-2. Final score: Galway 10-7, Derry 2-4. Scorers: Galway: Veronica Curtin 5-2, Aoife Tannian and Fiona Healy 1-

1 each, Gretta Maher, Aoife Lynskey and Sandra Tannian 1-0 each, Aine Hillary 0-3. Derry: Aileen O'Kane 1-1, Claire McNicholl 1-0, Siobhan Murtagh 0-2, Shauna McCaul 0-1. Referee: Geraldine Clarke, Monaghan.

Tipperary Juniors shook off their defeat in the Munster final when they overcame Limerick, the same opponents, in the Munster Intermediate Championship at Coleman Park. Tipperary made better use of their chances in the first half and led 1-9 to 0-1 at the break. On the resumption Limerick stormed into the game with a hat trick of goals. Tipperary pulled one back and held on to a 0-5 victory at the finish. Tipperary 2-13, Limerick 3-5. Scorers: Tipperary: Aine Lennon 1-3, Ciara Burns 0-6, Nicola Kennedy 1-0, Ciara Egan 0-2, Orla Hogan and Sinead Neilan 0-1 each.

Wexford took the Leinster Under 14 Roinn A Title for the third successive year, when they coasted to victory over Kilkenny at Nowlan Park on a score of 6-11 to 0-5. Scorers: Wexford: Kate Kelly 2-7, Deirdre Kenny 2-0, Michelle O'Leary 1-2, Emma Carroll 1-0, Tina Bergin 0-2. Kilkenny: Pauleen Commerford 0-3, Mairead Costelloe and Mary Ryan 0-1 each. Referee: Breda Byrne, Wicklow.

Laois took the Under 14 Roinn B title when they had a convincing 7-10 to 2-4 victory over Westmeath in this final replay at Mountrath. Scorers: Laois: Gwen Ryan 3-3, Sandra Culleton 3-2, Theresa Keenan 1-2, Mary Moore 0-3. Westmeath: Irene Nooney 2-0, Caitriona Buckley 0-4. Referee: Eamon Kelly, Dublin.

Ulster Under 18 Championship quarter finals: Armagh 7-13, Monaghan 2-1. Armagh scorers: Michelle Murray 2-8, Pauline Fahy 2-2, Majella Mallon 1-2, Lisa Woods and Mairead Murray 1-0 each, Lisa Mulkerrins 0-1. Down: 5-13, Donegal 0-2. Down scorers: Siobhan Savage and Aisling Magee 2-0 each, Jennifer Branniff 0-6, Ciara McGovern 1-2, Edel Mason 0-3, Majella Murray 0-2.

Tyrone 3-11, Derry 4-8 (draw). Tyrone scorers: Dolores Hughes 0-7, Simone Forbes 1-1, Lucille Ryan and Julie Lagan 1-0 each, Carmel Darcey 0-3.

In the Derry Senior final Ballinascreen took their second title in a sparkling encounter with Swatragh 2-7 to 1-7. Ballinascreen first won the title in 1944. It looked as if the game was going to end in a draw until Pauline McGuigan, the eventual Player of the Match goaled two minutes from the end. Scorers: Ballinascreen: Pauline McGuigan 1-2, Niamh Trolan 1-1, Eilis O'Neill 0-2, Maureen O'Hagan and Claire McGuckian 0-1 each. Swatragh: Breege McGilligan 1-1, Sarah McNicholl 0-4, Anna O'Loughlin 0-2. Tyrone Senior final: Eglis 2-10, Kildress 0-5. On Sunday the All-Ireland Minor Championship final takes place between Galway and the winners of the replay between Tipperary or Wexford. Galway have the venue regardless of who their opponents are. The Connacht Champions are always a formidable force. Since 1980 they have contested eight finals and have been successful on three occasions, '81, '86 and '87.

Last year they were defeated by Tipperary after a replay. If Tipperary make it to the final they will be chasing three in a row, while Wexford's last appearance in a final was in 1986 when they were defeated by Galway.

Dublin host Armagh in the All-Ireland Intermediate Championship quarter final. Dublin were defeated by Wexford in the Senior Championship which rendered them eligible to participate in this competition. Having won the inaugural in 1992 they were defeated by Clare in last year's final.

Armagh are a strong side. Having won the All-Ireland Junior Championship and League last year they retained their League title this year after a replay with Cork. They face a torrid test as they make their debut in the higher grade. They have excellent campaigners who include Ursula McGivern, Mary Donnelly, Mary Black, Bernie McBride and Patricia McEvoy. The Ulster side are sure to fight all the way. However, Dublin are not without their stars, such as Cathy Walshe, Una Crowley, Denise O'Leary, Anne Walshe and Irene Kirwan. They will not make it easy for the Orchard County.

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Derry Minor team who were defeated by Galway in the All-Ireland semi final. Front, left to right: Brid Mulholland, Shauna McCaul, Catherine Pickering, Aileen O'Kane, Siobhan Murtagh, Eilish O'Neill, Bronagh McGuckian, Michelle Kilpatrick, Tara Smith. Back, left to right: Ethne Hanson (trainer), Sinead Birt, Clara O'Kane, Louise Downey, Ann Scullion, Miriam Kenley, Claire Doherty, Brendan McGuckian, Simone Taylor, Claire McNicholl

All-Ireland Intermediate quarter-final: Armagh 8-25; Dublin 0-8.

Galway minor girls bid for revenge in All-Ireland final

THE Galway Minor Camogie team bid for glory in the All-Ireland Minor Camogie Final which takes place at St. Brendan's Park, Loughrea on Sunday next at 3 p.m. In a repeat of last years decider Galway are set for revenge over arch rivals Tipperary who defeated the Westerners in a replay last year.

In the All-Ireland semi final Veronica Curtin inspired Galway scoring 5-2 as Galway swamped Ulster champions Derry. The young Craughwell player who is daughter of former Kinvara and Galway hurling star Mick Curtin will once again be Galways prime target.

The Westerners can expect good support in attack from Pearses Aine Hillery and Craughwell's Fiona Healy whose brother Fergal was a member of Galway Minor Hurling team last weekend.

In the defence Denise Gilligan has been very consistent for Galway and along with Esther Martyn, Alisha McNamara and Teresa Murphy who comes into the team instead of Lorraine Linnane who was hit with a severe virus since the semi-final should give little away. The Galway rearguard will need to be on full alert to contain Tipperary star forward Ciara Gaynor, daughter of former Tipperary hurling star Len Gaynor.

If Galway's midfield trio of Aoife Lynskey, Sandra Farrell and captain Gretta Maher can deliver adequate supply to the Galway forwards the All-Ireland minor crown could rest with Galway for the coming year.

Galway: Emer Kearney (Turloughmore), Esther Martyn (Craughwell), Teresa Murphy (St. Colmans), Denise Gilligan (Craughwell), Alisha McNamara (Craughwell), Aoife Lynskey (St. Colmans), Sandra Farrell (Craughwell), Gretta Maher (Davitts), Aoife Tannian (St. Colmans), Fiona Healy (Craughwell), Aine Hillery (Pearses), Veronica Curtin (Craughwell). Subs: Sandra Tannian (St. Thomas), Fiona Pierce (Davitts), Lorraine Linnane (St. Colmans), Rosa Clark (Mullagh).

Curtin the star for Galway

Galway 7-13
Tipperary 3-9

WITH star forward Veronica Curtin striking 3-5 of their total Galway minor camogie side scored a runaway victory over Tipperary in a most disappointing All-Ireland final at Loughrea yesterday.

From an early stage Galway stamped their control on the game and were never in any danger. They got off to a flying start with a goal from Anne Hillery after three minutes. They could afford to squander a couple of golden opportunities and still led by 2-2 to 0-3 at the end of the first quarter. Their second goal coming from Aoife Tannian.

Completely dominant in most sectors Galway by virtue of further goals from Tannian, Veronica Curtin and Fiona Healy in a blistering ten minute spell built up a comfortable interval lead 5-5 to 1-5. Tipp's goal scored right on half time by Catriona Hennessy. Veronica Curtin had her second goal three minutes into the second half and by that time the

game was over as a contest. Curtin scored her third four minutes later and despite a valiant effort from Tipp that yielded Helen Grogan and Mary Luby goals in the 17th and 25th minutes respectively Galway catered to the winning post.

Apart from Curtin, Aoife Tannian, Fiona Healy and Hillery, Denise Gilligan and Sandra Farrell were excellent for the winners. Tipp were best served by Catriona Hennessy, Ciara Gaynor, Maeve Corcoran, Helen Grogan and sub Catherine Cahill.

Scorers - Galway: V Curtin 3-5; A Tannian 2-0; F Healy 1-2; A Hillery 1-1; D Gilligan 0-2; A Lynskey, S Farrell, G Meagher 0-1 each. Tipperary: C Hennessy 1-6; C Gaynor 0-3; H Grogan and M Luby 1-0 each.

GALWAY: E Kearney, E Martin, T Murphy, D Gilligan, A McNamara, A Lynskey, S Farrell, G Meagher, A Tannian, F Healy, A Hillery, V Curtin; Sub: F Pierce for Farrell.

TIPPERARY: E Hayden, E Fitzgerald, M Harkin, J O'Connor, M Corcoran, O Egan, F Hanrahan, N O'Dwyer, C Hennessy, C Gaynor, H Grogan, M Luby; Subs: G Shanahan for Egan; G Ormond for O'Dwyer.

Referee: Eilish Ní Sheoghaigh (Cork).



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Ar chúl (ó chlé) – P. Nic an Ghaill, N. Ní Dhrisceoil, E. Ní Éideáin, L. Ní Ghruagáin, Ó Ní Aogáin, N. Ní Dhuibhir, S. Ní Chonchubhair, S. Ní Dhubhshláine, C. Nic Cathail, Ó. Ní Nuandín, P. Nic Coimín, C. Ní Óráin.

Chun tosaigh (ó chlé) – G. Ní Rua, C. Nic Fhionnbhairr, M. Ní Lúbaigh (Captaen), F. Ní Annracháin, L. Nic Gearailt, M. Ní Earcáin, M. Ní Chorcóráin, C. Nic Aonghusa, L. Chaimpion, G. Ní Sheanacháin, C. Nic Thiarnáin, A. Ní Dhorchaí.

TIOBRAID ÁRANN

Dathanna: Gorm agus Órga

1

EIMÍLE NÍ ÉADÁIN

Emily Hayden
Cashel

(2)

LÉAN NIC GEARAILT

Elanie Fitzgerald
Gortnahoe-Glengoole

3

MÁIRE NÍ EARCÁIN

Marie Harkin
Drom/Inch

4

SEACAILÍN NÍ CHONCHUBHAIR

Jacqueline O'Connor
Drom/Inch

5

MÉADBH NÍ CHORCORÁIN

Meadbh Corcoran
Moycarkey-Borris

6

ÓRLA NÍ AOGÁIN

Orla Egan
St. Bernadette's

7

FIONA NÍ ANNACHÁIN

Fiona Hanrahan
Burgess

8

NOLLAIGÍN NÍ DHUIBHIR

Noelette O'Dwyer
Clonoulty-Rossmore

9

CAITRÍONA NIC AONGHUSA

Caitriona Hennessy
Drom/Inch

10

CIARA NIC FHIONNBHAIRR

Ciara Gaynor
Kilruane McDonagh's

11

LÉAN NÍ GHRUAGÁIN

Helen Grogan
Templemore

MÁIRE NÍ LÚBAIGH

Mary Luby (Captaen)
Drom/Inch

IONADAITHE:

13. **CLÁR NÍ ÓRÁIN** Claire Horan Shannon Rovers.
14. **CAITRÍONA NÍ CATHAIL** Catherine Cahill Templemore
15. **GRÁINNE NÍ SHEANACHÁIN** Gráinne Shanahan Toomevara
16. **GRÁINNE NÍ RUA** Grace Ormond Templemore

aille Locha Riach, a chuir an Pháirc ar fáil dúin

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AN GHAILLIMH



Ar chúl (ó chlé) – E. Ní Chearnaigh, A. Winston, M. Nic Gloinn, Á. Ní Irile, S. de Róiste, S. Ní Fhearáil, T. Ní Mhurchú, H. Ní Ubdín, L. Ní Linneáin, D. Nic Giollagáin, V. Nic Curtáin, A. Nic Connara.
Chun tosaigh (ó chlé) – A. Nic Phiarais, D. Ní Cheallaigh, S. Ní Thanaidheáin, A. Ní Thanaidheáin, E. Ní Mháirtín, A. Ní Loinscigh, G. Ní Mheachair, (Captaen), R. Ní Chléirigh, F. Ní Éalaithe, C. Nic Cndimhin, S. Nic an Bhaird, C. Ní Ruairc.

AN GHAILLIMH

Dathanna: Marún agus Bán

1

EIMEAR NÍ CHEARNAIGH

Emer Kearney
Turloughmore

(2)

EISTIR NÍ MHÁIRTÍN

Esther Martyn
Craughwell

3

TREASA NÍ MURCHÚ

Teresa Murphy
St. Colman's

4

DENISE NIC GIOLLAGÁIN

Denise Gilligan
Craughwell

5

ALISHA NIC CONMARA

Alisha McNamara
Craughwell

6

AOIFE NÍ LOINSCIGH

Aoife Lynskey
St. Colman's

7

SANDRA NÍ FEARAÍL

Sandra Farrell
Craughwell

8

GORETTA NÍ MHEACHAIR

Goretta Maher (Captaen)
Davitts

9

AOIFE NÍ THANAIDHEÁIN

Aoife Tannian
St. Colman's

10

FIONA NÍ ÉALAITHE

Fiona Healy
Craughwell

11

ÁINE NÍ IRILE

Anne Hillary
Pearses

VERONICA NIC CURTÁIN

Veronica Curtin
Craughwell

IONADAITHE:

- 13. **RÓIS NÍ CHLÉIRIGH** Rosa Clark Craughwell.
- 14. **SANDRA NÍ THANAIDHEÁIN** Sandra Tannian St. Thomas's
- 15. **LORAINNE NÍ LINNEÁIN** Lorainne Linnane St. Colman's
- 16. **FIONA NIC PHIAIRAIS** Fiona Pierce Davitts.

Gabhtar buíochas le Cumann **Lúthchleas** Gael

AN GHAILLIMH agus TIOBRAID ÁRANN

Cuireadh tús le Craobhchomórtas na Mionúr i 1974 agus sé seo an t-aonú Cluiche Ceannais is fiche de chuid an chomórtais. An Ghaillimh reached its first Minor Final in 1975 and is contesting its eleventh Final today. Corn Tailteann has gone to the western County on four occasions - 1977, 1981, 1986 and 1987.

Tiobraid Árann first reached the Final in 1989 and is, today, in its fifth Final, having won the title in 1990, 1992 and 1993. If it achieves three-in-a-row, Tiobraid Árann will emulate neighbours, Corcaigh, the only Contae to do so to date. The Leesiders' feat will be difficult to equal as it achieved the treble on two occasions, 1978-1980 and 1983-1985.

Sé seo an tarna huair as a chéile don Ghaillimh agus d'Thiobraid Árann casadh ar a chéile i gCluiche Ceannais na Mionúr, agus tá sárchaighdeán camógaíochta agus iomaíochta eatarthu.

An Ghaillimh agus Tiobraid Árann met in the Minor Final for the first time in 1993 and, as on the occasion of their Minor Semi-final meeting of 1992, it took a replay to separate them. The Cúige Mumhan girls

emerged victorious on both occasions.

Indeed, Tiobraid Árann has already been involved in a replay this year at All-Ireland Semi-final level, when a second game was needed to defeat an excellent Loch Garman side. An Ghaillimh met Ulster Champions, Doire, in the other Semi-final.

An Ghaillimh has six of the 1993 team available this year: Captain, Gretta Maher, Denise Gilligan, Lorraine Linnane, Aoife Lynskey, Aoife Tannian and Veronica Curtin. They will renew old rivalry with four of the 1993 Tiobraid Árann side: Emily Hayden, Marie Harkin, Mary Looby and Ciara Gaynor. Ciara holds three All-Ireland Minor Championship Medals, a distinction shared with only four others: Sandy Fitzgibbon, Jean Paula Kent and Paula Carey of Corcaigh, and Sinéad Millea of Cill Chainnigh. A fourth Minor medal would create a special niche in Camogie history for Ciara.

The 21st Minor Final promises to be another exciting encounter between two very skilful teams. Gan amhras, beidh an-chluiche go deo eatarthu, pé foireann a bheidh in uachtar i ndeireadh báire.

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ó nGhaillimh agus ó Thiobraid Árann. Táim na céanna d'fheiscint mar a léirigh an dá fhoireann iad sna Cluichí Leath-Cheannais.

Both An Ghaillimh and Tiobraid Árann have already benefited enormously from their wealth of talent at Minor level. I am confident that both counties will continue to benefit in the future as the very skilful players of today progress to Junior Grade and beyond.

The teams met in last year's All-Ireland Minor Final, and I look forward to another game of high quality.

Go n-éirí an t-ádh leis an dá fhoireann.

Belle Uí Lochlainn

Uachtarán.



AN RÉITEOIR Éilis Ní Sheosaigh

(Corcaigh)

Is Réiteoir oile í Betty a bhfuil moltóireacht déanta ar chluichí ag gach leibhéal den Chumann aici. Betty's refereeing experience includes All-Ireland Finals at several grades, including Senior and Minor Championships. She has also served on Lár-Choiste na Réiteoirí.

Is imreoir den scoth í Betty chomh maith. She holds Junior and Minor All-Ireland Championship medals with Corcaigh, and is a former captain of the Senior County team. She also won an All-Ireland Club Championship medal with Killeagh. d'Imir Betty le foireann na Mumhan lenar bhuaidh sí Comórtas Gael Linn.

Betty is no stranger to Camógaíocht at Minor level as she is involved with coaching the younger players. She has been in charge of teams which reached the Finals of Féile na nGael and, under her care, Corcaigh won the All-Ireland Minor Championship in 1985.

Go n-éirí go geal lei inniu.

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All-Ireland Minor Camogie Final

By John Guiton

Tipperary's bid collapses in horrific fashion

Galway..... 7-13

Tipperary..... 3-9

IN a barren year for the Premier county on the GAA fields, Tipperary minor camogie players' bid at grabbing the limelight with an historic All-Ireland three-in-a-row collapsed in a most horrific fashion at Loughrea on Sunday last in a game that saw Galway the dominant force from beginning to end.

This repeat of last years decider promised much but delivered little in the way of excitement as a much slicker Galway combination reversed the '93 result, with a most emphatic display. It is their first all-Ireland success since 1987 in this grade and richly deserved it is.

While both teams had only a few players from last years squads, the counties had made great strides at underage levels and the expectation was that little would separate the sides at the end of the hour.

Tipperary with a great incentive to do what only one other side had achieved (Cork) in bringing the three-in-a-row home, failed miserably to do justice to themselves and will wonder for a long time how things went so badly wrong for them. For, while Galway were by far the most accomplished side, Tipperary never reached the heights expected of them and, needless to say, are capable of much better things.

On an ideal day for the game, with only a slight

breeze to contend with, Tipperary started off in promising fashion with a point from Cathriona Hennessy after two minutes play. However, it did not take Galway long to settle into their stride and matters looked a trifle ominous for Tipperary when Ann Hillary hit the home side's first goal in the third minute.

Veronica Curtin, who finished with a whopping 3-5 to her credit, soon began to make an impact up front and points from herself and Sandra Farrell provided further inspiration for Galway.

Tipperary struggled too, but managed to stay in touch as Galway squandered chances. Mary Looby gave a good pass inside only to see Galway goalkeeper Esther Martyn advance to block a Helen Grogan shot.

Fiona Healy and Veronica Curtin missed chances to let Tipperary off the hook, but Aoife Tannian was in less generous mood when she breached the defence to knock home her side's second goal right at the end of the first quarter (2-2 to 0-3). Cathriona Hennessy tried her heart out to keep Tipperary's momentum going and Ciara Gaynor responded to her promptings with a fine point. Galway were on top in most sectors, however, and in a six minute spell they tore the Tipperary defence apart with goals from Tannian, Veronica Curtin and Fiona Healy. Cathriona Hennessy, who

got most Tipperary scores, cracked home her side's first goal right on the call of half time to give it some heart as the scoreline read 5-5 to 1-5.

Could the goal finally ignite Tipperary? Well, right away on the restart Veronica Curtin hit a Galway point, but Cathriona Hennessy from Drom-Inch club replied with a score. Tipperary showed much more purpose in their play, but took a severe knock at a critical time when Curtin hit her second goal inside two minutes. Thereafter, it was always a case of just by how much Galway were going to win, Curtin hitting her third goal in seventh minute (7-7 to 1-6).

Never stopped trying

To their credit, Tipperary never stopped trying and Helen Grogan got on the end of a Ciara Gaynor free to push home their second goal in 17th minute and while Mary Looby had a fine third goal for Tipperary with five minutes remaining, Galway were still very much in control, picking points with ease.

A most disappointing end to the campaign then for Tipperary. A magnificent effort had been made by all concerned in the preparation of the side for the final and what a pity that such a disaster should strike them. Most galling for Tipperary was the fact that they never reached their potential in this game and while 3-9 is a score that would win many a match handsomely, it was their inability to cope with the better teamwork of the Galway side as a unit that meant the huge difference between the sides. Galway had a better first touch and Tipperary failed to make better use of the breaks especially in the first half.

However, Tipperary have come a long way in this grade by winning two all-Irelands in a row and that should not be forgotten. This is a major blow but heads should not hang and there remains a bright future in the game in the county despite such a big setback.

Galway had a star forward in Veronica Curtin from the Craughwell club and she was a constant thorn in Tipperary's side. But not too far behind her in terms of excellence were Aoife Tannian, Fiona Healy, Ann Hillary, Sandra Farrell, De-

nise Gilligan and Aoife Lynskey.

Cathriona Hennessy tried all she knew for Tipperary on a day when many of their best players did not hit form. Meadh Corcoran played very well in defence and Ciara Gaynor also figured prominently. Substitute Grainne Shanahan tried very hard when introduced and Helen Grogan and Mary Looby also had particularly good moments.

Galway - E. Kearney; E. Martyn; T. Murphy, D. Gilligan (0-2), A. McNamara; A. Lyskey (0-1), S. Farrell (0-1), G. Maher (0-1); A. Tannian (2-0), F. Healy (1-2), A. Hillary (1-1); V. Curtin (3-5).

Substitute - F. Pierce for Lyskey.

Tipperary - E. Hayden (Cashel); E. Fitzgerald (Gortnahoe-Glengoole); M. Harkin (Drom-Inch); J. O'Connor (Drom-Inch), M. Corcoran (Moycarkey-Borris); O. Egan (St. Bernadette's), F. Hanrahan (Burgess), N. O'Dwyer (Clonoulty-Rossmore); C. Hennessy (Drom-Inch) 1-6, C. Gaynor (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 0-3, H. Grogan (Templemore) 1-0; M. Looby (Drom-Inch) 1-0.

Substitutes - G. Shanahan (Toomevara) for Egan; G. Ormond (Templemore) for O'Dwyer.

Referee - Éilis Ní Sheo-saigh (Corcaigh).

Eire Óg advance

Eire Óg 1-11
Newcestown 1-5

EIRE ÓG advanced to the semi-final of the Cork Co Intermediate camogie championship at Owens on Saturday night with a six-point win over Newcestown.

After a very keenly contested opening half, in which Eire Og led at the break by 0-8 to 1-2, the winners had the better of the second half to run out worthy winners.

Scorers - EIRE OG: Nicola O'Leary 1-0, Helen Walsh 0-3, Clare O'Regan 0-3, Teresa Lordan 0-2, Carol O'Callaghan 0-2, Anna O'Regan 0-1. NEWCESTOWN: Cliona Long 1-0, Hilda Kennelly 0-2, Antoinette O'Connell 0-2, Triona O'Callaghan 0-1.

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Camogie World

by P.J. Fulham

Tipperary gained entry to the All-Ireland Minor Championship final for the third successive year with a 4-6 to 2-6 win over a gallant Wexford side in this semi final played at Templemore. This was once again a sparkling encounter. Wexford got off to a good start with a goal by Kate Kelly. Goals by Grainne Shanahan and Helan Grogan gave Tipperary a 2-4 to 1-3 lead at the break. Half way through the second half Wexford drew level. The sides exchanged scores before Caitriona Hennessy goalied to put the winners in front with five minutes remaining. Grainne Shanahan put the icing on the cake with her second goal just on time. Scorers: Tipperary: Caitriona Hennessy 1-5, Grainne Shanahan 2-0, Helan Grogan 1-1. Wexford: Esme Murphy 1-4, Kate Kelly 1-0, Lizzie Wickham 0-2. Referee: John Pender, Kildare.

Drumcullen, Offaly 4-10, Kilkenny, Louth 5-5

Drumcullen booked their place in the Leinster Junior Club Championship final when they just pipped Kilkenny in this entertaining semi final played at Kilkenny. It was a fast skilful game from start to finish. The Offaly Champions, fielding eight of the County Junior team that went to the Leinster final, were stretched all the way. After a score for score first half a goal by Yvonne Quigley gave Kilkenny a 4-4 to 3-5 lead at the break.

Six minutes into the second half Drumcullen levelled up with points by Grainne Gath and Geraldine Mahon. Soon Kilkenny were back on the attack and Theresa Bates shot to the net. The sides exchanged points. Drumcullen went on to take a further two points to leave Kilkenny holding on to a one point lead with four minutes to go. Geraldine Mahon snatched victory with a well taken goal just on the whistle to give her side a two point victory. Drumcullen scorers: Geraldine Mahon 3-5, Grainne Gath 1-5. Kilkenny: Voreen Quigley 2-3, Yvonne Quigley, Martina Quigley and Theresa Bates 1-0 each. Lorainne Callean and

Anne McDonald 0-1 each. Referee: Aine Derham, Dublin.

Myshall, Carlow will be Drumcullen's opponents in the Leinster Junior Club Championship final, when they had a convincing win over Killyon, Meath in this semi final played at Myshall. The home side, producing lots of fire led 2-3 to 0-1 at the break. The second half was evenly enough contested as Killyon fought hard, but found Myshall defence too strong. Scorers: Myshall: Agnes Harkin 2-1, Nuala Quirke 1-2, Olivia O'Neill 0-3, Margaret Hogan 0-1. Killyon: Stephanie Heavey 0-2, Christine Ralleigh 0-2. Referee: Claire Greene, Dublin.

Sunday next is a very busy day on the Camogie scene with the All-Ireland Senior Championship semi final and both All-Ireland Junior semi finals down for decision. In the Senior semi final Kilkenny travel to cross swords with old rivals Cork, the holders. This should be an outstanding clash. Last year at the same stage, a goal by Lynn Dunlea swept victory from Kilkenny. Both sides were defeated in the semi finals of the National Senior League, but the Championship is a different ball game, and when those two counties meet they always serve up good fare.

The Leesiders will be chasing three Senior titles in a row and if they can field at full strength with players such as Sandy Fitzgibbon, Linda Mellerick, Lynn Dunlea, Colette O'Mahoney, Fiona O'Driscoll and Therese O'Callaghan, they will be a force to reckon with.

However, Kilkenny are a compact outfit with a number of young players blended in with experience. There is sure to be a good performance from Anne Downey, Angela Downey, Brigid Mullally, Gillian Dillon, Tracey and Sinead Millea. It all points to a cliffhanger going all the way to the wire.

Galway travel to take on London in the All-Ireland Junior Championship semi final. This is the first time that London has reached this stage of the competition. They defeated a fancied Kilkenny squad in the quarter final. Galway, who are last year's beaten finalists, will have to fight hard all the way to book a place in the final.

In the other semi final, Cavan host

Limerick. The Breffni girls have improved with every game in the Ulster Championship and defeated a fancied Antrim side in the final 4-10 to 4-7. Their opponents Limerick are quite a formidable force, they proved this with their win over Tipperary in the Munster final 3-8 to 1-12. They have good performers in Marguerite Guiry, Liz Leonard, Pauleen McCarthy, Liz O'Riordan and Aine Cahill. They last reached the final in 1988 when they were defeated by Galway.

Cavan have prominent players in Siobhan Smith, Catherine Smith, Ita Kiernan, Rosemary Mulligan and Majella Prior. Their last appearance in an All-Ireland final was in 1984 when they were defeated by Cork.

While Limerick are slightly fancied to advance Cavan, on home ground will be quietly confident.

Cavan Team: Pauleen Reilly, Siobhan Smith, Rosemary Mulligan, Marie Prior, Margaret Watters, Catherine Smith, Majella Prior, Capt., Eimear Brennan, Dymphna Minagh, Ita Kiernan, Mairead Lynch, Patricia Martin. Subs: Mary Lynch, Marie Clarke, Cindy Ledwith, Ann McConnell, Celia Mulligan, Nicola Crowe, Patricia Clarke, Nola O'Hanlon.

London team to meet Galway: Mary Gilligan, Anne Kennedy, Julie Drum-McCrossan, Jackie Horan, Julie Watchorn, Mary Rowe, Niamh Mulhern, Margaret Grelly, Brenda O'Donahoe, Deirdre Cahill, Gabrielle Hussey, Theresa Dwyer. Subs: Helena Boxwell, Colette Wisner, Ciara Henry, Triona McKenna, Marie Gartland, Frances Broderick, Breda Kelly, Anne Freaney, Cathy Wynn.

The Leinster Junior Club Championship final takes place on Sunday at Rath: Drumcullen, Offaly v Myshall, Carlow 2.00 p.m.

Fixtures For Sunday August 21st

All-Ireland S.C. Semi final: Cork v Kilkenny (no venue or time to hand).

All-Ireland J.C. Semi Finals: At Parnell Park, Kingsbury: London versus Galway 3.00 p.m.

At Annalee Park, Ballyhaise: Cavan v Limerick 3.00 p.m.

Leinster Junior Club Championship Final: At Rath, Drumcullen, Offaly v Myshall, Carlow 2.00 p.m.

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The Wexford team who lost out to Tipperary in the All-Ireland Minor Championship semi-final replay

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CAMOGIE COMMENT BY MARY MORAN

Camogie can learn from recent Ladies Hockey World Cup

"What can the Camogie Association do to match that?" was my reaction to the Women's Hockey World Cup. Here was an organisation similar in many ways to our own, celebrating their Centenary by staging the most prestigious event possible and doing it in style.

The Camogie Association will celebrate their Centenary in 2004. They will be extremely hard-pressed to come up with a programme of events to emulate what our hockey colleagues achieved. The ILHU showed how considerable problems can be overcome by careful planning, attention to detail and persistent hard work.

We can learn from their experience. In 1989, they took a brave decision to apply for the 1994 World Cup. At the time, they had no stadium, no experience of staging an event of this magnitude and very little finance. Success depended totally on the belief in themselves to organise the event. They knew that the ultimate benefits would lift the profile and standard of Irish Hockey.

After meeting initial targets, they were given the go ahead. Four years of intensive preparation commenced. Seven sub-committees were set-up with hand picked voluntary workers of proven ability and commitment from all over Ireland. This would be the largest women's sporting event to be staged in Ireland. The enormous volume of voluntary effort that went into the running of the World Cup was tremendous and a great credit to the ILHU.

Finance proved to be the greatest concern of the organisers. They were taken aback by the lack of financial

support from the business world. Irish companies, particularly the larger ones, were totally disinterested. Sponsorship was not forthcoming and it seemed for a considerable time that their dreams would evaporate for want of money.

Camogie officials, who have been down the road of sponsorship hunting many times, can sympathise with their dilemma. Irish companies queue up to be associated with the glamour events of male sport but are extremely reluctant to take out their cheque books to help women's sport.

But the brave body of women who had started this project were not going to be deterred. They turned to their own members and supporters and raised half a million pounds by means of a highly successful draw. Sheer hard work and persistence saw five thousand £100 tickets sold. Merchandising topped the £120,000 mark. With their own efforts and government grants the stadium took shape. Women, who were new to business projects, are now well versed in the necessary skills to be successful.

The media coverage afforded to the soccer and hockey World Cups was poles apart. To say that the sports departments of television and newspapers are male orientated is an under-statement. Equality which has made progress in other areas has not yet infiltrated the sports media.

The value of scores and, in particular, scores from play was underlined in both World Cups. The four goal first half of the Sweden v Bulgaria soccer clash provided excellent entertainment in contrast to the scoreless final. While soccer and hockey are international sports and,



Galway's Anne Ryan in action in the recent senior National League final. therefore, influenced if not lead by outside trends, the Camogie Association has control of its own game.

Care must be taken in drafting rules so that the game is as attractive to players and spectators as possible. Goal scoring methods, e.g. the hand-pass, should not be curtailed and ways of reducing stoppages and time wasting investigated with a view to making the game flow.

GALWAY'S OPPORTUNITY

Galway's victory in the 1994 National Senior League adds interest to the All-Ireland Senior Championship. Will the confidence gained by this victory bridge the gap between first and second place in the knock-out competition. Galway's free scoring display against Kildare in the opening round of the championship suggests that we may see a new name on the O'Duffy Cup in a few weeks time.

Neither Kilkenny nor Cork have been impressive this season. Many of the players on both sides have been around for many seasons and do not appear to have their usual level of motivation at the moment. Failure to recapture their appetite would be Galway's opportunity.

Armagh needed a second bite of the cherry before disposing of an inexperienced Cork side in the final of the National Junior League. The Ulster side, who won the All-Ireland Junior Championship last season were far from impressive when I saw them in Ballincollig. They improved considerably for the replay but have a lot of ground to make up if they hold any aspirations of making it in the senior ranks.

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Three in a row for super Lisdowney

Lisdowney 7-8
St. Lachtain's 2-4
IN THIS local 'derby' county final Lisdowney took their third title in a row on Wednesday in John Lockes Park, Callan, by outclassing neighbours St. Lachtain's.

Despite the overwhelming margin in the champions' favour, St. Lachtain's never gave up.

Lisdowney, playing against the breeze, got off to a good start with Angela Downey-Browne scoring 1-1 without reply. Their right side of O. Wall, S. Gleeson and Marina Downey beat their players well. Marina Downey in particular caused consternation every time she got possession.

Aine Dunne added a goal after good play from Angela Downey-Browne and Ann Marie Hughes. Lisdowney defended brilliantly and closed down every Freshford attack and held them scoreless until midway through the half when Maura Costello had a point.

Sandra Gleeson was now lordling it at midfield. In an effort to curb her, three different markers were tried on her but to no avail. Lisdowney continued to dominate. Freshford failed to clear the ball following a close-in free. Ann Marie Hughes sent it to the net. Ann Downey added a further point to leave the half-time score: Lisdowney 3-2, St. Lachtain's 0-1.

The opening minutes of the new half were very eventful. The referee had to call on a deputy as she had sustained a leg injury. M. Kavanagh scored 1-1 for Freshford without reply and things were beginning to

look promising for the challengers - 3-2 to 1-2 - But Lisdowney replied with two goals in quick succession from their captain, Catherine Dunne, who made an immediate impression after her move to wing-forward.

Ann Marie Hughes had her second goal after brilliantly fielding a long ball from midfield behind all the defenders. Noelle O'Driscoll and Mary Brennan were introduced. Angela Downey-Browne and Maura Costello (free) swapped points to leave the score 6-3 to 1-4.

Veronica Wall saved well on two occasions in the Lisdowney goal. Maura Costello took a 15 metres' free following a foul on Jillian Dillon which was saved but somehow scrambled to the net.

Points were added by Angela and Ann Downey (2) and Noelle O'Driscoll, and Angela Downey-Browne finished the scoring when she goaled after good work by Catherine Dunne.

In a thrilling finish Freshford threw everything at the winners' defence but they stood firm to take their third title in succession.

Best for St. Lachtain's were M. Kavanagh, F. Connery and E. Kennedy while P. Dowling, S. and M. Costello and M. Hickey (when introduced) tried hard.

Overall, it was a supreme effort from the champions. They must credit a fair proportion of their victory to fitness. All 14 players used in the game were first to the ball and played equally well.

It must be classed as a superb team performance but if one were to single out anybody in particular it must be young Sandra Gleeson at midfield who had the game of her life from start to finish. For a player of such tender years she has a bright future.

Referee Helena McCormack suffered calf strain before half-time and Pat Conway deputised after four minutes of the second half.

In the first round of the Leinster club championship Lisdowney play Marino, Dublin, on August 28, a repeat of last year's final.

Lisdowney camogie club run a bus to the All-Ireland semi-final in Cork on Sunday. Contact: Carmel Downey at 33148 before Friday.

• Scorers

Lisdowney - Angela Downey-Browne (2-3), A. M. Hughes (2-0), C. Dunne (2-0), A. Dunne (1-0), Ann Downey (0-4), N. O'Driscoll (0-1). St. Lachtain's - I. Kennedy (0-1, free), M. Kavanagh (2-1), M. Costello (1-2, 0-1 free).

• Teams

Lisdowney - V. Wall, C. Glendon, B. Wall, B. Barnaville, F. Shore, S. Gleeson, C. Dunne (capt.), Ann Downey, M. Downey, A. Dunne, Angela Downey-Browne, M. Hughes. Subs. - N. O'Driscoll and M. Browne (injured), L. Fogarty, D. Delaney, O. Donnelly and M. Tallis.

St. Lachtain's - H. McGrath, P. Dowling, S. Costello, E. Kennedy, P. Dalton, K. Ryan, F. Connery, H. Butler, I. Kennedy, M. Kavanagh, J. Dillie, Maura Costello (capt.), Subs. - M. Hickey (used), K. Dooley, Mairead Costello, E. Connery, M. C. Ryan, M. Dooley, B. Dooley.

DUBLIN G.A.A.

★ STAR PROFILE ★ ORLA CONNOLLY GOOD COUNSEL

Name: Orla Connolly.

Stature: One of the finest talents in Dublin camogie. A big asset for Good Counsel. Has played for the club since she was nine. Exciting midfielder or attacker.

Born: Dublin, 28/9/70.

Residence: Walkinstown.

Status: Single. I keep my eye on all the single Dublin footballers and hurlers featured in the Star Profile!

Job: Trainee Accountant.

Childhood heroes: The Downeys of Kilkenny, and Christy Ring was my idol.

Fav. TV: The Sunday Game. A Question of Sport.

Fav. radio: Classic Hits, 98FM.

Fav. music: All kinds, easy listening.

Fav. film: Goodfellows. There was plenty of blood and guts in it! Fav. Food: Chinese.

Fav. players: Two Dubs, Ruth Lyons Louise Lynch.

Best player I ever played with: Cathy Walsh of Crumlin, a really excellent player.

Best player I ever played against: Catherine Murphy of Wexford, brilliant altogether.

Fav. sporting personality: DJ Carey, one of my modern-day idols.

Fav. dream: To achieve success with Dublin in camogie, and to win the Senior A Championship with Good Counsel.

Who do you most admire in life: People that have a bit of get up and go in them.

Fav. Companion if you were stranded on a deserted island: Mel Gibson.

Best match for Dublin: The League game against Galway this season.

Most memorable occasion: Winning the senior B Championship in 1990.

Biggest influence on career: Johnny Weldon at Good Counsel.

Relaxation: Swimming, badminton, squash and reading.

What would you do if you won the Lottery: Take off into the sun-set - for a while anyhow.

If a transfer market existed, which player would you buy for Dublin: Linda Mellerick of Cork, or one of the Downey twins.

Ambition: Top get my exams and qualify.

Pet hate: Bad sportsmanship. Dirty players.

Kilkenny cross swords with the Leesiders

KILKENNY cross swords with old rivals, Cork (the holders) in Sunday's All-Ireland Camogie Senior Championship semi-final.

The Leesiders will be chasing three senior titles in a row and if they can field at full strength with players such as Sandy Fitzgibbon, Linda Mellerick, Lynn Dunlea, Colette O'Mahony, Fiona O'Driscoll and Terese O'Callaghan they will be a force to reckon with.

Kilkenny are a compact outfit with a number of young players blending in with experience.

The Downey sister with Brigid Mullaly, Gillian Dillon, Tracey and Sinead Millear are all sure to give good performances.

Meanwhile, Galway travel to take on London in the All-Ireland junior championship semi-final.

This is the first time that London has reached this stage of the competition. They defeated the fancied Kilkenny squad in the quarter-final.

Galway, who are last year's beaten finalists, will have to fight hard to book a place in the final.

Sunday - All-Ireland senior championship semi-final - At Ballinlough: Cork v Kilkenny, 2.00. All-Ireland Junior Championship semi-finals - At Parnell Park, Kingsbury: London v Galway, 3.0. At Annalee Park, Ballyhale: Cavan v Limerick, 3.0. Leinster Junior Club Championship final - At Drumcullen: Offaly v Wexford, 2.0. Tipperary Senior Championship final - At The Rags: Toobey v Castle, 6.0. Leinster Junior Club Championship final - At Rath: Drumcullen v Wexford, 2.0.

Cork senior camogie team

THE Cork senior camogie team to play Kilkenny in the All-Ireland semi-final at Ballinlough, Cork on Sunday next at 2.00 is:

Kathleen Costine (Killeaghl.); Breda Kenny (Sarsfields); Paula Goggins (Na Piarasigh), Therese O'Callaghan (Glen Rovers, capt.), Liz Towler (Bishopstown); Linda Mellerick (Glen Rovers), Sandie Fitzgibbon (Glen Rovers), Denise Cronin (Glen Rovers); Liz O'Neill (Bishopstown), Lynn Dunlea (Glen Rovers), Colette O'Mahony (St. Finbarr's); Irene O'Keeffe (Inniscarra).

Subs. Rose Desmond (Bishopstown), Sheenagh Morley (do), Eithne Duggan (do), Stephanie Dunlea (Glen Rovers), Mary Currid (do), Trish Murphy (do), Mags Finn (Fr O'Neill's), Fiona O'Driscoll (do).

Ladies can restore Cork pride

By Tom Higgins

IT'S now up to the ladies to restore Cork pride. Following the elimination of the Cork senior footballers and hurlers from the All-Ireland championships, the senior camogie players are now bidding to book a place in the All-Ireland final. But, they have no easy task for awaiting them in the semi-final at Ballinlough on Sunday at 2p.m. are old rivals and bogey team, Kilkenny.

Cork have won the title for the past two years, but Kilkenny were champions for the previous eight years and the Cats will be anxious to get back on the winning trail.

The Cork girls have trained well and know it is going to be a tough assignment — as all games against Kilkenny are.

As I watched the panel of 20 going through their paces in the teeming rain at Ballinlough on Tuesday night, under the watchful eye of trainer Joe McGrath and selectors, Miriam Murphy and Rose Mackay, on Tuesday night, I was impressed by their determination. McGrath put them through a rigorous routine and they all looked fit and eager except for Fiona O'Driscoll, who was resting an injured ankle.

Team captain Therese O'Callaghan said there was no complacency in the squad as they know that Kilkenny had been Cork's bogey team in the past. "All our games have been close. We beat them last year in Nowlan Park by a point and they will be anxious to atone for that this year. They know that if they fail they will lose a number of the their older player. So, so they will be all out to win.

Although they played a game against Clare, and this will be our first game in the All-Ireland championship, I feel it will not be a big advantage to them. We travelled to play Tipperary in the Munster final in Toomevara. It was straight out of the cars and onto the field that evening and although we didn't play all well we drew the game and were winning in extra-time when the match was called off. In the replay, after a poor start, we won easily and I feel these two game will have proved of immense benefit to us. I am reasonably confident that if we can show our true form on Sunday," concluded Therese.



The Cork camogie panel pictured with coach Joe McGrath and selector Miriam Murphy.

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Cats out

to claw

back on

Rebels

D-DAV is fast-approaching for the camogie players of Kilkenny and Cork, who meet in the All-Ireland senior championship semi-final next Sunday.

This is sure to be an outstanding encounter. At this stage last year, a goal by Cork 'super sub' Lynn Dunlea snatched victory from the Leinster side on the final whistle. It promises to be just as close this time.

Kilkenny have an added incentive for wanting to dethrone their opponents, who are chasing three All-Ireland titles in a row. After all, it was the Leostiders who halted Kilkenny when they were going for eight on the trot.

Both sides will field a host of stars, combining the exuberance of youth with hard-earned experience.

LEINSTER CAMOGIE

Sisters Sinead and Tracey Milles, the Downey sisters, Ann and Angela Downey-Browne, Brigid Mullaly and Gillian Dillon all showed great form for Kilkenny when disposing of Dublin in the Leinster championship. But the champions will still be difficult to overcome on home ground.

The Leinster junior club final also takes place on Sunday, when Offaly champions Drumcullen take on Carlow kingpins Myshall in what should be an excellent tussle.

Myshall have won the title on four occasions — most recently in 1986. They have a solid panel which includes Nuala Quirk, Agnes Harkin, Margaret Hogan and Olivia O'Neill. But Drumcullen have made great strides since the club's formation in 1983, winning their first Leinster crown in '92. With home advantage, they are fancied to take their second title.

Meanwhile, in the senior club quarter-finals, Wexford champions Butler's Alley will be favoured to advance when they play host to their Kildare counterparts, St Laurence's.

SUNDAY'S FIXTURES

At Ballinlough — At-Leinst 52
semi-final: Cork v Kilkenny, 2.30
At Rath — Leinster club 25
At Monaghan — Leinster club 32
quarter-final: Butler's Alley v St Laurence's, 3.0



Gillian Dillon.



Bridget Barnaville.



Deirdre Malone.

Kilkenny can thwart Cork treble bid

by Enda McEvoy

GAMES DON'T come much bigger than this one. Granted, the All-Ireland final in September may have more in the way of glamour and glitz about it, but in the camogie world there's nothing quite like a Kilkenny/Cork clash.

And from a Kilkenny point of view, there's no challenge quite as big as the one they face on Sunday, when they travel south to try to beard the lioness in her own den. An extremely proud and fierce lion at that, who, having won the last two O'Duffy Cups, is all out to make it a three in a row.

Between them, of course, these protagonists are the two superpowers of contemporary camogie. Since and including 1980, a final that saw Cork defeat Limerick after a replay, the All-Ireland senior championship trophy has found its way to either Noreside or Leaside every year bar one in 1984, when Dublin disposed of Tipperary (the odd year out).

In that spell the Cats have contested eight deciders, winning them all and clocking up a fabulous seven titles on the trot between 1985 and 1991. The Rebels, much like the Kilkenny senior hurlers, topped the pile in 1982-83 and 1992-93.

As Sunday's game is only the All-Ireland semi-final, the winners won't be getting their hands on the O'Duffy Cup just yet. But, with all due respect to Galway and Wexford, the combatants on the other side of the draw, whoever emerges victorious in Cork will travel to Croke Park next month as red-hot favourites.

The prize this weekend is nothing less than the realistic chance of another All-Ireland triumph.

So, the big question: who'll win?

If it's recent form you're looking for, clues are thin on the ground. Tom Ryan's ladies beat Joe McGrath's crew in last year's league semi-final. At the same stage of the championship, the Leesiders came to Nowlan Park and won an epic encounter by a point.

The sides didn't meet in this year's league, in which each had their interest ended in the semi-final - Kilkenny by Tipperary, Cork by Galway.

That the two superpowers should be looking to the championship itself is not a difficult conclusion. How good their current form is a much knottier question, and one to which an answer is hard to come by.

Little word has filtered through about Cork, who boast all the old familiar names like Linda Mellerick, Therese O'Callaghan, Liz Towler and Denise Cronin. But they have trained hard and, predictably, are determined to make it an All-Ireland treble. In Kilkenny the word is that "we still have to hit our best form this year".

Perhaps Sunday's fixture comes 12 months too early for the Leinster outfit, who are engaged in the every tricky team building process. While Ann and Angela Downey seem, like Tennyson's

Brook, to go on for ever, a number of the older faces are no longer there.

Marie Fitzpatrick, ace goalkeeper for so many seasons, has retired. All-action midfielder Claire Jones is married, and is not playing camogie this year and won't be seen in the Black and Amber again anyway.

Hence the flood of new faces, Imelda and Esther Kennedy, Michelle Fennelly, Sinead Costelloe, Marie Maher, Siobhán Holden, Margaret Hickey, Bridget Barnaville, Catherine Dunne - these girls are the future of Kilkenny camogie, and if it might be unfair to expect the earth of them immediately there is little doubt that we will be hearing plenty about them in the years to come.

With Sinéad Millea, Bridget Mullally (both happily recovered from injury), Marina Downey, Tracy Millea, Deirdre Malone and Gillian Dillon still very much in the frame, the challengers are clearly not lacking experience.

The build-up has not been trouble-free from the point of view of getting the players together on a regular basis, as they were all training with the clubs, but the past couple of weeks have been encouraging.

Motivating factor

A definite motivating factor for Kilkenny is the memory of the same game 12 months ago. Then, on August 15 at Nowlan Park, they scored a whopping 2-18 in a truly marvellous All-Ireland semi-final. Unfortunately for them, Cork managed 5-10 with no fewer than three of their goals coming from close range frees.

Not that the thought of revenge is keeping the Cats awake at night, according to Angela Downey. "We have to forget about last year, it's a completely new ball game now", the Lisdowney stalwart emphasises.

"Looking back at last year won't achieve anything for us. We have to be positive about next Sunday.

"I've no doubt it will be a typical Kilkenny/Cork match. There's never anything between us at the final whistle. One year at Nowlan Park we were seven points down with five minutes left and we came back to win by a point. Last year they did to us what we had been doing to them over the years".

In Ann's words, Kilkenny's new recruits are young and eager, with plenty of running and plenty of hurling. Their haul of All-Ireland medals at minor proves their talent. "Picking the actual 12 to take the field won't be easy, because we have a panel of 20 and the standard is very even throughout".

And an appeal to 'People' readers: "Our supporters have never let us down in the past, even when we had to travel long distances. Two years ago in Cork the support was fantastic. I hope it will be the same again on Sunday.

Best of luck, ladies!

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Cork's Sandie Fitzgibbon (Glen Rovers), in training at Ballinlough for the All-Ireland senior camogie semi-final against Kilkenny.



Liz Towler (Bishopstown), in training at Ballinlough for the All-Ireland senior camogie semi-final against Kilkenny.



Cork player Colette O'Mahony (St. Finbarrs), training at Ballinlough for the All-Ireland senior camogie semi-final against Kilkenny.



Linda Mellerick (Glen Rovers), at the Cork training at Ballinlough, for the All-Ireland senior camogie semi-final against Kilkenny.
(Picture: Denis Minihane)



Cork player Irene O'Keeffe (Inniscarra), training at Ballinlough for the All-Ireland senior camogie semi-final against Kilkenny.

Camogie's old rivals vie for place in All-Ireland final



● CORK STAR . . . veteran Linda Mellerick in action.

SUNDAY is a very big day on the camogie scene, featuring the All-Ireland senior championship semi-final between Kilkenny and Cork and both All-Ireland junior semi-finals.

Kilkenny travel to Ballinlough to cross swords with their old rivals in the senior semi-final.

The Leesiders will be chasing their third senior title in a row, and if they can field a full-strength side, with players such as Sandy Fitzgibbon, Linda Mellerick, Lynn Dunlea, Colette O'Mahoney, Fiona O'Driscoll and Theresa O'Callaghan, they will be a force to be reckoned with.

Kilkenny, however, are a compact outfit, with a number of young players blended in with experience.

Ann Downey, Angela Downey-Brown, Bridget Mulally, Gillian Dillon, and Tracey and Sinead Millea

can produce the goods.

It all points to a cliff-hanger.

Galway travel to London to take on the home side in one junior semi-final.

This is the first time that London has reached this stage of the competition. They defeated a fancied Kilkenny squad in the quarter-final.

Galway are last year's beaten finalists, will have to fight hard to book a place in the final.

In the other semi-final, Cavan host Limerick. The Breffni have improved with every game in the Ulster championship, and defeated a fancied Antrim side in the final 4-10 to 4-7.

Their opponents are quite a formidable force and proved this with their win over Tipperary in the Munster final by 3-8 to 1-12.

They have good performers in Margaret Guiry, Liz Leonard, Pauline McCarthy, Liz O'Riordain and Aine Cahill.

The Munster team should advance.

FIXTURES

SUNDAY

All-Ireland Senior Championship
Ballinlough: Semi-final — Cork v Kilkenny (2.0)
All-Ireland Junior Championship
Parnell Park, Kingsbury: Semi-final — London v Galway (2.0)
Annalee Park, Ballyhaver: Semi-final — Cavan v Limerick (2.0)
Leinster Junior Club Championship
Rath: Final — Drumcullen, O'Shaughnessy v Myshall, Carlow (2.0)

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Fitzgibbon, a jewel star

Camogie is the main thing this afternoon for the basketballer

By Dave Hannigan

CORK seems to have a habit of producing sports stars that excel in two codes; Jimmy Barry Murphy, Dave Barry, Teddy McCarthy and all that. Sandie Fitzgibbon doesn't figure as much in the national consciousness, but still, her achievements in camogie and basketball merit as much kudos.

Four All Ireland camogie medals and three national league and cup medals in basketball is fair going by any stretch. This afternoon, like most summer afternoons, the camogie takes precedence. Fitzgibbon will be at centre-field as Cork take on Kilkenny in the All Ireland semi-final at Ballinlough.

It's familiar territory for Cork and Fitzgibbon. Twelve years donning the senior jersey now. A long time. "It is yeah, and I feel it more every

year, but looking back, like, at the start, I didn't know anything about any other county, so the only fear I had then was myself and keeping my place on the team. I'd never even heard of Angela Downey or anyone at that stage." As the years went by, her knowledge of other counties and especially Angela Downey and Kilkenny grew.

The first two years of Sandy Fitzgibbon's career yielded two All Ireland medals. But back in 1983, as she put the second of those on the side-board, she couldn't really have envisaged not winning her third until 1992.

Let's talk about the lean years. "There were times when we'd be playing games then and losing them, and I'd know that we weren't producing the kind of form we were capable of." The kind of form they did produce yielded four All Ireland final defeats.

It was a frustrating time,



Sandy Fitzgibbon

but 1992 made up for it. Getting back in the winning habit would have been enough in itself; being captain as well just made it all the more sweet. Last year, Cork and Fitzgibbon were back in Croke Park for the fourth Sunday in September.

Winning meant this season would have the added attraction of carrying with it the possibility of three in a row. "People would be mentioning that to you, and certainly, you'd be thinking of it as something extra that's there

to be gained alright."

If there is extra pressure, Fitzgibbon would hardly be the type to notice. After all, having to juggle a top-class basketball career with camogie places special demands on a regular basis. If her club, Glen Rovers have a good run in the Munster championship, which they normally do, the two seasons can overlap. A couple of years back, she played a Munster club game in the Glen field in the morning before being driven to Tralee to line out for Lee Strand against Wildcats of Waterford in the afternoon. "By the time, I got back to Cork that night, I could hardly walk."

Twelve years constantly on the go, is there an end in sight? "Well, I do feel it getting that bit tougher every year, and you mightn't be as into the idea of doing the training as you were. But then when the championship comes, the appetite is always there." Kilkenny in the All Ireland semi final: the appetite will definitely be there.

Cork taken by surprise

By TOM HIGGINS

Cork 2-12
Kilkenny 4-9.

CORK'S ambition of winning a third All-Ireland senior camogie title in a row came unstuck at Ballinlough, Cork yesterday going down to a very determined Kilkenny.

Kilkenny deserved their success because they made better use of their chances and had Angela Downey back to her scoring best. The Kilkenny star was well held, particularly in the opening half by Liz Towler, but she slipped her marker on a few occasions and ended up scoring three goals.

Cork on the other hand lacked scoring power up front as a lot of their players played well below form. They had enough opportunities to build up a good lead in the opening half, when playing against a strong wind, but it was Kilkenny who led at the break, 2-5 to 1-7.

Kilkenny made a tremendous start to the second half scoring a goal and a point in the opening two minutes from Angela Downey and a Marina Downey free. But Cork fought back to draw level 2-9 to 3-6 in the 38th minute and went a point ahead three minutes later.

At this stage Cork looked in control but then the Kilkenny backs began to get to grips with the game and raised the tempo. They marked the Cork forwards very tightly and with Deirdre Malone

beginning to dominate at full back and Tracy Millea playing well at centre back the Kilkenny forwards got a good supply of the ball and picked off some good points.

Then in the 50th minute came the crucial goal which was to decide the game. Angela Downey caught a high dropping ball, slipped past the Cork defence and raced goalwards before giving Kathleen Costine no chance from close range, leaving the score 4-9 to 2-10 in favour of Kilkenny with ten minutes remaining.

Cork made a number of positional switches, having previously brought on Stephanie Dunlea and Fiona O'Driscoll on, and although they tried hard to get back into it all they could manage was two points from Linda Mellerick and Colette O'Mahony "30".

With time running out however Fiona O'Driscoll had a chance to save the day but her powerful low shot for goal shaved the posts and Kilkenny emerged victorious.

Scorers — Cork: C. O'Mahony 1-7 (1-4 frees, 0-1 "30"), L. Dunlea 1-0, L. Mellerick 0-2, S. Fitzgibbon 0-2, I. O'Keeffe 0-1. Kilkenny: A. Downey 3-0, M. Downey 0-6 (0-3 frees, 0-2 "30's"), S. Millea 1-1, B. Mullally 0-2.

CORK — K. Costine, B. Kenny, P. Goggin, T. O'Callaghan (capt), L. Towler, L. Mellerick, S. Fitzgibbon, D. Cronin, L. Dunlea, L. O'Neill, C. O'Mahony; I. O'Keeffe. Subs. S. Dunlea for Cronin, F. O'Driscoll for O'Keeffe, S. Morley for O'Neill.

KILKENNY: M. Fennelly, D. Malone, S. Costello, G. Dillon, T. Millea, C. Dunne, Ann. Downey, M. Downey, M. Maher, B. Mullally, Angela Downey, S. Millea. Sub. M. Kavanagh for Dunne.

Ref: M Pollard (Waterford).



Cork's Liz O'Neill getting the better of Kilkenny players Sinead Costelloe and Tracy Millea during the camogie All-Ireland semi-final at Ballinlough, Cork.

Cork's Lynn Dunlea winning this mid-field ball from Kilkenny player Tracy Millea during the camogie All-Ireland semi-final at Ballinlough, Cork.

The Downey factor

THEY HURT CORK AGAIN



Cork's Irene O'Keeffe breaking past Kilkenny players Gillian Dillon and Tracy Millea during the camogie All-Ireland semi-final at Ballinlough, Cork. (Picture: Dan Linehan)

By T.P.O'Mahony

The CATS are back in Croke Park — and Cork are left to bemoan missed opportunities.

Three strikes from Kilkenny's Top Cat Angela Downey scuttled the Leesiders' dream of a piece of camogie history.

The golden goals from the ace forward put paid to Cork's chances of three All-Ireland titles in a row.

In the process, the Lisdowney player showed once again why she is still the most feared forward in the game.

And few victories in the past will have given her and her team-mates the satisfaction they got from yesterday's triumph over Cork at Ballinlough.

In a thrilling encounter — a camogie showpiece — Kilkenny won by 4-9 to 2-12. Cork had their chances, and even in the dying seconds a daisycutter from substitute Fiona O'Driscoll flashed just outside the post.

With the puck-out came the final whistle, and great exultation for the wearers of the black-and-amber. The post-mortems took place in The Orchard Bar afterwards, and despite the hospitality, there was no hiding the contrasting emotions.

The faces of the players were a dead giveaway. For Kilkenny the occasion was one of unbridled celebration. The Cork faces, on the other hand, were masks of despondency.

"I don't want to let it get to me too much," said the crestfallen cap-

tain, Therese O'Callaghan of the Glen.

Bitter Result

The result was particularly bitter for her, because this is the second time she has captained a Cork side which has lost to Kilkenny in the championship.

"I think I will plan holidays for September," she remarked wryly, knowing there will be no journey to Croke Park this year. "There will be another day," a well-wisher said. Therese smiled bleakly, and turned away.

Down at the other end of the bar, it was victory smiles all round for Kilkenny. "We're over the moon!" exclaimed the captain, Ann Downey. "Absolutely delighted."

Amid hugs from happy fans, defender Tracy Millea, who works in Mount Juliet, said beating Cork in their own backyard was almost as good as winning the All-Ireland.

"We knew we had to make up for last year," she said. Her mother, Helen, was waiting for Frank Cummins — the great Kilkenny hurler — to drive them to the Rochestown Park Hotel, where the two teams gathered for a meal.

"He's very pleased," she said, pointing down the bar to Cummins. "We all are, because beating Cork is special." Tell me about it, Helen!

Didn't Deliver

A Cork star of another era, Joan Clancy (now

Morley), summed it all up: "Some of the big names on our side just didn't deliver on the day".

Joan, whose daughter Sheenagh was a sub yesterday, added that Lady Luck didn't smile on Cork either. True — but luck wasn't the deciding factor in the end.

While Cork were disappointed, Kilkenny were very focused — on winning. "We wanted this one badly," said Angela Downey.

That was the difference.

So, joy for Kilkenny; disappointment for Cork.

And the CATS will be in Croke Park next month — with my money on them to take the O'Duffy Cup.



Kilkenny player Ann Downey getting away from Cork players Sandy Fitzgibbon and Liz O'Neill. (Picture: Dan Linehan)

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'CATS' RELIEVE CHAMPS OF TITLE

Kilkenny 4-9
Cork 2-12

CHALLENGERS Kilkenny stepped into the lion's den, got off to a bad start but eventually got their game together in flying style and eventually dislodged All-Ireland champions, Cork in a mouth-watering championship semi-final at Ballinlough on Sunday.

The heroine, Angela Downey-Browne slammed home a hat-trick of goals to inflict severe damage on the champions. But it was Kilkenny's fierce will, as shown by the entire team, that made the difference in the end.

Now the classy Cats can look forward to an All-Ireland showdown against either Galway or Wexford, who have yet to play their semi-final.

The Leaside action was of a high standard from start to finish. Cork appeared to have a slight edge in fitness, but Kilkenny compensated with their commendable attitude that left them wanting nothing but victory.

The losers threatened to run away with the game in the early stages when they jumped 1-2 to no score in front after just six minutes. Colette O'Mahony and Irene O'Keeffe pointed, while Lynn Dunlea goal.

Kilkenny, who were fielding some inexperienced players, looked on edge and they looked far from sure of themselves. However, up popped the

indomitable Angela Downey-Browne to receive an inch perfect pass from Marina Downey, and after beating two defenders she drilled home a goal.

Confidence

That score injected a strong dose of badly needed confidence into the visitors. After conceding another point to Theresa O'Callaghan they took over, and Marina Downey turned up the heat at midfield. The same Marina shot two brilliant points, and with like scores from Bridget Mullally and Marie Maher the Cats got 1-4 to 1-3 in front after 12 minutes.

Again the match swayed in Cork's direction, and with three fine scores from Colette O'Mahony and another from Sandy Fitzgerald they won back the initiative.

If they did, Kilkenny rose to the challenge and approaching half-time they took the lead. Goalie Michelle Fennelly directed a good puck-out

towards Marina Downey, who flicked the ball on. Sinead Millea was on to the loose ball in a flash, and she planted it in the net. With a minor score from Marina Downey (30) the winners went in 2-5 to 1-7 in front at half-way after playing with the advantage of the largely cross-field breeze.

Fancied chances

Cork must have fancied their chances at this stage. They were stunned in the early moments of the second half when the ever improving Gillian Dillon burst out of the Kilkenny defence with the ball and provided the possession for Angela Downey-Browne to send the green flying again.

Another point from a 30 by Marina Downey gave the winners a 3-6 to 1-7 lead, and Cork looked in serious trouble.

The big hearted Leesiders refused to panic. They merely kept plugging away. Their efforts were rewarded with a point from Colette O'Mahony, and then a goal from the same player to throw the issue wide open again.

Level again

With just 11 minutes of a saw half gone, the scores were back level again, after Irene O'Keeffe picked off the leveller for the home side (3-6 to 2-9).

At this stage Kilkenny introduced Margaret Kavanagh for



Angela Downey . . . slammed home a hat-trick of goals.

the tiring Catherine Dunne, who had worked herself to a standstill. Marie Maher moved to midfield, and what a difference she made. Her boundless energy and keenness in the tackle helped dig out even more possession, and Cork were put under pressure.

First the home side took the lead with a point from Sandy Fitzgibbon. Marina Downey (30) posted an equaliser.

Excellent effort

Moments later Marina picked off an inspiring point from a 60 yards free way out near the sideline. And if that excellent effort was not enough, Sinead Millea landed another good one from a free way out on the left.

Cork's next attack yielded nothing, and from the puck-out

Kilkenny grabbed the score that got them through. Gillian Dillon won the puck-out, and delivered to Marie Maher. The latter drilled the ball towards the full-forward position, and the flying Angela Downey-Browne slipped between two defenders before shooting to the net (4-9 to 2-10).

Cork attacked in force from there to the finish, and on one occasion Michelle Fennelly had to be at her best to turn a low effort from Theresa O'Callaghan over the bar. Later a free hit the post, and after the ball was put out for a 30, Colette O'Mahony pointed.

In the dying moments Theresa O'Callaghan had a goal, but it was not enough to save Cork, or their hard earned title.

Scorers: Kilkenny - A. Downey-Browne (3-0); S. Millea (1-1); M. Downey (0-6); M. Maher, B. Mullally (0-1 each). Cork - C. O'Mahony (1-7); L. Dunlea (1-0); L. Mellerick, S. Fitzgibbon (0-2 each); I. O'Keeffe (0-1).

Kilkenny - Michelle Fennelly, Mairead Costello, Treacy Millea, Gillian Dillon, Deirdre Malone, Marina Downey, Ann Downey, Catherine Dunne, Marie Maher, Bridget Mullally, Angela Downey-Browne, Sinead Millea. Sub - Margaret Kavanagh.

Cork - K. Considine, B. Kenny, L. Towler, IT. O'Callaghan, P. Goggins, D. Cronin, L. Mellerick, S. Fitzgibbon, I. O'Keeffe, L. O'Neill, L. Dunlea, C. O'Mahony.



■ Cork's Irene O'Keeffe breaks past Kilkenny players Gillian Dillon and Tracy Millea during

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Camogie World

by P.J. Fulham

Kilkenny are back in contention for the 'O'Duffy Cup' when they got revenge on the champions Cork, in this sparkling All-Ireland semi-final played at Ballinlough. It was a closely contested affair all the way. A HAT TRICK OF GOALS BY Angela Downey contributed greatly to her team's success. Cork were five points up before Angela struck Kilkenny's first score, an excellent goal in the 8th minute. It was a ding dong battle and just before half time Sinead Millea had Kilkenny's second goal to give them a 2-5 to 1-7 lead at the break.

On the resumption Angel Downey netted again and Marina Downey pointed from a free. By the 12th minute Cork

had gone into a one point lead. This lead was short-lived as Marina Downey, who was in great scoring form, notched off three points. Angela Downey's third goal, which was to be the turning

point of the game came on the 19th minute. Cork rallied on to add a further 0-2, but Kilkenny held on to a 0-3 victory. Final score: Kilkenny 4-9 Cork 2-12

Scorers: Kilkenny: Angela Downey/Browne 3-0, Marina Downey 0-7, Sinead Millea 1-0, Brigid Mullally 0-2. Cork: Colette O'Mahony 1-7, Lynn Dunlea 1-0, Linda Mellerick, Sandy Fitzgibbon 0-2 each, Irene O'Keefe 0-1. Referee: Marie Pollard, Waterford.

Galway coasted into the All-Ireland Junior Championship final with an impressive win over London in this semi-final played at Parnell Park, Kinsbury. The winners took control of the game from the start and despite some good play by the Londoners, Galway led 4-5 to 1-5 at the break. At this stage the game was over as a contest. The Connacht Champions went on to add a further 2-3 to their tally. Final score: Galway 6-8 London 2-5.

Scorers: Galway: Veronica Curtin 2-1, Emer Hardiman 2-1, Martina Harkin 0-5, Theresa Fallon and Ann Broderick 1-0 each, Carmel Hannon 0-1.

London: Margaret Grealley 1-5, Triona McKenna 1-0.

Galway team: Erin Dolan, Olive Costello, Deidre Hardiman, Cora Curley, Denise Gilligan, Fiona Ryan, Theresa Fallon, Gretta Maher, Anne Broderick, Emer Hardiman, Martina Harkin, Carmel Hannon, Veronica Curtin. Subs: Fiona Earls, Eileen Earls, Coleen Crowe, Helen Ryan, Siobhan Keane, Rachel Curtin, Yvonne Larkin, Anne Hardiman, Lorraine Fahy.

London team: Mary Gilligan, Anne Kennedy, Julie Drum-McCrossan, Jackie

Horan, Julie Watchorn, Mary Rowe, Niamh Mulhern, Margaret Grealley, Brenda O'Donoghoe, Deidre Cahill, Gabrielle Hussy, Theresa Dwyer. Subs: Helena Boxwell, Colette Wisner, Ciara Henry, Triona McKenna, Marie Gartland, Frances Broderick, Breda Kelly, Anne Freaney, Cathy Wynn.

Referee: Catherine McAllister, Antrim.

Limerick booked their place in the All-Ireland Junior Championship final with this semi final victory over Cavan played at Ballyhaise. It was an evenly contested first half. A goal by Pauleen McCarthy gave Limerick a 1-6 to 0.

Limerick team: Breda O'Brien, Helen McCarthy, Agnes Sheedy, Bernie O'Brien, Liz Leonard, Orla Guerin, Mary Bourke, Liz O'Riordan, Celia Fitzgerald, Kaye Bourke, Ita Quaid, Capt., Pauleen McCarthy. Subs: Mary Lonergan, Marguerite Guiry, Michelle McCarthy, Cliona Meaney.

Cavan team: Siobhan Smith, Rosemary Mulligan, Marie Prior, Margaret Watters, Catherine Smith, Majella Prior, Capt., Emer Brennan, Mairead Lynch, Ita Kiernan, Dymphna Minagh, Patricia Martyn. Subs: Mary Lynch, Marie Clarke, Cindy Ledwith, Aine McConnell.

Referee: Fiona McKenna, Armagh.

Drumcullen, Offaly, took their second Leinster Title in three years in this exciting Junior Club Championship final against the Carlow Champions Myshall at Rath. Myshall were

much the better side in the first half. Goals by Olivia Maye and Agnes Harkin gave them a 2-5 to 0-7 lead at the interval. Drumcullen stepped up the pace in the second half, and, with two well taken goals by Grainne Gath and some well taken points by Geraldine Mahon, they had soon brushed aside Myshall's challenge. Within ten minutes they came from being six points down to eight points in front. But Myshall were back in the fray with goals by Margaret Hogan and Patricia Stacey. Drumcullen showed their authority in the closing stages and came through with an eight point victory.

Final score: Drumcullen 4-14, Myshall 4-6.

Scorers: Drumcullen: Geraldine Mahon 0-10, Grainne Gath 3-0, Ita Kinsella 1-0, Caroline McCarthy 0-2, Maggie Lynch and Honor Kinsella 0-1 each.

Myshall: Olivia O'Neill 0-4, Olivia Maye, Agnes Harkin, Margaret Hogan and Patricia Stacey 1-0 each, Nuala Quirke 0-2.

Referee: Phyllis Breslin, Dublin.

Buffers Alley, Wexford booked their place in the senior Club Championship semi final when they overcame St Laurence's, Kildare in this quarter final match at Monamolin. It was a good tussle all the way with little separating the sides at any time. Buffers Alley pulled away to a five point victory in the closing stages. Final score: Buffers Alley 3-7 St Laurence's 1-8.

Scorers: Buffers Alley: Anne Marie O'Connor 0-5, Terri Butler 1-1, Elaine Donoghoe and Melaine Dunne 1-0 each, Margaret Kavanagh 0-1.

St Laurence's: Aisling Treacy 0-6, Michelle Aspel 1-0, Elaine Miley 0-2.

Referee: Valerie Crean, Carlow.

KILKENNY GET REVENGE ON CHAMPIONS



Michelle Fennelly, the Kilkenny goalkeeper had a good game against Cork

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Camogie World

By: P.J. FULHAM

Tipperary's hopes of a third successive All-Ireland Minor Camogie Championship were shattered at Loughrea where Galway were impressive winners bridging a seven year gap. The home side led by 5-5 to 1-5 at half time when the game as a contest was as good as over.

With their full forward Veronica Curtin in brilliant scoring form with a personal tally of 3-6 Galway were ahead by 7-7 to 1-6 after ten minutes of the second half. Tipperary's Caitriona Hennessy was an accurate free-taker, scoring 1-8 but Tipperary never looked like overhauling the front runners who added a further 2-8 to their first half tally. Final score: Galway 7-13, Tipperary 3-9. Scorers: Galway: Veronica Curtin 3-6, Aoife Tannian 2-0, Fiona Healy 1-2, Aine Hillary 1-1, Denise Gilligan 0-2, Aoife Lynskey and Sandra Farrell 0-1 each. Tipperary: Caitriona Hennessy 1-8, Ciara Gaynor 1-1, Mary Lobby 1-0.



The Tipperary squad who were defeated by Galway in the All-Ireland Minor Championship final

Galway Team: Emer Kearney, Esther Martyn, Teresa Murphy, Denise Gilligan, Alisha McNamara, Aoife Lynskey, Sandra Farrell, Goretta Maher, Capt., Aoife Tannian, Fiona Healy, Anne Hillary, Veronica Curtin. Subs: Sandra Tannian for S. Farrell, Fiona Pierce for A. Lynskey, Lorraine Linnane for F. Healy.

Tipperary Team: Emily Hayden, Elaine Fitzgerald, Marie Harkin, Jacqueline O'Connor, Meadh Corcoran, Orla Egan, Fiona Hanrahan, Nolette O'Dwyer, Caitriona Hennessy, Ciara Gaynor, Helan Grogan, Mary Looby, (Capt.) Subs: Claire Horan, Catherine Cahill, Grainne Shanahan, Grace Ormond. Referee: Betty Joyce, Cork.

Sunday is another busy day on the camogie scene, with the All-Ireland Senior Championship semi final and the All-Ireland Intermediate Championship semi finals down for decision. In the Senior old rivals Wexford and Galway tussle it out at Wexford Park at 3 o'clock. This is the third time on the trot the sides have met at this stage of the competition.

In 1992, at a Wexford venue, after a hard fought struggle, the Slaneysiders emerged winners by a three point margin 2-11 to 1-11. Last year, at Ballinasloe, it was a close encounter. This time the Western side were victorious by three points 5-7 to 2-13. Galway are a much improved side.

They are the newly crowned National Senior League champions. With the county winning the All-Ireland Minor Championship recently, their tails are up and they will travel with confidence. They have a star studded panel which include Sharon Glynn. Sharon is a player who covers a lot of ground and can cause lots of problems for the opposition. Deirdre Costello, Tracey Laheen, Shiela Coen, Pamela Nevin, Bridget Fahy and Olivia Broderick.

Wexford had not a great campaign in the National League, but had an impressive win over Dublin in the Championship quarter final 3-12 to 2-9. With home venue they will be quietly confident, depending on players such as Catherine Murphy, Stella Synott, Paula Rankin, Anne Reddy and Marian

O'Leary to see them through but Galway carry the tag of favourites. In the Intermediate Championship semi final Clare travel to cross swords with Armagh. Clare, the holders, gave a great performance against Kilkenny in the Senior Championship, going under by just three points 2-16 to 3-10. Armagh, who recently had a convincing win over a depleted Dublin side will provide stiff opposition on home ground. They have good performers in Ursula McGivern, Mary Black, Patricia McEvoy, Margaret Moriarty and Donna McCusker. Clare are sure to be well served by Patricia Maloney, Catherine O'Loughlin, Sylvia O'Brien, Debbie McDonagh and Frances Phelan. This one could go all the way to the wire.

In the other semi final Kildare will show their hospitality to Tipperary. Clare 2 p.m. in what should be another entertaining affair. Both teams were defeated at the semi final stages last year. When they met in the National Senior League Tipperary had a convincing win 5-4 to 0-4. The Premier County are favoured to advance after their excellent performance in the National Senior League final against Galway. They have noted players in Deirdre Hughes, Meadh Stokes, Anne Gleeson, Noelle Kennedy and Theresa Burke. Kildare are an excellent squad with many experienced players including Miriam Malone, Bernie Farrelly, Melanie Treacy and Siobhan Mullins. They are capable of producing lots of fire, but the visitors may carry too much strength.

Ulster Club Championship Results:

A. St. Patrick's Keady, Armagh 3-10, Castletara, Cavan 2-4

B. Cuchullain's Dunloy, Antrim 9-3,

Newtowncunningham, Donegal 0-1

Dunloy Scorers: Majella McMullen 4-2, Una Elliott 3-3, Elaine Dowds 2-1, Anne McKee 0-3, Brendan Kearns, Christine Camphill, Deirdre Cuning and Sinead McMullen 0-1 each. Newtowncunningham: Carina Callaghan 0-1.

C. Leitrim's Fontenoy's, Down 2-19, Eglis, Tyrone 5-7.

Scorers: Leitrim: Mairin McAleenan 0-11, Mairin O'Higgins 1-2, Majella Murray 0-4, Lil Cunningham 1-0, Nuala McGee 0-2. Eglis: Catherine Finnegan 2-0, Brendan Burke 1-2, Anne Jordan 1-1, Grainne Daly 1-0, Leona Fay 0-3, Maryrose McGrady 0-1.

Tipperary Camogie Board Golf Classic held in Dundrum Golf and Leisure Club was a tremendous success. This was the second successive Golf Classic run to help the Board raise the necessary funds to build dressing room facilities at 'The Rags' Camogie grounds.

The Prize winners were as follows:

- 1st Clare Hurlers
- 2nd Donie Neilan, Munster Council
- 3rd Michael Breen, Knockavilla
- 4th Albie Grace, Bansa.



The Clare team - All-Ireland Intermediate champions - going all out to retain their title

Galway Minors Shatter Tipp Hopes

COMMUNITY GAMES

BOYS, Athletics: Field: U/14, Shot Putts: 1 A Quinn (Antrim), 2 P Lynch (Westmeath), 3 E Codd (Wexford), 4 D Ayres (Kildare). Long Jump: 1 T Farrell (Roscommon), 2 K Burke (Limerick), 3 P Casey (Kerry), 4 C Ryan (Dublin).

U/12 Long Puck: 1 P Veale (Waterford), 2 P O'Dwyer (Limerick), 3 O Carow (Kildare), 4 M Conway (Kerry).

600m First Semi-finals: 1 B Walsh (Galway), 2 G Duggan (Clare), 3 P Kelly (Carlow), 4 R Jordan (Tipperary), 5 D O'Donnell (Limerick), 6 A Phelan (Kilkenny). **Second Semi-finals:** 1 D Boheman (Westmeath), 2 S Connolly (Dublin), 3 B McCarren (Monaghan), 4 A O'Brien (Kildare), 5 C Giffin (Leitrim), 6 B Lenihan (Kerry).

U/14, 800m, First Semi-finals: 1 A Hennessy (Cork), 2 M Wilcocks (Meath), 3 B Twahy (Clare), 4 G Moran (Carlow), 5 D Walsh (Louth), 6 D Butler (Offaly).

Second Semi-finals: 1 A Ward (Dublin), 2 C Morgan (Mayo), 3 M Kelly (Wexford), 4 M McGlinchey (Donegal), 5 M Donnelly (Down), 6 P Culliton

BOYS-1000m: 1 Kildare, 2 Mayo, 3 Down, 4 Mayo.

Wells: U/13, First Semi-finals: 1 M Costin (Waterford), 2 S O'Keefe (Kilkenny), 3 A O'Malley (Limerick), 4 N Brennan (Carlow), 5 N Madigan (Clare), 6 R Daly (Offaly). **Second Semi-finals:** 1 B Kelly (Wicklow), 2 L Dunne (Dublin), 3 E Skeffington (Mayo), 4 N Lee (Leitrim), 5 J Henry (Sligo), 6 Y Mahady (Kildare).

Camogie: U/14, Semi-finals: Teemore Fermanagh 10-8, Ballingarry/Grangh Limerick 0, Asahcrogh/Caitra Galway 3-2, Monamolin/Kilmuckridge, Wexford 3-1.

Basketball: U/13, Semi-finals: Castleland Kerry 30, Magharadloon, Monaghan 11, Ballina, Mayo 30, Bolaly, Dublin 26.

U/16, Semi-finals: Currow Kerry 24, Millford Donegal 10, Carnageeha Sligo 26, Firhouse, Dublin 28.

Volleyball: U/16, Semi-finals: 1 Skibbereen, Cork 2, Steelstown, Kerry 0, Loughrea Galway 1, Elmourti, Dublin 2.

Mixed Relay: U/15 Semi-finals: 1 Limerick, 2 Carlow, 3 Kilkenny, 4 Lough, 1 Monaghan, 2 Westmeath, 3 Kildare, 4

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■ Mary Ring, Avondale Park, Cork, daughter of Christy Ring, and Mr Mark Kennefick, Commons Road, Cork, who were married at St. Joseph's Church, Blackrock, Cork, on Saturday. —(Picture: Dan Linehan)

Sports stars tie the knot

By PETER GLEESON

THE nuptial knot was tied by three of Munster's best known sports stars over the weekend.

On Saturday, Mary Ring, the only daughter of the late and great Cork hurler Christy Ring, walked down the aisle in her home city, while Limerick hurler, Mike Galligan, wedded his childhood sweetheart, Nicolette O'Neill.

Ms Ring, who played camogie with Cork and captained the Glen to two All-Ireland final victories in 1986 and 1990, joined up with a member of another well known hurling family at St Joseph's Church in Blackrock.

Her new husband is Mark Kennefick, son of Seán Kennefick, who won a number of county medals with the Glen, and whose playing career overlapped that of Christy Ring.

Ms Ring, who works with Cork County VEC, plays alongside her new sister-in-law, Mandy, on the Glen team.

Meanwhile, Mick Galligan who was named as left half-forward on the county team to play Offaly in the All-Ireland hurling final next Sunday, was married in Cahirdavin on Saturday.

On Friday, Irish and Cork Constitution rugby player Kenny Murphy married Cork girl Mary Buckley at St Patrick's Church in Whitechurch.

All-Ireland camogie semi-final

Wexford have a score to settle

DAVID MEDCALF
Staff Reporter

THE WEXFORD camogie team has a score to settle as they face up to Galway in Sunday's All-Ireland senior semi-final (3 pm). A large crowd is expected in Wexford Park for the re-run of last year's excellent scrap between the same two counties at the same stage of the competition.

That match and the result have certainly not been forgotten by selector George Rankin: 'Last year's semi final was as good hurling as you will see but we let them walk in for a couple of soft goals and that was the difference between the two teams.'

In plotting a reversal of Model fortunes, George and his co-selectors Greta Quigley and Margaret Leacy, have made substantial changes. There are no less than eight new faces among the panel of twenty and they have not been afraid to blood promising youngsters at the top grade.

Teenagers Barbara Sludds, Esme Murphy and Orla Hernan all played in the previous round against Dublin. They have begun to blend in well with such 'old hands' as Cath-

erine Murphy, Anne Reddy, Stella Sinnott and Geraldine Codd.

Sinnott and Codd are among the five players who have to travel from Dublin for training sessions - the others being Anne-Marie O'Connor, Orla Gahan and reserve keeper Tina Farrell.

Galway are undoubtedly an emerging power in the world of camogie and would relish a tilt at Kilkenny who beat holders Cork last Sunday in the other half of the draw.

Wexford Panel: Terri Butler, Stella Sinnott, Anne-Marie O'Connor, Kate Donohoe (Buffer's Alley); Catherine Murphy, Geraldine Codd, Anne Reddy, Mary Hayden (Buffer's Alley); Paula Rankin, Esme Murphy, Orla O'Leary (Buncloody); Marion O'Leary, Tina Farrell, Barbara Sludds (Oylegate); Angie Hearne (St. Ibar's); Avis Nolan, Orla Gahan, Orla Hernan (Monageer); Fiona Dunne (Oulart); Ailish Atkinson (Duffry Rovers).

Camogie under age championship results:

Under 14 'A' - Rathnure 2-7, St. Ibar's 2-4.

Under 16 'A' - Buffer's Alley 4-0, St. Martin's 1-2; Buncloody 5-8, Rathnure 1-8.

Under 16 'B' - Cloughbawn 3-4, Rosslare 2-3; Sean Ross beat Blackwater.

Galway face old rivals

OLD rivals Wexford and Galway meet again in the All-Ireland senior camogie championship semi-final this Sunday at Wexford Park. This is the third time on the trot that the sides have met at this stage of the competition.

In 1992 the Slaneysiders emerged winners by a three-point margin, 2-11 to 1-11. Last year the western side were victorious by three points, 5-7 to 2-13.

Galway are the newly-crowned National Senior League champions and will be favourites for this game. They have a star-studded panel, which includes Sharon Glynn, Deirdre Costello, Tracy Laheen, Shiela Coen, Pamela Nevin, Bridget Fahy and Olivia Broderick.

Wexford had an impressive win over Dublin in the championship quarter-final by 3-12 to 2-9, and with home venue they will be quietly confident.

In the All-Ireland intermediate championship semi-finals, Clare travel to cross swords with Armagh at An Port Mór in what should be a close game and Kildare will show their hospitality to Tipperary in what should be another entertaining affair.

FIXTURES

SUNDAY

All-Ireland Senior Championship
Wexford Park: Semi-final — Wexford v Galway (3.0).

All-Ireland Intermediate Championship

Clare: Semi-final — Kildare v Tipperary (2.0).

An Port Mór: Semi-final — Armagh v Clare (2.0).

CAMOGIE
Senior Championships
Wexford Park: Semi-final — Wexford 3-14, Galway 2-5.
Intermediate Championships
Clare: Semi-final — Kildare 3-5, Tipperary 0-7.
An Port Mór: Semi-final — Armagh 2-11, Clare 2-7.

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Camogie girls set to bridge 19 year gap

Wexford.....3-14 Galway.....2-5

Cork girls advance

Cork 4-6 Clare 0-3

CORK advanced to the final of the Munster under-18 camogie championship following a comprehensive victory over Clare at Newmarket-on-Fergus.

On top in all sectors, Cork turned over 4-2 to 0-2 in front and were never in any danger. They now play Tipperary in the final in a fortnight's time.

Following two years of torment at the hands of Galway, a near faultless display saw Wexford cruise into the All-Ireland final with a tremendously impressive display over the Westerners in the All-Ireland senior camogie semi-final at Wexford Park on Sunday last, writes Brendan Furlong.

With a smashing display from Fiona Dunne which saw her contribute 2-10 to her side's total, Wexford, following a somewhat shaky start which saw them concede two opportunist goals to fall 2-2 to 0-3 in arrears by the ninth minute, recovered to outplay their highly vaunted rivals for the remainder of the game.

The sharp shooting of Dunne, both from play and frees, brought an end to Wexford's recent misery at the hands of the Westerners. Apart from that opening ten minute spell, Wexford, with total commitment and no little skill,

controlled proceedings to such an extent, particularly when wind assisted in the second period, that the Galway challenge petered out at an early stage.

Many of the Wexford players were unaccustomed to such an occasion. No doubt they would have been happy to contain the opposition when playing into the strong wind in the opening thirty minutes.

This did not look possible with that disastrous start. However, the younger players were helped through those tense stages by the experience of Stella Sinnott, Terri Butler and Ann Reddy, and the manner in which they took the initiative in the second quarter, always suggested that Wexford was the more eager side.

In that opening spell it looked as if Wexford's luck was out. Having edged 0-2 to 0-1 in front in the opening six minutes with both points coming from Fiona Dunne, tragedy struck in the seventh minute.

Galway, with the assistance of the strong wind, put it to full advantage when a long puck-out from goalie Tracey Laheen found its way to the Wexford net off the fingers of full-back Catherine Murphy. Sharon Glynn and Fiona Dunne exchanged points, before Galway punished a weak Wexford clearance when Olivia Broderick found the net with a first-time shot in the ninth minute.

The omens were not looking good for the Wexford side. However, they never lost their composure despite this double setback, which shows all the hallmarks of a fine team. Points from Fiona Dunne, Ann Reddy, following a splendid move, and Ann Marie O'Connor, had them right back in contention, 2-2 to 0-6 by the fifteenth minute.

But the most important strike came two minutes later when Fiona Dunne crashed a twenty-one yards free to the net, and it was this score which helped Wexford to an interval lead of 1-7 to 2-3 despite playing into the wind.

This Galway side had been built around what was to be an impressive forward line. They failed to live up to this reputation shooting three wides in as many minutes on the resumption, before Wexford set the pattern for the remainder of the game.

Fiona Dunne and Sharon Glynn exchanged points, before Dunne added two further minors by the end of the third quarter to leave Wexford leading 2-10 to 2-4.

Oylegate's Marion O'Leary who had been impressing in attack all afternoon finally got reward for her tireless effort when she saw her long shot

from the wing find its way to the corner of the net in the seventeenth minute.

This was the score which well and truly killed off the Galway challenge, for Wexford, now enjoying a comfortable 3-10 to 2-4 lead, were never going to be caught such was the authority of their hurling.

For Wexford this must have been their most impressive display for a long time. The manner in which they settled to overcome such a disastrous start suggests that here is a side with their eyes set on greater things and their final clash with Kilkenny should be a real thriller.

Wexford cruised home in that final quarter but it took some superb displays before they finally dismantled the Galway challenge.

The experienced Terri Butler in goal did not let that opening Galway barrage unsettle her and played with skill and authority for the remainder of the game.

Catherine Murphy brought all her experience into play following that shock start which would have unsettled a far lesser player. She played splendidly right through the second period.

Wexford's best sides in the past have been built on a good half-back line and this was never more evident than on this occasion. Stella Sinnott and Paula Rankin were superb right through the hour, while Mary Hayden outplayed the dangerous Anne Ryan.

It was Fiona Dunne from that great Oulart hurling family who rewrote the record books. Her final tally of 2-10 was a superb total and came at the end of a superb hour's hurling which saw her control midfield, with tremendous support from Orla Hernan and Angie Hearne.

She got impressive back-up from her forward colleagues with Ann Reddy showing tremendous flair, while Marion O'Leary was always in the action, with Ann Marie O'Connor and Esme Murphy also having their bright moments. Geraldine Codd looked dangerous when introduced to the attack and will be pushing strongly for a final place.

Wexford - T. Butler (Buffers Alley), C. Murphy (Rathnure), S. Sinnott (Buffers Alley), P. Rankin (Buncloody), M. Hayden (Rathnure), O. Hernan (Monageer), F. Dunne (Oulart), 2-10, A. Hearne (St. Ibar's), A.M. O'Connor (Buffers Alley), (0-2), A. Reddy (Rathnure), (0-1), E. Murphy (Buncloody), M. O'Leary (Oylegate) (1-0).

Subs - G. Codd (Rathnure) (0-1) for Hernan; K. Donohue (Buffers Alley) for Hearne.

WEXFORD PLAYER RATINGS

TERRI BUTLER - On the day her concentration was not one hundred per cent but the Buffers Alley player pulled-off a number of vital saves over the sixty minutes. Unlucky to concede the first-half goals. 7 - writes Ronan Fagan.

CATHERINE MURPHY - Not on top of her game but Murphy's usual enthusiasm lifted her fellow team mates and led to important saves. 7

STELLA SINNOTT - Slow to settle but later made her presence felt and created many problems for the Galway forwards. 7

PAULA RANKIN - the Buncloody star never put a foot wrong and was a thorn in her opponents' side throughout. Good ground strokes took the pressure off her fellow defenders. A great display. 9

MARY HAYDEN - Strong during the opening exchanges but the pace of the game seemed to take her unawares. 6

ORLA HERNON - Performed well and had a good game overall until her substitution in the second-half. 7

FIONA DUNNE - A commanding display from placed balls, contributing 2-10 to Wexford's total, and together with her general play had an inspirational game. Another great display. 9

ANGIE HEARNE - Marked closely and operated well at midfield until her substitution. 6

ANN-MAIRE O'CONNOR - This was not one of her best displays as she struggled at times but was quick to avail of scoring opportunities that came her way. 7

ANN REDDY - After settling into the game, Reddy gave a display of courage and commitment. Contributed a point from play. 8

ESME MURPHY - Seemed to have left her scoring stick at home, but Murphy managed a host of superb passes to her fellow forwards while shaking off her marker without any great fuss. 8

MARION O'LEARY - Justified the selectors faith in the manner in which she controlled the centre-forward berth and proved an even greater asset when moved to midfield late in to the first half. Struck home a morale boosting goal midway through the second half. 8

Sub: **GERALDINE CODD** - when brought on early in the second half, Codd proved to be somewhat of an anchor at full-forward as she shielded the sliothar and proved a continuous threat to the Galway side. Scored a good point from play. 7

Sub: **KATE DONOHOE** - Replaced Angie Hearne and had a good game. 7

GALWAY GIRLS OUT-DUNNE!

WEXFORD.....3-14
GALWAY.....2-5

A MARVELLOUS individual display from Fiona Dunne, who scored 2-10, helped Wexford to the All-Ireland senior camogie final at Wexford Park yesterday.

Galway started impressively and led 2-2 to 0-3 by the tenth minute. Their first goal came direct from a wind-assisted puckout by goalkeeper, Tracey Laheen, and Olivia Broderick quickly added a second.

Dunne's accuracy brought Wexford back into the game, and she crashed a 21-yard free to the net in the 17th minute. Wexford lead 1-7 to 2-3 at the interval and completely controlled the second period, during which Marion O'Leary added a third goal.

SCORERS: Wexford - F. Dunne (2-10), M. O'Leary (1-0), A.M. O'Connor (0-2), A. Reddy, G. Codd (0-1 each). Galway - T. Laheen, O. Broderick (1-0 each), S. Glynn (0-4), A. Ryan (0-1).

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The Wexford senior camogie team who qualified for the All Ireland senior camogie final by beating Galway in Wexford Park on Sunday.



Wexford's Catherine Murphy powers her way out of defence despite the close attention of a Galway forward during Sunday's camogie semi-final in Wexford Park.

A tale of two dressingrooms

A large band of supporters were taking their places at Wexford Park on Sunday afternoon to watch the Wexford v. Galway All Ireland senior camogie semi-final. At the same time, ground staff beavered away at completing the laying of pitch markings for the big game just minutes prior to the match, writes Ronan Fagan.

Inside the Wexford dressingroom, an air of victorious expectation was lingering as players urged each other to give of their best and victory would be theirs.

This air of expectancy appeared to run through the entire Wexford contingent and the word 'DEFEAT' would not be heard of.

The atmosphere in the Galway dressingroom was pale by comparison as a deafening silence was emitted - anxiety etched on the faces of all the players, substitutes and selectors alike.

Indeed, the story remained the same after sixty minutes of sporting competition. Relatives of the numerous Wexford players

filed in, in steady droves to extend a congratulatory hand to the winners. The passage way which divided the changing rooms was congested.

The door to the Galway dressingroom remained closed, however, the team gathered their thoughts and looked ahead to next year and possible revenge.

Galway mentor, Tony Ward, believes that Wexford have the ability to bridge their nineteen year gap without the All Ireland senior title, when they meet Kilkenny in the final on Sunday 25th September. "I am confident that with the display Wexford gave today they can beat Kilkenny. Maybe it's Wexford's year to win the All Ireland and I hope that they do," Ward said.

Opposing Wexford mentor, George Rankin echoed his Western comrades sentiments. "After today's game we will be confident and it is about time that a Wexford team went out and said, 'To hell with who we are playing against', and win the All Ireland."

Bunclody resident, Rankin went on to say that after twelve weeks of intense training and preparation he was proud of his team and happy with the work rate of the winners.

Wexford captain, Ann Reddy, felt that the purple and gold clad women were the better side overall. "We were by far the better team. They got a good start, but when we came back into the game we knew that we could best Galway," the Rathnure player said.

So, now it's destination Croke Park on Sunday 25th September to avenge the defeat which Wexford tasted at the hands of Kilkenny at the same stage in 1990.



Wexford camogie ladies mount yet another attack against Galway defenders during Sunday's All-Ireland camogie semi-final at Wexford Park.

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Camogie World

By: P.J. FULHAM

Wexford are through to meet Kilkenny in the All-Ireland Senior Championship final after coasting to a twelve point victory over National Senior League champions Galway, in this semi final played at Wexford Park. This was a great win for Wexford, making it an all Leinster final.

Galway took an early lead with goals coming from Tracey Laheen and Olivia Broderick. Wexford's Fiona Dunne, who was in great scoring form picked off some long range points before Marian O'Leary goaled to give Wexford a 1-7 to 2-3 lead at the break.

In the second half Wexford stepped up the pace, which Galway had no answer for, as the winners added a further 2-7 to their tally. Final score: Wexford 3-14, Galway 2-5. Scorers: Wexford: Fiona Dunne 2-10, Marian O'Leary 1-0, Anne Marie O'Connor 0-2, Geraldine Codd and Anne Reddy 0-1 each. Galway: Sharon Glynn 0-4, Tracey Laheen and Olivia Broderick 1-0 each, Anne Ryan 0-1. Referee: Marie Pollard, Waterford.

Kildare booked their place in the All-Ireland Intermediate Championship final when they got the better of a fancied Tipperary side in the semi final played at Clane. At the end of the first quarter Kildare were in front 1-2 to 0-0 with the goal coming from Miriam Malone on the tenth minute. Tipperary pulled one back by Deirdre Hughes to leave the half time score: Kildare 1-2, Tipperary 0-2.

In the second half Tipperary tried to claw their way back with points by Triona Bonner and Anne Gleeson, but goals by Melanie Tracey and Michelle Aspel gave Kildare a comfortable 3-5 to 0-7 victory. Scorers: Kildare: Miriam Malone 1-4, Michelle Aspel and Melanie Tracey 1-0 each, Aisling Tracey 0-1. Tipperary: Deirdre Hughes 0-4, Triona Bonner 0-2, Anne Gleeson 0-1.

Kildare Team: Anna Dargan, Geraldine Dwyer, Therese Farrelly, Melanie Tracey, Liz O'Donoghoe, Caomhe Brennan, Clare Maloney,

Aisling Tracey, Bernie Farrelly, Michelle Aspel, Miriam Malone, Erlaine Miley. Subs: Siobhan Mullen for C. Brennan, Rose Merriman for E. Miley, Nuala Kerrigan for A. Tracey.

Tipperary Panel: Ailish Delaney, Anne Gleeson, Teresa Bourke, Siobhan Cusack, Suzanne Kelly, Cora Kennedy, Claire Madden, Meadh Stokes, Kaiffe Maloney, Noelle Kennedy, Catherine Bourke, Helan Kiely, Deirdre Hughes, Gillian O'Neill, Anne Gleeson, Susan Kenneally, Regina O'Meara, Marie Ryan, Anne Marie Fitzgerald. Referee: Mary Connor, Louth.

Armagh are through to meet Kildare in the Final of the Intermediate Championship when they got the better of Clare, the holders, in this semi final played at An Port Mor. This was a keenly contested affair, with little separating the sides at any time. After an exciting first half Armagh led 2-4 to 2-3 at the break.

The second half continued to be a ding dong battle. It was in the closing five minutes that Armagh pulled away to a four point winning margin. Final Score: Armagh 2-11, Clare 2-7. Scorers: Armagh: Mary Black 1-3, Collette Byrnes 0-6, Bernie McBride 1-0, Olive McGeown 0-2. Clare: Patricia Maloney 2-0, Catherine O'Loughlin, Maura McNicholas and Sinead O'Brien 0-2 each, Frances Phelan 0-1. Referee: Aine Derham, Dublin.

Lisdowney, Kilkenny have reached the final of the Leinster Club Championship after an excellent tussle with the Dublin champions Marino in this semi final played at Ballyraggett. It was a close contest all the way. Marino led by one point as full time approached and just on the whistle Lisdowney equalised 3-11 each. Lisdowney came out the better in extra time with a four point winning margin, 5-16 to 5-12.

Kildare and Armagh clash in the All-Ireland Intermediate Championship final which will be played as curtain raiser to the All-Ireland Under 21 Hurling final between Kilkenny and Galway at O'Connor Park, Tullamore on Sunday next. Camogie followers

will be pleased with this news as it is a great step forward for the awareness of the game and is a good boost for the Intermediate Championship which is in its third year and is proving to be an excellent competition.

This year's final should be an entertaining affair between two teams who are no strangers to each other. Armagh entered Intermediate ranks when they won the All-Ireland Junior Championship last season. As current National League champions, they have proved to be a formidable force, disposing of Dublin in the quarter final and the reigning champions, Clare in the semi final. They have a star studded panel which include Ursula McGivern, Patricia McEvoy, Mary Donnelly, Mary Black and Bernie McBride.

The teams met in the All-Ireland Junior Championship final in '87 and in the N.J.L. Final in '89 when Kildare were victorious on both occasions.

Kildare had a convincing win over Down in the quarter final and disposed of Tipperary in the semi final. The Lilywhites have quite a number of experienced players such as the long serving Miriam Malone, Geraldine Dwyer, Anna Dargan, Claire Maloney, Melanie Tracey and Bernie Farrelly. The Leinster County are due a Championship but the Orchard County will not make it easy.

Also this weekend the Leinster Senior Club Championship final is down for decision when Buffer's Alley, Wexford battle it out with Lisdowney, Kilkenny Monamolin. In the semi final Buffer's Alley recorded a 2-12 to 1-10 victory over Drumcullen, Offaly. This is sure to be a close entertaining encounter between two teams who are capable of producing the best. Lisdowney are the reigning champions, Buffer's Alley will be no push over. This one should go all the way to the wire.

Lisdowney Panel: Veronica Wall, Mary Brennan, Caroline Glendon, Brigid Barnaville, Fran Shore, Anne Downey, Marina Downey, Catherine Dunne, Anne Dunne, Sandra Gleeson, Angela Downey, Anne Marie Hughes, Brigid Wall, Noelle O'Driscoll, Deirdre Delaney, Martina Tallis, Olivia Donnelly.

Buffer's Alley: Kathleen O'Brien, Paula Synott, Jean O'Leary, Stella Synott, Kate Donaghoe, Liz Murphy, Michelle Kavanagh, Pauleen Wall, Terri Butler, Anne Marie O'Connor, Yvonne Donaghoe, Melanie Dunne, Eithne Synott, Therese Doran, Lisa O'Brian, Noelle Doran.

Another Wexford -Kilkenny Showdown

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Camogie World

By: P.J. FULHAM

This week we focus on the Buffer's Alley Club in Wexford, which this year celebrates its Silver Anniversary and in conjunction with same ran a very successful seven-a-side Tournament.

The Buffer's Alley club was founded in February 1969 by the late Tom O'Leary, the late Tom Butler and Syl Murphy. "The Echo" July 5th 1969 reported: "While only one club existed in the north of the county last year there are now half a dozen. Kilrush-St. Brigid's has recently been joined by Ferns, Buffer's Alley Askamore, Bunclody, Clonegal and Ballygarret thus making the north one of the most Camogie conscious areas in the county".

In the same year Buffer's Alley contested its first County Final in the Junior Championship against rivals Kilrush-St. Brigid's having accounted for Rathnure and St. Coleman's Ballindaggin along the way.

The Echo, reported that: "Kilrush had no answer to Buffer's Alley. Contested in atrocious weather conditions in Pairc Eanna, Gorey last Sunday (Dec. 21st) the County Junior Camogie title was won in a decisive fashion by Buffer's Alley with a five goal win over Kilrush-St. Brigid's".

This first time success was the beginning of bigger and better things, with the club contesting its first county Senior final against St. Abban's in 1970. St. Abban's took the honours on this occasion but the following year Buffer's

Alley were there again. This time it was a "dramatic win for Buffers in an intense final", on a scoreline of Buffer's Alley 3-2, St. Abban's 3-0. Scorers for Buffers: M. Hearne 1-2, J. Walsh and B. Jacob 1-0 each.

The next three successive finals saw Buffer's Alley battle it out with then accustomed rivals St. Abban's, who held the honours for these three years but the Alley gained revenge in '75 by defeating them. From then until '89 the Alley remained County Senior Champions and regained the title again in '91.

The underage section of the club began in '71 winning its first county title in '76, coached by Willie Corcoran. The majority of these underage players now form the backbone of the present Senior squad.

1978 saw the club contest its first All-Ireland Senior Club Championship final against Ballagran, Limerick. Defeat in this final only served to further spur on players and mentors, with the result, that in '79 they contested another All-Ireland Club final against Athenry, Galway, this time returning to the Alley with the silverware. 1981 to '84 were most memorable years with the acclaimed "four in a row", defeating Killeagh, Cork in '81, Athenry in '82, St. Mary's, Glenamaddy, Galway in '83 and Killeagh

again in '84. In the intermittent years the Alley contested several Leinster Championship clashes in particular with arch rivals St. Paul's, Kilkenny with whom many memorable meetings were savoured by all concerned.

The future looks bright due to the persistence, patience and dedication over the last number of years to the younger girls of the club. This has been made possible by Dorothy Kenny, Mary

final 1-8 to 1-6.

The girls in green and yellow hoisted the flag further when they defeated the Kildare Champions St. Laurence's in the Leinster quarter final 3-7 to 1-8. They went on to book their place in the final when they beat Drumcullen Offaly in the semi final 2-12 to 1-10. To win the Leinster title would be a tremendous achievement on their Anniversary.

The club has supplied



Buffer's Alley - Wexford Senior Camogie Champions. Front, left to right: Eithne Synott, Jean O'Leary, Yvonne Donohoe, Pauline Hall, Kate Donohoe, Paula Synott, Michelle Kavanagh, Melanie Dunne, Dorothy Kenny. Back, left to right: Liz Murphy, Helan O'Sullivan, Kathleen O'Brien, Terri Butler, Stella Synott, Anne Marie O'Connor, Therese Doran, Lisa O'Brien, Ailish Kavanagh

Doran, Terri Butler, Anne and Jack O'Brien to name a few.

The club's presence at Leinster and All-Ireland Championship level had dwindled slightly over more recent years. However, there were jubilant scenes in St. Patrick's Park when Anne Marie O'Connor laid hands on the Pat Kelly Memorial Cup this year and so the Alley, who won fourteen Wexford Senior titles on the trot before their stranglehold was broken, are back on top. They defeated Rathnure the holders in the

many outstanding players to the county and Leinster down the years, one in particular Elsie Cody, who has given a tremendous commitment to Camogie as a player, administrator, coach and referee. When Wexford line out against Kilkenny on All-Ireland final day September 25th "The Alley will be represented by Terri Butler, Stella Synott and Anne Marie O'Connor.

I congratulate them on their achievements to date and wish them success in the next 25 years.

Famed BUFFERS ALLEY Celebrate Silver Anniversary

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A full agenda for all camogie fans

THERE is a full programme of games listed for the coming weekend, pick of which should be the clash of Bishopstown and Killeagh in the Senior 'B' Championship at Midleton tonight at 7.15 and in the same competition at Innishannon Na Piarsaigh and Kilbrittain will be in opposition in a replay game which is timed for 7 o'clock. Also tonight there is a first round intermediate game down for decision at Coachford and will see Inniscarra and Castlemagner in action at 7 o'clock while tomorrow the Junior 'A' and 'B' Championships get off to a start with a number of interesting ties listed.

The clash of Killeagh and Bishopstown at Midleton tonight promises to be a cracking contest between two fairly evenly matched sides. Bishopstown on form will probably be slightly favoured. They will have the advantage of already playing two

games in the championship, having been involved with Fr. O'Neills in a preliminary round which also went to a replay, while it will be Killeagh's first outing in the championship. However Killeagh are never easily defeated when it comes to championship and are always very strong campaigners. They will look to the experience of players like Cathy Landers who returns to the side this season, Mary and Shelly Spillane, Siobhan Linehan, Kathleen Costien and Mary O'Connor to carry them through but these girls will certainly have to be at their best if they are to curtail a Bishopstown side that can call on such fine performers as Liz Towler, Liz O'Neill, Rose Desmond, Vivienne Harris, Sheenagh Morley and Eithne Duggan.

In the second game at Innishannon we could have another cliff-hanger in store. The drawn game was a closely contested affair and was neck and

neck to the final whistle and tonight's game promises to be no exception with another great game in store.

FIXTURES

TONIGHT

Senior 'B' Championship — Na Piarsaigh v Kilbrittain at Innishannon at 7 o'clock (referee Sheila O'Brien); Killeagh v Bishopstown at Midleton at 7.15 (Colette O'Mahony).
Intermediate Championship — Inniscarra v Castlemagner at Coachford at 7 o'clock (Tracy Sheehan).

TOMORROW

Junior 'A' Championship — Ballinora v Watergrasshill at Ballinora at 12 noon (Bishopstown); Douglas v Blackrock at 12 noon (Brian Dillons); St. Finbarrs v Barryroe at St. Finbarrs at 6.30 p.m. (Tracy Sheehan).
Junior 'B' Championship — Gleann Na Laoi v Delaney's at Gleann Na Laoi at 12 noon (Ballincollig); Clonakilty v Ballygarvan at Clonakilty at 3.30 p.m. (Bandon); Ballinhassig v St. Fannahans at Ballinhassig at 6.30 p.m. (Bandon); Fermoy v Courcy Rovers at Fermoy at 3.30 p.m. (St. Catherine's); Cobh v Newcestown at Cobh at 3.30 p.m. (Sarsfields); Bandon v Valley Rovers at Bandon at 12 noon (Kilbrittain).

Kilbrittain oust Piarsaigh

Kilbrittain 4-13 Na Piarsaigh 3-13.

NA PIARSAIGH, who reached last year's County final, where they were beaten by Glen Rovers, were strongly fancied to go all the way in this year's "B" Senior Championship but in a highly entertaining replay at Innishannon on Saturday evening they were surprised by a very fit Kilbrittain side.

The sides had drawn a few weeks ago and it was expected that the more experienced Na Piarsaigh side would come out on top this time. It was the more determined Kilbrittain side who took the honours.

Kilbrittain now go on to meet Aghabullogue in the semi-final.

The winners played against the wind in the first half and only found themselves a goal down, 2-3 to 1-9 at the break, thanks to some sterling defending.

On the turn over Kilbrittain began to get a grip on the game, and with Mary Brennan having a fine game in defence and Miriam Deasy in excellent form up front, they ran out worthy winners.

Scorers — KILBRITTAIN: E O'Regan 0-8 (0-4 "30's"), M Deasy 1-3, M Brennan 1-0, C Dineen 1-0, K Foley 1-0, K O'Regan 0-1, C Hurley 0-1. NA PIARSAIGH: I O'Leary 1-10, M Byrnes 2-1, P Goggins 0-1, E Healy 0-1.

Bishopstown 5-4 Killeagh 1-3

TWO quick goals inside the first four minutes of the second half of this County 'B' Championship saw Bishopstown coast to a comfortable victory over Killeagh at Midleton on Saturday night.

A dreadful mistake by the Killeagh custodian in the 28th minute resulted in Una Leahy having little difficulty in scoring a goal. A minute later 16-year-old Tricia Doyle crashed home the second to open a gap of seven points.

Killeagh played well in the opening quarter but found it difficult to penetrate a Bishopstown defence and trailed at the interval by 1-3 to 0-2, Sheenagh Morley scoring a great goal for the winners.

While the 'town got a great start to the second half it took them 16 minutes more to raise another flag. Despite this Killeagh found it exceptionally hard to make a breakthrough and it was not until the dying minutes that Mary Spillane got the consolation goal. A fine bit of individual play by

Miss Morley set up Liz O'Neill and she billowed the net from 15 metres.

Scorers — Bishopstown: U. Doyle 2-0, L O'Neill 1-3, T. Doyle 1-1, S. Morley 1-0, L Walsh 0-1. Killeagh: M. Spillane 1-0, M O'Connor 0-3.

BISHOPSTOWN: R. Desmond, C. Murphy, A. Buckley, A. Creed, E. Duggan, S. Morley, V. Harris, L. Walsh, T. Doyle, L. O'Neill, U. Leahy, L. Keating. Subs: E. Hogan for Leahy; C. Ryan for T. Doyle.

KILLEAGH: K. Costine, V. Motherway, A. O'Connor, C. Harnedy, C. Murphy, C. Treacy, J. Power, S. Cahalane, M. O'Connor, S. Spillane, S. Linehan, M. Spillane. Subs: E. Leahy for S. Linehan; M. Keniry for J. Power.

Referee: C. Cronin (St. Finbarrs).

Inniscarra 1-9 Castlemagner 2-2.

INNISCARRA qualified to meet the winners of the Eire Og-Cloughduv semi-final in the final of this year's Cork Intermediate camogie championship when they defeated Castlemagner at Coachford on Saturday night.

Castlemagner, who were narrowly beaten by Brian Dillons in last year's final, started favourites to advance but an excellent goal by Cork star Irene O'Keeffe early in the first half put Inniscarra on the road to victory.

The winners led at half time by 1-5 to 1-1 and held their advantage in a keenly contested second half.

Scorers. Inniscarra: I O'Keeffe 1-4, E Moynihan 0-3, F O'Donovan 0-2. Castlemagner: M Lucey 1-1, C Sheehan 1-0, M I Barrow 0-1.

Wexford 3-14 Galway 2-5

A MARVELLOUS individual display from Fiona Dunne, who accounted for 2-10 of her side's total, helped Wexford to a final meeting with Kilkenny by virtue of this comprehensive victory over Galway in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie semi-final at Wexford Park yesterday.

Scorers
Wexford — F. Dunne 2-10, A. M. O'Connor 0-2, M. O'Leary 1-0, G. Codd and A. Reddy 0-1 each.

Galway — T. Laheen and O. Broderick 1-0 each, S. Glynn 0-4, A. Ryan 0-1.

Wexford — T. Butler, C. Murphy, S. Sinnott, P. Rankin, M. Hayden, O. Hernan, F. Dunne, A. Hearne, A. M. O'Connor, A. Reddy, E. Murphy, M. O'Leary. Subs: G. Codd for Hernan, K. Donohue for Hearne.

Galway — T. Laheen, S. Coen, C. Allen, B. Kilgannon, B. Stratford, I. Maher, I. Hobbins, D. Maher, A. Ryan, S. Glynn, O. Broderick, D. Costello. Subs: A. Murphy for Hobbins, Hobbins for Glynn (inj.).

Referee: M. Pollard (Waterford).

Bishopstown, Kilbrittain final

FOLLOWING Saturday night's semi-finals at Ballincollig and Innishannon, Bishopstown and Kilbrittain will meet in the Cork Senior 'B' Camogie Championship final.

Bishopstown 2-7 Sarsfields 1-6

BISHOPSTOWN got the better of Sarsfields in this exciting semi-final at Ballincollig. There was little between the sides in a very competitive first-half after which Bishopstown led 1-3 to 0-5.

In the second-half, thanks to a brilliant display by young Vivienne Harris, the City side began to dominate but Sarsfields never gave up trying. In the end, however, Bishopstown finished the stronger for a deserved win.

Scorers for Bishopstown: L Towler 1-0, T Doyle 1-0, L O'Neill 0-5, V Harris 0-2.

Sarsfields: D Holland 1-0, B Kenny 0-6.
BISHOPSTOWN: R. Desmond, A. Creed, C. Murphy, E. Duggan, A. Buckley, S. Morley, V. Harris, L. Walsh, A. White, L. Towler, T. Doyle. Sub: B. Keating for A. White (half-

time).
SARSFIELDS: L Zinkant, P Dwyer, L Davis, L Dunphy, N Aherne, D Holland, E Twomey, A Brady, S Barry, B Kenny, H Barry. L Twomey. Sub: V Twomey for L Twomey.
Referee: C O'Mahony (St. Finbarr's).

Kilbrittain 1-7 Aghabullogue 1-3

KILBRITTAIN qualified for the final at Innishannon when they defeated Aghabullogue in a rather scappy game.

The winners never really settled in the opening half and it was the less fancied Aghabullogue side who played the better camogie when playing with the wind and were well worth their 1-3 to 0-0 lead at the break.

With only two minutes left came the crucial score of the game. Kilbrittain were awarded a '30' but Eilish O'Regan's effort was blocked. However, Carol Dineen was on hand to blast it across the goal and into the corner of the net and an Eilish O'Regan

point from a free sealed the victory almost on the stroke of time.

Scorers for Kilbrittain: C Dineen 1-1, E O'Regan 0-4 (0-2 frees, 0-1 '30'), M Deasy 0-1, K Foley 0-1.

Aghabullogue: H Moynihan 1-3 (0-2 '30's').
KILBRITTAIN: R Hayes, C Whelton, S O'Donovan, M Brennan, H O'Donovan, M Sexton, C Hurley, E O'Regan, M Deasy, A M Desmond, K Foley, K Dineen. Subs: C O'Regan for A M Desmond (20th minute); A M Desmond for M Sexton (28th minute).

AGHABULLOGUE: E Buckley, S Barrett, N Twomey, E Buckley, P Walsh, H McSweeney, S Buckley, T Walsh, T Roche, N Delaney, H Moynihan, D McSweeney.

Referee: M Byrnes (Na Piarsaigh).

● AFTER winning their replay of the Waterford senior final on Friday night, Lismore failed to travel to play Glen Rovers in the Munster Inter-Club quarter final at the Glen Field on Saturday night so the All-Ireland Club champions were given a walk over.

Meanwhile, Glen drew with Barryroe in the Cork Junior 'A' Championship, 2-7 to 4-1.

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CAMOGIE AFFAIRS

BY MARY MORAN

All-Ireland title win would be a fitting finale for Downey twins

The 1994 All-Ireland Finals are upon us. Not many would have chosen the pairing for the senior final a few months ago. Cork, the reigning champions fell by the wayside at the hands of Kilkenny. They were quickly followed by Galway who had been crowned National Senior League Champions in June. Thus both 1993 finalists revert to a spectator role in the stands.

We are left with an all Leinster pairing of Wexford and Kilkenny. I was more surprised to see Wexford qualify than watch Kilkenny lower Cork's colours.

Wexford had performed poorly since their previous outing to Croke Park in the 1992 final. Their championship panel contains eight new faces some of whom are still teenagers. The new blood brought new life. Wexford opened their championship bid with a satisfactory six point win over Dublin.

A few short months ago, Galway had the look of champions. They scored impressive wins over Kilkenny and Cork on their way to the 1994 National League title. Their young side appeared to be maturing and held promise of greater things.

However, as often happens a team in the season following their initial breakthrough, they disappointed in the championship. Incidentally, a similar fate befell Wexford in 1993. It often takes a team an extra season to make it.

An article in the Kilkenny Yearbook sounded a warning to Cork. This signal was not taken as

seriously as it should have been by the Cork camp. Kilkenny were feeling sore over the one-point defeat at the hands of the Leesiders in Nowlan Park and were determined to reverse that result.

Reports of poor attendance at training and players sharing their time with other sports abounded in Cork. This was not the kind of preparation for a showdown with Kilkenny and Cork paid the price.

Kilkenny were more focused on the job in hand and made far better use of the chances which came their way. It must have been a very pleasing aspect of their win to introduce five newcomers to championship camogie and beat Cork on their own ground.

These newcomers, Michelle Fennelly, Sinead Costello, Catherine Dunne, Marie Maher and Margaret Kavanagh replaced the vastly experienced Marie Fitzpatrick, Biddy O'Sullivan, Bridie McGarry, Breda Holmes and Claire Jones. Each one showed good potential and were nursed through the test by the experienced colleagues around them.

Marina Downey, Gillian Dillon and Sinead Millea have developed into fine inter-county performers. However, the spark which sets Kilkenny alight is still Angela Downey, now in the twilight of an outstanding career. Although beaten to the ball time and again by Liz Towler in the semi-final, she clinically finished the three chances which came her way to the net with deadly effect.

Fiona Dunne had a field day for Wexford against Galway in the semi-final. Her personal tally of 2-



Kilkenny Captain, Ann Downey.
Will she lift the O'Duffy Cup a second time?

10 was more than sufficient to win the match on her own. Fiona will have the assistance of Catherine Murphy, Paula Rankin, Anne Reddy and the exciting new youngster, Esme Murphy in an attempt to bring the All-Ireland back to the Model County which has not enjoyed success since 1975.

However, I fancy Kilkenny who showed great appetite for work in the semi-final. I expect them to take up where they left off in 1991. Perhaps we may witness the last farewell of the Downey twins and the handover to the new look Kilkenny side. Considering their glittering careers, a spectacular farewell would be appropriate.

Galway and Limerick should produce a very interesting Junior Final. Fielding a very young side, Galway held Armagh to a draw in last year's decider but were defeated in the replay. Many of the same players are back for a second bite of the cherry.

While Limerick have produced many fine individual players over the years including Carrie Clancy, Eithne Neville, Vera Mackey, Brid Stokes and the O'Brien sisters, the county has only one All-Ireland championship title to its credit. Limerick won the 1977 All-Ireland Junior Championship when a youngster from Ballybricken named Pauline McCarthy made her debut on centre stage. Now in the veteran class, Pauline is back in Croke Park to use her vast experience to hopefully guide her county to a second championship title.

Glen girls in Munster final

Glen Rovers 3-10
Toomevara 0-6

ALL-IRELAND club camogie champions Glen Rovers advanced to the Munster final when they had a deserved win over Toomevara in this Inter-Club championship at the Glen Field yesterday.

Played on a very greasy pitch, the home side adapted to the conditions better to turn over leading 2-6 to 0-4

at the break, but the scoreline does not do the Tipperary side justice as they were unlucky not to have scored a few goals.

Deirdre Hughes went nearest when she hit the post with a rasping shot just before half-time.

On the turnover Toomevara exerted a lot of pressure on the Glen defence, but with Mary Ring and Sandie Fitzgibbon in tremendous form, they weathered the storm and it was the Glen who finished

the stronger to pick off some nice scores.

In addition to those mentioned, Mairead O'Leary brought off some fine saves in goal, while Therese O'Callaghan, despite a fractured finger, and Trish Murphy played well at midfield. Up front Lyn Dunlea and Linda Mellerick were very much on song.

For Toomevara Nora Dwane in goal was superb in the first-half, while full-back Siobhan Cusack had

a tremendous game. Ann Gleeson tried hard in the middle of the field, while Noelle Kennedy also played well.

However their outstanding player was Deirdre Hughes, who caused the Glen defence many a headache.

Scorers for Glen Rovers: L. Dunlea 0-7 (0-2 "30s"), T. O'Callaghan 2-0, L. Mellerick 1-1, C. McCarthy 0-1, T. Murphy 0-1.

Toomevara: N Kennedy 0-3 (0-2 frees), D. Hughes 0-1, A Gleeson 0-1, G. Shanahan 0-1.

GLEN ROVERS: M O'Leary; M Ring; D McCarthy, S Fitzgibbon, Stephanie Dunlea; D Cronin, T O'Callaghan, T Murphy; G McCarthy-Whitnell, L Dunlea, L Mellerick; C McCarthy. Sub. M Currid for C McCarthy (54th minute).

TOOMEVARA: N Dwane; S Cusack; R O'Meara, S Kelly, Majella Maxwell; A Gleeson, Miriam Maxwell, A Ryan; N Kennedy, M Ryan D Hughes; G Shanahan. Subs. A Delaney for A Ryan (35th minute), S Maxwell for Majella Maxwell (57th minute).

Referee: B O'Dea (Limerick).



Esther Kennedy and Marian Downey.



Great Support . . . group of sponsors and players at the reception in Eamon Langton's to launch the Kilkenny senior camogie team into the All-Ireland at Croke Park on Sunday next. Included are (from left) - Kevin Hennessy (Hennessy Sports), Tom Ryan (Trainer), Marina Downey, Esther Kennedy, Breda Phelan (Newpark Golf Driving Range), Marie Maher, Michelle Fennelly, Bridie McGarry, Noel O'Sullivan (GAA Supporters Club), Seamus Williams and Seamus Foskin (Country Style Foods), Carmel Savage (Committee), Breda Ryan (Selector) and Willie Doherty (Kiely Meats). Photo: Tom Brett



Gillian Dillon.

Facts and figures on the forth coming final

KILKENNY are by no means unique when it comes to having relations of famous hurlers in the camogie team.

One of the Wexford players, Geraldine Codd, is a niece of Martin Codd, centre-forward of the Slaneysiders' All-Ireland

winning side of 1956. Midfielder Fiona Dunne, who scored a whopping 2-10 in the semi-final win against Galway, is a sister of current county stars Liam and Tomás.

Wexford reached the final by virtue of victories over

Dublin (3-12 to 2-9) and last year's beaten finalists Galway (3-14 to 2-5).

The Purple and Gold have three All-Ireland senior camogie titles to their credit - 1968 (4-2 to 2-5 versus Cork), 1969 (4-4 to 4-2 against Antrim) and

1975 (a 4-3 to 1-2 defeat of Cork).

The first of Kilkenny's 11 crowns came as recently as 1974. They repeated the feat in 1976, 1977, 1981 and 1985-91 inclusive (seven in a row). Ann Downey and her sister Angela

Downey-Browne have featured on every winning panel - Angela actually played in each final whereas Ann was sub-goalie in 1974.

Since the 1975 victory, Wexford have appeared in only three finals, and lost them all.

They were defeated 3-4 to 1-3 by Kilkenny in 1977, and 1-14 to 0-7 by the same opposition in 1990. Cork disposed of them by 1-20 to 2-6 two years ago.

The Downey sisters will have to keep going for while yet if they intend equalling or

bettering the individual record for the number of All-Ireland medals won. Ann and Angela have 11 medals apiece, four short of the 15 clocked up by Dublin's Kathleen Mills between 1942 and 1961, and two adrift of another Dubliner,

Una O'Connor's 13 (1953-66).

One well-known Kilkenny city personality who'll be cheering her lungs out for the Slaneysiders is popular Garda Agnes Reddy. Agnes, from Rathnure, is none other than the sister of Wexford captain Ann.

Guess what county leads the camogie roll of honour? Not Cork, nor is it Kilkenny. In fact, it's Dublin, who have 21 senior All-Irelands to the credit, although they've only won one since 1966. Cork come next with 16.



Big Four . . . S electors of the Kilkenny senior camogie team (from left) - Tom Ryan, Dunnamaggin; Breda Ryan, James Stephens; Tony Lahart, Piltown and John Ryan, Dunnamaggin.

Photo: Tom Brett

CAMOGIE ALL-IRELAND PREVIEW

Love of game keeps Ann going, and going, and

WHAT KEEPS the holder of 11 All-Ireland senior camogie medals – a woman who by her own admission is “wrong side of 35” (she won’t be more specific than that!) – pulling on the county jersey season after season?

In the case of Kilkenny captain Ann Downey, it’s certainly not the pursuit of medals. It’s not the prospect of glory, even. It is, to echo the words of equally evergreen team coach Tom Ryan, purely and simply the love of the game. Still crazy about it after all these years.

By no means a one-sport woman, the all-action midfielder from Ballyragget has represented Ireland at squash. In the colours of the South East, she has won inter-provincial hockey medals alongside, ironically, Wexford camogie star Stella Sinnott and Paul Rankin. But camogie remains her first love.

“With hockey and squash I’ve got to the stage where I’ve said to myself: ‘I’ve had enough of this, why am I doing it?’ That’s never happened with camogie. I love the training. I love the matches. As long as I’m enjoying it and getting my place on the team, I hope to keep going”.

A squash analogy is what crosses her mind, however, when Ann Downey considers the question of how a possible 12th All-Ireland medal would mean to her. To be honest, she emphasises, the thought hasn’t occurred to her. If Kilkenny win it might be six months afterwards before she sits down

and say to herself: “Hmmm, 12 medals – that’s not bad going”.

Hunger still there

“On Sunday it will be the same as going for the first medal. The hunger will still be there. It’s like a game of squash. You’re not thinking about the nine points you need, only about the first point. Then if you win that you concentrate on the second point. You put your mind to the job in hand, and nothing more”.

Ann barely remembers sitting on the Croke Park sideline as sub-goalie 20 years ago for the county’s first All-Ireland triumph. On the other hand, she recalls only too well her successful captaincy in 1993, the last time the O’Duffy Cup came to the Nore side.

“Joe McGrath was training Cork. The talk was all about them, all about the wonderful things they were going to do.

We beat them against the odds. It was a very sweet one”.

How stiff a hurdle will Wexford be to overcome on Sunday?

“We know they’re a very strong team, particularly in defence and around the middle of the field. Any challenge games we met them in we were lucky to win – and they weren’t at full strength. To beat them we’ll have to play out of our skins, like we did against Cork in the semi-final”.

“They’ve definitely matured over the past couple of years. Nowadays they know what it takes to win an All-Ireland, whereas when we beat them in 1990 they hadn’t been in a final for years and probably the occasion got to them”.

Getting stronger

“Wexford, Cork and ourselves have been the big three of camogie lately. Only in the

past year would you have started to talk about Galway. And Wexford are getting stronger all the time. Sooner or later they’re going to win the All-Ireland”.

Come what may this weekend, Ann Downey is happy that the future of Kilkenny Camogie is in safe hands. A couple of years ago, when the team wasn’t reaching the final, she admits she fretted about where the next All-Ireland would come from. Now all is changed. Utterly.

“Apart from Marina Downey and Deirdre Malone, and myself and Angela, the other members of the squad aren’t older than 21. There are some fine young players around who are only 17 or 18. The way that the under-age successes of recent years are paying off, Kilkenny are going to be there or thereabouts for a fair while yet”.

The Panel

Kilkenny panel - Sinead Milles, Joy Milles (both Graigue/Ballycanan); Marie Maher (Tullaroan); Deirdre Malone (Graigue/Ballycanan); Bridget Mullally (Glenmore); Joan Aylward (Glenmore); Brigid Barnaville (Lisdowney); Sinead Conolly (Freshford); Gillian Dillon (Freshford); Marina Downey (Lisdowney); Catherine Dunne (Lisdowney); Michelle Fennelly (Dicksboro); Sandra Gleeson (Lisdowney); Angela Downey-Browne (Lisdowney); Ann Downey (Lisdowney); Imelda Kennedy (Freshford); Mary McGrath (Graigue/Ballycanan); Margaret Kavanagh (Freshford); Esther Kennedy (Freshford); Margaret Hickey (Freshford); Siobhan Holden (Graigue/Ballycanan).

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Kilkenny girls set for title

KILKENNY, who were the dominant power in camogie in the eighties and early nineties, bid to regain lost glory when they meet Wexford today in what promises to be a keenly contested All-Ireland senior final at Croke Park.

This is the Noreiders' first final since 1991 when they won their seventh successive title. Angela Downey, one of the brightest stars of that golden era, is now in the autumn of a brilliant career but continues to prove an exciting match winner.

She made an outstanding contribution with three splendid goals in her side's hard earned three points win over Cork, champions for the past two years in last month's semi-final at Ballinlough.

However, Kilkenny have more to recommend them than the clever and accurate Angela Downey. Eight of the side hold All-Ireland senior medals and the newcomers are blending in well in a squad that has strength and class in all sectors.

Defenders Gillian Dillon and Deirdre Malone, midfielders Ann Downey, who hopes to lead the county to the title for the second time (she was captain in 1989) and Marina Downey, scorer of seven points against Cork, are among the other players who provide a platform of national title winning experience.

Wexford, beaten in the final by Cork two years ago, have seven of that side again available and this experience should prove a valuable bonus.

The Model county also looked the part in a resounding 12 points semi-final win at Wexford over Galway.

Fiona Dunne, who makes her senior final debut, stamped her personality in a big way on the semi-final by scoring a thundering 2-10. She was also very efficient in midfield play.

Goalkeeper Terri Butler, full back Catherine Murphy, half backs Stella Sinnott and Paula Rankin and Anne Reddy and Anne Marie O'Connor, all links with the 1992 team, are others who could do much to set the scene for a winning show.

So Wexford are well equipped for their bid to end a titles famine stretching back to 1975, but Kilkenny did really well to beat Cork in Cork and they should have a little too much experience and scoring power for the Model county.

KILKENNY: M. Fennelly, S. Costelloe, T. Millea, G. Dillon, D. Malone, M. Downey, Ann Downey, M. Maher, B. Mullally, C. Dunne, Angela Downey, S. Millea.
WEXFORD: T. Butler, C. Murphy, S. Sinnott, F. Rankin, M. Hayden, A. Herne, F. Dunne, O. Harman, A. M. O'Connor, M. O'Leary, E. Murphy, A. Reddy.

IN the curtain raiser Galway hope to go one better in the All Ireland junior final against Limerick than in 1992 when they lost to Tipperary and again last year when beaten by Armagh in a final replay.



Deirdre Malone, Joan Aylward and Michelle Fennelly.



Sinead Millea, Brigid Mullally and Ann Downey.



Tracey Millea, Angela Downey and Margaret Hickey.



Marie Maher, Margaret Keogh and Sinead Costelloe.

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Downey's dozen on the cards

ANN DOWNEY has by now got used to keeping in the shadow of her sister Angela, but this Sunday she will be as hungry as ever in pursuit of her and Kilkenny's twelfth All-Ireland camogie O'Duffy cup victory.

"I suppose the first one was so long ago now that it seems like an age ago" says Ann. "but to be honest as far as nerves go I think it gets worse every year. I'm just biding my time trying to keep myself occupied before the match".

Ann was an observer in 1972 when her sister Angela debuted for Kilkenny, and as they lost that year, she was closer to the action in 1974, as a sub when she won her first medal.

"I have really noticed in recent years that standards have changed a lot since we first started" says Ann. "For example the standard of camogie and the level of fitness among the players is much higher now" she says. "It's much tougher to keep up with them".

Ann however, should have no problems with fitness as while being one of the household names in camogie, she is an accomplished hockey player and was an Irish squash international a few years ago.

"Last year was tremendous in hockey" recalls Ann. "I was playing for the South-East of Ireland and in a weekend tournament we beat Ulster, in what was one of the greatest ever victories for hockey in the area" she said. Ironically, also playing on that team were Wexford sisters Kate Donoghue and Stella Synnott. This Sunday however, the Synnott sisters will be battling against the Downey's to bring the Cup

CAMOGIE

REPORT BY:

Yvonne Judge



back to Loch Gormain.

Last year Kilkenny lost to the eventual winners Cork in the semifinal, and Angela Downey vowed that they would be back although she did insist that it was her last year. Now the Downey twins are back along with five county 'rookies' and they are after the Cup again.

Their trainer Tom Ryan is confident that they can do it, and he has sacrificed keeping tabs on his club hurling charges at Nowlan Park to accompany the women. "Glenmore are in the County club semifinals but he'll be with us, so the likes of the O'Connor brothers and Michael Phelan will have to do without him" says Ann.

On the Wexford side, George Rankin is the trainer, and his daughter Paula lines out in defence. Wexford are a talented side and they scored an impressive victory over Galway in the semifinal by 3-14 to 2-5. They are young and very keen, and a player to watch out for is fifteen year old Esme Murphy. Kilkenny must be regarded as favourites to take their twelfth O'Duffy Cup but only just.

Marina is more relaxed

FITTINGLY, given the company's sponsorship of the team, two members of the Kilkenny panel are Avonmore employees - Marina Downey who's going for her fifth All-Ireland medal and 22-year-old Esther Kennedy, who's hoping to win her first.

Freshford girl Esther. This is her first year on the panel and she describes the atmosphere as "terrific", works at The Avonmore Home & Farm shop on the Kells Road.

Marina is based at the firm's Ballyragget headquarters. There, predictably, the chat is "always hurling and camogie", she says.

Marina has a special reason for wanting to do well. Twelve months ago not only did she suffer the sting of losing the All-Ireland semi-final to Cork, the fact that she was team captain rubbed salt in the wound. Then again, she muses, maybe things turned out for the best for her.

"True, last year was a disappointment, but I think the captaincy might have got to me had we reached the final, although it would have been nice to have lifted the cup. This time around I'm more relaxed, I can concentrate on my own game. And I don't have to worry about any speech afterwards!"

The choice is tough for Tom

HE CUTS a curious figure on the training field. A balding, elderly man out there among the young ladies. Running here, sprinting there, never ceasing to yell encouragement and advice to his charges.

"Faster, Tracy!" "Pull first time, Gillian!" "Keel your eye

on the ball, Ann!"

The man, of course, is Tom Ryan, now in his 10th season as coach to the Kilkenny senior camogie team. To look at a training session, you might conclude that Tom was even more dedicated, if that's possible, than the girls. And you might not be wrong.

How does a man, who won't see 60 again, keep at it? Simple - attribute it to his love of the game.

"I love being out on a pitch with men or women once it's sport", the ever-popular Dunnamaggin man explains. "That's my enjoyment in life."

Interested

"Why I'm so long with the camogie team is because of these girls. They love the game, too. They have this spirit and determination, whether it's a championship match they're playing or a challenge. There's no point going out on a field unless you're interested. And they are".

Tom, as is well known, is also coaching Glenmore this year. Unfortunately for him, come Sunday afternoon the southerners will be doing battle in the Credit Union senior hurling semi-final at Nowlan Park at the same time the ladies are bidding to regain the O'Duffy Cup 75 miles away.

A real Catch-22 situation. It's a tight corner which Tom of all people doesn't deserve to find himself landed in. The decision was an unpleasant one to have to make, but his choice was never in doubt. Tom will be in Croke Park.

"It's a great honour to be representing Kilkenny camogie on All-Ireland day. I'm saddened about the fixtures clash, because the team deserve all the support they can get."

"On Sunday, unfortunately, they won't be getting it. But hopefully that won't stop them bringing home the cup".



Sandra Gleeson, Catherine Dunne and Mary McGrath.



Siobhan Holden and Imelda Kennedy.

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All-Ireland Senior Camogie Final Preview

KILKENNY GIRLS TO GET BACK ON WINNING TRAIL.

CLASH OF NEIGHBOURS
SHOULD PROVIDE GREAT
EXCITEMENT

CAMOGIE FINAL OFTEN EXCEEDS IT'S FOOTBALL AND HURLING COUNTERPARTS IN TERMS OF QUALITY AND ENTERTAINMENT

The All-Ireland Camogie Final continues to grow in popularity.....the attendance at last year's decider may well have been a record and although neither of last year's protagonists are back, the chances are that the girls of Kilkenny and Wexford will attract an even bigger crowd. Twelve months ago, Cork retained the O'Duffy Cup at Galway's expense. Their victory margin was ten points, 3-15 to 2-8 but the scoreline didn't do justice to the girls from the West. There was a great atmosphere at the game and Cork's greater experience was the decisive factor.

Kilkenny will probably go into Sunday's game as favour-

ites.....and not particularly on account of this year's form. Tradition, and statistics, indicate that the female cats are a very formidable force..... particularly in finals, and their seven-in-a-row from 1985 to

1991 was a remarkable achievement. Amazingly their first title was in 1974, but they are now third behind Dublin and Cork with eleven titles. And it was the girls from Cork who proved to be Kilkenny's bogey in each of the last two years. But with the Rebels out of the way, the black and ambers will be eager to make the most of their reclaimed superiority over the Leesiders. Wexford won the last of their three titles in 1975, their first was in 1968 when they also won the All-Ireland minor and senior hurling titles. How times have changed for the Model county!

Wexford supporters will be eager to celebrate an All-Ireland victory. They have more reason than most to be frustrated, and indeed, down-hearted. The hurlers have promised and promised over the last decade and a half.....but have consistently failed to deliver. And on the few occasions that they've managed to beat Kilkenny.....Offaly

have stood in the way. There are those who now believe that the footballers will win a Leinster title before the hurlers regain the Bob O'Keefe Cup. Meanwhile, the girls can show the way with an overdue victory on Sunday. But Kilkenny and Cork have won 21 of the 24 championships between 1970 and 1993. Wexford in 1975, Antrim in 1979 and Dublin in 1984 were the only others to taste glory in those two and a half decades. Yes, the task facing Wexford is indeed formidable.



**Writes
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*Catherine McAllister,
Antrim, in charge of the
Junior final*

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Kilkenny captain, Anne Downey No. 7, in action against Tipperary

Two years ago they travelled to Croke Park with great expectations of overcoming Cork in the final. Along with their opponents and Kilkenny, the trio were rightly regarded as the best in the country at the time. Wexford had also qualified for the decider in 1990 but had failed to Kilkenny. And their luck didn't change as the Cork girls repeated their League success with an eleven point win. Captain Catherine Murphy stated after the match....."I'm just speechless.....we never really got into the match. But we'll be back next year - definitely." Catherine and her colleagues are just twelve months behind schedule on delivering their collective promise.

The description "great" is one of the most over-used adjectives in sports journalism but in the case of Angela Downey-Browne it is totally accurate. Cork were aiming for three-in-a-row when they had home advantage against Angela and her colleagues at Ballinlough in August. Cork led by 1-2 to no score after six minutes. The champions were looking good against a relatively inexperienced Kilkenny side but having taken a pass from Marina Downey, Angela took on two defenders before belting the sliotar to the Cork net. The goal helped to settle the visitors and Marina Downey began to dominate at centre-field. After twelve minutes Kilkenny were ahead.. but Cork were never going to surrender their title easily and regained the initiative. Coming up to half time however, Sinead Millea found the net to help the black and ambers into a one point lead at the interval.

Gillian Dillon's great burst from defence early in the second half to provide the pass for Angela Downey's second goal was a real boost for the visitors, but Cork regained level status with less than twenty minutes remaining. The Kilkenny mentors swung

into action by bringing Marie Maher to midfield and introducing Margaret Kavanagh for Catherine Dunne. Marie was involved, along with Gillian Dillon in the move that led to Angela Downey's third goal.....the winning score. The goal was the difference between the teams, 4-9 to 2-12.

Wexford had home advantage against Galway in the semi final and made the most of it when scoring an emphatic twelve points win, 3-14 to 2-5. Thus the Wexford girls overturned the semi final defeat by the Galwegians at Loughrea in 1993. And it was the

performance of Oulart's Fiona Dunne, sister of hurling stars Liam and Tomas that was the main difference between the teams. Fiona struck a total of 2-10, most of which came from placed balls (including both goals). The Tribeswomen were five points clear 2-2 to 0-3 after only ten minutes but they subsequently failed to capitalise on wind advantage and Wexford gradually forced their way back into contention.

Paula Rankin from Buncloody wasn't far behind Fiona Dunne in effectiveness, while Olyegate's Marian O'Leary also starred. The team has changed dramatically in the past two years, exactly half of the 1992 team beaten by Cork will not be lining out.

Their opponents although fielding several players without All-Ireland medals, have the experienced Downeys, the Milleas,

Gillian Dillon and Marie Maher. The worrying aspect from a Wexford viewpoint is that 2-10 of their 3-14 against Galway came from Fiona Dunne (2-9 from frees). You can't help suspecting that Fiona will find it much more difficult on Sunday with the



KILKENNY appear to have more scoring potential.

Ray Quigley, Wexford Manager, a native of Kilkenny, his wife Gretta (nee Kehoe) captained the victorious 1975 Wexford side. Ray is quietly confident that his charges are in with a good chance

'Cats are in a mean mood

By: ENDA McEVOY

THIS MAY seem a strange remark to apply to a group of people who for the best part of a decade didn't know what defeat in a championship match felt like. But make no mistake, next Sunday's all-Ireland senior camogie final at Croke Park is one of the most eagerly awaited games ever from a Kilkenny point of view.

The reason is straightforward. Absence makes the heart grow fonder. And in the three-year drought since their most recent O'Duffy Cup victory, the Cats thirst has reached raging proportions.

To have won so much for so long, then to hit relatively hard times (however relatively, however briefly) . . . No wonder the Downeys and colleagues want to return to the top of the tree. And fast.

A 12th all-Ireland title would send out the signal to all and sundry that the game of camogie is back on tracks on Noreaside. It would allow the legendary Angela Downey-Browne to, if she wishes, ride into the sunset of retirement in a blaze of glory. It would also announce the arrival of a new generation of female caman-wielders.

That last part is perhaps the most important aspect. While the 1980s were a golden decade, success at adult level only would have been a mixed blessing - a delight at the time, but not wholly satisfactory if there was no follow-up with the younger set.

Thankfully there was. The success of the seniors helped breed the success of the minors. A first teenage crown was collected in 1988, with repeat performances occurring 12 months later, and in 1991. Inevitably, those whizzkids have matured.

Take away the Downey sisters and this Kilkenny panel is an incredibly young one. Win or lose the final, most of its leading lights should be around for years to come. What better way to prove the point, to lay down a marker for the remainder of the decade, than by beating Wexford on Sunday?

Formbook says yes

The formbook suggests they ought to. Five weeks ago the Noreiders travelled south to beat the Cork lioness in her own den in Ballinlough. Most observers reckoned home advantage, combined with a greater collective experience, would allow the Leesiders take a giant step towards winning a third successive O'Duffy Cup. They were wrong.

Not for the first time since they took their place among the camogie powers of the land 20 years ago, Kilkenny rose splendidly to a daunting task. The favourites found their net dancing four times in the hour, at the end of which the visitors had three points to spare. Commitment, courage and class had seen Tom Ryan's charges through.

"It would be an insult to Cork, and an insult to ourselves, if we were to let it slip now", seems to be the general air in the camp. The players realise that a large part of the job has been accomplished. At the same time, they're only too aware that dethroning the all-Ireland champions won't count for much were they to allow Wexford upset them now.

One would imagine that the 'Cats are around long enough by now to recognise and avoid the dangers of over confidence. While old warriors like Bridie McGarry, Biddy O'Sullivan and Claire Jones have departed, Marina Downey, Deirdre Malone and Gillian Dillon know the demands and pressures of the big day. The right attitude will hardly be lacking.

The Slaneysiders, who wiped out Galway in the other semi-final, merit the highest respect. As Ann Downey emphasises, Kilkenny may have beaten them in recent challenge games between the counties, but always when Wexford were missing a number of regulars, and never by more than two or three points.

Certainly the Yellowbellies are full of hope. Having tasted the bitterness of defeat in 1990 at the hands of Sunday's opponents, and two years ago against Cork, they feel that their hour has come.

Piled on scores

"We're fairly confident now alright, yes", admits mentor George Rankin, whose daughter Paula had a stormer at centre-back in the semi-final. "We played reasonably well against Galway, and hopefully the survivors from the defeats of 1990 and 1992 are the better for the experience. Kilkenny's record speaks for itself, but we feel we have everything to play for".

"Twelve months ago against Galway, we scored enough to win two matches, only we let in some terribly soft goals", Wexford camogie chairman Ray Quigley (an Urlingford man, ironically!) told the *People*. "This time around we didn't make the same mistakes. We crowded our opponents out much better, and we hope to do the same at Croke Park."

"We know we'll be up against it. Kilkenny are class, end of story. You don't have to say anything else about them. We've always admired them, but we're not going up to admire them on Sunday."

"Although camogie is very strong at under-age level in the county - we've won the Leinster under-14 title for the past three years in a row - Wexford need to win much more than Kilkenny. If we manage to put away a reasonable percentage of the chances we create, we'll be in with a shout".

Ray Quigley, George Rankin and fellow selectors Greta Quigley (Ray's wife, who captained the county's last all-Ireland winning team in 1975) and Margaret Lacey (an all-Ireland winner in the 1960's with Dublin as well as Wexford) can draw plenty of heart from the team's most recent outing. Not widely expected to overturn Galway, although the semi-final was held at Wexford Park, the purple and gold recovered from the concession of two early goals to lead by a point at the interval.

With the wind at their backs, they piled on the scores from there until the final whistle, in the end having 12 points to spare (3-14 to 2-5) over last year's runners-up.

Virtuoso performances from Paula Rankin in defence, midfielder Fiona Dunne and attackers Ann Reddy, Esme Murphy and Marion O'Leary were instrumental in turning the tide in favour of the homesters, albeit every inch as impressive was the team's spirit. After such a disastrous start they could have been forgiven for losing their way completely. Far from it!

Indeed, to win so comprehensively and in such fighting fashion must have sent Wexford's confidence into orbit. They won't suffer from any inferiority complex at Croke Park. Nor will they fancy the prospect of returning home trophyless for the third time in five seasons.

Bluntly, the Slaneysiders' status as quietly optimistic underdogs should be leading to a major triggering of alarm bells in these parts if it hasn't already done so.

Going to suffer

Getting back to Kilkenny, a word about the supporters. Obviously, because of the clash with the Credit Union senior hurling semi-finals, a significant segment of the crowd that would otherwise have headed to Dublin will now be "shopping local", as it were. With Bridget Mullally's Glenmore, Marie Maher's Tullaroan and Brigid Barnaville's Fenians all in action at Nowlan Park, the ladies are naturally going to suffer in the supporter stakes.

This, everyone agrees, is 'extremely' unfortunate. Frankly, and without indulging in any finger-pointing, it's a shame. The girls have trained hard all through the Summer. They've made the sacrifices, they've put in the effort. And, come Sunday afternoon, they will be doing something no other team from the county has managed this year: they'll be flying the flag for Kilkenny in an all-Ireland final at Croke Park.

As such, they deserve all the backing they can get. Vocal, vociferous, on-site backing from thousands of fellow Noreiders. We've often bragged to friends or acquaintances from other counties about our brilliant camogie players. Now is the time to follow up fancy words with deeds.

Loss of support

Anyone torn between the two venues should think of it this way. Barring a draw, there won't be another chance of watching the ladies in action, whereas the winners of Glenmore/Dicksboro and Tullaroan/Fenians will turn up again in the county final.

Anything can happen on the big day. Anything can happen in the last five minutes on the big day, as poor Limerick learned to their cost. The loss of support won't assist Kilkenny's chances, and neither will the fact that, the four eldest players aside, this is a young and mostly inexperienced side.

But assuming they can surmount these obstacles, and also weather the storm Wexford are bound to brew up in the opening quarter, one would expect the O'Duffy Cup to be arriving back in town sometime around 8.30 on Monday night.

Good luck, girls!

A chilly warm-up at Páirc Uí Siocháin

DAVID MEDCALF
at the training camp

THE Wexford camogie squad put in a brisk training session on a cold autumn evening, and there was no hanging about.

Terrri Butler was first out on to the pitch, long before many of her team mates had even arrived at the ground. The tall 'keeper was going through the routine sharpening of her reflexes, as selector George Rankin fired in the shots.

On a grey evening at Páirc Uí Siocháin with a raw breeze, this exercise could scarcely be described as warming up. The chilly outdoors presented an unenviable prospect for those gathering in the changing

room but finally they emerged - more or less on time.

All the talk as they sauntered out was of the way the Butler's Alley girls lost to Lisdowney the previous Sunday - and of Kate Donohoe's shorts. The shorts were dazzling but unfortunately the performance against the Kilkenny champions in the Leinster final was less spectacular.

"I would have loved to put one over on them," mused Alley captain Anne-Marie O'Connor, going on to insist that the result was irrelevant to the All-Ireland clash. Much more to the point was making good use of the next hour and a half to make sure Wexford will be at their best in Croke Park.

1975, Margaret operating at full back and Greta on the wing.

With Croke Park looming, there was no lack of commitment from the players either, no pleading of baby sitting duties or social activities. The only absences were well accounted for - Ailish Atkinson was sick while Orla O'Leary was graduating from college.

Bundoo club member Orla was the only one missing from the Dublin based contingent who have extra hardship in pursuing a career as Wexford camogie players. The others who have to make the long trek from the capital are Stella Sinnott, Anne-Marie O'Connor, Orla Galan, Tina Farrell and Geraldine Codd. Stella's white Peugeot

must be nearly worn out at this stage.

The rewards, in terms of being pampered, are zero. After training last week, Jim Lucas was at least able to provide warm water. But the only sustenance came in the form of packets of biscuits and flasks of tea - you could see Catherine Murphy looking for a snack.

However, they will at least have their time in the limelight of the final. Over the biscuits, Ray arranged volunteers to attend a special camera call in St. Patrick's Park with an R.T.E. camera crew. There was no sign of any limelight or other illumination on the blunder through pitch blackness from the pavilion to the car park.

Dramatic upturn in Wexford's fortunes

ALAN AHERNE
Staff Reporter

WEXFORD'S FORTUNES in the camogie world have taken a dramatic twist since the start of the season.

Mentors George Rankin, Margaret Leacy, Ray and Gretta Quigley have taken the Slaneysiders from the darkest depths to the brink of All-Ireland glory with a strong investment in youth along the way.

No fewer than 12 new faces have graduated to the Senior squad since the last final defeat against Cork in 1992, and whatever the outcome on Sunday, the backroom team are confident that their concentration on youth will keep Wexford to the camogie forefront for some time to come.

The hype and glamour surrounding an All-Ireland final appearance is a far cry indeed from the disarray at the start of the season when Wexford's fortunes were at their lowest ebb for years.

Talented bunch

The current Model county representatives are a very talented bunch, with the majority of them playing hockey, soccer or ladies football to a high standard. And this presented huge problems at the start of the year, as mentor Ray Quigley explains.

'Some girls paid a price for being good at a lot of sports early on in the season. We were unable to get the Senior panel together because of their involvement in other codes,' he notes.

As a result Wexford were unable to compete in any National League games, hardly the ideal preparation for an all-out assault on the O'Duffy Cup.

'We were in a good group with Cork, Clare and Tipperary and were looking forward to three competitive games,' Quigley points out. 'As it happened we fielded a Junior team against Tipperary and had to concede walkovers in the other two games.'

This course of action met with a strong rebuke from the camogie authorities who dished out a £300 fine to the Slaneysiders. But of more concern to Quigley and his colleagues was the low morale and lack of



■ **BACKROOM TEAM**....George Rankin, Gretta Quigley and Ray Quigley, three of the Wexford selectors. Missing is selector No. 4, Margaret Leacy

How they line out

THE WEXFORD camogie selectors have named an un-changed starting twelve for Sunday's All-Ireland showdown in Croke Park. The only alteration is that captain Ann Reddy has been switched to full forward while Anne-Marie O'Connor will operate slightly deeper than against Galway.

Ray Quigley and his fellow mentors have named eight substitutes for the match against Kilkenny though this will have to be further reduced to just four players before throw-in.

Oylegate's Barbara Sludds has been included in the reserves despite the fact that she has been suffering from a leg injury. There is no place on the bench for Maire Codd of St. Martin's who has been recovering from illness.

Wexford (v Kilkenny): Terri Butler (Buffer's Alley); Catherine Murphy (Rathnure); Stella Sinnott (Buffer's Alley); Paula Rankin (Bunclody); Mary Hayden (Rathnure); Angie Hearne (St. Ibar's); Fiona Dunne (Oulart); Orla Hernan (Monageer); Anne-Marie O'Connor (Buffer's Alley); Marion O'Leary (Oylegate); Esme Murphy (Bunclody); Ann Reddy (Rathnure).

Reserves: Tina Farrell, Barbara Sludds (Oylegate); Avis Nolan, Orla Gahan (Monageer); Kate Donohoe (Buffer's Alley); Geraldine Codd (Rathnure); Ailish Atkinson (Duffry Rovers); Orla O'Leary (Bunclody).

hope engendered by this bizarre start to the year.

'I was worried,' the Co. Chairman admits. 'We called two separate meetings to get things going. We knew the players were there, but getting them together and committed was the problem.'

Quigley and George Rankin were backroom regulars from the start of the season, and when trainer Denis Kinsella opted out, the former duo added All-Ireland medalists Gretta Quigley and Margaret Leacy to their sideline team.

Conscious of the fact that they were starting preparations months after their main rivals, the selectors weren't expecting miracles from the side. 'Our main intention was to bring in a new blend of players,' Quigley says.

'We were beaten by Galway in last year's semi-final, and we felt that it was time to build. We included a lot of Juniors and made a point of giving some very young

players a chance to show their talents.'

Esme Murphy is the youngest of all at 15, but Quigley is at pains to point out that the Bunclody starlet shouldn't feel under any extra pressure in Croke Park on Sunday. 'All we want from Esme is to play her natural game. She's going to be around for a long time to come,' he notes.

There is a strong Colaiste Bride connection on the panel, with Enniscorthy town girl Orla Hernan and substitute Avis Nolan just finished school, and Oylegate's Barbara Sludds sitting the Leaving Cert. there this year.

Sludds, injured for the semi-final, will be hoping to follow in the footsteps of her uncle, Anthony Molloy, who captained Donegal to their first All-Ireland Senior football title in 1992.

According to Ray Quigley, the new players have 'blended very well' with more experienced campaigners like Stella Sinnott, Catherine Murphy, Anne Reddy and Terri Butler.

'We got over Dublin in the first round last July, but our main aim was always team building. Getting to the All-Ireland final has come as a huge bonus.'

Quigley was in far away Bangkok for the last outing against Galway in which Wexford produced some sparkling play. 'We didn't expect to win by so much,

but we were confident of reversing last year's result,' he points out.

Galway won a high-scoring semi-final last year but Quigley says that the concession of some 'soft scores' helped them on their way on that occasion.

'We were determined that this wasn't going to happen again. The great thing about this team is the tremendous spirit which I am told shone through against Galway.'

'The girls are great at playing for each other - there are no superstars on this team,' Quigley adds.

He is a little concerned that most of the scoring rested on the shoulders of Oulart's Fiona Dunne the last day. 'Fiona scored 2-10, and this is unlikely to happen again. We will have to get a greater return from the other forwards.'

Having said that, Quigley admits that with 2-9 of her total coming from frees, her attacking colleagues were obviously getting into good positions.

Looking forward to Sunday, Quigley reports a clean bill of health for the final. Barbara Sludds is fully fit after suffering a back injury after the Dublin game, while Stella Sinnott is showing no ill effects from the broken nose she picked up in a club match before the semi-final.

The 'big test'

Kilkenny will provide the 'big test' for the Slaneysiders. Quigley warns. The Cats have yet to stage a blanket clear-out of their established players, with the Downey twins still going strong surrounded by many other household names.

However, Ray Quigley notes that they have been 'bringing in one or two each year' in recent seasons, giving special mention to Marina Downey, a cousin of Ann and Angela.

Ray's outlook on the game is simple enough. 'We have been getting ourselves into a lot of scoring positions in the two games to date. If we can take our chances, we'll win.'

'Kilkenny are definitely a good side, but they hold no fears for us.'

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Meet the Wexford team

TERRY BUTLER (Buffers Alley). Hospital domestic. Was in goal for All-Ireland 1992, holds All-Ireland club, sevens, inter-club senior, junior and under age, was her club's top scorer this year in county championship, playing at centre forward.

CATHERINE MURPHY (Rathnure). Insurance Clerk. Catherine has been playing with Wexford teams since she was 13 years of age, and captained the senior team on their last All-Ireland appearance. Holds county senior, Gael Linn and Leinster medals.

STELLA SINNOTT (Buffers Alley). Theatre nurse. Co. senior championship medals. All-Ireland Club, All-Ireland sevens, inter-county senior, minor, Gael Linn, inter-provincial, inter-provincial hockey medal with South East 1994.

MARY HAYDEN (Rathnure). Nurse. Mary has won many honours with her club, and returned to county panel in 1993 after a break from camogie. Plays centre back for Rathnure, a position from which she has given sterling displays.

PAULA RANKIN (Buncloody). P.E. instructor. Daughter of George (selector). Captained her club to county junior title in August. Played with Thomond College, and has represented the Combined Colleges and holds C.C.I.A., Purcell Cup and Leinster championship medals.

ORLA HEARNE (Monageer). Just completed second level where she represented Colaiste Brid in camogie colleges competition. Played junior with Wexford up to this year when she graduated to senior status. Had her debut against Galway in semi-final.

AVIS NOLAN (Monageer). Like Orla just finished Secondary Education in Colaiste Brid. First year on the senior panel after impressive displays in junior. Her senior debut definitely close at hand.

ANGIE HEARNE (St. Ibar's). Shop assistant. Has won numerous underage medals in camogie and also holds distinc-



■ Terry Butler



■ Catherine Murphy



■ Stella Sinnott



■ Mary Hayden

tion of playing for her club in u.14 hurling. Is a keen footballer having represented her county on numerous occasions, receiving two All-Star awards. Former member of Irish ladies soccer panel.

BARBARA SLUDDS (Oylegate). Student at Colaiste Brid, Enniscorthy. Is a keen Gaelic footballer, soccer and basketball player, and Tak Wan Do enthusiast. Made her senior county debut against Dublin,



■ Paula Rankin



■ Angie Hearne



■ Fiona Dunne



■ Orla Hernan

and was injured for semi-final against Galway.

FIONA DUNNE (Oulart). Factory operative. Sister of Liam and Tomas and Siobhan, played on Wexford side defeated in last year's semi-final against Galway but turned the tables this year with a personal tally of two goals ten points. Excellent free taker.

ANN REDDY (Rathnure). Domestic. Assumes captaincy again this year having had a similar role in 1990. Has



■ Anne-Marie O'Connor



■ Marian O'Leary



■ Esme Murphy



■ Ann Reddy

won honours at every level in camogie and is a keen footballer and soccer player.

ESME MURPHY (Buncloody). Student. Youngest player on team. Helped her county in All-Ireland under 16 semi-final appearance this year. Made her debut onto senior team this year against Dublin and scored 1-2.

MARION O'LEARY (Oylegate). Graduate from Recreation management at Waterford RTC, where she won three C.C.I.A.

Purcell Cup medals and two All-Ireland league medals. Captain of Wexford senior ladies football team defeated in this year's Leinster final. Also keen soccer player.

ANNE MARIE O'CONNOR (Buffers Alley). Software Engineer. Captained her club to county senior title this year. Was on Wexford team for 1990 All-Ireland appearances. Holder of numerous medals including county senior, All-Ireland sevens, senior colleges and inter-county senior and junior.

TINA FARRELL (Oylegate). Transport Secretary. Subgoalie also in 1992, has been in goal for county junior team for past three years. Was selector with this year's under 16 county team.

KATE DONOHUE (Buffers Alley). Teacher. Sister to Stella Sinnott. Holder of county senior All-Ireland club, All-Ireland sevens, and numerous other awards. Played centre field; for club in this year's county winning side.

GERALDINE CODO (Rathnure). Computer Operator. Cousin of Captain, Anne Reddy. Captained Waterford RTC, to C.C.I.A. championship and league double in 1992. Versatile player, and prolific freetaker for her club.

AILISH ATKINSON (Duliffy Rovers). Ailish came on to senior panel this year after stalwart displays with junior team. Is a trojan worker in her club and trained her club to first u.14 county title this year.

ORLA GAHAN (Monageer). Secretary. Daughter of Josie (Kehoe) former All-Ireland medal winner with Wexford in 1968. Orla has won numerous underage medals with her club and has played junior for Wexford for the past three years.

MAIRE CODO (St. Martin's). Secretary. Daughter of Josie Kehoe, former All-Ireland medal winner with Wexford in 1968. Orla has won numerous underage medals with her club and has played junior for Wexford for the past three years.

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Camogie World

By: P.J. FULHAM

Sunday next is All-Ireland Camogie day in Croke Park when the Senior and Junior finals are down for decision.

In Senior two Leinster Counties face each other Kilkenny and Wexford. Very few would have made this prediction earlier in the year. It is sure to be an outstanding encounter with Kilkenny anxious to grasp the O'Duffy Cup after a lapse of two years and Wexford trying to bridge a nineteen year gap.



Marie Pollard, Waterford, who takes charge of the Senior final

Wexford have appeared in six All-Ireland Senior Championship finals, winning in '68 and '69 with their last victory in '75. Kilkenny have been involved in thirteen All-Ireland Senior final clashes, being successful on eleven occasions. Their famous seven titles in a row ended in '91.

Wexford have never defeated Kilkenny in an All-Ireland final. They met in the Championship final in '77 and in the League and Championship in '90. Both sides field a number of young players blended with experience. "Don't think we are finished, we will be back", were the words of Angela Downey when Kilkenny were defeated by Cork in the All-Ireland semi final two years ago and back they came to take the inaugural 15 a side National Senior League title in '93.

In this year's semi final they dethroned Cork 4-9 to 2-12. Angela Downey contributed a hat trick of goals on that occasion. Angela with her sister Ann Marina Downey, Gillian Dillon, Sinead Costelloe, Brigid Mullally and the Millea sisters Tracey and Sinead make a formidable force.

Wexford created an upset when they had a comprehensive win over last year's finalists and current Senior League champions Galway in the semi final 3-14 to 2-5 with a personal contribution of 2-10 from Fiona Dunne. They have quite an abundance of talent which include: Terri Butler, Catherine Murphy, Anne Reddy, Stella Synott, Anne Marie O'Connor, Geraldine Codd, who is cousin to Anne Reddy, Kate Donoghoe, sister to Stella Synott, Fiona Dunne, Marian O'Leary and the youngest member of the panel 15 year old Esme Murphy.

Kilkenny carry the tag of favourites to collect their 12th All-Ireland title, but the Wexford girls will fight all the way and there could be celebrations down by the Slaneyside on Sunday evening.

The curtain raiser to the main event will be the meeting of Galway and Limerick in the Junior final. Galway will be hoping for success on this occasion as it is their third final on the trot. They have contested eight All-Ireland Junior finals winning four in '72, '79, '85 and defeated Sunday's opponents in '88. Limerick on won on occasion in 1977 when they were victorious over Wexford. They were Junior League title holders in '91 and '92 while Galway won a League title in '85.

In the semi finals Galway had a convincing win over London 6-8 to 2-5, while Limerick had a 5-11 to 0-9 win over Cavan.

Galway have fine performers in Veronica Curtin, Emer Hardiman, Martina Harkin, Teresa Fallon, Anne Broderick and Carmel Hannon. They will be going all out to make it third time lucky. They face a torrid test against this Limerick side which includes players of the calibre of Pauleen McCarthy, Michelle McCarthy, Celia McNamara, Mary Loneragan, Liz O'Regan and Aoda Quaid. It will be an entertaining affair and should be close at the finish.

ARMAGH TAKE THE INTERMEDIATE ALL-IRELAND TROPHY:

ARMAGH 7-11 KILDARE 3-11

Armagh took the All-Ireland Intermediate Camogie Championship title when they defeated Kildare in the final played at curtain raiser to the Under 21 hurling final at O'Connor Park, Tullamore.

It was an excellent first half which showed Kildare much the superior side. After seventeen minutes they led 2-5 to 0-4. Armagh cut the leeway with points by Colette Byrnes and Olive McGown and on the twenty-fourth minute Mary Donnelly had their first goal as she crashed home an Ursula McGivern pass. Kildare came back to finish the stronger with a well taken goal from a free by Miriam Malone and a point from Bernie Farrelly to leave them ahead 3-6 to 1-6 at the break.

On the resumption Armagh stepped up the pace and by the fifth minute the sides were level. They exchanged points but then disaster struck Kildare when Bernie McBride goalied and from then on the Silverware started to drift from the Kildare side. Further goals came from Mary Black and substitute Patricia McEvoy with Mary Donnelly completing her hat trick.

Despite great efforts from Melanie Treacy, Liz O'Donoghoe and Miriam Malone, Kildare could not curtail the determined Armagh side, as they took the Purcell Cup to Ulster for the first time.

Scorers: Armagh: Mary Donnelly 3-2, Bernie McBride 2-3, Patricia McEvoy and Mary Black 1-0 each, Colette Byrnes 0-3, Ursula McGivern, Aine French and Olive McGown 0-1 each.

Kildare: Miriam Malone 2-5, Bernie Farrelly 0-4, Elaine Miley 1-0, Michelle Aspel 0-2.

Armagh team: Margaret McKee, Margaret Moriarty, Geraldine Haughey, Celine McGreary, Orlagh Murphy, Aine French, Mary Black, Capt. Olive McGown, Bernie McBride, Colette Byrnes, Ursula McGivern, Mary Donnelly. Subs: Patricia McEvoy for C. Byrnes, Siobhan Smith for G. Haughey.

Kildare: Anna Dargan, Geraldine Dwyer, Therese Farrelly, Melanie Treacy, Capt. Liz O'Donoghoe, Caoimhe Brennan, Clare Moloney, Aisling Treacy, Bernie Farrelly, Michelle Aspel, Miriam Malone, Elaine Miley. Subs: Rose Merriman for A. Treacy, Nuala Kerrigan for T. Farrelly, Siobhan Mullen for C. Brennan.

Referee: Miriam O'Callaghan, Offaly.

Camogie's Big Day

RESULTS:

ULSTER CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP:

Quarter Final

Castleblayney, Monaghan 1-10, Teemore, Fermanagh 2-5

Scorers: Castleblayney: Noelle McGovern 0-9, Sonya Lynch 1-1. Teemore: Ursula Maguire 1-1, Glenad Fitzpatrick 0-4, Gemma McCaffrey 1-0.

Semi finals

Dunloy, Antrim 3-11, Keady, Armagh 2-8

Scorers: Dunloy: Anne McKee 0-6, Majella McMullen 1-2, Una Elliott and Elaine Dowds 1-0 each, Helan McMullen 0-2, Sinead McMullan 0-1. Keady: Colette Conway 1-5, Deirdre Connolly 1-2, Eileen Lennon 0-1.

Leitrim, Down 4-9 Castleblayney 1-2

Scorers: Leitrim: Mairin McAleenan 2-2, Bernie Kelly 1-3, Monica McCartan 1-2, Mairin O'Higgins and Majella Murray 0-1 each. Castleblayney: Cathy Kennedy 1-0, Noelle McGovern 0-2.

LEINSTER SENIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Lisdowney, Kilkenny 4-12, Buffers Alley, Wexford 2-5

Scorers: Lisdowney: Marina Downey 1-6, Angela Downey 0-5, Anne Marie Hughes 1-1, Anne Downey and Catherine Dunne 1-0 each. Buffers Alley: Anne Marie O'Connor 1-3, Melanie Dunne 1-1, Terri Butler 0-1.

Fixtures: Sunday September 25th

All-Ireland finals: at Croke Park

Junior: Galway v Limerick 1.45. Referee: Catherine McAllister, Antrim. Senior: Kilkenny v Wexford 3.30. Referee: Marie Pollard, Waterford.



Anne Reddy, Wexford Captain, hopes to take "The O'Duffy Cup" back to the Slaneyside

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Limerick camogie team



Aine Cahill, Granagh-Ballingarry. Felle All-Ireland medal; 7-a-side colleges All-Ireland medal; numerous county medals for underage up to senior; 7 Munster medals. Student.



Cecilia McNamara, Ballyagran. Won Munster senior B colleges medal in 1983; senior league medal with club in 1987; also won numerous under-age, junior and intermediate medals. Secretary, Golden Vale Marts.



Bernie O'Brien, Granagh-Ballingarry. 4 All-Ireland college medals and 1 All-Ireland junior league medal with Limerick; 7 Munster medals; numerous county title medals with Granagh-Ballingarry from U14-senior level; player of the year with Granagh-Ballingarry in 1986 and 1989; also player of the month last year for Limerick. Receptionist.



Liz O'Riordan, Bruff. Senior championship St. Olivers 1980; junior Munster championship 1988; senior championship with Crumlin, Dublin 1987; junior Munster championship 1994; Gael Linn 1988; 2 National junior leagues, 1991 and 1992. Medical secretary.



Oral Guerin, St. Fintan's, Doon. Junior B champions 1992, junior A champions 1993, junior league champions 1993, intermediate champions 1993, Munster champions, 1994. Shop assistant.



Pauline McCarthy, Bruff. 1 junior All-Ireland; 5 Munster junior championships; 2 junior National League; 4 Gael Linn, 3 junior, 1 senior; 1 All-Ireland senior club championship; 6 county senior championships; several under-age championships; 1 Munster colleges B; 3 Munster junior leagues; 1 under 18 Munster championship. Office manager.



Michelle McCarthy, Croagh-Kilfinny-Adare. Senior league and championship medals, club; under-age league and championship medals; Limerick junior league medals. Factory operator.



Mary Lonergan, St. Fintan's Doon. Junior B champions 1992; junior A champions, league and championship, 1993; intermediate champions, 1993; Munster champions 1994. Receptionist.



Marguerite Guiry, Croagh-Kilfinny. Under-age honours at all levels; Purcell Cup medal with M.I.C.E. Several club, county, Munster 88-94 championship medals. Gael Linn medals.



Cliona Meaney, Bruff. Munster junior championship medal, 1994; member of U18 county team 1993. Student.



Kay Burke, Feohanagh. Junior and intermediate championship medals; Munster 1994 medal. Accounts clerk-receptionist.



Kathleen O'Connor, Croagh-Kilfinny. Senior league and championship medals, club; under-age honours with club; player of the year, Tralee RTC 1993. A.S.T. Plassey.



Mary Burke, Feohanagh-Castlemahan. Munster junior championship 1994; county junior championship; county intermediate championship; player of the month, May 94, T.S.B. Bank clerical assistant.



Helen Clifford, Bruff. Senior championship 1980, Munster championship medals 1988 and 1994, co. junior championship 1978, co. intermediate championship 1979, National League medal 1991 and 1992, U14 co. championship 1976, Gael Linn 1993 and 1998, Teacher.



Liz Leonard, Bruff. Intermediate league and county medals with Stakers; Munster and National League with Limerick; also club and county ladies Gaelic football and club and county ladies soccer. Neodata.



Carol Murphy, Croagh-Kilfinny. Munster junior final winners panel; winner of senior league final; U16 B county champions; 2 primary school county medals; Munster mini-sevens; U-18 county. Student.



Niamh Gegan, Croagh-Kilfinny. Munster junior championship 1994, co. intermediate league 1992, member of UL camogie team. Students of Industrial Chemistry in UL.



Agnes Sheehy, Croagh-Kilfinny. Under-age honours at all levels; Purcell Cup medal with M.I.C.E.; several club, county and Munster championship medals, 88-94; Gael Linn medals. Teacher.



Ida Quaid, Granagh-Ballingarry. 1 All-Ireland junior league medal with Limerick; Munster U18 medals and junior Munster medals; numerous county titles with Granagh-Ballingarry from U12-senior level; player of the year 1987 with Granagh-Ballingarry. Computer programmer.



Caroline Bradshaw, St. Fintan's, Deon. junior B championship 1992; captained St. Fintan's team to junior league and championship to victory in 1993 and also intermediate championship, 1993. Housewife.



Breda O'Brien, Granagh-Ballingarry. two All-Ireland in Felle; two All-Ireland medals in Community Games; two college All-Ireland medals; numerous medals from under-age up to senior level; also V.E.C. sports award last year. Student.

Hockey a big influence on Paula's style

DAVID MEDCALF Staff Reporter



■ Paula Rankin

PAULA RANKIN is a certainty - barring injury - to be on the Wexford side next Sunday, despite the fact that her father is among the selectors. The powerful centre back will be one of several Model players making her third appearance in camogie's great annual show-piece at headquarters.

The strength and speed of the Buncelody club member have become essential components of a defence which conceded just seven scores in the semi final against Galway. Yet you need not turn to George Rankin first if you are looking for a list of Paula's assets.

'I could never get her to swing a hurl,' he says with that twinkle in his eye which shows that he is really as proud as punch of his daughter. As he points out, her technique is still affected by the fact that her first stick-and-ball game was hockey, at the F.C.J. school.

The result is that she pulls in a flat and shortened arc, while her left hand is defiantly unorthodox at the top of the camán. Mind you, as she claims to be a clotog, it is a moot point whether it is actually camogie or hockey at which she is truly cack-handed.

George is steeped in G.A.A., originally reared on hurling and football in his home club of Park in the Laois countryside. As a Garda he has been stationed in Buncelody for most of his working life and he has been happy to contribute his expertise in both codes to adopted club and county.

Dual sportsman

If he is a dual sportsman, then Paula must be septilateral (!) in her leanings, with a multitude of accomplish-

ments to her credit in various fields. Apart from camogie and hockey, she can also claim some expertise at football, volley-ball, basketball, tennis and badminton.

Indeed sport has become more than a pastime for her as she has just been accepted back to Limerick University to take a Ph.D. on the subject. She has not yet fully made up her mind as to what the subject of her thesis but, for the moment, it has the working title 'Repeat Sprint Performance in Training'.

As a professional in the area, she is reluctant to comment publicly on the fitness of the squad of which she is a member. However, under persistent pressure she offers the opinion that it is 'reasonable, say nine out of ten'.

Seriously though, she reckons that they may just be peaking at the right time - for a variety of reasons. Sunday's big match is not the end of a long hard slog as the real effort has only been put in over recent weeks, leaving the players genuinely fresh and keen.

In the meantime, her own freshness and keenness will be put to the test by the distraction of having gained that place in Limerick. She has also been working as a P.E. teacher on Shannonside, meaning that suddenly midweek training sessions are no longer handy.

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Kilkenny still hold the aces

CAMOGIE: ALL IRELAND FINAL
By Denis Walsh

KILKENNY'S win in Cork was sweet. Their team was light and young and half of them were a little green, but they stood up to the champions' when they had to stand up. The seven-in-a-row team has bequeathed them a couple old hands and a couple of treasures, but the seven-in-a-row team has disappeared in the three years since their last success, and Kilkenny's reformation already looks promising.

They didn't play particularly well in Cork. For the last 15 minutes they had to defend desperately, centre field slipped

out of it and they had to dip into the nest egg of three goals that Angela Downey had given them. But all their young players showed that they can hurl on a day when the ball was flying, and coming through those last 15 minutes will have hardened them up.

In putting the team together Kilkenny have had their bit of luck too. Young Michelle Fennelly was the third keeper they had tried this year, and their faith in her was based on nothing more than a competent display in a challenge match shortly before the championship. But her breath taking saves near the end against Cork galvanised the team more than anything, and this was the break they needed.

KILKENNY		
Michelle Fennelly		
Sinead Costello		
Deirdre Malone	Gillian Dalton	Tracey Millen
Marina Downey	Ann Downey	Marie Maher
Angela Downey	Catherine Dunn	Bridget Mullally
Sinead Millen		
Subs: Bridget Barnaville, Esther Kennedy, Margaret Hickey, Margaret Kavanagh		

No less than Kilkenny, Wexford have been building as well. Defeat in the semi final last year stung them. The level of commitment before the Galway match last summer was hopelessly uneven, and they were hit by the coming team. A year on, Galway were National League cham-

WEXFORD		
Terri Butler		
Catherine Murphy		
Stella Sinnott	Paula Rankin	Mary Hayden
Angie Heame	Fiona Dunne	Orla Hernan
A-M O'Connor	Marion O'Leary	Esmé Murphy
Ann Reddy		
Subs: T Farrell, B Slubb, A Nolan, O Gahan, K Donohue, G Codd, A Adkinson, D O'Leary		

pions and still coming, but Wexford surprised themselves, and everybody else, by the pace of their development and the margin of their revenge was conclusive.

The spine of the team is still familiar however. Catherine Murphy, pushed back to full back now, but still formida-

ble; Stella Sinnott, Terri Butler, and the free taking of Fiona Dunne, all known and dependable quantities. In 15 year old Esmé Murphy they will have the youngest player on the field, but the average age of Wexford's team is greater than Kilkenny's, and they have the benefit of greater physique too. But will that be enough?

The last time these sides met in the final, four years ago, there was nothing in it until a volley of scores from Angela Downey made a mockery of the run of play. Four years later it still comes down to holding her, or stopping the supply. We don't expect either.

● Croke Park 3.30

Downey all the days

By Denis Walsh

SHEM Downey was on local radio in Kilkenny during the week accounting for his daughters. They started in the yard, he said, playing three goals in. They used the gate as a goal; until they broke it. After that they moved out onto the road, until the guards moved them along and they had to go down to the park. And when they weren't playing in the park they used to stand at the back door hitting stones at the roof of the slaughter house. But they were good kids. Really.

This afternoon Shem's daughters run out in Croke Park for another All Ireland camogie final. Ann as captain, Angela as sorceress. Anything else would be odd. Kilkenny has only ever contested one All Ireland senior final without either of the Downeys. And they lost.



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Ann made it. Her 10th birthday was two years ago. Nine of today's team weren't born then. Angela was 15, mind you, she requests leave to plead. "People think I must be well into my forties, but I'm not." Thirty seven. Only thirty seven.

Retirement has come up, naturally. And she did retire. Well, she thought she had. Like a fool she believed that the decision was hers. After the All Ireland semi final defeat last year, one of the Cork party approached her in Langton's Bar in Kilkenny, wished her well in retirement and thanked her for her contribution to camogie. Angela didn't think anything of it, but the Kilkenny official in her company became "fierce upset."

The emotional blackmail began when Ann was made captain. Then Ann made a hostage of Angela's young daughter, Katie: "Oh, your mother will be up in the stand when you're running out in Croke Park (as a mascot, *mar dheal*), she was telling her. There was a time there when nobody was talking to me." Late in the spring she relented.

They knew what they were doing. In the All Ireland semi final five weeks ago Downey produced another performance of casual brilliance. Her Cork marker reduced her to maybe eight or nine clean possessions in the hour, but Downey got three goals and was sorry she didn't get two points as well. It mightn't even have been eight or nine possessions.

"It gave me great satisfaction. They were saying I had a bad game in the semi final last year. Well, I scored four points, but this is it, if I don't score three goals I had a bad game. I suppose it's unfair really, that kind of expectation, but I know myself going out that it's there and I'm inclined to take heed of what people say. I would hear people on the line and it would get to me. Whereas

Angela Downey: 'I kind of know there's not going to be another one — or if there is it will be another one and that will be it. But I know I've said it before'

ANGELA DOWNEY

Age: 37

Club: Lisdowney

County debut: 1972, aged 15

All Ireland Senior medals: 11 (1974, 1976, 1977, 1981, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991)

National League medals: 9 (1978, 1980, 1982, 1985, 1987-1990, 1993)

All Ireland club championships: 3 (1976, 1977, 1988)

rivals start at that level.

The seven-in-a-row team was led by Downey, but it contained a dozen others whose attitude were complementary to her's and Ann's. The current team, though, is new and young. Three of them did their Leaving Cert last summer; one will be doing it next summer. Twenty-first birthday parties are places where the team socialise together. The same drive isn't there and Downey finds it hard to grasp.

"That aggression is lacking in some of them. Even in training. They probably think that this one is a right bitch because I roar, literally bawl somebody out of it for doing something stupid, or for standing up, or whatever. But that kind of thing really gets on my goat. If you're doing it, you're doing it.

"Some of the younger ones mightn't appreciate why I get annoyed when they say they were out until two o'clock this morning and that's why they can't do the running. I remember, coming up along, daddy wouldn't even allow us go swimming coming up to a match — he said it was bad for us, and it was if you weren't doing it regularly. They seem to be able to take it or leave it. The night we were beaten by Cork last year they were having a great laugh. Maybe that's a good way to take it. But I remember we were going off on holiday and we were sick for a week thinking about it."

Outside of camogie, Downey has always been a little distant from the other players. A generation gap has done nothing to close that distance. In her own

mind she can hear what the young ones are probably saying to themselves, but there's nothing meant by it. It was always the same. "Ann, now, she'd be different. She would be involving everyone. She would organise the nation. I kind of come and do my own thing and go again."

Her circumstances have changed since she became a mother two years ago. Her life is not arranged around camogie anymore. Camogie is fitted in. She picks up Katie after work at five o'clock, heads for training at 6.30 and gets a dinner in between. "I used always be the first to arrive at training, now I'm nearly last, coming like a lunatic dragging nappies and bottles."

She played in the All Ireland semi final of 1992 seven weeks after giving birth. They brought her on before half time, after Kilkenny had missed chances to put the match away. But Downey didn't make much of an impression, and she finished the match exhausted.

She despaired that her pace had gone for good, but neglect was the only cause and she's beating the young ones in the sprints again. Her game, though, is a little more of a worry to her than it used to be. The time isn't there to belt a ball against the gable end, and to tend to her touch.

"In the Cork match I felt the ball hopping away from me a little bit. I had it, and I hadn't it. I'd be kind of thinking more about what I'm going to do with a ball now. Kind of thinking will I hand-

pass it, or will I hit it, and then I end up making an ass of it. Whereas before I would instinctively do something.

"With the training I just have to pace myself. I remember saying after the first night going back training that I wasn't as tired since I came out of the labour ward. I nearly puked after those first few nights. But I got fitter."

Her father Shem is the first at training now. Retirement has given him the time. He's as caught up in it as the rest of them. Watching the video of the semi final she could hear his voice above the others. Shem's grandchild is usually knocking about training too with her little hurley. Angela swore she wouldn't be the first one to give her a hurley, but the woodwork teacher in school got there before her anyway.

"I always keep saying that I'll put her playing a game where she won't be abused or bruised. But if she wants to play it she can play it I suppose. Her father won't be stopping her anyway. At the moment she loves banging and clashing with it. Myself and Ann were out and out tomboys and I can see it coming out in Katie. She didn't lick it off the ground, as they say."

This could be her last final. Or it could be her second last. Or she may play with her daughter yet. Who knows? There's no point in taking her word for it: "I kind of know there's not going to be another one — or if there is it will be another one and that will be it. Ah but, I know I've said it before."

Millea sisters take the Downey route



*Enda
McEvoy*



THIS WAY TO CROKE PARK . . . Tracy Millea gives the instructions to sister, Sinead at Mount Juliet.

Picture: Liam Mulcahy.

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JOE Millea's claim to fame? Easy, or at least it would have been easy up to a couple of years ago. He lined out at corner forward in the 1969 All Ireland final, scored a crucial goal in the second half and brought a medal home to the parish of Ballycallan. Not a Meagher, not a Keher, not a Carey, but in his own way another Kilkenny hurling hero.

That was before his two daughters arrived on the scene. These days, to a sizeable section of the population of his native county, Joe Millea is known simply as "Tracy and Sinead's father". And really, that isn't a bad epitaph either. The torch has to be passed to a new generation at some stage. So much better if the new generation, at the ripe young ages of 21 and 19, is wearing the black and amber in Croke Park on All Ireland Camogie final day.

Not that Joe gets all the credit. Behind every great camogie player there's a great mammy, and Helen it was who one day came home from Tessie O'Sullivan's in Callan with Sinead's first hurl. A black plastic stick, a yellow plastic ball; commendable colouring.

Thus did five year old Sinead become a hurler. Not to be outdone, big sister promptly followed suit. After that, Jones's Road on the fourth Sunday of September was always going to be a question of how soon, not if.

They have become big girls since. Big enough to be Golf Administrator

for the Leadbetter Academy at Mount Juliet (Tracy) and heading into second year of PE at the University of Limerick (Sinead). Big enough to be lining out at corner back (Tracy) and full forward (Sinead) against Wexford today. But they are still their father's daughters.

A LONGSIDE Joe in the major influences' file, shove in the name of Marie Gannon. The third class teacher at Kilmanagh NS coached the team to win Roinn A county Camogie titles in 1985 and 1986. Tracey was full forward and hit three goals the first year ("I could score then"). Sinead was in the corner. More important than any medals, the sisters headed for St Brigid's Convent in Callan with a sound grasp of the basics. Striking off both sides, striking out of the hand, hitting the ball on the ground: Marie Gannon had steeped her young charges in the skills.

At colleges level Tracy was the unlucky one. The Callan girls lost an All Ireland junior semi-final when she was captain, won the title the following year when the arm band transferred to her sister. Tracy captained the '92 senior side that had the misfortune to be rolled over by Cyril Farrell's St Raphaels, Loughrea on the big day; twelve months later Callan obtained their compensation against St Marys of Charleville - and Sinead was captain.

Adding in the statistic that the latter was two years younger making the Kilkenny senior team paints a picture of two members of the same family possessing differing degrees of talent. Sinead - described by the hurling correspondent of this

newspaper as 'the aggregation of the skills of Eddie Keher and Billy Fitzpatrick' - the undoubted star, Tracy a more earth bound mortal.

Shades there of the Downey twins: Angela the genius, Ann generally - and wrongly - regarded as a plodder. (Legend has it that when the two were making their name, customers in Shem Downey's butcher's shop in Ballyragget would point at whichever of them happened to be there and ask their father, "is this the good one or the bad one?").

The Millea girls "just idolised" the Downey girls. Tracy loved Ann, Sinead worshipped Angela. Understandable enough. Their scrapbooks at home in Foxcover, Cuffesgrange, eight miles outside the city, had Downey cuttings on practically every page. The *Kilkenny People's* coverage of one of the victories early in the county team's All Ireland seven-in-a-row ('85-91) included a picture of two very small Milleas brandishing a banner extolling the virtues of their heroines. Then they found themselves together on the same team. *Girl's Own* stuff.

Tracy could empathise with Ann Downey, alright. Eighteen years old, a substitute for the 1991 All Ireland final v Cork - and seeing her kid sister, with half an hour of inter-county senior experience, in the starting line-up. "They were all rushing over to shake hands with Mary Robinson, there was I in the dug-out. Myself and Sinead had been together all the way up. Now we were apart for the first time. I knew how Ann used to feel, with Angela getting all the glory. That's how myself and Ann get on so well.

"Thankfully I got the chance to come on as a sub. If I hadn't I would have been in bits, I might as well not have been there that night".

THIS All Ireland is more special, Sinead confirms. Three years ago it was a case of, oh, don't talk about it, Tracy's not playing. Now they are together again. Anyway, she herself wasn't at the races in 1991. The occasion was finished by the time she had found her bearings. "I didn't score anything. I was totally overawed".

Tracy (sweetly): "Useless".

Sinead: "I admit it, I was useless".

Tracy (chortling): "I was delighted

...". Sinead (in mock indignation): "Trollop!"

Tracey: "I'm joking. I was green with envy. But it was funny when we went back to school and all the little ones were coming up asking for autographs, wasn't it?"

They get on well together. Tracy likes singing, set dancing during the winter months, "a bit of golf, obviously", and socialising. Socialising likes her, too, one would imagine.

Sinead is "really sports orientated", admires Ryan Giggs - though not in any girlie way, let it be noted - and, along with her sister, thinks Sonia O'Sullivan is only brilliant.

Tracy is off soon for six months to the new Leadbetter Academy in Marbella and has learned a thing or two from meeting Nick Faldo in the course of her work.

"He loves Mount Juliet, he's been there quite a few times with his family. He's a gentleman. Lots of

people misinterpret him. If your playing for hundreds of thousands of pounds over four days your not going to be signing autographs for everyone you see".

The day Nick Faldo's signature is unwanted by kids who dream of sinking a monster on the 18th at St Andrews? The day the Millea sisters' autographs are no longer sought by little girls with camogie sticks in their hands and Croke Park in their eyes?

Not today, not tomorrow, nor next year. Nor for quite a while to come.

CROKE PARK, Kilkenny v Wexford

3.30: The Cats, the only Nore side team contesting an All Ireland decider at headquarters this year, will be favourites. After the way they overturned champions Cork in Ballinlough, they have to be favourites. But the outcome is no foregone conclusion.

Wexford, seeking their first title since 1975, are no novices. They came and saw in 1990 and 1992; they are old enough and experienced enough to be thinking of conquering. They are strong all the way up the centre through Catherine Murphy, Stella Sinnott, Paula Rankin, Fiona Dunne (Liam's sister and as sweet a striker; she scored 2-10 from midfield in the semi-final) and Ann Reddy. They dismissed Galway out of hand a month ago.

Because of the clash with the county senior semi-finals, Kilkenny won't have the support they should. Because Ballinlough was regarded by many as "the real final" there may be a danger that public opinion has made them believe the hard part of the job has been accomplished. And, the Downeys excepted and Claire Jones departed, this is by no means a hardened combination.

Wexford must start like a flash flood, building up confidence by building a lead, taking the chances they make. If they don't, and if Fiona Dunne is held, then the O'Duffy Cup will be going back to the Marble City for a twelfth time.

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Camogie team to restore pride?

By JOHN O'SHAUGHNESSY

THE Limerick junior camogie team 21 strong panel are determined to provide some measure of compensation for the defeat of the hurlers at Croke Park, with victory over Galway in the All-Ireland final, at the same venue on Sunday.

"We may not have 20,000 fans behind us, no fund raising campaign and not near like the same hype that surrounded the hurlers, but we are going out to do our bit," said selector Bernie O'Dea, pointing out that this time Eamonn Cregan would be weighing in behind his native county.

The attitude in the camp is, what Cregan did for Offaly he can now do for them.

He has spent the last eight months or so with the camogie team, of which his daughter Niamh is a member.

Bernie O'Dea emphasised that the response to their training sessions had been exceptional. "There is tremendous dedication in the squad, and it would be nice if they were rewarded for their efforts".

Limerick suffered disappointment at the same stage of the competition back in 1988, when they were beaten by Galway.

Well, five of those who lined out that day will be in action again this time—Pauline McCarthy, Marguerite Guiry, Liz O'Sullivan, Agnes Sheehy and Helen Clifford, while Liz Leonard is substitute.

They recorded a win over Wexford back in 1977, and on that team was Pauline McCarthy, who has almost 20 unbroken years service with the county.

There is another link with the 77 team in that current

member Cliona Meaney is daughter of Ann Meaney, who spearheaded Limerick's only win at Croke Park.

Limerick have a nice blend of youth and experience. While the above mentioned have been through it all before, there are two under 16s in the team, Breda O'Brien and Aine Cahill, from the Granagh-Ballingarry club.

And there are two sets of sisters, Breda and Bernie O'Brien, and Kay and Mary Burke, the latter from Feohanagh-Castlemahon.

The players on the panel are drawn from such camogie strongholds as Bruff, Grange, Ballingarry, Feohanagh, Castlemahon, Croagh, Kilfinny, Ballygran and Doon.

Limerick started their campaign by defeating Waterford in Tramore, and then took highly fancied Cork by surprise at the Mary Immaculate Grounds. That was seen as the upset of the season.

After that it was on to the Munster final, when Tipperary were their victims.

In the All-Ireland semi-finals they were paired against Cavan and, after a slow start went on to record an impressive win.

It was a tough campaign and Limerick believe they have learned something from it.

There is every reason to respect Galway who are perhaps more established in camogie.

They accounted for London and Roscommon, and also enjoyed a good league campaign.

Galway, in fact, are the current All-Ireland champions at minor level.

Back to Bernie: "We know them to be a formidable outfit. There is a good deal of experience in their team and it is not going to be easy for us".

To keep themselves in shape Limerick played Toomevara in a challenge game.

The four selectors are Eamonn Cregan, Noreen Lynch, who also coaches, Vera Mulcahy, a member of the 1977 team and Bernie O'Dea.

There is tremendous credit due to those responsible for the promotion of camogie in the county.

They have, in the words of one mentor, more or less to fend for themselves. Nobody actually rushes in with sponsorship.

This year their achievements were perhaps overshadowed by the hurlers.

However, they have struck it lucky in they have been presented with jerseys by the Two Mile Inn.

The special track suits which they will wear on the day cost in the region of £1,000, and were financed by themselves.

Neither will they be ferried by special coach to Dublin. The official party will travel by cars to Dublin. They will stay over until Monday morning to allow them attend the after match reception.

The camogie team's progress has been in tandem with the senior hurlers, but, unlike Gary Kirby and Co., they hope to return with the All-Ireland trophy.

The girls have sacrificed much to get this far in the competition. The demands on their time were exceptional, with three nights training per week and matches at weekends.

They would appreciate all the support they can get at Croke Park, a ground which has not been too kind to Limerick representatives over the last 14 years, with defeats in six successive All-Irelands, two at senior level, three in the club championship series, and the camogie team losing out in 88.

THE BIG PUSH



■ Wexford's Paula Rankin and Stella Sinnott, who will be hoping to give Kilkenny the push in Sunday's All-Ireland final

Kilkenny try to make it a Cats dozen

IT'S Ladies day at Croke Park next Sunday when the All-Ireland senior and junior camogie finals are down for decision.

Old rivals Kilkenny and Wexford battle it out for the senior title in what promises to be an outstanding encounter.

Kilkenny will be anxious to grasp the O'Duffy Cup after a lapse of two years while Wexford are trying to bridge a 19 year gap.

The Model County have appeared in six All-Ireland senior championship finals winning in 1968 and 1969 with their last victory coming in 1975.

Kilkenny have been involved in 13 All-Ireland senior final clashes being successful on eleven occasions. Their famous seven titles in a row ended in 1991.

In this year's semi-final they dethroned holders Cork 4-9 to 2-12 with star player Angela Downey scoring three cracking goals.

Angela with her sister Ann, Marina Downey, Gillian Dillon, Sinead Costello, Brigid Mullally and the Millea sisters Tracey and Sinead make a formidable force.

Wexford caused an upset when they had a comprehensive win over last year's finalists and current senior League champions Galway in their semi-final clash winning 3-14 to 2-5 with a personal contribution of 2-10 from Fiona Dunne.

They have quite an

abundance of talent which includes Terry Butler, Catherine Murphy, Ann Reddy captain, Stella Sinnott, Annmarie O'Connor, Geraldine Codd who is a cousin to Ann Reddy, Kate Donoghue sister of Stella Sinnott, Fiona Dunne, Marian O'Leary and the youngest member of the panel 15 year-old Esme Murphy.

Kilkenny carry the tag of favourites to collect their 12th All-Ireland title but the Wexford girls will fight all the way. It should be close at the finish.

The curtain raiser to the main event will be the meeting of Galway and Limerick in the Junior final.

Galway will be hoping for success on this occasion as it is their third final on the trot. They have contested eight All-Ireland junior finals winning four in 1972, 1979, 1985 and defeating Sunday's opponents in 1988.

Limerick on one other occasion in '77 were victorious over Wexford, they were junior league title holders in 1991 and 1992 while Galway won a league title in '85.

In the semi-finals Galway had a convincing win over London 6-8 to 2-5 while Limerick had a 5-11 to 0-9 win over Cavan.

FIXTURES — Sunday All-Ireland Finals — Junior: Galway v Limerick 1.45, C. McAllister (Antrim), Senior: Kilkenny v Wexford, 3.30 M. Pollard (Waterford), Croke Park.

Camogie team travels in style

By JOHN O'SHAUGHNESSY

THERE'S no mad rush for tickets, no special trains have been arranged and neither is there a massive fund-raising campaign in operation—yet the Limerick camogie girls remain unperturbed and are concentrating all their efforts on bringing the All-Ireland junior title back to the county.

They play Galway at Croke Park this Sunday in the knowledge that it is now 17 years since they last won the trophy.

"It is all so different to the hype which surrounded the senior hurling final but to us this game is equally important," said selector Bernie O'Dea, observing that they at least had Eamonn Cregan on their side.

There is a connection with the '77 team in that Pauline McCarthy is still a playing member, with Vera Mulcahy, a niece of the legendary Mick Mackey, a selector.

The Limerick party will travel by car to Croke Park on Sunday morning. "Mon-



Selectors Vera Mulcahy, Bernie O'Dea, Eamon Cregan and Noreen Lynch (LL)

ing—hopefully with the eye is tight," explained Bernie. But they will overnight before return-cup, on Monday.

They will parade to Croke Park in style, however, having spent £1,000 on track suits, money raised by themselves through bucket collections.



There are two sets of sisters on the team, Breda and Bernie O'Brien, from Granagh/Ballingarry, and Kay and Mary Burke, Feohanagh/Castlemahon.

Eamonn Cregan's daughter, Niamh, a student at University of Limerick, is also in the panel.

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