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These girls made history

● The St. Vincent's Camogie Club, Cork, under-14 'A' team of (front from left) Demelza Kent, Regina O'Mahony, Denise Corcoran, Marsha Casey, Olivia Morrissey, Shirley Shinguin, Vicky Forde and Lorraine Kavanagh; (standing from left) Cormac O'Shea, joint coach, Karen Morrison, Sandra Ricken, Michelle Cotter, Leanne Dowling, Louise Fitzpatrick captain, Donna O'Leary Orla O'Shea, Geraldine O'Connell and Niall Murphy, joint coach. (Picture: Denis Minihane)

Camogie panel

THE following is the Munster Senior panel for the game against Leinster in the Interprovincial Camogie Championship at Clane, Co. Kildare on Sunday.

K Costine, B Kenny, P Goggins, L Towler, T O'Callaghan, S Fitzgibbon, L Mellerick, D Cronin, C O'Mahony, F O'Driscoll, I O'Leary, L Dunlea, R Desmond, P Murphy, B Kelleher, (all Cork), T Bonner, D Hughes (Tipperary), B Chawke (Limerick).

The Junior team, who also oppose Leinster at the same venue is:

A Delaney (Tipperary); C Cronin (Cork); H Clifford (Limerick); S Kelly (Tipperary); D McDonald (Clare); C Caples (Waterford); C Madden (Tipperary); M McMahon (Clare); E Healy (Cork); S O'Brien (Clare); H Kiely (Tipperary); A Lenihan (Limerick). Subs. A Gleeson (Tipperary); D Hughes (Tipperary); C O'Loughlin (Clare); L Twomey (Cork); M Collins (Clare); K Burke (Limerick); M Butler (Waterford).

Leinster do the double

**Leinster 5-7,
Munster 2-10**

LEINSTER had a convincing win over Munster, the holders, in this Gael-Linn Senior Camogie interprovincial semi-final played at Clane, Co. Kildare, yesterday. It was a sparkling encounter with both sides showing great flair and determination.

The Munster girls looked as if they were coasting to victory with goals in the early stages by Lyn Dunlea and Irene O'Keeffe and were coasting approaching the break, 2-7 to 0-5. However, Angela Downey had the last say for Leinster in this half when she belted home a goal to leave just five points between the sides at half-time.

On the turn-over Leinster

stepped up the pace and began to dominate in most sectors. Munster did managed three points but Leinster went on to record a six points victory.

Scorers for Leinster: Angela Downey 2-0; Anne Downey 1-3; S. Dunne and G. Dillon 1-0 each; S. Millea 0-3; B. Mullaly 0-1.

Munster: C. O'Mahony 0-6; L. Dunlea and I. O'Keeffe 1-0 each; L. Mellerick 0-2; F. O'Driscoll and S. Dunlea 0-1 each.

Leinster — L. Curry, C. Walsh (captain), C. Murphy, B. McGarry; S. Synott, U. Murphy, T. Millea; C. Jones, M. Malone; B. Mullaly, G. Dillon, S. Dunne; S. Millea, Anne Downey, Angela Downey. Subs. R. Lyons for M. Malone.

Munster — K. Costine; B. Kenny, S. Fitzgibbon, P. Goggins; L. Mellerick, C. O'Mahony, F. O'Driscoll; I. O'Keeffe, D. Cronin; I. O'Leary, L. Dunlea, S. Dunlea; D. Bonner, M. Chawke, P. Murphy.

Ref: J. Beatty (Galway).

**Leinster 2-5,
Munster 0-6**

LEINSTER juniors made it a double when they got the better of Munster in this interprovincial tie also played at Clane yesterday.

This was a closely contested match with little separating the sides at any time.

In the 25th minute, Irene Kirwan put Leinster in front with a well taken goal, but two further points from Munster left the sides level at the break, 1-2 to 0-5.

On the resumption Leinster went two points ahead before Munster got their only score in this half, a point by Catherine O'Loughlin. Irene Kirwan replied with a similar score to

leave two points separating the sides but it was Annette Heffernan who put the icing on the cake for Leinster with a bullet-like shot to the net in the closing stages.

Scorers for Leinster: I. Kirwan 1-2; A. Heffernan 1-1; A.M. Dennehy and V. Crean 0-1 each.

Munster: C. O'Loughlin 0-4; H. Keely 0-2.

Leinster — B. Rosney; S. Costelloe, J. Aylward, M. Smith; R. Treacy, A. Treacy, M. Maher; V. Crean, A.M. Dennehy; N. Quirke, I. Kirwan, G. Mahon; N. Egan, I. Kennedy, A. Heffernan. Subs. H. Butler for N. Quirke, M. Davis for G. Mahon.

Munster — A. Delaney; C. Cronin, H. Clifford, S. Kelly; D. McDonald, C. Caples, C. Madden; M. McMahon, E. Healy; S. O'Brien, H. Keely, M. Butler; A. Gleeson, D. Hughes, C. O'Loughlin. Subs. M. Collins for H. Keely, K. Burke for S. O'Brien. Ref: N. Cormican (Galway).

Camogie World

By: P.J. FULHAM

Leinster had a convincing win over Munster, the holders, in this Gael Linn Inter-provincial Camogie Senior semi-final at Clane, Kildare. It was a sparkling encounter with both sides showing great flair and determination. The Munster girls looked as if they were coasting to victory with goals in the early stages by Lynn Dunlea and Irene O'Keeffe and with one minute remaining before the break they led 2-7 to 0-5. Angela Downey had the last say in this half for Leinster when she shot a well taken goal to leave the half time score Munster 2-7, Leinster 1-5. On the turnover Leinster stepped up the pace and became dominant on most parts of the field. Munster managed three points in this half from frees while Leinster coasted to a six point victory, final score: Leinster 5-7, Munster 2-10.

Scorers: Leinster: Angela Downey 2-0, Anne Downey 1-3, Siobhan Dunne, Gillian Dillon 1-0 each, Sinead Millea 0-3, Brigid Mullaly 0-1. Munster: Collette O'Mahoney 0-6, Lynn Dunlea, Irene O'Keeffe 1-0 each, Linda Mellerick 0-2, Fiona O'Driscoll, Stephanie Dunlea 0-1 each. Referee: Jane Beatty, Galway.

Leinster Juniors made it a double when they got the better of Munster in this Gael Linn tie at Clane. This was a closely contested affair with little separating the sides at any time. Leinster were two points up thanks to Annette Heffernan and Irene Kirwan before Munster struck back with three points from Catherine O'Loughlin (2) and Helan Kiely. In the 25th minute Irene Kirwan put Leinster in front with a well taken goal. Two further points from Munster left the sides level at the break: Leinster 1-2, Munster 0-5.

On the resumption Leinster went two points ahead and half way through Munster got their only score in this half, a point by Catherine O'Loughlin. Irene Kirwan replied with a similar score to leave two points separating the sides but it was Annette Heffernan who put the icing on the cake for Leinster with a bullet-like shot to the net in the closing stages to leave the final score: Leinster 2-5, Munster 0-6.

Scorers: Leinster: Irene Kirwan 1-2, Annette Heffernan 1-1, Anne Marie Dennihy, Valerie Crean 0-1 each.

Tipperary retained the Munster Under 18 Championship title when they had a convincing win over Clare in the final played at the Ragg, Thurles. A brilliant first half display by the Premier County set them on their way to victory, when they led 2-8 to 1-2 at the interval. Clare's goal came on the 20th minute when Deirdre Joyce sent the ball all the way to the net from a free.

In the second half Clare continued to try hard but they could not pierce Tipperary's solid defence. They failed to score in this half while Tipperary notched a further five points. Final Score: Tipperary 2-13, Clare 1-2. Tipperary Team & Scorers: Michelle Bulfin, Aileen Delaney, Lisa Carroll, Suzanne Kelly 0-1, Maura Cahalane, Marie Ryan, Noelle Kennedy 1-10, Claire Egan, Ann Barry, Helan Kiely 0-1, Aine Hogan 1-0, Niamh Bonner 0-1. Rest of panel: Ann McGivern, Fiona Butler, Dearbhla Quigley, Orla Crompton, Collette Grace, Olivia Kennedy, Lisa Breen, Theresa Brophy, Shiela Kyne. In the Tipperary Under 18 county final replay Toomevara defeated Drom-Inch 4-3 to 1-5.

The scene is now set for the Gael Linn finals. Leinster and Ulster will cross swords in both Senior and Junior at Clane, Kildare on Sunday next. Ulster got a walk-over from Connacht

and will be at a disadvantage of not having a competitive match, however, they have wholehearted players in both grades. Leinster will be hot favourites to take the Senior title, for this match Ulster have representatives from six counties, with eight from Antrim who were recently regraded from Senior to Junior.

The Junior game should be quite a close tussle. Ulster have won three titles in this grade in the last four years, and will definitely carry the tag of favourites on Sunday. With a strong representation from Armagh the National League and All-Ireland Champions Leinster will have an air of confidence after their victory over Munster, the holders. They have not won the title since '86, home venue should be an advantage but they will meet with a formidable force in the Ulster girls. This one should go all the way to the wire. **Ulster Panel:** Senior: Imelda Gillen, Mary Connolly, Grace McMullen, Rosie Butler, Marie McAttaney, Donna McLoughlin, Bonnie McCreevey, Karen Convery, Antrim, Monica McCartan, Nuala McKee, Teresa Allen, Down. Yvonne McKenna, Theresa McNally, Joanne Kelly, Armagh:

Rosemary Merrie, Noelle McGovern, Monaghan. Majella Prior, Marie Prior, Catherine Smyth, Cavan. Elaine McGonicle, Donegal.

Junior: Margaret McKee, Cathy Browne, Pauleen Conway, Orlagh Murphy, Collette Byrne, Bernice McBride, Deirdre Connolly, Patricia McEvoy, Mary Donnelly, Aine Lennon, Geraldine Haughey, Celine McGeary, Olive McKeon, Antoinette Irwin, Mairead Murray, Armagh. Pauleen Greene, Mairin McAlleenan, Anne Coyle, Down. Anne Lee, Emer Lee, Derry.

On Saturday next C.C.I.A. commence their competitions in its new format, with seven games down for decision. There are 15 teams D.C.U. get the bye. The winners will participate in the Ashbourne Cup and the losers in the Purcell Cup.

First mentioned team have home venue. One of the most interesting will be U.C.C. v Limerick University. The latter should do well this season with prominent young stars Fiona O'Driscoll, Cork.

Orla O'Leary Wexford, Sinead Millea, Kilkenny.

Carmel Hannon and Carmel Ryan, Galway. Trinity College Dublin host Athlone R.T.C. The Midlanders should be strengthened by some Galway talent in Brigid Fahy and Olivia Costello. Limerick who have Cork star Lynn Dunlea in their midst will meet with stiff opposition from U.C.G. who will be boosted by Clare players Joanne Frost and Moira McMahon.

The clash of University of Ulster Coleraine and Maynooth University should be a close affair. If Coleraine win they will be the hosts of the Ashbourne competition. Queens, Belfast may shade it over Limerick R.T.C. They have prominent players in Mary Black and Donna McCusker, Armagh, Patricia Green, Down, and Roisin McAuley, Antrim.

U.U. Jordanstown meet U.C.D. The Ulster side are in pursuit of their third Ashbourne Cup title in a row and will be hard to overcome, with noted players such as Caitriona Higgins and Grace McMullen Antrim and Brona Birt, Derry.

Waterford R.T.C. clash, with St. Mary's, Belfast in a repeat of last years Purcell Cup semi-final. Waterford are team building this year with a number of first years blended around Marita Tobin and Catherine Kehoe. St. Mary's have lost very few players and with performers such as Orlagh Murphy and Orla Downey, Derry, Orla Brady and Coleen Hynds, Down they will be a formidable force. Result: Freshers 7-a-side final: Limerick University 1-2 Queens, Belfast 1-1.

LEINSTER HAVE CONVINCING WIN OVER MUNSTER IN GAE LINN INTER PROVINCIAL SEMI

Glen just one step from title

GLEN ROVERS, the All-Ireland Club camogie champions, are only one step away from retaining their title. On Sunday at Ballinasloe (2.30) the Cork champions face Mullagh, of Galway in the final and are quietly confident.

The Blackpool girls started this year's campaign by retaining their Co. title with a 5-18 to 0-3 win over Na Piarsaigh at Ballinlough and then accounted for Grenagh-Ballingarry, the Limerick champions, in the first round of the Munster championship 4-19 to 3-3.

In the Munster final they came up against the Clare title holders Wolfe Tones (Shannon) and again ran out easy winners 5-11 to 0-2.

It was then on to the All-Ireland series where the entertained Tara of London in their own Glen Field in the quarter-final and were not unduly troubled when beating the Exiles by 4-15 to 1-1.

The semi-final against Kilkenny champions, Lisdowney, was expected to be a thriller but a supremely confident Glen side gave the Kilkenny girls a lesson when winning 6-10 to 2-3.

In the other semi-final Mullagh had a 1-13 to 1-4 over Lough Giel (Antrim) in Mullagh, booking their passage to the final with an excellent first-half display in which they led 1-8 to 0-2 at the break. However, Lough Giel made the Galway champions fight hard in the second-half.

Glen girls all set

By Tom Higgins

GLEN ROVERS, who play Mullagh of Galway in the All-Ireland Club camogie championship final at Ballinasloe tomorrow, have been going gallant so far in this decade.

In 1990 they won the title, failed to Mullagh in the semi-final in 1991 after returning from a trip to America, but bounced back to regain their title last year. They will be hoping to make it two in-a-row when they oppose the Galway girls, who are the only side to beat them in a championship game in the last four years.

The Glen, who have a very strong panel, including five of the team that helped Cork to their second Senior All-Ireland title in-a-row this year, have won all their games by wide margins.

In goal will be Mairead O'Leary, who has been showing very consistent form. In front of her will be Mary Ring, one of the great full-backs, and her long puck-outs have been a feature of the campaign. Deirdre McCarthy, at right half-back, played very well in Glen's victory over Lisdowney and will not leave the side down while Sandie Fitzgibbon will be at centre-back. Sandie had one of her best games ever when marking Angela Downey in the semi-final and that was after returning from a bout of flu. When the chips are down Sandie never plays badly and the Glen will be relying on her to get the ball up to the free scoring forwards.

On the left is club captain Diane Deane. A very solid defender, she can be relied upon to when the going gets tough.

Midfield will probably consist of Denise Cronin, Therese O'Callaghan and Patricia Murphy and this is a very strong sector. Denise received an ankle injury in the Interprovincial championship game against Leinster in Clane, Co Kildare last Sunday but is expected to be fully fit. Therese O'Callaghan is the only real worry. She played with a hip injury in the semi-final and it has not fully responded to treatment. She did not train during the week but the Cork star told me she is "determined to play".

Patricia Murphy is a very determined player and will be in the thick of things around midfield. She had an outstanding game in the semi-final and a repeat of that performance will make it hard for the Mullagh players.

Glen's strongest sector is their half-forward line which is made up of Linda Mellerick, Lyn Dunlea and Ger McCarthy and they are a real scoring machine. Linda Mellerick is great when running at defences to set up scores for her colleague while Lyn Dunlea's accuracy from frees and her all round ability has made her one of the most feared forwards in the game. This will be the first time Lyn has contested a final with the Glen and she will be hoping to add to her All-Ireland medal collection.

Ger McCarthy, one of the most experienced players on the side, has won every honour the game has to offer. She can get scores from either side of the field and is a very hard to mark.

Clare McCarthy will probably be at full-forward. Although slowed down because of a serious knee injury, if she gets the ball in her hand she will be hard to stop.

What of the opposition? They won the title in 1991 and they have a strong panel composed mainly of players who have figured on the Galway senior and Junior sides this year. Galway have not enjoyed the best of luck this year, reaching the All-Ireland finals in Senior, Junior and Minor grades and losing all three. So, they will be hoping to make up for these disappointments.

Sheila Coen, Pamela Nevin and Imelda Hobbins figured in the Senior Galway side beaten by Cork while the Hardiman sisters, Deirdre and Emer, who were on the Galway Junior team are also in the panel. Add to this Brigid Fahy, a senior panelist, Cora Curley and Madge Kennedy, who were subs on the Junior team, and one can see that they will not be easily beaten.

●The Glen team will leave Blackpool at 4pm today and stay overnight in Athlone before travelling on to Ballinasloe.



The Glen Rovers players at a training session as they prepared for the All-Ireland club camogie championship

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★Three of the Glen Rovers team, Trish Murphy, Linda Mellerick and Claire McCarthy who'll be involved in the All-Ireland Club Camogie Championship Final tomorrow.

Go for it girls



Four of the Glen Rovers players training for the All-Ireland Club Camogie Championship Final. (From left): Diane Deane, Sandy Fitzgibbon, Mary Ring and Deirdre McCarthy.



The Glen Rovers players training for the All-Ireland Club final. — (Picture: Denis Minihaue)

BY BRENDAN LARKIN

REIGNING All-Ireland senior club camogie champions Glen Rovers put their title on the line on Sunday next when they travel to Ballinasloe to take on Galway champions Mullagh in this year's final.

Not since 1991 have the Glen been beaten in the championship. On that occasion they were defending champions, but Mullagh came to the Glen Field and shocked the home side in the All-Ireland semi-final.

It all adds greatly to next Sunday's clash between the sides, and it will take a huge effort on the

part of the defending champions to hold on to their crown.

They are sure of a hot reception from a club side that has been making great strides in the game since their foundation 10 years ago.

Both teams are backboned by a number of players who figured in this year's All-Ireland inter-

county final between Cork and Galway, and Mullagh see this game as the ideal opportunity to make amends for the failure of their county side.

Glen Rovers and Mullagh have been very impressive in their march to Sunday's final. The Galway girls beat the Antrim champions Loughgil in the semi-final 1-13 to 1-4,

while the Cork side had a comfortable quarter-final victory over Tara of London.

In the semi-final they played their best camogie of the season in beating Lisdowney from Kilkenny in a classic game in the Glen Field, and on that form alone will start favourites to retain title.

Team coach Noel

Lynham has prepared his side well and has left no stone unturned in trying to win the title back to back, and bring off a unique "double double" for the club and county.

Glen field a very experienced side interspersed with a number of new faces. Team captain Diane Deane, Cork captain

Linda Mellerick, Therese O'Callaghan, Sandy Fitzgibbon, Deirdre McCarthy and Mary Ring have been through it all before, while Lynn Dunlea who starred

with Cork in the All-Ireland final, will be playing in her first club final, but shouldn't be overawed by the occasion.

Big one for the Glen

BIG game on the Camogie front this coming weekend will be the clash of Glen Rovers and the Galway champions, Mullagh in the All-Ireland club final at Ballinasloe on Sunday at 2.30. At local level pick of the games will be the under-16 'B' championship final which will see Ballinhassig and Tracton in opposition on Sunday at Shamrocks G.A.A. pitch at 2.30 while also on Sunday the under-18 championship gets off to a start with a number of first round games down for decision.

Glen Rovers will certainly be under no illusions as to the task confronting them when they make the long journey to Ballinasloe on Sunday to play Mullagh in the All-Ireland Club Final. The last occasion these two sides met was in the 1991 All-Ireland decider when the Galway girls emerged victorious by a single point so no doubt this time out the Glen will be very determined to reverse that result.

HOME
Mullagh favoured with the home venue on this occasion and spearheaded by no fewer than five of the Galway senior panel and three of the junior panel will no doubt be formidable opposition but the Cork side have shown great form of late and with a marvellous victory over Liosdowney of Kilkenny in the semi-final behind them will face this game with every confidence.

Glen are strong in all sectors and the addition of Lyn Dunlea to their attack this season has certainly strengthened the side. They have other very experienced performers in Sandy Fitzgibbon, Therse O'Callaghan, Denis Cronin, Linda Mellerick, Diane Deane who captains the side, Mary Ring, Patricia Murphy and Clare McCarthy. If these girls play to form on the day they must be in there with a real good chance of retaining their title.

IDEAS
However I am sure Mullagh will have other

ideas about this and they will be very determined to prove that their victory back in 1991 was no flash in the pan. They will be looking to players like Imelda Hobbs, Deirdre and Emer Hardiman, Pamela Nevin, Sheila Coen and Bridget Fahy to carry the day for them and if these girls play to form we should have a cracking contest in store.

At local level two South East clubs Ballinhassig and Tracton will contest the final of the under-16 'B' championship at Shamrocks G.A.A. pitch on Sunday at 2.30 and this should be an interesting clash. Both these clubs would have met on numerous occasions during the past number of months in the South East leagues so no doubt there will be great rivalry between these two clubs on Sunday. Both clubs have won their first ever trophies this season. Tracton took the junior 'B2' championship while Ballinhassig won the under-14 'B' league so no doubt both sides will be desperately keen to succeed on Sunday.

On recent form Ballinhassig will probably be slightly favoured. They will be spearheaded by Cork minor Lynda O'Sullivan and her presence could certainly prove the difference. They have other fine performers in Therse Finn, Michelle Fleming, Sinéad O'Halloran, Teresa Lombard who captains the side and Ann Marie Curtin. If these girls produce the goods they could cause problems for a Tracton side that will be looking to players like Nicola Lynch, Cathriona Ginnane, Sheila Ambrose, Olivia O'Leary and Captain Elaine Ginnane to carry them through.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21
All-Ireland Club Championship Final: Glen Rovers (Cork) v Mullagh (Galway) at Ballinasloe at 2.30.
Under-16 'B' Championship Final: Tracton v Ballinhassig at Shamrocks G.A.A. pitch 2.30. Ref. Colette O'Mahony.

Under-18 Championship '93: Courcey Rovers v Killeagh at Courcey Rovers at 2.30. Ref. Ballygarvan. Delany's v Cloughduv, at Delany's at 12 noon (Ref. Brian Dillons). Eire Og v Barryroe at Eire Og, at 12 noon (Ref. Ballinora). Aghabullogue v Watergrasshill, at Aghabullogue at 2.30 (Ref. Eire Og). Na Piarsaigh v Inniscarra, at Na Piarsaigh, at 12 noon (Ref. Sarsfields). Kilbrittain v Bandon, at Kilbrittain at 12 noon (Ref. Newcestown). St. Vincent's v Mayfield, at St. Vincent's at 2.30 (Ref. Inniscarra).

The pride of Blackpool

By Brendan Larkin
MAIREAD O'LEARY: Playing in her second All-Ireland final, holds senior, under 18 and intermediate county medals as well as Munster club and All-Ireland honours. A student at UCC, a cousin of corner back Deirdre McCarthy.
DIANE DEANE: Captains the team. Holder of All-Ireland club, Munster and county honours as well as junior, and under 16 county medals. A member of the Cork junior team this year.
SANDY FITZGIBBON: Last year's camogie player of the year. Has

won every honour in the game; its also a international basketball player with the Lee Strand Club in Tralee. Her dual with Angela Downey in the semi-final of the All-Ireland recently was crucial to the Glen's victory.
DEIRDRE MCCARTHY: Playing in her third All-Ireland club final. Holder of two club All-Ireland medals as well as county medals at senior, intermediate and under 18 grade. A past pupil of St. Patrick's School, Gardiners Hill.
MARY RING: Captained Glen to their two previous All-Ireland club victories. Holder of medals at under 16 and senior level, as well as Munster and All-Ireland

club.
PATRICIA MURPHY: Playing in her second All-Ireland club final. Holder of senior and intermediate county, as well as Munster and All-Ireland medals. She is a secondary school teacher.
DENISE CRONIN: A member of this year's Cork All-Ireland winning team, holder of medals at U-18 and senior county, as well as All-Ireland and Munster club level. A past pupil of St. Vincent's Convent.
LYNN DUNLEA: Playing in her first club final, hopes to win that medal that eluded her mother Nuala. A student at Mary Immaculate Training College.
GER MCCARTHY: Holder of two All-Ireland

senior medals with Cork, as well as senior county, Munster and All-Ireland club honours with the Glen. Back playing after giving birth in May. An employee at Boarne's electrics.
CLAIRE MCCARTHY: Holder of county, Munster and All-Ireland club honours with the Glen as well as senior All-Ireland honours with Cork. Previously a defender, but now operating in the forward line.
LINDA MELLERICK: Captained Cork to All-Ireland victory this season, and won Juries Award for September. Holder of honours at senior county, Munster and All-Ireland club level.

THERESE O'CALLAGHAN: Has made a great comeback after serious injury at the start of the season; captained the Glen to All-Ireland honours in 1990, and was a member of this year's Cork All-Ireland winning team.
MARY CURRID: Back on the Glen team after giving birth in April. Married to St. Finbarrs senior football captain Eric Barrett. Holder of medals at county, Munster and All-Ireland club level.
ANN LORNEGAN: Long serving member of the squad, captained the Glen to county junior honours in 1982.
YVONNE MCCARTHY: Youngest member of the panel, a member of the

Cork under 16 and minor teams this year. Past pupil of St. Aidans Community College.
FIONA TWOMEY: A member of the Cork junior side this year, holder of county, Munster and All-Ireland club honours, as well as under-18 and intermediate honours at county level.
UNA HORGAN: Holder of under-18 and intermediate county medals as well as senior county, Munster and All-Ireland honours. A nurse by profession.
MARIE DEANE: A sister of captain Diane. Holds junior, intermediate and senior county medals, as well as Munster and All-Ireland club honours.
MANDY KENEFEICK:

Recently qualified as a nurse. Holder of county, Munster and All-Ireland medals. Daughter of former Glen Rovers stalwart Seanie.
EMMA HARTE: Daughter of former Glen stalwart Patsy, a student at RTC, holder of senior Munster and All-Ireland club medals.
NOEL LYNAM: Former Glen stalwart with a number of county senior medals to his credit and current coach to the team. Has been a tremendous influence on the club's success this season.
■ The team selectors are Helena Mullins, Ann O'Donovan and Mary Newman-McCarthy.

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Glen girls grab glory once again

By TOM HIGGINS

Glen Rovers (Cork) 6-10
Mullagh (Galway) 0-2

GLEN ROVERS are All-Ireland Club camogie champions once again. At Duggan Park, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway yesterday they brushed aside the challenge of Mullagh to retain their title with a tremendous power show. This is the fourth time the Cork side have taken the title.

There was little between the sides in the opening 15 minutes with the Glen having slightly the better of matters. But once the Leaside girls got into their stride there was only going to be one result. They led by 1-5 to 0-1 after the opening quarter, and should have been much further ahead but for some woeful shooting which saw them shoot eight wides in this half. But once they settled down they really took control and three goals from Lyn Dunlea between the 25th and 32nd minutes put the game out of the Galway girls reach.

Mullagh moved Ruth Calahan to full-forward and Madge Kennedy to midfield at the beginning of the game but Calahan got little scope from Mary Ring, who was totally dominant and Kennedy got little change out of a hard tackling Patricia Murphy.

With Sandie Fitzgibbon again in control in the half-backline and Ring going from strength to strength at full-back the Glen forwards got a good supply and although they missed some chances they converted more than enough.

Denise Cronin was the dominant figure in midfield and with Linda Mellerick proving much too speedy for the Mullagh defence the Galway girls were under severe pressure in the second quarter as Mellerick began to set up scoring opportunities for her colleagues. Lyn Dunlea was an excellent goalpoacher and availed of the good supply from midfield to end the day with a tally of 4-5.

Both sides were slow to settle and with defences mainly on top early on scores were hard to come by. After Ger and Clare McCarthy had points in the opening four minutes for the Cork side, Imelda Hobbins got Mullagh's first score from a free in the fifth minute. A minute later a Sandie Fitzgibbon sideline cut was brilliantly caught by Ger McCarthy and she rounded the full-back to palm the ball past keeper Caroline Loughnane.



An elated Glen Rovers panel after their All-Ireland victory over Mullagh in Ballinasloe yesterday.

Still, the Glen were not playing the sort the camogie they are capable of, but they really began to motor after Lyn Dunlea's first goal in the 25th minute. Glen were awarded a free when Dunlea was fouled about 25 metres out. She took the free herself and shot low and hard to the Mullagh net to leave it 2-5 to 0-1. Linda Mellerick added a further point and then Dunlea got past full-back Sheila Coen to blast the ball home from close range and the Glen were really rampant.

Glen continued to press their advantage and in the 30th minute Emer Hardiman had Mullagh's first score from play, a point, in the 30th minute. However, the holders had the last say a minute later as Lyn Dunlea availed of a defensive blunder to score a goal.

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Glen girls grab glory once again

By TOM HIGGINS

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Mullagh (Galway) 0-2

GLEN ROVERS are All-Ireland Club camogie champions once again. At Duggan Park, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway yesterday they brushed aside the challenge of Mullagh to retain their title with a tremendous power show. This is the fourth time the Cork side have taken the title.

There was little between the sides in the opening 15 minutes with the Glen having slightly the better of matters. But once the Leeside girls got into their stride there was only going to be one result. They led by 1-5 to 0-1 after the opening quarter, and should have been much further ahead but for some woeful shooting which saw them shoot eight wides in this half. But once they settled down they really took control and three goals from Lyn Dunlea between the 25th and 32nd minutes put the game out of the Galway girls reach.

Mullagh moved Ruth Calahan to full-forward and Madge Kennedy to midfield at the beginning of the game but Calahan got little scope from Mary Ring, who was totally dominant and Kennedy got little change out of a hard tackling Patricia Murphy.

With Sandie Fitzgibbon again in control in the half-backline and Ring going from strength to strength at full-back the Glen forwards got a good supply and although they missed some chances they converted more than enough.

Denise Cronin was the dominant figure in midfield and with Linda Mellerick proving much too speedy for the Mullagh defence the Galway girls were under severe pressure in the second quarter as Mellerick began to set up scoring opportunities for her colleagues. Lyn Dunlea was an excellent goalpoacher and availed of the good supply from midfield to end the day with a tally of 4-5.

Both sides were slow to settle and with defences mainly on top early on scores were hard to come by. After Ger and Clare McCarthy had points in the opening four minutes for the Cork side, Imelda Hobbins got Mullagh's first score from a free in the fifth minute. A minute later a Sandie Fitzgibbon sideline cut was brilliantly caught by Ger McCarthy and she rounded the full-back to palm the ball past keeper Caroline Loughnane.



An elated Glen Rovers panel after their All-Ireland victory over Mullagh in Ballinasloe yesterday.

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AN MULLACH



Ar chúl (ó chlé) - Máire Ní Ghairbhíth, Síle Ní Chadhain, Eimhear Ní Argadáin, Eilís Ní Giolla Cháinnigh, Gearóidín Ní Lachtnáin, Gearóidín Ní Fhathaigh, Ruth Ní Cheallacháin, Aine Ní Argadáin, Aine Ní Chadhain. Chun tosaigh (ó chlé) - Mairéad Uí Chinnéide, Bríd Ní Fhathaigh, Deirdre Ní Argadáin, Ailís Ní Mhurchú, Imelda Ní Oibín, Éadaoin Ní Mhurchú, Pamela Ní Cháimhín (captaen), Cora Ní Thoirleach, Majella Chinsealach.

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FÁNAITHE AN GHLEANNA

(CORCAIGH)

v.

AN MULLACH

(AN GHAILLIMH)

21 Samhain, 1993, ag 2.30 i.n.

Páirc Ó Duagáin, Béal Átha na Sluighe
An Ghaillimh

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Fánaithe an Ghleanna (Corcaigh)

BUNAÍODH an Club seo breis is seasca bliain ó shoin agus d'éirigh leis an craobh a bhuaichaint ag leibheal éigin i ngach deichmhear ó 1930 i leith.

Fánaithe an Ghleanna won its first County title in 1934, and its second in 1947. Three Senior County Championship titles were added in 1950, 1951 and 1957. The present Cathaoirleach of the Club, Nora (O'Brien) Newman, was on the successful team of 1950.

The 1960s saw a record seven-in-a-row Senior County titles go to the Club between 1962 and 1968. Commitment to the juvenile and under-age players over the years brought Intermediate and Under 18 titles to Fánaithe an Ghleanna in 1973 and 1975, respectively.

Bhí luach a saothair ag muintir an Chlub i 1983 nuair a sciobadar tri chraobh leo. The 1980s had started on a good note with the unique treble of County titles at Senior, Junior and Under 18 levels. A County League title was added in 1984 and another Under 18 title in 1985. Several other trophies came to the Club during the remainder of this decade.

Is ar 1986, ach go háirithe, a bheidh cuimhne ag an gClub go deo. Mary Ring, daughter of the famed Christy, led her team to the All-Ireland Club Championship Final, and proudly accepted the cup after defeating the then Club specialists, Naomh Pól of Cill Chainnigh.

Cuireadh tús an-mhaith leis an deichmhear seo. Therese O'Callaghan led the team to its second All-Ireland Club success in 1990, while, in 1992, Mary Ring became the first Fánaithe an Ghleanna player to lead her side to two Club titles.

Mary and Therese captained the Corcaigh Senior teams which reached the All-Ireland Finals of 1988 and 1991, respectively. Another Fánaithe an Ghleanna player, Sandie Fitzgibbon, proudly raised Corn Ua Dubhthaigh in Páirc an Chrócaigh in 1992.

1993 became the third year in a row for a Fánaithe an Ghleanna player to captain her County Senior team. Like Sandie, Linda Mellerick brought Corn Ua Dubhthaigh back to Corcaigh.

Tá boinn Uile-Éireann buaite ag ceathrar eile seachas Linda le Corcaigh i mbliana. The other 1993 All-Ireland Senior medal winners are Therese O'Callaghan, Sandie Fitzgibbon, Denise Cronin and Lynn Dunlea. Indeed, Lynn, playing in her first Club Final, is a daughter of Nuala (Humphreys) Dunlea who played with the Club during the 1960s.

Now in its seventh decade, Fánaithe an Ghleanna has Senior, Under 18, two Under 16 and two Under 14 teams. Sé an t-Oiliúnaí ag foireann na sinsear ná Noel Lynam, a bhuaigh boinn Uile-Éireann san iománaíocht le foireann Chorcaí i 1985, 1959 agus 1960.

Teachtaireacht an Uachtaráin



Tá buaicphointe Chraobhchomórtas Idir-Chlub na hÉireann buailte linn agus cuirim fáilte romhaibh uilig.

Rachaidh foireann ó Ghaillimh agus foireann ó Chorcaigh i ngleic lena cheile arís i mbliana agus beidh sár-choimhlint eatarthu.

Neither one of the competing clubs is a stranger to All-Ireland honours.

Fánaithe an Ghleanna won its second title last year, while An Mullach took the Trophy across the Shannon in 1991, having defeated Fánaithe an Ghleanna in the semi-final of that year. There is an abundance of talent on each side and both teams have prepared diligently for this prestigious championship. The skills displayed already this year by most of the players involved augurs well for an exhibition of exciting camogie that will do credit to their mentors and, indeed, to Cumann Camogaíochta na nGael.

This game should put a fitting end to a most progressive and successful season with a magnificent display of camogie.

Táim go mór faoi chomaoín ag Cumann Lúthchleas Gael as an tacaíocht leanúnach i rith na mblianta ar fud na tíre. Go n-éirí an t-ádh lenár n-oifigigh go léir idir lucht na páirce agus an cultaca rairacháin.

As always, our faithful supporters and very generous sponsors are deeply appreciated. Go méadaí Dia bhur stór.

Go n-éirí go geal leis na foirne - táimid bródúil astu. Go dté sibh i dtreise sna blianta atá romhainn.

Beannacht De' ar 'chuile dhuine.

BRÍDÍN UÍ MHAOLAGÁIN
Uachtarán

CRAOBHCHOMÓRTAS IDIR-CHLUB NA HÉIREANN - AN 30ú CLUICHE CEANNAIS -

Today, on the occasion of the 30th All-Ireland Club Final, Fánaithe an Ghleanna agus An Mullach meet for the first time in the Final.

Bhaineadar araon an Cluiche Ceannais amach cheana féin, áfach, Fánaight an Ghleanna faoi cheathair agus An Mullach faoi dhó. Fánaithe an Ghleanna seeks its fourth title and An Mullach its second. Cuireadh tús leis an geomóras i 1964 agus roinneadh An Chrosach ar na Cúigi' mar a leanas:

Cúige Laighean (18) - Cill Chainnigh (8), Ath Cliath (5), Loch Garman (5), **Cúige Mumhan (8)** - Corcaigh (4), Luimneach (2), Tiobraid Árann (2), **Cúige Chonnacht (3)** - An Ghaillimh (3).

Although Fánaithe an Ghleanna agus An Mullach meet in the Club Final for the first time, several of the players have already met in an All-Ireland Final this year. Five from each side represented their respective Corcaigh agus An Ghaillimh teams in the All-Ireland Senior Championship Final.

The delightful skills displayed by both Corcaigh agus An Ghaillimh on that occasion augur well for today's Final.

Ba cheart go mbeadh an-cluiche go deo againn inniu.

An Réiteoir Áine Derham

(Áth Cliath)

Áine, an experienced Inter-County Referee, officiates at her second All-Ireland Club Championship final today. Áine has refereed at all levels, including an All-Ireland Senior Championship Final.

Comh maith leis an Réiteoireacht, déanam Áine a cion ar son an riaracháin, agus is Iar-Rúnaí agus Iar-Chisteoir de Choiste Contae Atha Cliath í.

Áine plays Camógaíocht with Celtic, Áth Cliath, the first winners of the All-Ireland Club Championship title on the inauguration of the competition in 1964.

Go n-éirí go geal lei inniu.



Clár an lae

Fánaithe an Ghleanna v. An Mullagh

(Glen Rovers)

(Mullagh)

Réiteoir: ÁINE DERHAM, Áth Cliath

Páirc Ó Duagáin, Béal Átha na Sluaighe

2.30

Gabhtar buíochas le Cumann Lúthchleas Gael a chuir Páirc Ó Duagáin ar fáil dúinn.

NA CLUICHÍ LEATHCHEANNAIS

Fánaithe an Ghleanna.....	6.10	Lisdowney.....	2-4
An Mullach.....	1-13	Loch gCaol.....	1-4

An Mullach (An Ghaillimh)

DIECH mbliain ar an saol atá slánaithe ag An Mullach i mbliana, club a bunaíodh i 1983. Cé gur club óg atá ann, tá éacht déanta aige i leith na camógaíochta.

After only six years in existence, Mullach reached the All-Ireland Club Championship Final for the first time, only to meet the experienced Naomh Pól of Cill Chainnigh.

Is beag nár bhuail An Mullach bob ar Naomh Pól an bhliain dár gcionn sa Chluiche Leath-Cheannais. It was a measure of the progress of Mullach that Naomh Pól, the leaders in the Club Championship Roll of Honour, had to play at its very best to defeat them in the Semi-final of 1990.

An Mullach was rewarded in 1991 when it won its first All-Ireland Club title at the expense of Ulster Champions, Eaglais, Tír Eoghain. Ag dul chun cinn i gcónaí atá an Club agus An Chraobh bainte amach arís i mbliana aige.

The success of the Club is due in no small way to the nurturing of under-age and juvenile players over the years. The effectiveness of this policy is seen in such as two Féile na nGael titles and numerous county titles at the various age levels.

Several of the team have won All-Ireland medals at post-primary schools' level with Colaiste Naomh Rafael, Baile Locha Riach, among them Caroline Loughnane, Deirdre and Emer Hardiman, Brigid Fahy,

Pamela Nevin, Cora Curley, Aileen and Alice Murphy, Imelda Hobbins and Eilis Kilkenny.

d'Imir tromlach na foirne le foirne idir-chontae na Gaillimhe. The two youngest members of the team, Ruth Calahan and Anne Hardiman, represented An Ghaillimh at Minor level this year. Deirdre and Emer Hardiman, Cora Curley and Madge Kennedy played at Junior level. The Senior team included Sheila Coen, Pamela Nevin, Imelda Hobbins, Brigid Fahy and Emer Hardiman. All three teams reached the All-Ireland Final, in itself a tremendous achievement. b'Aoibhinn leo uilig Bonn Uile-Éireann a bhreithu abhaile leo inniu.

Five sets of sisters will take the field today - the Fahys, Murphys, Hardimans, Coens and Imelda Hobbins and Madge Kennedy. An interested spectator will be Dymrna Hardiman, Cathaoirleach, an Choiste Contae, and mother of Deirdre and Emer.

Dymrna, herself one of the founders of the Club, will be joined by other founders who also have daughters playing, Mrs. Hobbins, Mrs. Fahy and Mrs. Kilkenny.

Gan amhras, ní gan sár-oiliúnaí a bhain an Club Craobh na hÉireann amach. Trainer, John Murphy, a county hurler, guided the Club to its 1991 success.

Imithe ó neart go chéile atá An Mullach le deich mbliain anuas. Gura fada buan e.

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Fánaithe an Ghleanna

(Glen Rovers – Cork)

Dathanna: Glas is Buí

1. MAIRÉAD NÍ LAOIRE
Mairéad O'Leary
2. DEIRDRE NÍ CÁRTHAIGH
Deirdre McCarthy
3. MÁIRE NÍ RING
Mary Ring
4. DIANE NÍ DHÉIN
Diane Deane (Captaen)
5. SANDRA NÍ GIOBÚIN
Sandie Fitzgibbon
6. DENISE NÍ CHRÓINÍN
Denise Cronin
7. THERÉSE NÍ CHEALLACHÁIN
Therese O'Callaghan
8. PÁDRAIGÍN NÍ MHURCHÚ
Patricia Murphy
9. LINDA NÍ MHAOILGHEIRIC
Linda Mellerick
10. LYNN NÍ DHOINNLE
Lynn Dunlea
11. GEARÓIDÍN NÍ CÁRTHAIGH
Ger McCarthy
12. CLÁR NÍ CÁRTHAIGH
Claire McCarthy

IONADAITHE:

13. MÁIRE NÍ CHORTHAID Mary Currid
14. AOIBHEANN NÍ CÁRTHAIGH Yvonne McCarthy
15. FIONA NÍ THUAMA Fiona Twomey
16. ÁINE NÍ LORNAGÁIN Ann Lornegan
17. MANDY CHINIFEIC Mandy Kenefick
18. ÚNA NÍ ARGAIN Una Horgan
19. EMMA NÍ AIRT Emma Harte
20. MÁIRE NÍ DHÉIN

An Mullach

(Mullagh – Galway)

Dathanna: Buí is Glas

1. CEARÚILÍN NÍ LACHTNÁIN
Caroline Loughnane
2. SÍLE NÍ CHADHAIN
Sheila Coen
3. DEIRDRE NÍ ARGADÁIN
Deirdre Hardiman
4. PAMELA NÍ CHÁIMHIN
Pamela Nevin (Captaen)
5. BRÍD NÍ FHATHAIGH
Bridget Fahy
6. RUTH NÍ CHEALLACHÁIN
Ruth Calahan
7. AILÍS NÍ MHURCHÚ
Alice Murphy
8. CORA NÍ THOIRLEACH
Cora Curley
9. ÉADAÓIN NÍ MHURCHÚ
Aideen Murphy
10. EIMHEAR NÍ ARGADÁIN
Emer Hardiman
11. IMELDA NÍ OIBÍN
Imelda Hobbins
12. MAIRÉAD UÍ CHINNÉIDE
Madge Kennedy

IONADAITHE:

13. ÁINE NÍ ARGADÁIN Anne Hardiman
14. GEARÓIDÍN NÍ FHATHAIGH Geraldine Fahy
15. EILÍS NÍ GIOLLA CHAINNIGH Eilish Kilkenny
16. MAJELLA CHINSEALACH Majella Kinsella
17. ÁINE NÍ CHADHAIN Aine Coen
18. MÁIRE NÍ GHAIRBHITH Maura Garvey

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Glen Rovers' skipper Diane Deane holds the All-Ireland Club Trophy aloft after her club's victory over Mullagh (Galway) in the final at Ballinasloe yesterday.

ROVER'S RETURN

By T.P.O'Mahony

'We are the greatest!' they chanted in Blackpool last night, as the camogie girls of Glen Rovers returned in triumph.

'What a year!' screamed captain Diane Deane, holding the cup aloft in a crowded clubhouse as Bishop John Buckley led the applause.

He even joined in when selector Mary Newman McCarthy led a rousing rendition of 'The Night the Goat Broke Loose upon the Parade'. The all-conquering Glen girls were back in town, having retained their All-Ireland crown by defeating Mullagh of Galway.

Few expected that they would win with ease - but that's how it turned out, with the final scoreline reading 6-12 to 0-2. The win in Ballinasloe set the

seal on a great year for the Blackpool side, a year in which they consolidated their position as the foremost club side in the country.

Last night as the champions celebrated, you wouldn't have got much of an argument about that. It has also emerged that the star of yesterday's win over Mullagh - Lynn Dunlea (who scored 4-5) - is now one of the most effective forwards in the modern game.



●TP O'Mahony talked to Therese O'Callaghan.



●Liz Towler, surrounded by relatives and fans last September.

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By T.P.O'MAHONY

LEGEND has it that hurling can be traced back to the princely figure of Setanta. But what of camogie - what golden-haired Amazonian princess back in the mists of the Celtic past can be said to be its founder?

I shall continue to believe in such a princess, even if the scholars tell us that camogie can claim no such figure as its titular head.

And even if camogie never had a princess, it deserves one. Indeed, the modern game has had its share of bright stars (golden-haired and otherwise), each in her own way a princess of the green sward.

The names come tumbling fast - from Kitty Buckley to Kathleen Mills to Una O'Connor to Betty Sugrue to Liz Garvan to Marion McCarthy to Angela Downey.

And I venture to suggest that if camogie wasn't the poor relation within the GAA's family of games, these names would be better emblazoned on our nation's sports pages.

Why it remains something of a Cinderella sport - under-recognised, under-promoted, under-sold, under-appreciated - is something of a puzzle. Unlike hurling and football, camogie rarely gets the media attention it deserves, even on big match occasions.

Yet its practitioners, its supporters and all those officials, trainers, coaches, selectors, number when taken together in excess of the population of a city such as Waterford.

There is scope here for many things by way of promotion, by way of making the sport more accessible, by way of proper recognition for its best and brightest stars.

The effort, the level of dedication, the commitment shown at club level is often on a par with anything seen in the areas of hurling or football. And the skills displayed are equally impressive.

I asked Joan Clancy (now Morley), who played with Old Aloysians and Cork, why camogie has such a low profile. 'I suppose it's partly because people in the media never gave it the attention other sports got,' she said. 'And maybe we didn't push it ourselves either, not as much as we should have done'.

This is also the view of Anne Delaney (now O'Donovan), who played with the Glen from 1972 to 1990. 'We could all be doing more for the game, because the sacrifices that are made, the time and effort that's put in by the girls is just as great as in other sports'.

To say they are deserving of more support at a number of levels is to state the obvious. But if it's that obvious, then why isn't it happening? A degree of apathy, certainly. I wonder what kind of a result you would get, for instance, if you took a poll of all the sports editors in the country and asked them to list camogie on a scale of one to ten?

I suspect it wouldn't even get on to some lists. Sponsorship is one area where I feel camogie doesn't get the breaks it deserves. Maybe there is a selling job to be done here by the people who organise and run the sport.

No less a person than President Mary Robinson has remarked on this when she spoke at the 1991



●Sandy Fitzgibbon, the one and only.

Bank of Ireland GAA All-Stars Awards in Dublin. She said she was disappointed that the contribution of women to Gaelic sports was not acknowledged at that banquet.

'I hope it will not be too long before this whole area is given the attention that it merits, that the role of women in Gaelic sports is properly recognised, and that their activities are more vigorously publicised and promoted,' said the President.

The Camogie Association was founded in 1904 - between now and its 90th anniversary in 1994 perhaps a campaign can be organised to give the sport a new profile.

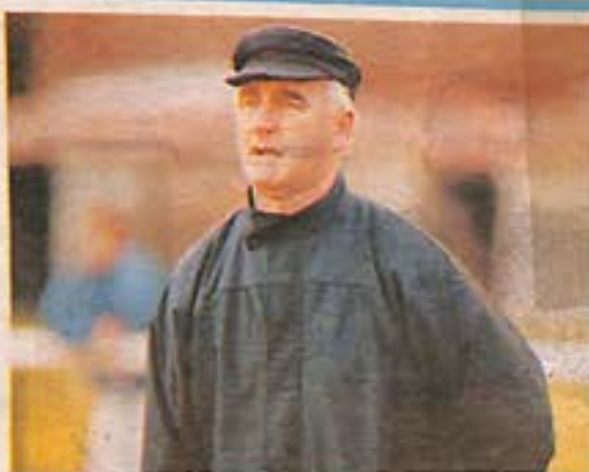
For starters, such a campaign would have the blessing and support of President Robinson. And that can't do any harm.

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●Paula Goggins, had a great season with Cork.



●The Cork Boss: Joe McGrath.

A treble treble?

By T.P.O'Mahony

THIS is the year of the 'double-double' - a landmark year for camogie in Cork.

Two All-Ireland titles were recaptured, and in impressive style. Cork defeated Galway at Croke Park in September by 3-15 to 2-8 to retain the O'Duffy Cup.

And last weekend in Ballinasloe, Glen Rovers wiped out Mullagh (winning by 6-12 to 0-2) to hold on to their All-Ireland Club Championship title. This dual achievement adds another chapter to the glorious history of camogie in Cork.

Long one of the great camogie counties, Cork's position at the pinnacle in the 1990s has been graphically underlined by the 'double-double'.

For the captain of the Cork team, Linda Mellerick, 1993 will linger long in the memory.

Fantastoc Moment

'That moment when I received the cup in Croke Park is something I'll never forget. It was fantastic,' she says. It is a word she also uses in relation to her team-mates, not just her four Glen colleagues, but



●Linda Mellerick stands by her critical words.

also players like Paula Goggins (Na Piaras), Colette O'Mahony (St Finbarrs), Liz Towler (Bishopstown), Fiona O'Driscoll (Fr O'Neills), Irene O'Leary (Na Piaras) and Breda Kenny (Sarsfields).

Less fantastic was the homecoming on the Monday night after the final. At the time Linda didn't hide her feelings of disappointment at the very poor turn out in the streets of Cork to welcome the champions back.

She was critical of the absence of the Lord Mayor, and described the city's welcome as a 'damp squib'. Today, the 21-year-old forward doesn't have any regrets about her remarks.

Left Down

'I said at the time that if Cork had won the All-Ireland hurling final there would be at least 20,000 out on the streets. The media coverage was very good, but the turnout did not happen. We were very disappointed at the time. And I still feel very strongly that we were left down by the public. I think we deserved better'.

Linda, who joined Glen Rovers in 1988, admits that when she was at school she was 'crackers' about soccer. 'I used to play with the boys all the time'. But the switch to camogie was the best thing that ever happened to her.

And if she has strong views about the public perception of camogie, she also has strong views about the game itself. 'I think we should be using the full playing field, not the shortened version as at present. I also believe we should use 15 players as in hurling, instead of 12 as we do at the moment'.

Getting Better

As for the public's perception of camogie, she admits the game has got a higher profile in the last few years. 'We're getting better media coverage, but camogie as a game still doesn't sell itself'.

'People who come to watch, especially men, are often surprised at the level of skill on display'. A much better and wider appreciation would make her very happy. 'We give a lot - we don't get the rewards or the appreciation we deserve, though I'll admit things are moving'.

But helping to retain those two All-Ireland titles for Cork and the Glen would provide the greatest happiness. 'All the girls are going to take a good, long rest now, but after Christmas, we'll be winding up again for the 1994 season'.

Treble-Treble

So will it be three-in-a-row for Cork and the Glen? 'I'd love to see it happen', she laughs. 'Maybe this time next year we'll be talking about a treble-treble!'

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By Tom Higgins.

CAMOGIE at senior level is thriving in Cork at the moment, thanks in no small way to Glen Rovers who were instrumental in bringing two All-Irelands to the County for the second year in succession this year.

The club provided five of the twelve players who helped Cork to retain their All-Ireland Senior title, at the expense of Galway, and the club made it a second double when they also retained their All-Ireland Club title with an easy win over Mullagh (Galway) at Ballinasloe last Sunday.

Dominant Team

There is little doubt but that Glen Rovers have been the dominant team in senior camogie circles in Cork in the past decade, in which time they have annexed four All-Ireland Club titles in addition to eight county titles.

Their attention to detail, and their utter commitment to the game, has been the hallmark of this brilliant squad as very few teams have managed to trouble them in recent years.

But it is really their depth in talent that has made them a team to be feared - a team that every other side wants to beat. There is that touch of The Three Musketeers about the side. A case of "One for all for one" which had grown over the past decade and with the present panel they will be hard to beat in the future.

Determination

But it has not always been plain sailing. Take for instance Clare McCarthy, who played at full forward for them in last Sunday's win over Mullagh. Clare received

end to her career. But she was determined to wear the Glen jersey again and thanks to sound medical treatment and hard work - which involved cycling long distances to strengthen the

mobile as she used to be she is still one of the great forwards in the game.

Another of the squad who looked like being out of the game for a long time was County

sheer grit and determination not alone got her back to full fitness but maintained her place on the Cork Senior team on which she was one of the stars of both this year's, and last year's, All-Ireland winning side.

It has always been a team effort with the Blackpool Club with the selectors, trainers, and the players working hand in hand. Whether it is for a first round championship game, a County final, a Munster final, or

they train hard - in recent year's under the guidance of Finbarr O'Neill and more recently with Noel Lynam.

Their three selectors, Helena Mullins, Ann Delaney-O'Donovan and Mary Newman McCarthy were experi-

With such a talented squad they are now set, as Sandie Fitzgibbon said after Sunday's victory, to make it "a treble-treble". In other words Cork to make it three in a row in the Senior and the Glen to make it three in a row in the Club Championship. I wouldn't bet

One for all All for one



★The Glen team, All Ireland Club Champions for the second year in a row.

know what it takes to win titles. But picking a side in recent years has been very easy for them as they are in charge of a very talented bunch of players, who have proved themselves on the field of play.

Formed In 30s

The Glen Camogie Club was formed in the '30's and they won their first County title in 1934. But had to wait until 1947 for their next title but in the fifties they had a good run winning three Co titles in 1950, 51 and 1957. Their present Chairperson, Nora Newman (nee O'Brien) was on the side who were successful in 1950 but illness forced her out of the game after that.

The sixties was really the decade in which the Glen made a real impact on the Senior Club scene when they set a record of seven Co titles in a row 1962 - 1968 inclusive. They then had a few lean years but were back again in the limelight in the eighties.

They captured their first All-Ireland Club title in 1986 under the captaincy of Mary Ring when they defeated Club specialist's St Paul's of Kilkenny in the decider.

They were back in 1990, with Therese O'Callaghan at the helm to regain their title. Mary Ring was again captain in 1992 while Diane Deane accepted the trophy from Uachtarán Cumann Camogieachta na nGael, Bhríde Uí Mhaolagáin last Sunday.

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CAMOGIE WORLD by P.J. Fulham

Glen Rovers, Cork retained their title when they had an overwhelming win over Mullagh, Galway in this All-Ireland club Championship final played at Ballinasloe. A blistering hat trick of goals in nine minutes just before half time by Lynn Dunlea turned a well contested encounter into a one way stroll for reigning Champions Glen Rovers. That superb hat trick helped the Cork side to a 4-6 to 0-2 interval lead, and hopes Mullagh had of revival were shattered minutes after the re-start when Lynn Dunlea, in towering form scored her fourth goal of the match. Even moving down a gear Glen Emmets still added significantly to the scoreline. Mullagh had no answer on the day, only Imelda Hobbins posed any great threat to the holders as they coasted to victory on a score of 6-12 to 0-2.

Scorers: Glen Rovers: Lynn Dunlea 4-5, Geraldine McCarthy and Claire McCarthy 1-2 each, Linda Mellerick 0-2, Mullagh: Emer Hardiman 0-2.

Glen Rovers team: Maread O'Leary, Deirdre McCarthy, Mary Ring, Diane Deane, Sandie Fitzgibbon, Denise Cronin, Therese O'Callaghan, Patricia Murphy, Linda Mellerick, Lynn Dunlea, Ger McCarthy, Claire McCarthy. Rest of panel: Mary Currid, Yvonne McCarthy, Fiona Twomey, Ann Loneygan, Mandy Kenefick, Una Horgan, Emma Harte, Mary Deane.

Mullagh: Caroline Loughnan, Shiela Coen, Deirdre Hardiman, Pamela Nevin, Bridget Fahy, Ruth Calahan, Alice Murphy, Cora Curley, Aileen Murphy, Emer Hardiman, Madge Hobbins, Madge Kennedy. Rest of panel: Anne Hardiman, Eilish Kilkenny, Geraldine Fahy, Majella Kinsella, Aine Coen, Maura Garvey. Referee: Aine Derham, Dublin.

Tipperary collected their second brace of points in the National Junior League with this win over Waterford at Tramore. Both teams were slow to start and the first ten minutes were scoreless. A long range point from a free by Orla Hogan opened Tipperary's account. The visitors began to assert themselves but missed many scoring chances. Nuala Nealon added another point from a difficult angle, this was followed by a goal from Michelle Kennedy. Sinead Nealon added a further point from play followed by a goal from Nuala Nealon just before half time to leave Tipperary ahead by 2-3 to no score.

Play resumed with Waterford having the assistance of the strong wind. They were immediately on the attack, but like Tipperary in the first half, missed some scoreable chances. Nuala Nealon had a point in Tipperary's first serious attack of this half. Midway through Waterford breached the Tipperary defence with two goals in one minute. The Tipperary defence were under severe pressure but were helped by some fine saves by Michelle Bulfin and clearances from Emma Carroll. A goal from Nuala Nealon after a fine solo run was immediately followed by a Waterford goal. The game was flowing from end to end but some fine defence and good midfield play from Orla Hogan, Catherine Burke and Claire Egan helped ease Tipperary's worries. A further point from Nuala Nealon and a goal on the stroke of full time from Michelle Kennedy left Tipperary ahead on a score of 4-5 to 3-0. This was a fine game in very difficult conditions.

Tipperary team and scorers: Michelle Bulfin, Emma Carroll, Brid Morris, Marie Hogan, Maura Cahalane, Nuala Nealon 2-3, Paula Loughnan, Orla Hogan 0-1,

Catherine Burke, Claire Egan, Ann Barry, Paula Bulfin, Sinead Nealon 0-1, Aine Hogan, Michelle Kennedy 2-0. Subs: Shiela Kyne and Lisa Carroll.

Kildare collected their second brace of points when they had an easy victory over Cavan in this Junior League tie at Cootehill. The first half was evenly contested; good defensive work by both sides made scores hard to come by. A goal by Breda O'Brien gave the Lilywhites the advantage at the break, 1-1 to 0-1. In the second moiety Kildare stamped their authority and produced great determination that the Breffni girls could not match. Final score: Kildare 4-3, Cavan 0-1. Scorers: Kildare: Breda O'Brien 2-0, Siobhan Mullen 1-1, Irene Gould 1-0, Miriam Malone 0-2, Cavan: Majella Prior 0-1.

National League champions, Armagh kept on the winning trail when they collected a further two points in this encounter against Monaghan played at Inniskeen 4-14 to 2-1. Armagh Scorers: Donna McCusker 3-3, Aine Lennon 1-1, Mary Donnelly 0-4, Ursula McGivern 0-2, Bernie McBride, Collette Byrne, Patricia McEvoy and Olive McKeoin 0-1 each, Monaghan: Ailish Neason 2-0, Noelle McGovern 0-1.

Offaly took the points on offer when they had a 2-2 to 0-1 win over Limerick in this match played at Mary College, Limerick. N.J.L. Result: Donegal 2-1, Tyrone 1-0.

Westmeath got the better of Louth in this Leinster League match played at Knockbridge. A good first half by the Midlanders gave them a seven point lead at the break 2-6 to 0-5. In the second half Louth whittled away at the tally and made better use of their chances. Going into the closing stages, Westmeath led by a slender margin of one point but two further points helped them to victory on a score of 2-9 to 2-6.

Referee: Marie Connell, Dublin.

The Leinster League is now beginning to take shape with only three games left. There are two down for decision on Sunday. Westmeath travel to cross swords with near neighbours Meath. The Royal County have so far failed to secure a point in the campaign, while Westmeath have only dropped two. A win for them on Sunday would leave them in a healthy position. Offaly who have full points, host Louth who have gained two points from Meath and have little chance of qualifying. Laois have four points and they eagerly await their encounter with Offaly. This is a very competitive competition this year with three counties tussling for honours.

A very enjoyable Dinner Dance and Presentation was held by Tipperary in the Anner Hotel, Thurles. It was well attended. The presentation of the All-Ireland medals was made by the Uachtaran of the Association Bridin Uí Mhaolagáin while the presentation of the Munster and County medals was made by Bernie O'Dea, Cathaoirleach of Munster Council.

University College Galway past players re-union will take place on Saturday December 11th in the Spinnaker Hotel, Knocknacarra, Galway. All past Camogie players are invited to attend. It should be a very enjoyable event commencing at 7.30 p.m. Further details are available from Deirdre Feeney phone (045) 33044 or Colette Kennedy phone (0905) 78225. The organisers are to be complimented on their initiative.

Glen Rovers overwhelm Mullagh in All-Ireland club final

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AN RÉITEOIR: EILÍS NÍ SHEOSAIGH - CORCAIGH



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Laighin

- 1 Bríd Ní Rosna
- 2 Sinéad Nic Coisteala
- 3 Siobhán Aighleart CAPTAEN
- 4 Máire Mhic Gabhann
- 5 Ruth Ní Threasaigh
- 6 Aisling Ní Threasaigh
- 7 Máire Ní Mheachair
- 8 Valerie Ní Chroidheáin
- 9 Áine Máire Ní Dhuineacha
- 10 Hilda de Buitléir
- 11 Irene Ní Chiarubháin
- 12 Gearóidín Ní Mhathúna
- 13 Michelle Dháibhis
- 14 Imelda Ní Chinnéide
- 15 Áine Ní Ifearnáin

IONADAITHE

- 16 Eibhlín Chinsealach
- 17 Eistir Ní Chinnéide
- 18 Nora Nic Aogáin
- 19 Gearóidín de Roiste

Ulaídh

- 1 Mairéad Mhic Aoidh
- 2 Poilín Ní Uaine
- 3 Caitríona de Brún
- 4 Áine Nic Giolla Chomhail
- 5 Colleen Nic Conmidhe
- 6 Ceilín Mhic Gadhra
- 7 Orla Ní Mhurchú CAPTAEN
- 8 Colette Ní Bhroin
- 9 Karen Ní Laoi
- 10 Briainín Nic Giolla Bhride
- 11 Máirín Nic Giolla Fhinnéin
- 12 Deirdre Ní Chonghaile
- 13 Eimhear Ní Laoi
- 14 Pádraigin Nic Fhiobhuí
- 15 Máire Ní Dhonnaile

IONADAITHE

- 16 Áine Nic Leannáin
- 17 Antoinette Ní Eireamhóin
- 18 Oilbhe Nic Eoghain
- 19 Mairéad Ní Mhuirí

Dearg agus glas

- Brigid Rosney
- Sinéad Costello
- Siobhán Aylward
- Mary Smyth
- Ruth Treacy
- Aisling Treacy
- Marie Maher
- Valerie Crean
- Anne Marie Denihy
- Hilda Butler
- Irene Kirwan
- Geraldine Mahon
- Michelle Davis
- Imelda Kennedy
- Annette Heffernan

- Eileen Kinsella
- Esther Kennedy
- Nora Egan
- Geraldine Roche

Cróc agus bán

- Margaret McKee
- Pauline Green
- Cathy Browne
- Anne Coyle
- Colleen Conway
- Celine McGeary
- Orla Murphy
- Colette Burns
- Karen Lee
- Bernie McBride
- Maureen McAleenan
- Deirdre Connolly
- Eimear Lee
- Patricia McEvoy
- Mary Donnelly

- Áine Lennon
- Antoinette Irwin
- Olive McGeown
- Mairéad Murray

Laighin

- 1 Louise Ní Chomhraí
- 2 Cáit Bhreatnach CAPTAEN
- 3 Caitríona Ní Mhurchú
- 4 Bríd Mhic Fhearaigh
- 5 Stella Shionóid
- 6 Clár Nic Sheoin
- 7 Tracey Ní Mhaolaoídh
- 8 Áine Ní Dhunaigh
- 9 Una Ní Mhurchú
- 10 Fiona Ní Dhuinn
- 11 Gillian Dhiolún
- 12 Sinéad Ní Mhaolaoídh
- 13 Bríd Ní Mhaolalaidh
- 14 Siobhán Ní Dhuinn
- 15 Aingeal Ní Dhúnaigh

IONADAITHE

- 16 Miriam Uí Mhaoileoin
- 17 Ruth Ní Liatháin
- 18 Nora Nic Uidhir
- 19 Denise Ní Laoire

Ulaídh

- 1 Imelda Nic Gileáin CAPTAEN
- 2 Máire Nic an Tiompánaigh
- 3 Máire Uí Chonghaile
- 4 Donna Nic Lochlainn
- 5 Monica Nic Artáin
- 6 Nuala Mhic Aoidh
- 7 Aoibheann Nic Conaoith
- 8 Róis Máire Ní Mhearaigh
- 9 Bronagh Nic Gothraigh
- 10 Isibéal Nic Darach
- 11 Grainne Nic Maoláin
- 12 Karen Nic Ainmhire
- 13 Róis de Buitléir
- 14 Nollaig Nic Shamhráin
- 15 Léan Nic Mhaonghail

IONADAITHE

- 16 Treasa Nic an Fhailí
- 17 Siobhán Ní Cheallaigh
- 18 Suin Ní Mhaoileoin
- 19 Treasa Nic Ailín

Dubh agus Omra

- Louise Curry
- Cathy Walsh
- Catherine Murphy
- Bridie McGarry
- Stella Synott
- Claire Jones
- Tracy Millea
- Ann Downey
- Una Murphy
- Fiona Dunne
- Gillian Dillon
- Sinéad Millea
- Brigid Mullaly
- Siobhán Dunne
- Angela Downey

- Miriam Malone
- Ruth Lyons
- Nora Maguire
- Denise O'Leary

Dubh agus dearg

- Imelda Gillan
- Marie McAtamney
- Mary Connolly
- Donna McLoughlin
- Monica McCartan
- Nuala Magee
- Yvonne McKenna
- Rosemary Merry
- Bronagh McCorry
- Isobel Oakes
- Grace McMullan
- Karen Convery
- Rosie Butler
- Noelle McGovern
- Elaine McMonaghle

- Teresa McNally
- Joanne Kelly
- Susan Malone
- Teresa Allen

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Putting the boot in...



The University of Limerick goalkeeper Elaine Doyle kicks the ball away just in time as she is challenged by two University College Cork forwards during the Ashbourne Cup at the Mardkye. — (Picture: Denis Minihane)



University College, Cork defender Paula Dowling, trying to knock the ball of the stick of Fiona O'Driscoll of the University of Limerick as she solos towards

UCC girls lose out

UCC CAMOGIE CLUB travelled to Dublin recently to defend their freshmen's title, won last year in Maynooth. However, Lady Luck was not with us for our first two matches, losing out to UCD by two points and losing by a goal to Jordanstown.

A great spirited team saw us overcome Maynooth on a scoreline of 1-1 to 0-2. Our last match was against Queens University, Belfast (the eventual finalists), but the previous three matches had really taken their toll on the Cork girls. The final scoreline: QUB 3-5, UCC 1-2.

Scorers: Eileen McCarthy (3-0), Margaret Ryan (2-0), Colette Kirby (0-4), Annette O'Leary (0-1).

UCC panel: Annette O'Leary (captain), Nicola Tobin, Olive Lehane, Margaret Ryan, Colette Kirby, Margaret Kearney and Eileen McCarthy.

UCC v UL

Next Saturday, November 27, at the Mardyke, UCC take on UL in the qualifying round of the Ashbourne Cup. UL are powered by inter-county players Fiona O'Driscoll (Cork) and Sinead Millea (Kilkenny). UCC, however, can call on the services of Stephanie Dunlea (Cork) and the two Kilkenny girls Margaret Hickey and Paula Dowling.

UCC panel: Stephanie Dunlea (captain), Deirdre Delaney, Paula Dowling, Margaret Hickey, Orla Higgins, Sharon Keohane, Esther Murphy, Carol O'Callaghan, Orla Murphy, Edel Kearney, Geraldine O'Grady, Deirdre Walsh, Annette O'Leary, Liz Crowley, Josephine Ahern, Sinead Eustace, Mary O'Connor, Eileen McCarthy, Soibhan Barry, Valerie Nagle, Niamh Fitzgerald, Alison McCrossan, Yvonne O'Leary, Nicola Tobin, Olive Lehane, Margaret Ryan, Colette Kirby, Emer Gallagher and Marion Bishop.

It promises to be a close and exciting encounter and all support is most welcome.

FIXTURES

Camogie: Ashbourne Cup, UCC v UL, Dyke, November 27, 1 p.m.

(1) Freshers Football, Wednesday, November 24, UCC v Cork RTC.

(2) UCC v RTC, 2 p.m., RTC, 2-30 p.m.

(3) Senior Hurling: Thursday, November 25 — (i) UCC v Cork RTC, Dyke, 2-30 p.m.; (ii) UCC v Cork RTC, Farm, 1 p.m.

(4) Junior Football: Saturday, November 27, The Farm, UCC v MICE.

Fiona in fine form

UCC 4-1, UL 2-8

Exciting, scintillating and breathtaking are some of the adjectives to describe this Ashbourne Cup tie played at the Mardyke on Saturday. University of Limerick go through to the next round, but only just. The Limerick girls, hot favourites on the day, were given a real lesson in commitment and spirit by a UCC team who deserved at least a draw on the day's performance.

One could not help but ask, had Joe McGrath been involved with the team earlier in the season would the result have been different? Lacking the vital touch in front of goal (despite scoring four goals), was UCC's downfall. Time after time they penetrated the UL defence only to see the final effort sail wide, or easily stopped by a very much in form Elaine Doyle in goal for the visitors.

As in fine form was Fiona O'Driscoll, the Cork senior camogie player, who is studying in Limerick, as she added 1-5 of her team's tally. Fiona proved to be the difference between the sides and was the rallying force for Limerick when there appeared to be a shock on the way.

This game was one of the best seen in the 'Dyke for a while. All who watched the match were not disappointed at the quality of the camogie produced on the day by two very good sides. On Saturday, camogie in colleges GAA removed the tag of "poor relation". The Ashbourne Cup is alive.

The end to end relentless play, left many with the impression that UL could go on to win this competition. What of UCC? Clearly disappointed at not winning, the Shield offers some reward for what might have been. Best for UCC were Stephanie Dunlea, Ger O'Grady, Eileen McCarthy and Paula Dowling, for the victors Fiona O'Driscoll, Sinead Millea and Clare Egan inspired their team to a narrow one point victory.

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Sheila Golden, Chairman, Co. Camogie Board, presenting the County Junior "A" Championship Trophy to Deirdre Holland, Newcestown captain, after their defeat of St. Finbarrs in the final.

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M Canty, H Kenneally; A O'Connor, Y
O'Callaghan, E Kenneally; L Crowley.

ST FINBARRS: Marie O'Sullivan; L
Enright; L McKeown, T Santry, F
O'Sullivan; C O'Leary, S O'Donovan,
Colette Kirby; C McCarthy, Maria O'Sull-
ivan, Clare Kirby; M Kelleher. Subs. D
Duffy for L Enright, L Kelleher for T
Santry.

Referee: M Murphy (Éire Óg).

Inniscarra 4-3
Brian Dillons 0-5

INNISCARRA are Cork County Under-16 "A" camogie champions. At Ballincollig, Cork, yesterday, they proved much too good for Brian Dillons in the decider playing the better camogie and being fully deserving of their success.

The winners had the better of the opening half and turned over leading by 2-0 to 0-2 at the break.

Brian Dillons made a valiant effort to get back into it in the second half but with Margaret Noelle O'Sullivan, who captained the side, in control at midfield and Catherine O'Leary in scoring form they never looked like troubling the winners.

Scorers - Inniscarra: C O'Leary 2-1, C Hogan 1-0, O McMahon 1-0, E Moynihan 0-2. Brian Dillons: J Hannon 0-4, A O'Neill 0-1.

Under-16 "B" semi-final: Ballinhassig 6-11, St Fanahan's 2-3.

Family Matters

BY BRENDAN LARKIN

THE O'Mahony family in Friars Walk can look back on the 1993 playing season with great satisfaction. Four members of the clan, all of whom play with the St. Finbarrs club, enjoyed phenomenal success, winning All-Ireland, Munster and county championship medals and can look forward to further honours in the coming years.

Daughter Colette won a second successive All-Ireland senior camogie medal when she played a vital role in Cork retaining their title this year.

Regarded as one of the most gifted players in her sport, Colette is also the holder of two All-Ireland minor, three National League, junior and senior inter-provincial medals with the county.

Aged 25 and an employee at the Mercy Hospital, she has also

won under 14, 16, 18 and junior county medals with St. Finbarrs.

Created History

Ivan (21) and a university student, created history in 1990 by winning, minor, under 21 and intermediate hurling championship medals with St. Finbarrs and this year completed the collection by adding the senior medal.

His displays in the two county finals earned him rave notices and who will forget his magnificent equalising point in the drawn senior hurling final against Carbery.

Equally talented at football, he played in the senior final this year against Nemo Rangers and was a member of the county's under 21 team that failed to Kerry in the Munster championship.

Cork Captain

Fergal (19) a farm apprentice, was captain of the Cork under 21 hurling team which won the Munster title this year with a thrilling victory over Limerick.

He is one in a long line of outstanding goalkeepers produced by the 'Barrs club. He is also the holder of under 16 football, two minor

and three under-21 hurling county championship medals.

The youngest of the four is 18 year old Ivan who won his second county minor hurling championship this year, to add to the All-Ireland Feile na nGael football medal he won in 1989.

Interesting to note that another member of the family Kenneth who is the eldest, plays his hurling and football with the Ballincollig but hasn't had quite the same success.

In his own right however he has won two Mid Cork junior hurling championship medals

and was goalkeeper on the county junior hurling team which won the Munster title in 1991. He played under-age with St. Finbarrs before moving on to the Muskerry club.

Yet another member Damien is following an entirely different course in life. He is studying for the priesthood in Maynooth and will be ordained a Deacon for the diocese of Cork and Ross next April.

In his own right Pat Joe has created his own sporting records. He won junior and intermediate hurling championship medals with Ballincollig in 1963 and 1967 respectively, and also played senior with Muskerry.

Equally talented at bowls, he won the senior All-Ireland championship in 1956 and has represented Ireland in international competition on a number of occasions. His uncles won senior hurling county medals with St. Finbarrs back in 1932.

The O'Mahony's fine haul...



●Pictured from left: Ivan with senior county hurling championship cup, Colette with All-Ireland senior camogie cup, Fergal with the Munster u-21 hurling championship cup, and Victor with the Cork county minor hurling championship cup. (Picture, Denis Mininane).

CAMOGIE GIRLS BRING GLORY

By Tom Higgins.

IT has been a great year for followers of camogie in Cork as two All-Ireland titles can to the County. The Senior side made it two in a row when they defeated Galway at Croke Park at the end of September while Glen Rovers also retained their All-Ireland Club title with a comprehensive win over Mullagh (Galway) at Ballinasloe a few weeks back.

On the Inter-provincial scene Munster lost both their titles when they were defeated by Leinster in both Senior and Junior semi-finals but Tipperary minors retained their All-Ireland crown when getting the better of Galway and Clare were successful in the Intermediate grade.

On the Junior scene the All-Ireland title went to Armagh, after a replay with Galway, the latter having beaten Munster championships Cork in their semi-final. This made it a frustrating year for the Girls from the West as they reached four All-Ireland deciders, Senior, Junior, Minor and Club, and had to give best in each.

On the home front Glen Rovers proved much too strong for the opposition in the Senior Championship beating Na Piarsaigh in the final by a wide margin while in the Intermediate Championship Brian Dillons eventually came good. After losing the previous three years in the final the girls from Mayfield got the better of Castlemagner in an exciting decider to record a long overdue win.

The Junior "A" title went to Newcestown while Tracton took the "B" crown.

Cork seniors set out on the All-Ireland trail when they were due to play Antrim in the opening round

but the northerners failed to travel to Cork for the game and the Rebels were given a walk-over. This left them with no game and Kilkenny to face in the semi-final at Nowlan Park which was would undoubtedly be their toughest game. They travelled to Kilkenny in determined mood but looked like losing their crown in a classic encounter when they were two points down coming to the end of the game. But up popped Lynn Dunlea, who had come in as a substitute for Irene O'Keeffe, to score a tremendous goal 30 seconds before the finish to give the wearers of the red and white a one point victory over The Cats, 5-10 to 2-18.

Galway provided the opposition in the All-Ireland final but after a keenly contested opening half in which the holders led at the break 1-7 to 1-5 Cork took control in the second half to run out impressive winners 3-15 to 2-8. It was a great afternoon for Dunlea, who was playing in her first All-Ireland final, as she ended up Cork's top scorer with 2-1. She was one of five players from the Glen Rovers on the team which later went on to also collect the Club title, where Lyn was again her side's chief score getter with 4-5 of her sides 6-10 total in their win over Mullagh.

Both sides are looking forward to 1994, hoping to make it three in a row. Cork, who will again be backboned by Glen players Sandy Fitzgibbon, Linda Mellerick, Denise Cronin, Therese O'Callaghan and Lyn Dunlea, will be very determined to make it a hat-trick of wins, but if one is to judge by this year's club championship it will take a very good side to relieve the Girls from Blackpool of their Club Championship.

At least will will have something to look forward to.

Glen too good!

It would appear that the phenomenal success of the Glen Rovers Camogie Club was having a detrimental effect on the future of the other senior clubs in the county, if the tone of the annual Cork county convention held, at Pairc Uí Chaoimh yesterday, is any indication.

During the course of a lengthy debate on a Sarsfields motion, many of the senior clubs voiced the opinion that the strength of the All-Ireland champions was making it extremely difficult for them to maintain the interest of their players.

The Sarsfields motion sought to set up an "A" and "B" senior championship for the coming year and it received huge support. In proposing the motion, Marie Kearney said the strength of the Glen was making it impossible for other clubs to maintain an interest.

"There is no motivation for clubs who draw them in the championship to train. They (the Glen) are just too strong for the rest of us", she said.

Mrs. Goggins the Na Piarsaigh delegate, said that this year's county final was just a glorified exhibition match and was degrading for the losing team. "I left their All-Ireland semi-final game against Lisdowney simply because it was too one-sided", he added.

The Bishopstown delegate Rose Desmond said her club were not anti-Glen Rovers, but wanted to be able to play on an even basis. "If we draw Glen Rovers in the championship next year, our girls will simply have no interest in playing", she said.

In contrast Rose Malone (Eire Og) said she admired the Glen for their huge effort and commitment. She also urged the clubs who go out of the championship in the first round to knuckle down and fulfil their league fixtures to maintain the interest of their players.

For the sixth year in a row, Bishopstown had a motion in to allow males sit on committees and take a more active role in camogie affairs.

Board Vice-President Nora Newman felt that the board already had deleted the bye-law which prevented males from taking part by ratifying male coaches and trainers to their teams. The motion was passed by a huge majority.

During the course of her address to the convention, Board chairperson Sheila Golden heaped praise on both the Cork and Glen Rovers seniors on bringing All-Ireland titles back to Cork for the second successive year.

With Sciath na Scoil now up and running and the wealth of talent there is now in the county, it would not be long before minor and under-18 championship titles will be added, she said.

There are however a number of clubs who are not pulling their weight in the areas of postponement of games, refereeing and standards. "Fining the offending clubs hasn't worked, but finding a solution won't be easy", she said.

Convention was also addressed by the Association's President Bridín Ní Maolagáin, who thanked the Cork County Board for its kind invitation to attend.

She called for greater media attention to camogie, particularly the All-Ireland final. "Women make far more sacrifices than men to play the game and deserve the recognition that is due to them".

Calling for greater support from within the association, Brigin said she would like to see even closer links with the GAA. She urged young people to get involved and called on active and retired players to give something back to the game.

Convention was told by Miriam Murphy that the Cork senior team had lost the sponsorship of McDonalds for the coming season. She thanked them for their two-year involvement but said a new sponsor must be found quickly to maintain the high standard of the team.

There was only one contest, that for the PRO position and the outgoing candidate Mary Newman-McCarthy easily held off the challenge of Kate Buckley.

The officer board for 1994 is as follows: President, Mary Moran (St. Finbarrs); Chairperson, Sheila Golden (Innis-carra); Vice-chairperson, MARIAN McCarthy (St. Finbarrs); Hon. Sec. Teresa Sheehan (Mayfield); Hon. Treasurer, Mary McSweeney (Bandon). Registrar, Lily O'Sullivan (Ballincollig); PRO, Mary Newman-McCarthy (Glen Rovers); Fixtures Secretary, Sarah Kidney (Ballincollig).

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Tracy Sheehan, secretary (left) and Mary McSweeney, treasurer, at the Cork Co. Camogie Board Convention yesterday.

Leinster collected their 24th Senior Gael Linn Camogie title when they had a convincing win over Ulster in the final played at Clane. The first half was evenly enough contested, a goal on the 26th minute by Angela Downey gave Leinster a 1-8 to 1-2 lead at the break. On the resumption the sides exchanged points, a goal by Siobhan Dunne put the issue beyond doubt as Leinster dominated the final quarter to run out easy winners on a score of 6-14 to 1-4.

Scorers: Leinster: Ann Downey (2-2), Angela Downey, Siobhan Dunne, Gillian Dillon, Brigid Mullaly 1-2 each, Fiona Dunne, Sinead Millia 0-2 each. Ulster: Grace McMullen 1-1, Noelle McGovern 0-2, Nuala McGee 0-1. Leinster Team: Louise Curry, Cathy Walsh, capt., Catherine Murphy, Bridie McGarry, Stella Sinnott, Claire Jones, Tracey Millea, Anne Downey, Una Murphy, Fiona Dunne, Gillian Dillon, Sinead Millea, Brigid Mullaly, Siobhan

them, they held the lead for most of the first half until Ulster got their second goal to put them one point in front. Irene Kirwan levelled the sides to leave the half time score: Leinster 1-4, Ulster 2-1. On the turnover Leinster went two points ahead and dominated the play for the first ten minutes. The sides exchanged points on the 17th minute before Ulsters Patricia McEvoy goaled to put her team on the path to victory. A goal by Donna McCusker put the icing on the cake for the Ulster girls as they ran out winners on a score of 4-5 to 1-9.

Scorers: Ulster: Mairin McAleenan 0-4, Donna McCusker, Bernie McBride, Mary Donnelly, Patricia McEvoy 1-0 each. Mary Black 0-1. Leinster Scorers: Nora Egan 1-0, Annette Heffernan, Valerie Crean, Anne Marie Dennihy, Irene Kirwan 0-2 each, Michelle Davis 0-1. Ulster Team: Margaret McKee, Pauleen Green, Cathy Brown, Anne Coyle, Coleen Conway, Celine McGeary, Orla Murphy, Capt., Mary Black, Karen Lee, Bernie McBride, Mairin McAleenan, Deirdre Connolly, Donna McCusker, Patricia McEvoy, Mary Donnelly, Subs.: Aine Lennon, Antionette Irwin, Olive McGeoin, Mairead Murray.

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Offaly and Drumcullen player Geraldine Mahon receive 'The Camogie

Player of the Year Award' at a reception in the G.A.A. centre. Tullamore hosted and sponsored by Offaly Ladies Football for female Sports Stars. Geraldine richly deserved the title, although only 18 years old she has contributed immensely to the game both at Club and County level. She is a highly skilled midfielder player, who can pick off her scores both from play and from frees. She has acquired a fine array of medals already in her career with her club Drumcullen including Under 18, Junior and Senior County Championship and League. She played a big part in winning the Leinster Club Championship title



Moorefield, Kildare Junior champions

for Drumcullen in 1992 ... the first time an Offaly club secured this Provincial title. She has held one of the midfield positions on the Offaly team since 1991 and was instrumental in her sides victory in the Leinster League for the past two years. This year her skill have been recognised at Provincial level as she was selected on the Leinster Junior Gael Linn panel.

Armagh's Camogie star Sally McCosker apart from being an expert on the field of play is also an expert in business. Sally has been recently appointed as Chief Executive of Worknet - the largest employment and training agency in West Belfast. Sally has taken on her new role in her usual confident and enthusiastic manner aiming to alleviate the socio-economic problems of West Belfast and beyond. Worknet operates a portfolio of eleven inter-related employment and training initiatives for the development of the human resources in its client base of the unemployed, employed and self-employed of Northern Ireland. We wish her every success in her new role.

Moorefield, Kildare is a club making great strides within the county. This year they captured the County Junior title, and to prove their worth defeated Trim, the Meath County finalists in the first round of the Milk Cup Tournament. While they failed to reach the final, they hosted the competition. There was lots of zest in Moorefield club with the Junior now doing well in the Intermediate League.



Geraldine Mahon, Offaly who played for Leinster

Dunne, Angela Downey, Subs.: Miriam Malone, Ruth Lyons, Nora Maguire, Denise O'Leary. Ulster Team: Imelda Gillen, capt., Anne Burke, Teresa Allen, Mary Connolly, Monica McCartan, Nuala McGee, Yvonne McKenna, Rosemary Merry, Elaine McMonaghe, Coleen Conway, Grace McMullen, Shiela Burke, Noelle McGovern, Leona Fay, Susan Malone. Subs.: Mary Rose McGrady, Una Donnelly, Mairead Murray, Antoinette Irwin. Referee: Miriam O'Callaghan, Offaly.

Ulster Juniors secured their fourth title in five years when they warded off a strong challenge from Leinster in this Junior Gael Linn final also played at Clane. Leinster had a lot of possession in the first half and did not make use of all the chances afforded

Leinster Collect Their 24th Senior Gael Linn Title

Cork's All-Ireland camogie

IN her report to the Cork camogie convention, to be held at Páirc Uí Chaoimh, tomorrow, the Secretary, Treasa Ní Shiochain, pays tribute to the Cork senior team for retaining their All-Ireland title.

"It is with pride that I wish to record the great achievements of our senior county team in winning the All-Ireland title for the second year in succession. As this was a great team effort, I would like to place on record our appreciation to the players, selectors and coach Joe McGrath for their total commitment during the year", she says.

On the subject of referees, she is critical of the lack of officials, particularly for colleges games. While she thanks the clubs for the work done in this sector, she appeals to them to get more of their members involved in this sphere.

Turning to the provision of pitches, she says: "Every effort must be made during the coming year to try and secure grounds of our own. I think we should at least try and lease a ground in a central area. I wish to thank the various clubs, and in particular UCC and the City Division GAA for the use

of their grounds at Ballinlough. I would appeal to them to give the same facilities next year".

There are a number of interesting motions down for discussion. The tremendous success of Glen Rovers in the All-Ireland Club Championship has prompted a number of these. Sarsfield want an A and B Senior Championship to be established while St. Finbarr's have a much more specific motion, which reads: "That Glen Rovers be graded 'A' for the 1994 championship and the remaining sides be graded 'B'. The proposal

goes on: "That the Senior play off in a knockout for a trophy and medals for winners of the 'B' championship. Glen Rovers for the Senior winners represent Munster Championship".

On the same subject have a motion that the Championship be run on a trial period basis for all senior clubs in the Championship. The sides meet in the City Division. Piarasigh want a 'B' to be organised in conjunction

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Lynn Dunlea will never forget 1993

By MARY MORAN

WHAT a season 1993 has been for twenty year old Lynn Dunlea. Hardly known outside her native county in the Spring, she has made camogie followers around the country sit up and take notice with her amazing scoring feats.

In six championship matches with the Glen she scored 13-37 from Cork, through Munster to All-Ireland championships. In three Munster Championship games with the Cork Juniors, Lynn picked off 6-15. No wonder the senior selectors became interested.

Her most vital score of the season was undoubtedly the last minute shot which dispatched Kilkenny from the championship and put Cork through to the final. Surrounded by three Kilkenny defenders, she appeared to have no room to swing her stick but somehow she managed a telling shot which flew past Marie Fitzpatrick to the Kilkenny net.

Lynn scored 2-1 against the tight-marking Brid Stratford in the All-Ireland Final. In the space of five months, she added a Cork Senior Championship, Munster Club and Junior and All-Ireland Senior and Club medals to her collection. Whatever the future holds for this exciting player, she will never forget



All-Ireland Colleges President, Sile Morgan with winning captains, Katherine Kinsella (F.C.J. Bunclody) and Sinead Millea (St. Brigid's, Callan) following the Colleges' Final at Tullamore.

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Galway retain mixed feelings of 1993. Yes, they were delighted to reach four All-Ireland Finals but the luck necessary to win deserted them on all occasions. The county made very definite progress this season. They proved how close they could come to ultimate success with good organisation. Much more will be heard of Sharon Glynn, Claire Lynch, Tracy Laheen, Pamela Nevin, Dymna Maher and Martina Harkins.

Armagh players Margaret Moriarty, Ursula McGivern, Sally McCone and Mary Donnelly must have wondered if their day would ever come. They can recall 1985 and 1987 when their hopes were dashed by Galway and Kildare. But it all came right this season.

Early in the season Armagh defeated Dublin 3-8 to 2-1 in the final of the National Junior League. However, winning the League was nothing new to them. They battled their way through Ulster to reach the All-Ireland semi-final. Here they met and overcame Carlow who were contesting an All-Ireland semi-final for the first time in any grade.

Two goals in arrears at half-time, Armagh had to put in a great effort to haul Galway back in the All-Ireland Final. The game seemed to be won and lost a few times in a very exciting finish before the final whistle blew with the sides level. Armagh were sharper in the replay and were good value for the

double.

The second year of the All-Ireland Intermediate Championship witnessed some fine games before Clare ran out winners. Moira McMahon, Tina O'Connell, Debbie McDonagh, Catherine O'Loughlin and team captain, Frances Phelan, enhanced their reputations in the campaign.

With eight of their 1992 All-Ireland winning team available, Tipperary Minors survived drawn games against Cork and Galway before retaining their title. There is great talent at underage level in Tipperary. Watch out for Gillian O'Neill, Ciara Gaynor, Therese Brophy, Caroline Buckley, Marie White and Joanne Horgan in the future.

1993 also holds happy memories for Sinead Millea who captained St. Brigid's, Callan to win the All-Ireland Colleges Senior Championship and young Esme Murphy whose scoring feats were significant in F.C.J. Bunclody's win in the All-Ireland Colleges Junior Championship.

Waterford RTC powered by Geraldine Codd, Marita Tobin, Una Murphy, Louise Curry and Sinead Nealon lifted the Purcell Cup. The Ashbourne Cup was won for the first time by University of Ulster. Jordanstown who defeated Queen's in an all Belfast final. Grace McMullen, Brona Brit and Catherine Higgins relish the memories.

Cess saluted

Senior Co. Championship to commence after the "A" championship - the winners of the "A" title be excluded from participating in the "B" championship.

Another interesting motion comes from Mayfield, which states: "That helmets be made compulsory in all under aged games".

A Valley Rovers motion states "That it be made compulsory that all jerseys be numbered" while Inniscarra have submitted a similar motion.

Bishopstown would like Bye Law No. 23. which states "That delegates

and representatives of all committees and witnesses at objections be women" deleted.

All the officers, with the exception of PRO Mary Newman-McCarthy, who is opposed by Kay Dunne, have been returned to office as follows:

Uachtaran, Mary Moran; Cathaoirleach, Sheila Golden; Leas-Cathaoirleach, Marian McCarthy; Runal, Tracy Sheehan; Cisteoir, Mary McSweeney; Registrar, Lily O'Sullivan; Fixtures Secretary, Sarah Kidney. The senior selectors, Miriam Murphy and Marion Sweeney, are also returned unopposed but there will be contests for places on the Junior, Minor and Under 18 selection committees.

GREAT YEAR FOR CORK & ARMAGH

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The replay attracted a huge crowd to Brehin Park, Carran. Armagh won their first-ever junior All-Ireland amidst a sea of amber flags. They were hungry for victory, and set the pace with style and dash which the Galway girls could not match. Galway's first half tally was recorded in the first 15 minutes of play, and Armagh held



Bernie McBride (Armagh) attacks as Catriona Finnegan (Galway) gives chase.

the stage from then. Half time score: Armagh 1-7 Galway 0-5. In the second half Armagh dominated throughout adding a further 1-3 while Galway just managed 0-1. The score Armagh 2-10 Galway 0-6.

TIPPERARY RETAIN ALL-IRELAND MINOR TITLE

Tipperary retained their All-Ireland Minor title when they disposed of Galway in the final replay at Ballinasloe. This was Galway's third All-Ireland appearance this year, and to be involved in two drawn finals minor and junior has to be a record. They carved their name on 'An Corn Tailteann' in 1977, '86, '87, their last appearance was in 1991.

Tipperary contested its first All-Ireland minor in 1989, winning in 1990 & '92.

In the semi-final Galway had two points to spare over Kilkenny 3-5 to 2-6, while Tipperary had an impressive win over Down 7-9 to 2-5. When the sides met in last year's semi-final it also took a draw to separate them.

Anne Hardiman was Galway's saviour when

she pointed from a free three minutes from time, to give her side a draw with Tipperary at 'The Ragg', Thurles. The score: Galway 1-5, Tipperary 1-5.

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CLARE SECURE INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP HONOURS

Dublin and Clare opposed each other in the second All-Ireland Intermediate Championship final. Last year Dublin won the inaugural final by defeating Down 4-11 to 4-4. Their defeat by Wexford in the senior open draw 1-3 to 0-14 rendered them eligible for participation in the Intermediate again this year. On the path to the final they disposed of Antrim 4-12 to 1-8 and Tipperary in the semi-final 3-10 to 1-10. Down got a bye in the first round and accounted for Kildare in the semi-final 2-9 to 2-3.

Dublin and Clare had only met in an All-Ireland final once before, that was junior in 1974 when Clare were victors 3-2 to 3-0.

The final played at Cusack Park, Ennis, was a sparkling encounter, with both sides producing



CAMOGIE (SCOREBOARD)

FINALS

Senior

CORK 3-15 GALWAY 2-8

Cork: Kathleen Costine, Brenda Kenny, Paula Goggins, Theresa O'Callaghan, Liz Towler 0-1, Sandy Fitzgibbon 0-2, Denise Cronin 0-1, Linda Mellerick Capt, Irene O'Leary 0-1, Lynn Dunlea 2-1, Colette O'Mahoney 0-6, Fiona O'Driscoll 0-3, Subs Irene O'Keeffe 1-0 for I O'Leary, Rose Desmond, Liz O'Neill, Mags Finn.

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Referee: Miriam O'Callaghan, Offaly.

Junior

ARMAGH 3-9 GALWAY 3-9 DRAW ARMAGH 2-10 GALWAY 0-6 REPLAY

Armagh: Margaret McKee, Margaret Moriarity, Sally McCone, Celine McGeary, Orlagh Murphy, Colette Byrne, Mary Black, Aine Lennon, Bernie McBride, Ursula McGivern, Capt, Donna McCusker, Patricia McEvoy, Subs, Mary Donnelly for U McGivern, Mairead Donnelly for B McBride, Olive McGeeown for C Byrnes.

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Referee: Biddy Phillips, Tipperary.

Minor

TIPPERARY 3-10 GALWAY 2-9 TIPPERARY 3-10 GALWAY 2-9 REPLAY

Tipperary: Susan Kineally, Sharon Lawton, Caroline Buckley, Marie White, Joanne Horgan Capt, Nicola Kennedy, Theresa Brophy, Miriam Mitchell, Anne Barry, Ciara Gaynor, Mary Looby, Gillian O'Neill.

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Referee: Catherine McAllister, Antrim.

Intermediate

CLARE 1-8 DUBLIN 1-5

NATIONAL LEAGUES FINALS

Senior

KILKENNY 4-7 CORK 1-13

Junior

ARMAGH 3-8 DUBLIN 2-1

Universities

UU JORDANSTOWN 3-7 QUEENS BELFAST 1-5

Purcell Cup

WATERFORD RTC 1-8 DUBLIN CITY UNIVERSITY 1-4



Lynn Dunlea displays the skills that had her Cork's top scorer in the Senior Final
Sheila Coen is the Galway player nearest the camera.

great flair and determination. A goal by Sylvia O'Brien midway through the second half proved decisive for Clare. The sides were level at the break: Clare 0-5 Dublin 1-5.

On the 12th minute of the second half the sides were level again, but Clare forged ahead with a goal by Sylvia O'Brien which was to be the deciding margin in the end as Clare took the new Purcell Cup on a score of 1-8 to 1-2.

KILKENNY AND ARMAGH SECURE NATIONAL LEAGUE TITLES

The National League in the new format of 15-a-side played on a full-size pitch opened yet another chapter in Camogie's history.

In the final at Ballyragget, Cork, the holders were favourites to take their third title in a row, but Kilkenny, having been instrumental in bringing about this two-year trial series had a point to prove. Their team work, especially in the forward line proved a vital factor. Kilkenny led 2-5 to 1-5 at the break.

In the second half the Noreiders went seven points ahead, but failed to register a score during the final quarter, as the Leesiders whit-

ted away at the deficit. At times it looked as if a draw was on the cards, but Kilkenny's defence stood staunch as they took the title on a score of 4-7 to 1-13.

When the National Junior League was inaugurated in 1980, Armagh were the first County to hold the title. This year they again made history when they defeated Dublin in the first 15-a-side final played at St Vincent's Park, Dublin. Both teams emerged from the same division. When they met in the preliminary round, Dublin took the points 2-4 to 1-2. This was the Orchard County's only defeat, while the Liffesiders ended tops.

In the semi-finals both met with stiff opposition Dublin 1-6 Galway 0-4. Armagh 5-8 Tipperary 6-4.

In the final Armagh played with style and determination that Dublin were unable to match. At the break Armagh 1-5 to 2-0. On the turnover Dublin pointed a free and failed to score for the remainder of the game. The fitness and ability of the Armagh side made them worthy winners on a score of 3-8 to 2-1.

P.J. Fulham.

Camogie World

CORK AND TIPPERARY RETAIN ALL-IRELAND SENIOR AND MINOR TITLES RESPECTIVELY

Firsts for Armagh and Clare All-Ireland Junior and Intermediate

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This was Armagh's 4th appearance in an All-Ireland, never on the winning side. They disposed of London in the quarter final, 5-12 to 0-4, and in the semi final had a 4-17 to 2-10 win over Carlow.

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Ursula McGivern and Kevin Hughes

G.A.A. Merit Awards

Breslin, Fermanagh Herald to Ger Houlahan of Armagh.

Gerry McClory, the Antrim PRO won the Communication Award which was presented by Eamonn O'Hara of the Irish News.

John Campbell of the Belfast Telegraph presented the Referee of the Year Award to Dessie Slater of Tyrone.

Freelance Photographer Oliver McVeigh presented Joe Kelly of Armagh with the Handball Award.

The Club Award was presented by Michael Daly of the Donegal Democrat to Seamus Horisk of Errigal Ciaran, Co. Tyrone.

The Camogie Award was presented by Kevin Hughes of Sunday World to Ursula McGivern, Captain of the Armagh All-Ireland team.

Jerome Quinn of the B.B.C. presented the Hurler of the Year Award to Paul McKillen of Antrim.

The Footballer of the Year Henry Downey, captain of the Derry All-Ireland Football Team was presented with his trophy by John Maguire, Managing Director of Belleek Pottery who also sponsored the trophies for the evening as well as trophies for the Monthly Bass Merit Awards.

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Scorers: F.C.J.: Esme Murphy 1-7, Melissa Cahill 1-0. St. Mary's: Breda O'Brien 1-2, Vera Sheehan and Roni Hawe 0-1 each. Referee: Kitty McNicholas, Clare.

Primary Schools

Camogie at Primary School level is being promoted under the umbrella of Cumann na mBunscol. The mini-sevens attracted it's largest entry to date with 29 counties participating in the Camogie competitions. While the emphasis is on selecting children with the greatest skills, every effort is made to select children from as many counties as possible to play in Croke Park on All-Ireland Hurling semi final and final days.

CAMOGIE ROLL OF HONOUR

Senior Championship:

Dublin (26): 1932, 1933, 1937, 1938, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1984.
Cork (16): 1934, 1935, 1936, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1978, 1980, 1982, 1983, 1992, 1993.
Kilkenny (11): 1974, 1976, 1977, 1981, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991.
Antrim (6): 1945, 1946, 1947, 1956, 1967, 1979.
Wexford (3): 1968, 1969, 1975.

Junior Championship:

Cork (4): 1973, 1980, 1983, 1984.

Galway (4): 1972, 1979, 1985, 1988.
Dublin (3): 1970, 1971, 1975.
Kildare (3): 1987, 1989, 1990.
Clare (3): 1974, 1981, 1990.
Down (3): 1968, 1976, 1991.
Derry (2): 1969, 1978.
Louth (1): 1982.
Limerick (1): 1977.
Tipperary (1): 1992.
Armagh (1): 1993.

Minor Championships:

Cork (8): 1975, 1976, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1983, 1984, 1985.
Galway (4): 1977, 1981, 1986, 1987.
Kilkenny (3): 1988, 1989, 1991.
Dublin (1): 1982.
Down (1): 1974.
Tipperary (3): 1990, 1992, 1993.

GAEL LINN ROLL OF HONOUR:

Senior

Leinster (23): 1956, '57, '58, '59, '60, '62, '65, '68, '69, '70, '71, '72, '78, '79, '81, '83, '84, '85, '86, '87, '88, '89, '91.
Munster (8): 1961, '63, '64, '66, '80, '82, '90, '92.
Connacht (2): 1973, '74.
Ulster (1): 1967.

Junior:

Munster (9): 1975, '77, '78, '80, '83, '85, '87, '88, '92.
Leinster (4): 1976, '82, '84, '86.
Ulster (4): 1979, '89, '90, '91.
Connacht (1): 1981.

Club Championship Roll of Honour:

St. Pauls, Kilkenny (8): 1968, '69, '70, '74, '76, '87, '88, '89.
Buffers Alley, Wexford (5): 1979, '81, '82, '83, '84.
Glen Rovers, Cork (3): 1986, '90, '92.
Austin Stacks, Dublin (2): 1971, '72.
St. Patricks, Glengoose, Tipperary (2): 1965, '66.
Ballyagran, Limerick (1): 1978.
Celtic, Dublin (1): 1964.
Croagh Kilfiny, Limerick (1): 1975.
Eoghan Ruadh, Dublin (1): 1967.
Killeigh, Cork (1): 1980.
Crumlin, Dublin (1): 1985.
Oranmore, Galway (1): 1973.
Athenry, Galway (1): 1977.
Mullagh, Galway (1): 1991.

National Senior League:

Kilkenny (8): 1980, '82, '85, '87, '88, '89, '90, '93.
Cork (4): 1984, '86, '91, '92.
Dublin (3): 1979, '81, '83.
Tipperary (1): 1977.
Wexford (1): 1978.

National Junior League:

Dublin (4): 1982, '83, '84, '87.
Armagh (3): 1980, '88, '93.
Kildare (3): 1986, '89, '90.
Limerick (2): 1991, '92.
Cavan (1): 1981.
Galway (1): 1985.

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Loughgiel camogie team, Ulster club champions. Front, left to right: Bernie Drair, Mary Connolly, Rosie Butler, Donna McMullen, Christine McGaughey, Imelda Gillen, Patricia McIntyre, Ciara McGarry, Ursula Cuthbertson. Back, left to right: Grace McMullen, Anne Hardy, Rosie Watson, Denise Dobbin, Sinead McCollum, Maura McGoran, Jenny Coyle, Mary Gillen, Lynette Connolly

THE CAMOGIE SCENE

Cork And Tipperary Retain Their Titles

*Firsts For Armagh And Clare
A Cause Of Great Celebration*

By P.J. FULLAM

All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship final day in Croke Park was one with a difference. It was the first final staged without a supporter in the Cusack Stand, as demolition had started. Cork and Galway were taking part in the 62nd senior All-Ireland final. The only previous meeting of these two counties took place, at a time of international upheaval in 1939 and '40. Both finals were played in Croke Park with Cork taking its fourth and fifth titles. Galway share with Dublin the distinction of contesting the first two All-Ireland finals in 1932 and '33.

Cork, the holders, were appearing in their 29th All-Ireland decider. They are next to Dublin on the honours list, having won on fifteen occasions. Galway have contested eight All-Ireland senior finals, but have never won the O'Duffy Cup. It was 31 years since their last appearance.

The Leesiders, having lost the inaugural 15-a-side National League final to old rivals Kilkenny, faced them again in the championship semi-final in Nowlan Park, and after a thrilling encounter, Cork emerged winners by the narrowest of margins 5-10 to 2-18. Galway had three points to spare over Wexford in their semi-final outing in Ballinasloe on a scoreline of 5-7 to 2-13.

Team Performance

In the final Cork overcame the youth and enthusiasm of Galway with an impressive performance and a winning margin of ten points. After a closely contested first half the Leesiders led by two points at the break, 1-7 to 1-5. On the turnover the Champions seemed to find form and were soon in top gear with particularly strong contributions from goalie Kathleen Costine, Lynn Dunlea, Colette O'Mahoney and the industrious Captain Linda Mellerick, who afterwards was presented with the player of the match award. Final score: Cork 3-15 - Galway 2-8.

Cork Team and Scorers:

Kathleen Costine, Breda Kenny, Paula Goggins, Therese O'Callaghan, Liz Towler (0-1), Sandy Fitzgibbon (0-2), Denise Cronin (0-1), Linda Mellerick (Capt.), Irene O'Leary (0-1), Lynn Dunlea (2-1), Colette O'Mahoney (0-6), Fiona O'Driscoll (0-3).
Subs: Irene O'Keeffe (1-0) for I. O'Leary, Rose Desmond, Liz O'Neill, Mags Finn.

Galway:

Tracey Laheen, Sheila Coen, Carmel Allen, Brid Stafford, Pamela Nevin, Imelda Maher, Sharon Glynn (0-2), Dymphna Maher (0-1), Anne Ryan (0-1), Deirdre Costello (Capt.), Imelda Hobbins (0-1), Clare Lynch (1-2).

Subs: Brigid Fahy (1-0) for I. Maher, Olive Broderick (0-1) for D. Costello, Anne Broderick, Emer Hardiman.

Referee:

Miriam O'Callaghan, Offaly.



● Linda Mellerick proudly displays the winning trophy after leading Cork to victory over Galway in the 1993 All-Ireland Camogie Senior Championship Final.
(Picture: Sportfile)

THE SENIOR FINALISTS OF '93



● Cork, who retained their All-Ireland Senior Crown: Back row (from left): Colette O'Mahony, Irene O'Leary, Therese O'Callaghan, Kathleen Costine, Paula Goggins, Breda Kenny. Front row (from left): Sandie Fitzgibbon, Liz Towler, Linda Mellerick, Captain, Denise Cronin, Lynn Dunlea, Fiuma O'Driscoll.



● Galway, beaten finalists of '93: Back row (from left): Sharon Glynn, Brid Stratford, Tracy Laheen, Claire Lynch, Dymphna Maher, Imelda Maher Carmel Allen. Front row (from left): Anne Ryan, Sheila Coen, Deirdre Costello, Captain, Imelda Hobbins, Pamela Nevin.

Tipperary The Masters of Galway After A Replay

Tipperary retained their All-Ireland Minor title when they disposed of Galway in a replay at Ballinasloe. This was Galway's third All-Ireland appearance in '93, and to be involved in two drawn finals, minor and junior, has to be a record. They carved their name on 'An Corn Tailteann' in 1977, '86 and '87. Their last appearance was in 1991.

Tipperary contested its first All-Ireland minor in 1989, winning in 1990 and 1992.

In the semi-final Galway had two points to spare over Kilkenny (3-5 to 2-6), while Tipperary had an impressive win over Down (7-3 to 2-5). When the sides met in the '92 semi-final it also took a draw to separate them.

Anne Hardiman was Galway's saviour when she pointed from a free three minutes from time, to put her side level with Tipperary at 1-5. The Ragg, Thurles, the score: Galway 1-5 - Tipperary 1-5.

In the replay at Ballinasloe, Tipperary retained the title on a score of 3-10 to 2-9.

Tipperary Team and Scorers:

Susan Kincally, Sharon Lawton (0-1), Caroline Buckley, Marie White, Joanne Horgan (Capt.), Nicola Kennedy (0-2), Therese Brophy, Miriam Mitchell, Anne Barry (1-1), Ciara Gaynor (2-4), Mary Looby, Gilian O'Neill (0-1).

Subs: Mandy Quigley (0-1), Emily Hayden, Lisa McCormack, Marie Harkins.

Galway Team and Scorers:

Erin Dolan (Capt.), Olivia Coen, Teresa Murphy, Denise Gilligan (1-1), Esther Martyn, Aoife Lynskey, Anne Hillary, Goretta Maher, Colleen Crowe (1-4), Lorraine Fahy, Anne Hardiman (0-1), Veronica Curtin (0-2).

Subs: Aoife Tannian (0-1), Lorraine Linnane, Aisling Ward, Catherine Linnane.

Referee:

Catherine McAllister, Antrim.

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A Sea Of Colour As Armagh Score Historic Win

The All-Ireland Junior final, the curtain raiser to the senior final between Armagh, the National Junior League Champions and Galway was a pulsating affair. For Galway it was a dream come true to be contesting two All-Ireland finals on the same day. For the second time in the history of the All-Ireland Junior championship, inaugurated in 1968, the final ended in a draw. ON the other occasion in 1989 Galway were also involved, and lost the replay to Kildare.

This was Armagh's fourth appearance in an All-Ireland, never on the winning side. They disposed of London in the quarter-final (5-12 to 0-4) and in the semi-final had a 4-17 to 2-10 win over Wexford.

Galway contested seven All-Irelands, winning four. The sides met in the 1985 decider, the score: Galway 5-7 - Armagh 3-7.

In the final Galway had a great opening half. Slip-ups in Armagh's defence allowed them through for two goals. This worried Armagh somewhat, as they trailed by two goals at the break (2-6 to 0-6).

Armagh came out fighting in the second half, and by the 19th minute the sides were all square. Minutes later they levelled again or the third time.

A Sea Of Flags

In the last minute, as tension mounted, it looked as if Armagh had snatched the title, when Patricia McEvoy goaled giving her side a 3-9 to 2-9 lead. But the final few seconds were to prove crucial for Galway, as their captain, Ursula Hannon cracked the ball into the Armagh net in injury time to earn a draw.

Full time score: Armagh 3-9 - Galway 3-9.

The replay attracted a huge crowd to Breffni Park, Carr. Armagh won their first ever Junior All-Ireland amidst a sea of Amber flags. They were hungry for victory, and set the pace with style and dash which the Galway girls had no answer for. Galway's first half tally was recorded in the first 13 minutes of play, and Armagh held the stage from then. Half time score: Armagh 1-7 - Galway 0-5. In the second half Armagh dominated throughout adding a further 1-3, while Galway just managed 0-1.

The score: Armagh 2-10 - Galway 0-5.

Armagh Team and Scorers:

Margaret McKee, Margaret Moriarity, Sally McCone, Celine McGeary, Orlagh Murphy, Colette Byrne (0-1), Mary Black (0-1), Aine Lennon (0-1), Bernie McBride (0-2), Ursula McGivern (Capt.) (0-3), Donna McCusker, Patricia McEvoy (1-2).

Subs: Mary Donnelly (1-0) for U. McGivern, Maread Donnelly for B. McBride, Olive McGeown for C. Byrnes.

Galway Team and Scorers:

Anne Broderick, Deirdre Hardiman, Olive Costello, Caitriona Finnegan, Yvonne Larkin, Carmel Hannon, Cora Curley, Teresa Fallon, Denise Gilligan, Emer Hardiman, Ursula Hannon (Capt.) (0-2), Martina Harkins (0-4).

Subs: Fiona Ryan for U. Hannon, Madge Kennedy for D. Gilligan, Geraldine McGrath, Breda Daniels.

Referee:

Biddy Phillips, Tipperary.



CAMOGIE

COUNT FINALS

- Senior - Toomevara 4-8; Cashel 1-14.
- Intermediate - Roscrea 2-1; Knockavilla 0-6.
- Junior - Drom-Inch 3-6; Shannon Rovers 2-3.
- Under-18 - Toomevara 2-8; Drom-Inch 3-5 (draw).
- Toomevara -4-3; Drom-Inch 1-5 (replay).
- Under-16 'A' - Drom-Inch 4-11; Fethard 1-3.
- Under-16 'B' - Thurles 4-5; Templemore 3-3.
- Under-14 'A' - Drom-Inch 4-10; Toomevara 0-2.
- Under-14 'B' - Kilruane beat Bansha.
- Under-12 'A' - Toomevara 1-1; Drom-Inch 0-3.
- Under-12 'B' - Templemore 6-4; Fethard 0-0.

COUNTY LEAGUE FINALS

- Senior - Toomevara 5-5; Cashel 2-7.
- Junior - Drom-Inch 4-5; Cashel 2-2.

COLLEGES CAMOGIE 1992-93

- Munster Colleges Senior League Final - St. Mary's (Nenagh) 3-8; St. Patrick's (Cork) 1-6.
- Munster Colleges Junior Final - St. Mary's (Charleville) 2-6; St. Mary's (Nenagh) 1-0.
- Munster Colleges Junior 'B' under-15 Final - Our Lady's (Templemore) 4-6; Coachford Community School (Cork) 3-2.

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- Munster Senior Final - Roscrea VS 2-4; Borrisokane Community College 1-6.
- Munster Junior Final - Roscrea VS 4-8; Borrisokane Community College 2-5.
- All-Ireland Junior Semi-final - Loughrea VS 3-6; Roscrea VS 1-4.
- Munster Senior Semi-final 1993-94 - Roscrea VS 5-0; Coachford (Cork) 3-3.

MUNSTER SENIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

- Granagh Ballingarry (Limerick) 2-12; Toomevara 1-9.

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- Granagh Ballingarry (Limerick) 2-12; Toomevara 1-9.

NATIONAL JUNIOR LEAGUE 1993-94

- Tipperary 4-3; Cork 3-3.
- Tipperary 4-5; Wexford 3-0.

MUNSTER UNDER-18 CHAMPIONSHIP

- Tipperary 5-19; Waterford 0-0.
- Tipperary 3-10; Cork 10-9.
- Tipperary 2-13; Clare 1-2 (Munster final).

MINOR INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

- Tipperary 6-5; Clare 0-2.
- Tipperary 2-2; Cork 2-2 (draw, Munster final).
- Tipperary 4-10; Cork 3-6 (replay).
- Tipperary 7-9; Down 2-5.
- Tipperary 1-5; Galway 1-5 (draw, All-Ireland final).
- Tipperary 3-10; Galway 2-9 (replay).

INTERMEDIATE INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

- Tipperary 3-19; Limerick 2-6.
- Tipperary 4-11; Clare 1-7.
- Tipperary 5-12; Down 3-7.
- Dublin 3-11; Tipperary 1-10 (All-Ireland semi-final).

MUNSTER JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

- Cork 3-10; Tipperary 1-8.

NATIONAL JUNIOR LEAGUE 1992-93

- Tipperary 6-12; Carlow 3-8.
- Tipperary beat Wexford.
- Tipperary 1-5; Limerick 0-3.
- Armagh 5-8; Tipperary 6-4 (All-Ireland semi-final).

New Chapter Opened In Camogie History

League Titles For Armagh And Kilkenny

The National Leagues in the new format of 15-a-side played on a full size pitch opened yet another chapter in Camogie's history. In the senior competition, eight teams participated in two divisions. The finalists Cork and Kilkenny emerged from the same division. When they met in the preliminary round the result was Cork 2-20 - Kilkenny 2-5. In the semi-finals Kilkenny accounted for Galway by one point, while Cork had a convincing win over Down.

In the final at Ballyragget, Cork (holders) were favourites to take their third title in a row. But Kilkenny, having been instrumental in bringing about this two-year trial series, had a point to prove. Their teamwork, especially in the forward line, proved a vital factor. Kilkenny led 2-5 to 1-5 at the break.

In the second half the Noreiders went seven points ahead, but failed to register a score during the final quarter, as the Leesiders whittled away at the deficit. At times it looked as if a draw was on the cards, but Kilkenny's defence stood staunch as they took the title on a score of 4-7 to 1-13.

Kilkenny Team and Scorers:

Marie Fitzpatrick, Biddy O'Sullivan, Brigid Barnaville, Una Murphy, Deirdre Malone, Bridie McGarry, Tracey Millea, Gillian Dillon, Marina Downey, Capt., Breda Holmes (0-1), Anne Downey (1-4), Angela Downey (3-1), Claire Jones, Brigid Mullaly (0-1), Joan Aylward.

Subs: Sinead Costello for J. Aylward, Marie Maher for C. Jones, Catherine Dunne, Sinead Millea.

Cork Team and Scorers:

Kathleen Costine, Paula Goggins, Liz Dunphy, Mags Finn, Irene O'Leary, Breda Kenny, Lis Towler, Sandy Fitzgibbon, Denise Cronin (0-1), Linda Mellerick, Capt. (0-2), Claire McCarthy, Stephanie Dunlea (1-0), Irene O'Keeffe (0-2), Fiona O'Driscoll, Colette O'Mahoney (0-7).

Subs: Liz O'Neill (0-1) for C. McCarthy, Lynn Dunlea for I. O'Keeffe, Rose Desmond, Patricia Murphy, Mary Sexton.

Referee:

Miriam O'Callaghan, Offaly.

Armagh Make History

When the National Junior League was inaugurated in 1980, Armagh were the first county to hold the title. This year they again made history when they defeated Dublin in the first 15-a-side final played at St. Vincent's Park, Dublin, both teams emerged from the same division. When they met in the preliminary round Dublin took the points 2-4 to 1-2. This was the Orchard County's only defeat, while the Liffey-siders ended tops.

In the semi-finals both met with stiff opposition, Dublin defeating Galway (1-6 to 0-4) and Armagh overcoming Tipperary (5-8 to 6-4).

In the final Armagh played with a style and determination that Dublin were unable to match. At the break Armagh led 1-5 to 2-0. On the turnover Dublin pointed from a free and failed to score for the remainder of the game.

The fitness and ability of the Armagh side made them worthy winners on a score of 3-8 to 2-1.



● Paula Goggins . . . experienced member of the Cork side.

Armagh Team and Scorers:

Margaret McKee, Margaret Moriarity, Geraldine Haughey, Orla Murphy, Anne Donnelly, Celine McGeary, Colette Byrnes, Mary Black, Aine Lennon, Bernie McBride (0-2), Ursula McGivern, Capt. (0-2), Donna McCusker (0-1), Mary Donnelly (1-10), Patricia McEvoy (0-1), Joan Rice (2-1).

Subs: Sally McCone, Teresa McNally, Roisin O'Neill, Pauleen Smyth.

Dublin Team & Scorers:

Sinead Caulfield, Janice Kelly, Karen Bauer, Tara O'Connell, Karen Fox, Cheryl Whittaker, Nicola McTiernan, Brigid McKenna, Adrienne McGovern, Liz Roche, Sadhb Caverly, Capt. (0-1), Ann Walsh, Eilis Mullen (1-0), Paula Carroll (1-0), Irene Kirwin.

Subs: Ann Martin, Niamh Kearney, Lorna Whyte, Cait O'Leary.

Referee:

Marie Pollard, Waterford.

Glen Rovers Bring '93 Crown To The Leeside

Munster Win The Inter-Pro Titles

Club Championship

In 1964 the Diamond Jubilee of the Association was marked with the introduction of the All-Ireland Club Championship. This competition takes place in October and November and is highly competitive.

Results for 1992:

All-Ireland Quarter Final: Rathnure (Wexford) 1-5 - Tara (London) 1-3.

Semi-Finals: Glen Rovers (Cork) 8-17 - Portlengone (Antrim) 4-2, Rathnure 2-5 - Pierces (Galway) 1-6.

Final: Glen Rovers 1-9 - Rathnure 0-2.

Gael Linn Inter-Provincial Series:

The Gael Linn Inter-Provincial series started in 1954 to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of the first public match played in Navan, Meath in 1904. A selection from Leinster defeated their Ulster counterparts at the same pitch. In 1975 the series was divided into senior and junior and has proved very successful since. It is also staged in October and November. This year for the first time, the series will be played with 15-a-side on a full size G.A.A. pitch.

Results for 1992:

Senior Semi-Finals: Leinster 6-14 - Connacht 1-3; Munster 2-12 - Ulster 2-7.

Final: Munster 1-18 - Leinster 2-9.

Junior Semi-Finals: Connacht 2-5 - Leinster 1-6; Munster 5-6 - Ulster 2-7.

Final: Munster 6-11 - Connacht 3-3.

Feile na nGael

Feile na nGael, the only National Competition for under 14s was hosted by Galway and was a great success. The following are the results.

Division 1: St. Colmans, Ardahan 3-1 - Craughwell, Galway 0-5

Division 2: Buncloody, Wexford 7-1 - St. Thomas, Galway 0-0

Division 3: Mt. Bellew, Galway 5-0 - Athenry, Galway 0-1

Division 4: Teemore, Fermanagh 4-3 - Dunhill, Waterford 0-0

Individual Skill Contest: Mary Casey, Limerick.

Ceol, Caint agus Damhsa

One of the aims of the Association is to foster an awareness of the richness of our National culture and the advancement of Irish Dancing, music, song and other aspects of our Irish culture. The Association Social event of the year is *Ceol, Caint agus Damhsa*. The equivalent to G.A.A. *Seór*, but has no age limit. It always produces a high standard and is very enjoyable.

County and Provincial finals are held in December and January respectively. The All-Ireland final is held in Dublin on the first Sunday in March, when the cream of talent from the four corners of Ireland compete for honours.



● Sandra Fitzgibbon who captained Cork to victory in the 1992 All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship final, scored two points in the defeat of Galway in the '93 finals.

Ceol, Caint agus Damhsa Results

Ceile Dancing: Cluain Dubh, Down

Set Dancing: Cluain Dubh, Down

Ballad Group: Na Phiarsaigh, Galway

Table Quiz: Caulry, Westmeath

Solo Singing: Elaine Doyle, Caulry, Westmeath

Instrumental Music: Donna McCusker, Armagh

Recitation: Michael Shinnors, Patrickswell, Limerick.

Camogie In The Colleges

The Ashbourne Goes North And Waterford R.T.C. Retain The Purcell Cup

Ashbourne Cup

The Ashbourne Cup and Purcell Cup competitions are organised by C.C.I.A. The season starts in November with the Freshers 7-a-side competition involving first year students from Universities, Teacher Training Colleges and Regional Technical Colleges hosted by Maynooth. Twelve teams took part and it was won by U.C.C.

At last year's A.G.M. it was decided to change the format of the Ashbourne and Purcell Cup competitions for a three-year trial period commencing in October 1993. The new structure will have seeded teams, based on the winners and runners-up of 1992. They will play the remaining open drawn teams in the first round. The winners will then play in the Ashbourne and the runners-up in the Purcell Cup.

University of Ulster, Jordanstown retained the Ashbourne Cup when they defeated Queens University in a spirited final played at Trinity College, Dublin. On the path to the final U.U.J. accounted for Coleraine (8-12 to 3-5) and U.C.C. in the semi-final (3-11 to 2-4).

Queens disposed of U.C.G. (2-2 to 0-5) and U.C.D. in the semi-final (2-6 to 0-6).

The final was an exciting affair. Queens took the game to their opponents from the start with a goal by Jean Twohill. Jordanstown found Queens rearguard in top form. Queens notched off three more points before Catherine Higgins opened the champions account with a point, half time score Queens 1-3 - Jordanstown 0-0.

Early in the second half, a goal by Brona Birt put U.U.J. in contention. It became a ding-dong struggle with Queens just holding the edge. In the closing stages U.U.J. star Grace McMullen scored two goals. Her side became dominant and latted three times without a reply from their opponents to run out winners on a score of 3-7 to 1-5.

Scorers: U.U.J. Grace McMullen 2-4, Brona Birt 1-0, Catherine Higgins 0-3.

Queens: Jean Twohill 1-1, Brona McCorry 0-3, Mary Black 0-1.

Ashbourne Shield Final: U.C.G. 5-6 - Coleraine 1-1.

League Final: Waterford R.T.C. 4-6 - U.U.J. 1-8.

Purcell Cup

Waterford R.T.C. retained the Purcell Cup when they fought off strong challenge from Dublin City University in the final at Pairc Chiaran, Athlone. Both sides produced plenty of skill and determination. Half way through the first half Geraldine Codd, Wexford senior player, slammed home an all-important goal to give Waterford the lead at the interval 1-3 to 0-3.

They extended their lead with an Ursula Hannon point early in the second half. Almost immediately Ann Marie O'Connor goaled for D.C.U. to leave one point separating the sides. Waterford made better use of the chances afforded them in the closing stages and ran out winners on a score of 1-8 to 1-4.

Scorers: Waterford R.T.C. - Geraldine Codd 1-1, Sinead Neilan 0-3, Ursula Hannon and Cait O'Leary 0-2 each.

D.C.U. - Anne Marie O'Connor 1-3, Pamela Nevin 0-1.

Shield Final: University of Limerick 2-9 - Mary I. Limerick 0-5.

All-Ireland Colleges

The All-Ireland senior and junior Colleges Competitions are organised by Comhairle na h-Iarbhunscoileanna and are open to all primary schools and Colleges and run on a Provincial basis.

The senior competition came into being in 1969. St. Raphael's, Loughrea carved a special niche winning on eight successive occasions from 1985 to 1992 inclusive. Their great run ended this year when near neighbours St. Brigid's Vocational, Loughrea defeated them in the Connacht final 1-6 to 0-5.

Ironically, former St. Raphael's star forward Claire Lynch scored St. Brigid's total. St. Brigid's later gave a walk-over in the semi-final to St. Brigid's Callan, last year's beaten finalists. Their opponents in the final, St. Mary's, Charleville, defeated St. Mary's, Magherafelt in the semi-final 3-7 to 0-11.

In the final at Tullamore, St. Brigid's defeated the Charleville side to take their first All-Ireland senior title. Sinead Millea excelled for St. Brigid's with a personal contribution of 2-7.

Final score: St. Brigid's 3-7 - St. Mary's 1-2.

Scorers: St. Brigid's - Sinead Millea 2-7, Margaret Comerford 1-0.

St. Mary's - Marie Foley 1-0, Freda O'Brien 0-2.

Referee: Betty Joyce, Cork.

In the All-Ireland junior final, it was another first for F.C.J. Bunclody when they defeated St. Mary's Charleville also at Tullamore. In the semi-finals Bunclody defeated St. Raphael's 4-5 to 1-2, while St. Mary's accounted for St. Mary's, Magherafelt, last year's beaten finalists 5-8 to 1-2. F.C.J. Star Esme Murphy was instrumental in her sides victory when she notched off 1-7. Final Score: F.C.J. 2-7 - St. Mary's 1-4.

Scorers: F.C.J. - Esme Murphy 1-7, Melissa Cahill 1-0.

St. Mary's - Breda O'Brien 1-2, Vera Sheehan and Roni Hawe 0-1 each.

Referee: Kitty McNicholas, Clare.

Primary Schools

Camogie at Primary school level is being promoted under the umbrella of Cumann na mBunscol. The mini-sevens attracted its largest entry to date with 29 counties participating in the Camogie competitions. While the emphasis is on selecting children with the greatest skills, every effort is made to select children from as many counties as possible to play in Croke Park on All-Ireland Hurling semi-finals and final days.

THE CAMOGIE SCENE

All the Camogie records up-dated to 1993 are included in *The Complete Handbook of Gaelic Games*, a new edition of which is now available from all leading bookshops at £8.95.

It also lists the Senior All-Ireland medal holders and leading the field is Kathleen Mills of Dublin with 15 medals won between 1942 and '61 and next comes Una O'Connor Dublin with 13, won between 1953 and '66. Angela and Ann Downey of Kilkenny both have eleven medals.

The Banner County Takes The New Purcell Cup

Dublin and Clare opposed each other in the second All-Ireland Intermediate Championship final. In 1992 Dublin won the inaugural final by defeating Down 4-11 to 4-4. Their defeat by Wexford in the senior open draw (1-3 to 0-4) rendered them eligible for participation in the Intermediate again this year.

On the path to the final they disposed of Antrim (4-12 to 1-8) and Tipperary in the semi-final (3-10 to 1-10). Down got a bye in the first round and accounted for Kildare in the semi-final (2-9 to 2-3).

Dublin and Clare had only met in an All-Ireland final once before, that was Junior in 1974 when Clare were the victors (3-2 to 3-0).

The final played at Cusack Park, Ennis, was a sparkling encounter, with both sides producing great flair and determination. A goal by Sylvia O'Brien midway through the second half proved decisive for Clare. The sides were level at the break: Clare 0-5 - Dublin 1-2.

In the 12th minute of the second half the sides were level again, it Clare forged ahead with a goal by Sylvia O'Brien which was to the deciding margin in the end as Clare took the new Purcell Cup 1-9 to 1-5.

Clare Team and Scorers:

Aine McCormack, Tina O'Connell, Marie Collins, Debbie McDonagh, Marian Costelloe, Sinead O'Brien, Sylvia O'Brien (1-1), Frances Phelan, Capt. (0-3), Moira McMahon (0-1), Maura McNicholas (0-1), Noelle Comyns, Catherine O'Loughlin (0-2).

Subs: Mary Neylon, Joanne Frost, Debbie Kelly, Patricia Maloney.

Dublin Team and Scorers:

Louise Curry, Patsy Murphy, Geraldine Dune (0-2), Veronica Trehy, Catherine Boyle, Una Crowley, Nora Maguire, Capt., Adrienne McGovern, Cathy Walsh (1-2), Ruth Lyons (0-1), Denise O'Leary, Patricia Clinton.

Subs: Sinead Caulfield, Cheryl Whitaker, Irene Kirwan, Paula Carroll.

Referee:

Colette Kennedy, Galway.

Clash of the ash with tradition

When the victorious Cork camogie team returned home after the All Ireland final last September, the public and official reception was luke warm. A reflection of the lack of interest in the game, or has it more to do with a sporting tradition that has kept women firmly in the background?

By Deirdre O'Flynn.

WOMAN power is taking over in Cork's sporting circles. Following on Sonia O'Sullivan's glittering summer of success, Cork's camogie team are ensuring that same glow of success warms us through the winter months.

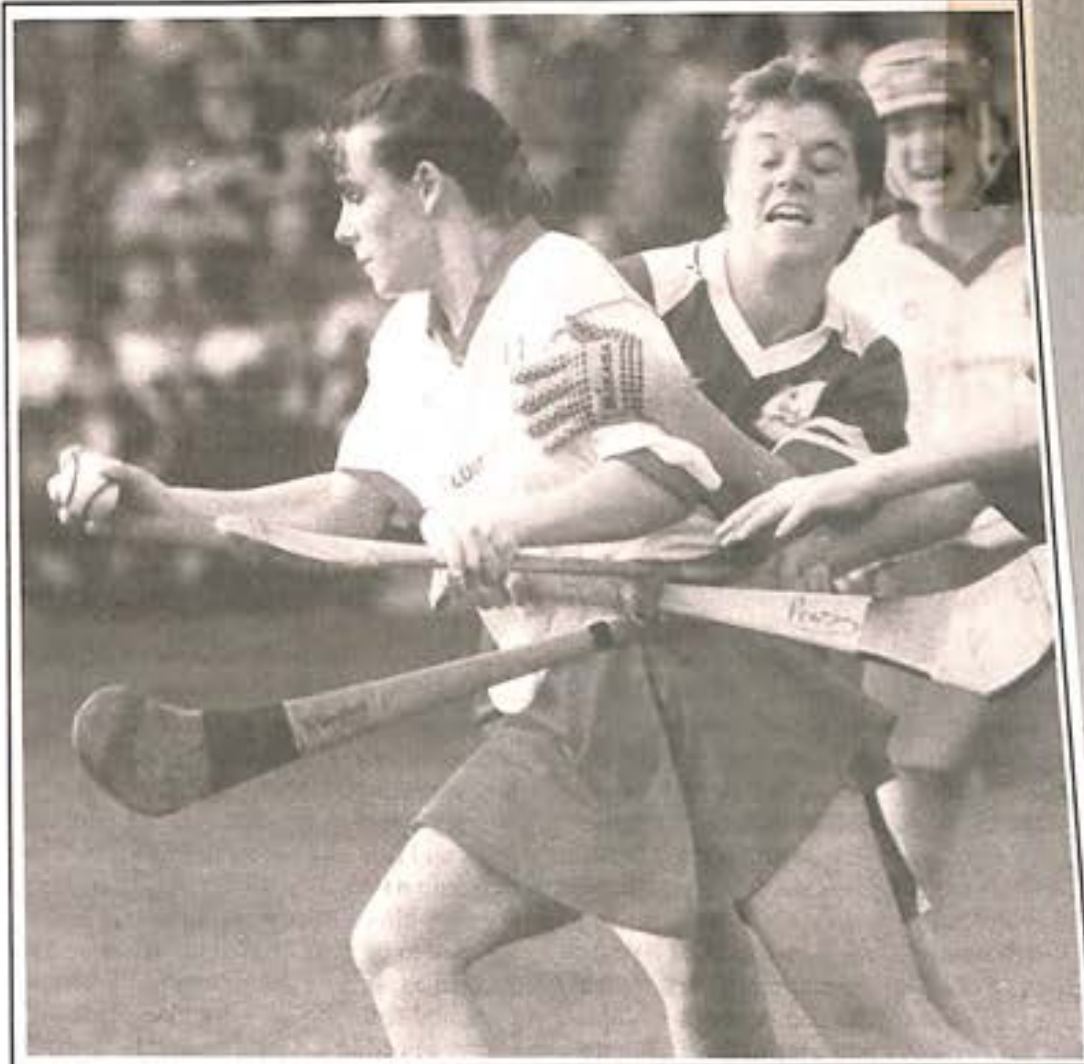
And its only fitting that Linda Mellerick, who captained Cork to win this year's All-Ireland final against Galway, was named as *Jurys Sports Star of the Month* at the beginning of November.

Few really appreciate the skills and commitment involved in camogie or the role of women in GAA clubs throughout the country.

One woman who has served her county well is Sandie Fitzgibbon. Not only did she win her fourth All-Ireland senior medal with Cork this year, but she also captained the team to victory last year. "It's brilliant to win the All-Ireland", she says. "Especially to win one



■ Sandie Fitzgibbon: Started playing camogie at the tender age of nine. (Pictures - Norma Cuddhy)



■ Going for goal: Lynn Dunlea of the Cork camogie team fights to hold the ball during the All-Ireland final against Galway.

attendance at Croke Park. "To see the crowd in red and white is the proudest moment for every player on the journey towards an All-Ireland", Tracy adds.

She commended the commitment of the players who badly wanted to win the All-Ireland having been beaten by Kilkenny in the National League. Revenge was sweet, however, as Cork beat their old rivals in the All-Ireland semi-final, scoring an impressive 5-10 to Kilkenny's 2-18.



■ Ita Madden: GAA club secretary.

years ago.

Ita's previous involvement in the GAA had been the same as thousands of other women throughout the country. "I used to give a hand at the Christmas bazaar and go to hurling matches", she says. "I always followed the club and knew everybody".

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■ **Tracy Sheehan:** "When a team plays away from home, there is an emotional reaction to the homecoming."

back-to-back, it reinforces that you're a good team".

But her joy, while mirrored by the cheering crowd in Croke Park on the day, was not reflected in the small crowds which welcomed the team home to Cork. While a reception was hosted by the Cork Examiner, the Lord

Mayor, John Murray, did not attend, saying he was at a Cork Corporation meeting and could not not arrange a deputy for the reception.

As well as her All-Ireland senior medals, Sandie's sideboard also displays All-Ireland minor, colleges, club senior championship,

National League and Gael Linn medals. These were won with hard work and long hours spent training — she started playing camogie with Glen Rovers at the tender age of nine.

"We train twice a week with the county team, twice a week with the Glen and also on weekends", she says. "We do physical training with Cork and so are excused from that with the club". A measure of her commitment to Cork is that she's been on the county team since 1982, winner her first All-Ireland senior medal that year, and her second in 1983.

Sandie, Linda Mellerick and the Cork camogie team are idols for many young girls, according to Tracy Sheehan, secretary of the Cork Camogie Board. And although some of the girls were disappointed with the homecoming reception, Tracy had tears in her eyes. "When a team plays away from home, there is an emotional reaction to the homecoming, regardless of the reception", she says.

The players were particularly heartened by the great

Compared to Sandie's veteran status, Tracy is a mere newcomer to camogie, although her contribution has been invaluable nonetheless. "I was involved with Mayfield GAA, and about two years ago, a group of girls

only contribution to camogie. A Cork scholar, Tadhg O'Donnachadh, coined the name "camogie" for the modified game of hurling which female members of the Gaelic League had been playing from about 1902. The camogie game was for-

terms asked her if she would take over the job. The administrative skills she gleaned as club secretary of Ballinhassig Macra na Feirme weren't wasted. "While the competitions are different, the secretarial work and skills are fairly similar", Ita says.

She is unassuming about her own position, saying that

Just as women are breaking records in camogie, so also are they "invading" that once-impregnable bastion — the GAA club.

asked me if I'd start a camogie team team", she says. "I said I would and told them to come to the field the following Saturday morning. There were loads interested. The club is going into its third year now".

After starting the Mayfield club, Tracy became secretary of the camogie board and hasn't looked back since. "Before that, I never went to camogie matches", she admits. "But it's been the best three years in my life. I wouldn't know what I'd do without Mayfield or camogie".

Cork's 16 All-Ireland victories are not the county's

mally established in 1904, and two Dublin teams played the first competitive game in Navan that summer.

Just as women are breaking records in camogie, so also are they "invading" that once-impregnable bastion — the GAA club. Women's voices can now be heard in those smoke-filled, late-night havens of male bonding.

The Cork south-east division of the GAA has two female club secretaries, Bernadette Murphy in Ballygarvan and Ita Madden in Ballinhassig. Ita says she got a "brilliant" reaction when she took over the job three

women have always been involved in the GAA. And if other women are ready and willing to take jobs, why shouldn't they, she asks. Ita also acknowledges that women have long been the backbone of the association. "If women weren't around, there would be a mountain-load of unwashed jerseys", she says with a laugh.

And so just as Mná na hEireann have rocked the cradle and kept the spirit of camogie alive for over 90 years, so it may also fall to their capable hands to guide its poor relation, Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, into the 21st century!

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will see further improvements in the coverage by the media of female sports and female sporting achievements in general. She is also hopeful for the continued support of her employers, Swisco, who have always generously encouraged her sporting talents and accommodated her necessary absences from work - with full pay!

■ **Sandy Fitzgibbon:** looking to win at all levels nights a week has definite aspirations for 1994: "I'd love to win the three in a row — the camogie finals at national, county and club level," says Sandy who played a prominent role in Cork's 1993 All-Ireland Camogie success. Sandy hopes that 1994



■ The woman who has definitely been encouraged by Sonia's sporting successes is Cork Camogie champion and All-Ireland basketball player, **SANDY FITZGIBBON** who has just returned from a world basketball promotional tournament in Cyprus. Sandy, who trains four

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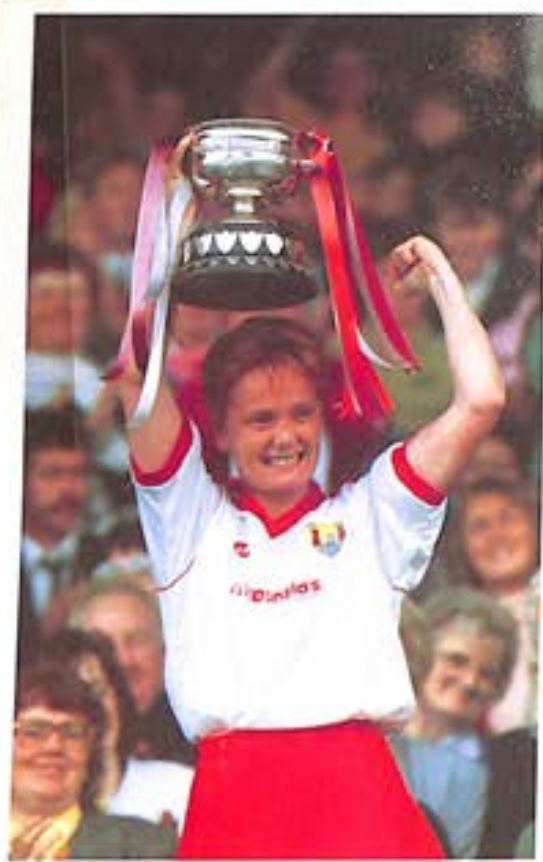
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Monthly award winners pictured at the Jurys Cork Supreme Sportstar Awards at Jurys Hotel, Cork, last night. Seated, from left, were: Mrs. Maura Irwin, representing her son Denis; Richard Bourke, general manager, Jurys Cork; Barry Sheehan, director of finance, Jurys; Sebastian Coe, guest of honour; Dave Gulney, Hall of Fame Award; Linda Mellerick and Sonia O'Sullivan. Back, from left: Michael O'Brien, representing his son Steven; Ger Cunningham; Brian Corcoran; Pat Morley; Declan Daly; Mike Lehane; Paul Buttimer and John O'Sullivan, representing his son Marcus.

— (Picture: Dan Linehan)





At the final whistle Dublin won the trophy, but this Cork Senior Camogie Team held it briefly before the All-Ireland Final at the Cork Athletics Grounds in October, 1938. Cork subsequently atoned for this defeat to record three victories in a row between 1939-1941.

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By: P.J. FULHAM

On the Camogie scene we look to 1994 with great interest. Among all the competitions down for decision the one that attracts the most interest is the Senior Championship for the coveted 'O'Duffy Cup'. Even at this early stage the question is being asked ... can Cork, the holders make it three back to back? Their toughest game is always against old rivals Kilkenny, who they have met for the last two years at a semi-final stage. Camogie followers will remember last year in Nowlan Park when Kilkenny held a two point lead and with twenty seconds to go Cork's super substitute, Lynn Dunlea shot a golden goal that gave her side a one point victory and a place in the final once again. For Kilkenny and Cork to meet this year in the All-Ireland final was the hope of many, but the open draw has determined once again, that if they are to meet it will be in a semi-final and Cork will have the venue. Dublin, Galway and Wexford will also be strong contenders.

Counties are seeded and drawn as follows:- Division 1. Kilkenny, Cork, Galway and Wexford. Division 2. Dublin, Kildare and Clare.

Senior Open Draw: A. Cork a bye, B. Wexford v Dublin, C. Galway v Kildare, D. Kilkenny v Clare. Semi-finals: D. v A. - B. v C.

Dublin, Kildare and Clare will be eligible to take part in the Intermediate Championship should they be defeated in the first round of the Senior Open Draw. All-Ireland Intermediate draw as follows: Preliminary round: A. Dublin v Armagh, B. Kildare v Down. Semi-finals: Clare v A. - B. v Tipperary.

Kilkenny had a successful Convention. The outgoing Chairperson Theresa Dillon did not seek re-election. Secretary Brendan Williams in his report congratulated the Senior team on their historic National League victory, and states it was very appropriate that the county which proposed the 15-a-side format should be the first to win such a title. He also congratulated the County Minor team on retaining the Leinster title for the fifth consecutive year, and Lisdowney on winning the Leinster Senior Club Championship. Brendan would like more co-operation from clubs as regards contacting him with match results and urges that there should be a club in every parish in the county.

The following Officers were elected for the coming year: Chairperson: Sheila Dowling, Vice-Chairperson: Carmel Savage, Secretary: Brendan Williams, Treasurer: John Phelan, Registrar: Bridie McGarry, P.R.O.: Enda McEvoy.

In Wicklow, the Secretary in her report states that it was a disastrous year at Inter-County level and appeals for a huge burst of dedication, commitment and hard work

to re-organise themselves as a county, and endeavour to give our National game the status it deserves. The following officers were elected for 1994: Chairperson: Breda Byrne, Vice-Chairman: Majella Whelan/O'Malley, Secretary: Carmel Farrell/Reilly, Treasurer: Kathy O'Toole, Registrar: Agnes Byrne, P.R.O.: John Byrne.

Laois Board organised competition in Under 14, Minor, Under 18 and Junior. All very successful. Camross took part in the Leinster Club Championship, and had a good victory over the holders, Drumcullen, Offaly. The county Junior team are currently doing well in the Leinster League. Officers elected for 1994: Chairperson: Teresa Keenan, Vice-Chairperson: Kathleen Fairbrother, Secretary: Bernadette Fitzpatrick, Treasurer: Noreen Ryan, Registrar: Breda Culleton, P.R.O.: Peggy Drennan.

At the All-Ireland Colleges Convention the following Officers were elected: President: Kathleen Henry, Derry, Vice-President: Sheila Morgan, Cork, Runai: Mary Moran, Cork, Treasurer: Lily Spence, Antrim. All officers are All-Ireland medal holders.

The Ashbourne Cup for inter-varsity competitions is the oldest National competition of which Camogie can boast. It was inaugurated in 1915. University of Ulster, Coleraine will host this years semi-finals and finals. The quarter-finals take place on Saturday next, all matches are timed for 1.00 p.m. Dublin City University have the holders University of Ulster, Jordanstown at Glasnevin. D.C.U. are a young side and will meet with stiff opposition from U.U.J. who are fancied to take the title for the third year in a row, fielding strong players in Caitriona Higgins, Brona Birt and Grace McMullen.

University of Limerick host neighbours Waterford R.T.C. in what should be a sparkling encounter. U.L. are quite a formidable force this year having the services of Fiona O'Driscoll, Cork Senior, Sinead Millea, Kilkenny Senior, Orla O'Leary, Wexford, Mary Grehan, Roscommon and goalie Pauleen O'Callaghan, Waterford are a compact outfit although quite a young squad.

They have experienced players in Una Murphy, Sinead Nealan and Cait O'Leary. Limerick may get the verdict in what should be a close affair. Athlone R.T.C. will show their hospitality to University College Galway. Athlone are very strong this season and are helped by Galway players Olivia Broderick and Brigid Fahy. However, they will meet with stiff opposition from U.C.G. who have many stars including Joanne Frost, Moira McMahon, Clare and may well get the verdict.

University of Ulster, Coleraine have the venue against Queens University Belfast. U.U.G. are a good side and will be going all out to win this one, but they may find it hard to overcome Queens who have experienced Ashbourne players in Mary Black, Shauna Higgins, Roisin McCluskey and Deirdre O'Doherty.

Ulster Senior Colleges results:

St. Louis, Ballymena 6-1 St. Patrick's, Dungannon 1-0. St. Louis scorers: Roisin Weir 2-0, Carla Doherty 1-1, Elaine Dowds, Nuala Hassin, Catherine McNaughton 1-0 each. St. Patrick's, Maghera 4-4 Armagh F.E. 0-2.

Scorers: Maghera: Carol McGrath 1-2, Claire Scullion 1-1, Hannah McLoughlin, Jane McNichol 1-0 each, Ciara O'Kane 0-1. Armagh: Maread Mallon 0-2. Ulster Convention takes place on Sunday next. It should be an interesting affair with all positions being contested except P.R.O. Munster are ready for their Senior and Junior Colleges Championship finals on February 5th, more about that next week.

Munster Provincial Council Convention takes place on Sunday next in the Imperial Hotel, Cork, commencing at 2.30 pm. All outgoing officers have been nominated to stand for another term of office.

The Leinster final of Ceol, Caint agus Damsha, the Associations talent competition take place in Mount Temple, Westmeath on Sunday next commencing at 2.00

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Back on the Camogie scene we look forward to another exciting year. In the meantime we focus on county and provincial conventions. Leinster hold their convention on Saturday January 22nd in Wynn's Hotel, Abbey St., Dublin. All officers will be returned unopposed except the Vice-Chairperson and Central Council delegate. Mairin Fullam will commence her 13th year as Secretary. In her detailed report she gives a run-down on the activities in each county within the province, and highlights the problems with fixtures. She also appeals for more co-operation from county officers in 1994. Eight motions will be tabled.

All-Ireland Senior champions Cork had a good convention. The meeting lifted the ban on male delegates and males delegates to the County Board which had been in operation for almost fifty years. A long discussion took place on the vast difference in standard between Glan Rovers and other Senior clubs. The meeting voted to hold a 'B' Championship with the County Board doing the grading. The following officers were returned for 1994: President: Mary Moran, St. Finbar's. Mary is a former Uachtarán and P.R.O. of the Association and plays a major role in the All-Ireland Colleges. Chairperson: Shiela Golden, Inniscarra; Vice-Chairperson: Marion McCarthy, St. Finbar's; Secretary: Tracey Sheehan, Mayfield; Treasurer: Mary McSweeney, Bandon; Registrar: Lily O'Sullivan, Ballincollig; P.R.O.: Mary Newman/McCarthy, Glen Rovers.

The Tipperary Convention was held in Sarsfields Social Centre, Thurles before a large attendance. The Chairman Eamonn Browne in his address had this to say, "While we now stand proudly to the fore it is not our divine right to stay there, we must be prepared to spare no effort on reaching greater heights in the near future".

Secretary Marion Gahan in her comprehensive report said the county had mixed fortunes at intercounty level winning one All-Ireland and three Munster titles, but was hopeful that by the end of 1994 Tipperary would be again a Senior county. She congratulated Suzanne Kelly, Toomevara on being the recipient of the Triangle Sports Award and the Gael Linn Player of the Year, also Mandy Quigley, Roscrea on being awarded the Cidona Player of the Year. She is not satisfied that every club has not availed of the insurance cover provided by the County Board.

There was a contest for the chair in

which Eamonn Browne, Knockavilla was re-elected. Vice-Chairman: Liam Hogan, Burgess; Secretary / P.R.O.: Marion Gahan, Moycarkey; Treasurer/Registrar: Brigid Phyllips, Thurles.

Intermediate champions Clare returned the following officers for 1994: President: Fr. O'Dea, Scarriff; Chairperson: Kitty McNicholas, Eire Og; Vice-Chairperson: Maura Sheedy, Scarriff; Secretary: Bridie Hehir, Kilmaley; Treasurer: Mary McFadden, Bodyke; Registrar: Vera Hennessy, Kilmaley; P.R.O.: Jim McNicholas, Eire Og.

All-Ireland Junior Champions Armagh failed to elect a P.R.O. at their convention but returned the following Officers: Chairman: Tom Monaghan; Vice-Chairman: George Kelly; Secretary:

county were very successful. The greatest achievement was Killyon winning the Leinster Junior Club Championship, bringing this honour to Meath for the first time.

The following Officers were elected for the coming year: Chairperson: Brigid Carney; Vice-Chairperson: Ada Doyle; Secretary: Anne Dempsey; Treasurer: Terry Tormey; Registrar: Breda McKenna; P.R.O.: Pauleen Killian.

The Louth convention was held in Bellingham Castle. There was a large attendance. The Secretary Mary McGivern is happy with the progress with team building of the county Junior team. They have quite a large panel of players with a great interest shown and hopes for 1994 are high. Kilkenny won the Senior Championship and were defeated by one point in the final of the Milk Cup Tournament. The following Officers were returned: Chairperson: Susie McGuinness; Vice-Chairperson: Mary McArdle; Secretary: Mary McGivern; Treasurer: Nuala Hoey; Registrar: Teresa Bates; P.R.O.: Peter Hoey.

Offaly also held a very good convention. The out-going Chairperson and Secretary did not seek re-election. The positions were filled by Millie King, Chairman and Caroline McCarthy, Secretary. Joe Cleary outgoing Secretary in his report was satisfied that all competitions were finished on time and forecasts a good year for the Juniors at intercounty level. They are four points up in the National League and he is quietly confident that they can reach the quarter finals.

All-Ireland Colleges Convention elected a new President Kathleen Henry, Derry, formerly Kathleen O'Hagan. She was educated at Loreto, Coleraine (with whom she won Ulster Colleges Junior medals) and U.C.D. (with whom she won Ashbourne Cup medal). Kathleen played for Glenullin Club in Derry and captained Derry to win the All-Ireland Junior Championship in 1969. She coached the Derry team which won the All-Ireland Junior Championship in 1978. She teaches in St. Paul's, Kilrea and brought them to the All-Ireland Junior Colleges final in 1983. She serves on the Youth Committee of the Derry County Board.

On Saturday next the sliothar starts rolling for 1994 when Trinity College Dublin take on U.C.C. in the Purcell Cup quarter final match to be played at Santry at 1.00 p.m. U.C.C. are fancied to advance with strong players in Stephanie Dunlea and Deirdre Walshe. They are coached by Joe McGrath, trainer of the Cork Senior team. Trinity are a useful squad and are sure to provide stiff opposition.

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Ailish Macken; Treasurer: Nora Vallyelly; Registrar: Shiela Sherry.

Kildare held a very successful convention. Although no major honours came their way on the intercounty scene there was plenty of activity within the county. The Secretary Una Healy in her report stated that the county was honoured to host the Gael Linn semi finals and final. The county had three girls on the Leinster Junior team and one on the Senior team. Broadford won the Senior League and Championship, Mooresfield captured the Junior and the Milk Cup Tournament. The game is strongly promoted in national and secondary schools. Una is optimistic that Kildare will have a good year looking forward to the Senior and Junior participation in the All-Ireland Championships.

The following Officers were elected: Chairperson: Mary McMullan; Vice-Chairperson: Marie Woods; Secretary: Una Healy; Treasurer: Patsy Leydon; Registrar: Loretta Shinnery; P.R.O.: Marianne Feeney.

In Meath, Secretary Anne Dempsey reports satisfaction with the attendance at meetings. The Championships within the

'Stop verbal abuse of referees'

"THE failure of team officials to 'nip in the bud' abusive language towards referees is one area that we will have to get to grips with if our games are to prosper", said Bernie O'Dea in her chairman's address to the Munster Camogie Convention held at the Imperial Hotel, Cork yesterday, writes *Brendan Larkin*.

The problem is at club level where unfortunately it appears to be accepted as normal, and when these players are chosen on their county teams, they continue to be abusive toward referees.

"Team mentors and trainers will have to take responsibility and stop

this practice.' We are losing very good referees because of the abuse, and we at Munster Council are not going to tolerate this type of behaviour and lack of discipline amongst young players.

"I would appeal to referees to put the rules of our association into practice and send these people to the line for the duration of the game. If the people in charge are not willing to take action, then maybe by banning the players for the remainder of the game will make them (the players) think twice before they attempt it again", she said.

The chairman also referred to the image of camogie. "Counties are continuing to improve this vital area of our association. It is very evident when you see girls and mentors in the uniformed dress, and I hope this improvement will continue.

"Sponsorship is a big financial boost to all counties and clubs, but I would appeal to you all to keep, the logos within the regulations specified", she said.

Many items were discussed at what was a lively convention. Among them were the encouraging of the promotion of camogie in

Kerry, and greater recognition for the grass-roots of the game, namely the women who have to organise house and home before giving commitments to training, playing and administration.

There was only one change in the officers. PRO Orla Flynn (Waterford) did not seek re-election and her place was taken by Marie Kearney from Cork. The full list of officers for '94 is as follows:

Chairman, Bernie O'Dea (Limerick); Vice-chairman and PRO, Marie Kearney (Cork); Hon. Sec. Rose Malone (Cork); Hon. Treas. Mary Casey (Cork); Regis-

trar, Brid Neachtain (Limerick); Delegate to Central Council, Rose Malone.

The draws for the Munster championships resulted as follows:
Senior — Tipperary v. Cork (Tipperary venue).

Junior — A, Waterford v. Limerick.
Semi-finals: A v. Cork. Clare v. Tipperary.
Minor (under 16) — A, Limerick v. Waterford. Semi-finals: A v. Tipperary. Clare v. Cork.

Under 18 — A, Waterford v. Tipperary. Semi-finals: Clare v. Cork. Limerick v. A.
Intermediate — Semi-finals: Clare v. Cork. Tipperary v. Limerick.

Munster Club — A, Cork v. Waterford. Semi-finals: Limerick v. Clare. Tipperary v. A.



National president, Mrs. Breda Ui Mhaolagain, addressing the Munster Camogie Association Convention in the Imperial Hotel, Cork



Delegates attending the Munster Camogie Association Convention in the Imperial Hotel, Cork, on Sunday. (Pictures: Richard Mills)

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This weekend sees the semi finals and finals of the Ashbourne Cup and Shield which is hosted by University of Ulster, Coleraine.

In the semi finals of the Cup on Sunday University of Limerick take on University College Galway in what should be a ding dong battle. U.L. had a 1-9 to 0-6 victory over Waterford R.T.C. in the quarter final, while U.C.G. accounted for Athlone R.T.C. 6-7 to 2-3. Both sides field a host of stars and the affair should be closely contested with U.L. slightly favoured to advance. In the other semi final Queens University, Belfast tussle with the holders University of Ulster, Jordanstown in a repeat of last years final. U.U.J. are seeking their third title back to back. They had a convincing win over Dublin City University 4-9 to 0-3 in the quarter final, while Queens disposed of Coleraine 3-5 to 1-3. Queens have a number of star performers including Mary Black and Donna McCusker who won All-Ireland Junior medals with Armagh. Jordanstown are a formidable force and will be hard to overcome. They are favourites to reach the final, but Queens are sure to fight all the way.

In the Shield semi finals which involves teams defeated in the Cup quarter finals, Waterford R.T.C. cross swords with Dublin City University. They met in the Purcell Cup final last year when Waterford collected their second title back to back on a score of 1-8 to 1-4. Waterford have experienced players in Una Murphy, Hilda Butler, Brigid Wall, Siobhan Holden, Kilkenny, Marita Tobin and Sinead Neelan, Tipperary and Cait O'Leary, Dublin. D.C.U. are a compact outfit and quite a formidable force. This one will go all the way to the wire in what should be an entertaining encounter.

In the second semi final Athlone R.T.C. take on the home side University of Ulster, Coleraine. Athlone like Waterford are making their debut in the Ashbourne under the new structure and have fared quite well. Coleraine reached the Shield final last year and were defeated by U.C.G. 5-6



Kildare winners left to right: Sharon Deighan, Sarsfields, Kildare Intermediate Championship; Mary Murray, Moorefield, Junior Championship & Intermediate League; Tracey Maher, Moorefield, Under 21 Championship; Fiona Farrell, Straffon, Junior League

Keenan, Nicola Ryan.

Westmeath panel: Jacinta Cully, Yvette Cully, Helena Finglas, Helan Kearney, Olive Weir, Allison McCormack, Yvonne Flanagan, Jennifer Nooney, Annette Heffernan, Aileen Lawlor, Carmel Gill, Eileen Gill, Catherine Glynn, Mary Glynn, Mary Henry, Carol Curran, Emily Curran, Antoinette Savage, Theresa Dennyhy.

Ulster Convention elected the following Officers: Chairman: Tom Monaghan, Armagh. Vice-Chairman: Pat Richardson, Armagh. Secretary: Mary Lynch, Monaghan. Treasurer: Pat Cox, Fermanagh. Registrar: Maire O'Neill, Fermanagh. P.R.O.: Seamus McAleenan, Down.

In Munster Conventions elected the following Officers: Chairperson: Bernie O'Dea, Limerick. Vice-Chairperson & P.R.O.: Marie Kearney, Cork. Secretary: Rose Malone, Cork. Treasurer: Mary Casey, Cork. Registrar: Brid Naughton, Limerick. Delegate to Central Council: Rose Malone.

Leinster final of C.C.D. the Associations talent competition was held in Mount Temple, Westmeath recently. The following are the winners to go through to the All-Ireland final in St. Patrick's College, Drumcondra on March 5th. Ceili & Set Dancing: Caulry, Westmeath. Ballad Group: Crookedwood, Westmeath. Table Quiz: Drumraney, Westmeath. Recitation: Willie O'Donoghue, Caulry. Instrumental Music: Niamh Boland, Naomh Maire, Dublin. Solo Singing: Yvonne Muldoon, Crookedwood.

Kildare County Board held a successful presentation attended by An t-Uachtarán of the Association Bridín Uí Mhaolagáin. Presentations were made to all Championship winners. Special Presentations were made to Mrs. Corcoran, President of Kildare County Board, to Marie Woods for her long service to Kildare and Camogie in general and to players Miriam Malone and Melanie Treacy.

FIXTURES:

Ashbourne Cup Semi Finals:
U.L. v U.C.G. 12.45: U.U.J. v Q.U.B. 2.15

Shield semi finals: Waterford R.T.C. v D.C.U. 12 noon: Athlone R.T.C. v U.U.C. 1.30: Sunday at Coleraine: Shield final 1.00, Cup final 2.30.

Leinster B League: At Turin, Westmeath: Westmeath v Laois 2.00:
Extra time in the event of a draw.



Front, left to right: Mrs. Corcoran, President Kildare County Board, Bridín Uí Mhaolagáin, Uachtarán Cumann Camogaíochta na nGael. Back, left to right: Mary McMullen, Chairperson Kildare County Board; Marie Woods, Vice-Chairperson; Melanie Treacy; Miriam Malone

to 0-1. It points to a close contest with Coleraine just getting the edge.

Ulster Colleges Semi finals: Senior: St. Patrick's, Maghera 2-1 St. Louis, Ballymena 0-0. Scorers: Anna McLoughlin 1-1, Jane McNichol 1-0. St. Mary's, Magherafelt 4-3 Loreto, Cavan 1-1. Scorers: St. Mary's Roisin Pickering 4-1, Ailish O'Neill and Catherine Pickering 0-1 each. Loreto: Joanne Hayes 1-1.

Ulster Junior semi finals: Loreto, Cavan 3-1 St. Mary's, Claddy 0-1. St. Mary's, Magherafelt 3-4 St. Patrick's Maghera 1-4.

The finals will take place on February 19th.

The Leinster B League continues on Sunday with a play off between Westmeath and Laois, the winners to meet Offaly, the holders in the final. The competition is confined to Junior counties. Laois had not fielded a Junior team for a number of years until they entered this competition last year. They have improved with every game. When Westmeath and Laois met in the preliminary round Westmeath came out tops on a score of 2-10 to 0-9. Since then Westmeath lost out to Meath, while Laois had a convincing win over Louth. Sunday's clash should produce good entertainment. Both sides have lots of flair and ability and little should separate the sides at the final whistle.

Laois panel: Brigid O'Connor, Lourda Hosey, Lenora Lyons, Sinead Cuddy, Niamh Dowling, Trish Cuddy, Laetitia Lyons, Tina Keenan, Kay Brophy, Paula Cuddy, Christine Cuddy, Ber Fitzpatrick, Olivia Kennedy, Emer Cuddy, Yvonne

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Camogie World

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Leinster Camogie Convention took place on Saturday last in Wynne's Hotel. There was a full turn out of delegates from all counties. Chairperson Phylliss Breslin in her address said she was satisfied that Camogie is in a healthy state in the Province, and she urged the counties to keep up the good work. She paid tribute to the referees who officiated during the year, noted how gate receipts were up on last year, and congratulated the winners of the various competitions. She complemented Marie Woods, too on her report. All Officers were returned unopposed except for the position of Vice-Chair. There were three nominations: Brigid Carney, Meath outgoing, Miriam O'Callaghan, Offaly, John Pender, Kildare. Brigid lost out to Miriam by just five votes. There were three motions tabled by the Council and passed unanimously as follows:

1. That a meeting between the Officers of Leinster Council and all Officers of County Boards take place in February of each year.

2. That County Registrations be with Leinster Council by March 15th each year and County panels must be with the Secretary of the Council seven days prior to the first match.

3. Add to bye-law No. 1 1989 if gate receipts are not received within one month of the match a fine will be levied on the County Board or Club.

The following Officers were returned for the coming year: Chairperson: Phylliss Breslin, Dublin, Vice-Chair: Miriam O'Callaghan, Offaly, Secretary: Mairin Fulham, Westmeath, Treasurer: Marie Woods, Kildare, Registrar: Sophia Brack, Dublin, Delegate to Central Council: Miriam O'Callaghan.

Munster Colleges hold their Senior and Junior finals on Saturday next. St. Mary's, Nenagh will play Scoil Mhuire, Cashel in the Senior final at Nenagh. Nenagh field more or less the team which won the All-Ireland Colleges Junior in 1992 and will be favourites to come through. The side includes several girls who have won All-Ireland Minor medals with Tipperary: Susan Kenneally, Shiela Kyne, Suzanne Kelly, Allison Lawlor, Ciara Gaynor, Marie Ryan and Aine Hogan. Nenagh knocked out Scarriff, Charleville (last season's champions) and St. Patrick's, Cork. Cashel had an easier passage. They overcame Bandon, Fethard and Templemore. Nenagh are a strong all round team which will be very hard to beat.

In the Junior final, Nenagh will play St. Mary's, Charleville, holders of the trophy. They are fancied to retain the title. They fielded many of the side which got

to the All-Ireland final last year and have the pick of the team which won the Munster Colleges First Year Trophy in 1993 to call on. Nenagh have a star in Ciara Gaynor, who is still Underage for Junior and if Charleville can curtail her they may well retain the title.

In Connacht St. Cuan's, Castleblakeney and Mercy, Gort are doing the early running. It appears, at this stage, as if the winners will be either of that pair. St. Raphael's are already out of the Championship.

Many games to be played in Leinster yet but it is expected that Kilkenny and Wexford schools will be to the forefront.

In Ulster St. Louis, Ballymena, St. Patrick's, Maghera, Loreto, Cavan and Assumpta, Ballynahinch are all doing well in Senior, while in Junior St. Mary's Claddy, St. Patrick's, Magherafelt, St. Patrick's, Maghera, Loreto, Cavan and St. Mark's, Warrenpoint are all in contention.

This weekend the semi-finals and finals of the Purcell Cup and Shield takes place. This event is hosted by Waterford Regional Technical College. The semi-finals on Saturday sees University College Cork and Maynooth University cross swords. U.C.C. had a very young side last year which won the Freshers Tournament. Hopes of making the Ashbourne this year were dashed by University of Limerick. They had a convincing win over Trinity College, Dublin 3-8 to 0-2 in a quarter-final match. Maynooth are quite a good side and are sure to put up a good performance but U.C.C. are favourites to reach the final. In the second semi-final University College, Dublin tussle with St. Mary's, Belfast. This should be a sparkling affair. U.C.D. have many good performers including Allison McCormack, Westmeath and Irene Kirwan, Dublin. St. Mary's are a formidable force with the services of Orla Downey, Orla Brady, Orlagh Murphy and Colleen Hynds, they should edge their way to the final.

In the Shield final Trinity College take on Mary I., Limerick. Both sides are capable of producing lots of flair. Cork Senior star Lynn Dunlea could be a match winner for Mary I. on the day.

Fixtures:

Saturday Feb. 5th at Waterford R.T.C.

Purcell Cup semi-finals: U.C.C. v Maynooth 12.30

U.C.D. v St. Mary's, Belfast 1.45

Sunday 6th: Shield final: Trinity, Dublin v Mary I., Limerick 12 noon

Cup Final 1.15

Tipperary adjourned Convention will take place on Tuesday February 8th in Sarsfields Social Centre, Thurles at 8 p.m.

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