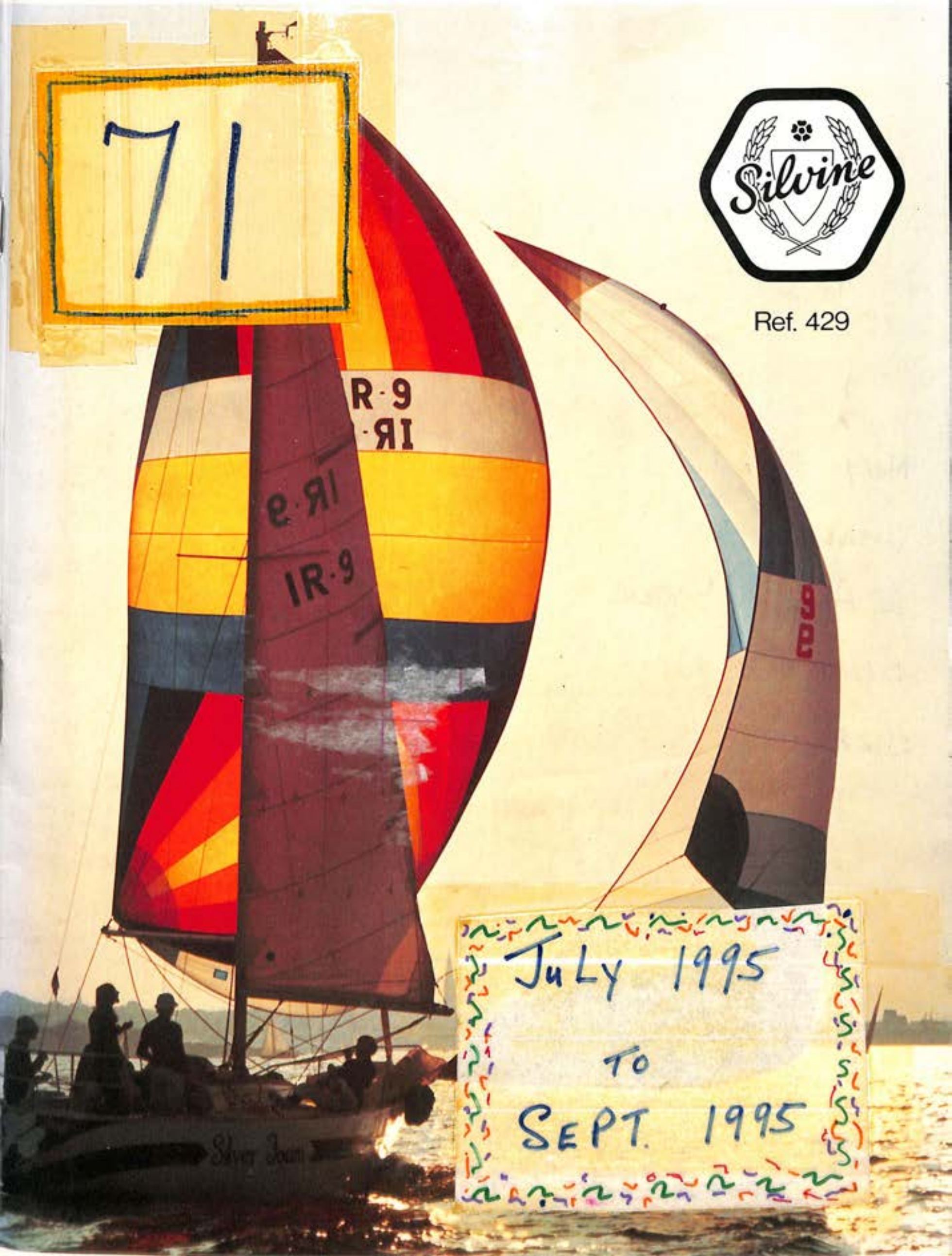


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Bishopstown Panel

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| 1. Rose Desmond | 3. Claire Murphy |
| 4. Liz Towler | 5. Áine Buckley (<i>Captain</i>) |
| 14. Clare Jones | 6. Sheenagh Marley |
| 7. Vivienne Harris | 8. Lesley Walsh |
| 9. Eithne Duggan | 10. Aine White |
| 11. Patrica Doyle | 12. Liz O'Neill |
| 13. Mary Collins | 15. Norma Spillane |
| 16. Orla Higgins | 17. Una Leahy |
| 18. Margaret Kearney | |

Trainer: Neil de Faoite

Glen Rovers Panel

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| 1. Maireaid O'Leary | 2. Claire McCarthy |
| 3. Deirdre McCarthy | 4. Stephanie Dunlea |
| 5. Sandie Fitzgibbon | 6. Linda Mellerick |
| 7. Denise Cronin | 8. Mary Burke |
| 9. Therese O'Callaghan | 10. Ger McCarthy Whitnell |
| 11. Lynn Dunlea | 12. Trisha Murphy |
| 13. Mary Currid | 14. Mandy Kenefick |
| 15. Emma Harte | 16. Orla Murphy |
| 17. Yvonne McCarthy | 18. Una Horgan |
| 19. Ann Lornegan. | |

Trainer/Coach: Noel Lynam

Assistant Coach: Helena Mullins

Selectors: Noel Lynam, Mary Newman, Marie Mackey

SENIOR 'A' CORK COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP CAMOGIE FINAL

Bishopstown
V
Glen Rovers

in

Pairc Úi Rinn

at 8.00 p.m.

Saturday 15th July 1995

Referee: Oliver Webb

July 1995



Aine Buckley, Bishopstown Captain.

CUMMAN CAMOGAÍOCHTA BHAILE AN EASPAIG

Bishopstown Camogie Club boasts a membership of some 150 players from 8 years and upwards. It yields teams in County leagues and Championships at U12, U14, U16, U18, Junior and Senior levels.

In the 30 years of its existence, the Club has achieved success at many levels and many hundreds of young players have benefitted from participation in the sport of Camogie at Bishopstown, therein learning commitment, stamina, self-discipline and team-work. This is particularly true of the present senior panel, the

vast majority of whom have graduated through the underage ranks to represent the Club at the highest level. Rose Desmond is the longest serving Club member while Liz O'Neill and Liz Towler were on the first Bishopstown team to compete in the National Féile Finals in Galway in 1981. Clair Murphy, Eithne Duggan, Aine Buckley, Sheenagh Morley, Lesley Walsh, Orla Higgins, Trish Doyle, Vivienne Harris and Margaret Kearney all competed in National Féile Finals. Indeed, Aine White, Mary Collins and Orla Higgins were all members of the Club Féile teams of 1987 which won All-Ireland Féile honours in Ennis. Six members of the present panel have won Junior B, Junior A, Intermediate and Senior B Championship Medals.

Club players have represented Cork on minor, U. 18, Junior and Senior levels. The Club owes its present success at senior level to the dedication and commitment of its trainers past and present at under-age level. Ann White, Maureen Murphy, Kay Dunne, Pat Murray, Michael O'Connell, John Geary R.I.P., Sile Harrington, Joe O'Hara, Pat Ryan, Tony Heffernan, Pat Harris and Neil de Faoite our present Senior Trainer. The Success of the club is highlighted by our President Irene Higgins who has put in trojan work down through the years.

The Clubs commitment to underage players is highlighted by the youngest member of the panel Vivienne Harris. Vivienne was the National Féile Skills Champion in 1992 and is at present a member of the Senior County Panel. Ciara Healy was recently runner up in the National Féile Skills Final and will represent Cork in the long puck competition in Mosney in September.

Bishopstown won the inaugural Senior B Championship in 1994 together with the U. 16 County title. The 1995 Senior 'A' County Final marks yet another chapter in the proud history of Bishopstown Camogie Club. The blend of youth and experience will ensure a determined bid for the Senior Cup.



Trisha Murphy, Glen Rovers Captain.

GLEN ROVERS CAMOGIE CLUB

Glen Rovers are today contesting their tenth County Final on the trot, having won the title in 86 and 87 but losing out in 88 to Killeagh and 89 to Sarsfields. They were back in '90 to regain the title one which today they hope to hold onto and make it six in a row. Glen Rovers had a record breaking seven in a row titles from 1962 to 1968 and members of those teams from the 1960's still active within the club today include Deirdre Sutton and Maura Coleman, Chairperson, Nora Newman and President Chrissie Buckley are others who were involved in the record breaking sequence still

actively involved today. The Club has won twenty Senior County Championship titles and hopes are high in Blackpool for a coming of age celebration. The Club fields teams in the U. 12, U. 14, U. 16, U. 18, Junior and Senior grades, with a very active under age section in operation under the watchful eyes of a very active under - age committee. Many players from Glen Rovers have represented Cork at all levels with Sandy Fitzgibbon and Linda Mellerick having led Cork to ultimate honours in '92 and '93. The Club has won the Munster Club Championship title on 8 occasions and were All - Ireland Club Champions in 1986, '90, '92, '93. Many of the members of Glen Rovers have served as officers and selectors with Cork Teams down through the years, whilst Coach Noel Lynam holds Senior County Championship medals with the club. Many members of the club who played in the 1934 team still attend the games and support the girls, whilst many ex-camogie players are very active members of the ladies committee.

Honours to date;

Cork County Senior Champions 1950, '51, '54, '57, '58, '62, '63, '64, '65, '66, '67,

'68, '83, '86, '87, '90, '91, '92, '93, '94.

Cork County Intermediate Champions 1974, 1988.

Cork County Junior 'A' Champions 1983

Cork County Junior 'B' Champions 1982

U. 18 County Champions 1983, 1987

U. 16 County Champions 1980

All - Ireland Club Champions 1986, '90, '92, '93

Munster Club Champions 1967, '86, '87, '90, '91, '92, '93, '94

All - Ireland Club Sevens Champions 1990

Senior, Intermediate, Junior, U. 16, U. 18, League titles.

Glen Rovers also toured the U.S.A. in 1991 playing Camogie games in Boston and New York.

July 1995

Glen capture 21st title

By TOM HIGGINS

Glen Rovers 2-13 Bishopstown 2-7

A superb display by Sandie Fitzgibbon, who was winning her 9th County senior medal, helped Glen Rovers to capture their 21st Cork Senior camogie title, and their sixth in a row, at Paire Uí Rinn on Saturday night when they defeated a gallant Bishopstown side.

The holders got off to a great start in the 2nd minute with a lucky goal and it was only in the final eight minutes that they were really under pressure as Bishopstown made a valiant effort to get back into the game.

A shot from Mary Burke from 30 metres looked like going over the bar but it came back off the upright to bounce favourably for Therese O'Callaghan and she gave Bishopstown keeper Rose Desmond no chance from close range.

Bishopstown, who appeared to suffer from nerves in the opening few minutes fought back and two points from "30's" by Vivienne Harris, who was undoubtedly Bishopstown's star player, seemed to settle her side and they were now only a point behind after six minutes. They however wasted a number of scoring opportunities before the Glen began to take control.

They began to find their forwards and put the Bishopstown defence under severe pressure and added two further points from Lynn Dunlea from a "30" and a free to level it 1-2 to 0-2 midway through the half.

After Vivienne Harris had pointed from play, disaster hit Bishopstown once more as they gave away another soft goal. Trish Murphy kicked the ball across the face of the goal to the unmarked Ger McCarthy-Whitnell and she scored from close range.

Bishopstown, with Liz Towler and Clare Jones playing well in defence, mounted a number of promising attacks after this setback but with Sandie Fitzgibbon in tremendous form at centre back Bishopstown found scores hard to come by, despite the efforts of Eithne Duggan, Aine White and Liz O'Neill. They shot a total of five wides in this period, when playing with the wind, compared with only one for the Glen.

At the interval Glen led by two goals 2-5 to 0-5.

Despite playing against the wind, Bishopstown came out fighting at the beginning of the second and were rewarded with another point from a "30" by Vivienne Harris. But the experience of Therese O'Callaghan, Mary Burke, and the ever dangerous Ger McCarthy-Whitnell began to tell and some delightful points from O'Callaghan, Trish Murphy and the free-taking of Lynn Dunlea gave the Glen a six points lead with nine minutes remaining.

But a goal by Liz O'Neill from a pass by Vivienne Harris seemed to give Bishopstown new heart and they began to play some great camogie. However the accuracy of Lynn Dunlea, who had two points from long range, left eight points between the sides, 2-12 to 1-7 with three minutes remaining. Bishopstown were awarded a free 25 metres out in the 48th minute which Vivienne Harris shot hard and low to the net but the Glen had the last say with a point from a free by Lynn Dunlea to give the holders a hard fought win.

Scorers: Glen Rovers: L Dunlea 0-7, (0-4 frees, 0-1 "30"), G McCarthy-Whitnell 1-3, T O'Callaghan 1-2, T Murphy 0-1. Bishopstown: V Harris 1-5 (1-1 frees, 0-3 "30s"), L O'Neill 1-0, A White 0-2.

GLEN ROVERS: M O'Leary; C McCarthy; D McCarthy; S Fitzgibbon; S Dunlea; L Mellerick; D Cronin; L Burke; L Dunlea; T O'Callaghan; G McCarthy-Whitnell; T Murphy (capt).

BISHOPSTOWN: R Desmond; C Jones; C Murphy; L Towler; A Buckley (capt); S Morley; V Harris; L Walsh; A White; E Duggan; T Doyle; L O'Neill.

Referee: O Webb (Tracton).



Bishopstown's Liz O'Neill burst through the Glen Rovers defence during the Cork County Senior 'A' Championship camogie final at Paire Uí Rinn. (Pic. Denis Minihane)

July 1995

Glen girls capture their 21st title

Story by TP O'Mahony
Pics by Denis Minihaue



The Glen Rovers team which defeated Bishopstown in the Cork County Senior "A" Championship Camogie Final at Pairc Ui Chaoimh. (Denis Minihaue)

The girls of Glen Rovers are on the March again — and this time they are determined to one better than last year.

On Saturday night they defeated Bishopstown in the Cork County Senior Camogie Final by 2-13 to 2-7 at Pairc Ui Rinn.

But this was just a staging-post for the Blackpool side (who led 2-5 to 0-5 at halftime) in their quest to regain the All-Ireland Club Championship.

Winners in 1992 and 1993, they suffered a humiliating setback in last year's final — and they want to set matters right.

Revenge is the name of the current game in the Blackpool camp.

They want another tilt at Lisdowney, the Kilkenny champions — powered by the famous Downey twins, Anne and Angela.

"Winning this one was great," said a delighted Patricia Murphy, the team captain. "But it's very important for us in 1995 to go all the way."

Mattered

What mattered to the Glen was not so much that this was their sixth county championship in a row and their 21st overall, but that it sets them on the path for another crack at Lisdowney.

Last year's defeat by the Kilkenny champions in the All Ireland Club Championship Final still rankles.

"Winning this county final was all the more important because of last year. There is a very strong feeling in the team that we have something to prove after the 1994 defeat by Lisdowney," said Ann O'Donovan, one of the Glen mentors.

"We want very much to make up for last year and to take back the All Ireland crown," said goalkeeper Mairead O'Leary.

That said, players and mentors know the team will have to step up a gear if they are to progress because they weren't exactly in dazzling form on Saturday night.

"Of course there is room for improvement, and we'll have to improve, but I felt we were never in real trouble," said Helena Mullins, another Glen mentor.

Cruel blow

Bishopstown suffered a cruel blow in the opening minutes when Therese O'Callaghan was given a "gift" of a goal when the ball came back off an upright, catching the defence flatfooted, and giving goalkeeper Rose Desmond no chance.

But throughout they gave a spirited display, and never threw in the towel.

Indeed, if the two goals they got late in the second half had come earlier, the game might well have taken on a very different complexion.

The Glen looked very unsettled at that stage, but there wasn't enough time left on the clock for Bishopstown to do anything more about it.

Once again Sandie Fitzgibbon was the Glen's star



Sandie Fitzgibbon, Player of the Match for The Glen

performer, and she deservedly won the Player of the Match Award.

Her boundless energy and timely interventions lifted the Glen out of trouble more than once.

Some of the other big names on the Blackpool side turned in lack-lustre performances.

Apart from her free-taking, Lynn Dunlea contributed little else, and Linda Mellerick gave a patchy display, while captain Trish Murphy never seemed to settle properly into the game.

In the centre of the field Therese O'Callaghan had a battle royal with Liz Towler — but it was the solid display of Claire McCarthy at full-back, Denise Cronin, Sandie Fitzgerald and the welcome return to form of Ger McCarthy up front which laid the foundation for the Glen's victory.

Vivienne Harris sparkled for the losers, but lacked consistent support, as did Aine White in the forwards.

In the middle of the defence, Sheenagh Morley battled away in her usual wholehearted fashion but was exposed by her relative lack of mobility.

This wasn't a great final, but it was closer than many expected it to be — a reflection perhaps of the fact that the Glen went straight into this decider without a competitive game.

And now for Lisdowney say Glen

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Glen Rovers' Denise Cronin in pursuit of Bishopstown's Vivienne Harris, as she solos downfield during the Cork County Senior 'A' Championship Camogie Final at Pairc Ui Rinn.



Glen Rovers captain Trisha Murphy holding the cup high in celebration after her team's victory over Bishopstown in the Cork County Senior 'A' camogie championship final at Páirc Ui Rinn. — Picture: Denis Minihane.



Linda Mellerick of Glen Rovers racing towards goal as she is challenged by Lesley Walsh of Bishopstown, in the Cork County Senior 'A' Championship Camogie Final at Pairc Ui Rinn. (Picture: Denis Minihane)

July 1995



St Aidans College, Dublin Hill, runners-up in the Munster Colleges Intermediate Camogie League.

Flavin and Ahern to spark victory

Sudden death

AT this stage almost all of the under-14 league games have been played. This has resulted in the following teams qualifying for the knock out stages.

In the under-14 'B', Ballygarvan will meet the winners of the Barryroe v St. Catherine's semi-final which will be played on Saturday, July 29 at Ballincollig. The final is on Friday, August 4.

Play-off

In Section 'A' of the under-14 'A' league Aghabullogue are through to the semi-finals. The second team to qualify will be decided by a play off between St. Finbarrs, Cloughduv and Courcy Rovers all of whom are down two points. In Section 'B' of the under-14 'A' Eire Og have qualified for the semi-final while the second team in this section will be either Glen Rovers or Brian Dillons.

Well done to the girls from Glen Rovers who last weekend captured their 21st. county title for the club and their sixth in a row.

ON Thursday night next at Mayfield at 7.30 p.m. Fr. O'Neills and Aghabullogue clash in the Senior 'B' Championship.

Fr. O'Neills have already defeated Inniscarra in a preliminary round and on form will be fancied to advance again. In last season's campaign they were beaten by the eventual winners Bishopstown after a replay.

Spearheaded by players like Fiona O'Driscoll, Mags Finn, Mary Kennefick, Frances Flavin and Nora Ahern it's difficult to see them being halted again.

Aghabullogue will have other plans however. The mid-Cork club has had a lot of success at underage

level in recent years. Their team for Thursday's clash will include a number of their up and coming young stars. They have very experienced performers in Eileen Buckley, Geraldine Barry Murphy, Patsy Walsh, Evelyn Buckley and these, together with their younger members Tina Roche and Louise Murphy, must surely combine to form a strong outfit. However, it will take a mighty effort from these girls if they are to curtail what appears to be a more experienced Fr. O'Neills side.



Triona Fitzpatrick and Ciara McCarthy members of the St Finbarrs U12 panel.

FIXTURES..FIXTURES..FIXTURES..FIXTURES..

Tuesday, July 25
Junior 'A' League 1995 —
Ballinhassig v St. Finbarrs
at Ballinhassig (Ref: Ballin-
ora); Ballincollig v Barry-
roe at Ballincollig (Ref:
Eire Og); Blackrock v
Courcy Rovers at Black-
rock (Ref: Ballypheane);
St. Vincents v Watergrass-
hill at St. Vincents (Ref:
Na Piarasigh); Douglas v
Killeagh at Douglas (Ref:
Carrigaline).

Wednesday, July 26
Junior 'A' League 1995 —
Tracton v Glen Rovers at
Tracton (Ref: Douglas).
Junior 'B' League 1995
— Delany's v St. Finbarrs

at Delany's (Ref: Brian
Dillons); St. Vincents v
Mayfield at St. Vincents
(Ref: Na Piarasigh); Cloy-
ne v Cobh at Cloyne (Ref:
Killeagh); Sarsfield v
Erins Own at Sarsfield
(Ref: Castlemagner); St.
Catherine's v Watergrass-
hill at St. Catherine's (Ref:
Mallow); Ballygarvan v
Kilbrittain at Ballygarvan
(Ref: Carrigaline); Valley
Rovers v Clonakilty at
Valley Rovers (Ref:
Bandon).

Thursday, July 27

Under-16 'A' League —

Brian Dillons v Glen Rovers at Brian Dillons (Ref: Glen Rovers); St. Finbarrs v Bishopstown at St. Finbarrs (Ref: Bishopstown); Tracton v St. Vincents at Tracton (Ref: St. Vincents); Cloughduv v Barryroe at Cloughduv (Ref: Barryroe); Courcy Rovers v Ballinhassig at Courcy's (Ref: Ballinhassig); Kilbrittain v Aghabullogue at Kilbrittain (Ref: Aghabullogue); Inniscarra v Newcestown at Inniscarra (Ref: Newcestown).

Under-16 'B' League

Watergrasshill v Erins Own at Watergrasshill

Friday, July 28
Under-16 'B' league — St. Vincents v Ballygarvan at St. Vincents (Ref: Ballygarvan)

July 1995

Camogie World

By: P.J. Fulham

GALWAY MINORS THROUGH TO FINAL

Galway, the All-Ireland Minor Camogie Champions, are through to the final when they fought off a strong challenge from Tipperary in this semi-final played at Semple Stadium. A brace of goals by Collette Nevin inside six minutes pulled the champions from the jaws of defeat. Galway led 0-6 to 0-2 at the break. Entering the last quarter they had stretched their lead 0-11 to 0-5. Tipperary piled on the pressure. A well taken goal by Celine Horan and a brace of goals by Caltriona Hennessy put the Premier County in front. But back came Galway's scoring ace Collette Nevin with two goals to give her county a three point victory. Final score: Galway 2-12 Tipperary 3-6.



Some of the workers involved with Dublin's Pavilion: left to right: Phylliss Breslin, Maura Brady, Kathleen Hayes, Kathleen Timmins, Chris Green

Scorers: Galway - Collette Nevin 2-8, Sandra Tannian 0-3, Caroline Murray 0-1.

Tipperary - Caltriona Hennessy 2-3, Celine Horan 1-1, Jacqueline O'Connor and Siobhan Ryan 0-1 each.

Kildare are the newly crowned Leinster Junior champions and have earned the right to meet Limerick in the All-Ireland semi final, when they got the better of Carlow in this replay at Clane. This was the first time in 25 years that the Leinster Junior final went to replay.

The first encounter was closely contested. A goal by Carlow's Valerie Crean gave them a 1-4 to 0-6 lead at the break. Kildare had a good second half, with goals coming from Miriam Malone and Marianne Feeney which put them on the patch to victory. Final score: Kildare 2-11 Carlow 1-7.

Scorers: Kildare: Marianne Feeney 1-3, Michelle Aspel 0-5, Miriam Malone 1-0, Liz Doran 0-2, Caoimhe Brennan 0-1. Carlow: Valerie Crean 1-4, Nuala Quirke 0-2, Mary Coady 0-1. Referee: Mary Connor, Louth.

At Oylegate the Leinster Senior Championship final between old rivals, Kilkenny and Wexford (the holders), ended in a draw. The sides also drew in the final in '91. Wexford emerged winners in the replay 2-10 to 1-10. This year's final was an edge of the seat affair from start to finish. After a good first half tussle the sides were locked at 0-6 each. In the second half points by Kilkenny's scoring ace Sinead Millea and Angela Downey put them into a three point lead. Back came Wexford with points from Esme Murphy, Paula Rankin and Orla Hernan to put the sides all square. In the closing stages Angela Downey put Kilkenny ahead by 0-1. It looked as if they were going to take the title until Fiona Dunne put the sides on level terms when she pointed on the final whistle. Final score: Wexford 0-13, Kilkenny 0-13.

Scorers: Wexford: Paula Rankin 0-4, Fiona Dunne and Esme Murphy 0-3 each, Aileen Gordan 0-2, Orla Hernan 0-1. Kilkenny: Sinead Millea 0-9, Angela Downey 0-3, Marina Downey 0-1. Referee: John Pender, Kildare.

Lavey are through to the Derry Senior Championship final having recorded a 5-10 to 2-5 victory over Castledawson at Slaughtneil.

Scorers: Lavey: Martina Mulholland 1-7, Orla Downey 2-2, Jeanette McCann and Helen Collins 1-0 each, Bronagh Birt 0-1. Castledawson: Roisin Pickering 1-3, Catherine Pickering 1-0, Mary Pickering 0-2.



Maura Brady, Cathaoirleach of Dublin Camogie Board performing the opening ceremony, also in the picture, left to right: Chris Green, Treasurer (hidden), Sile De Bhaillis, Ardruni, Pat Rafferty, Runai, in front Kathleen Timmins, Leas-Cathaoirleach

On Sunday next Galway travel to cross swords with Tipperary in a quarter final of the Intermediate Championship. This should be quite an entertaining tussle. Tipperary have a good squad, in fact they contested the National Senior League final against Galway last year. However, they will face a torrid test against Galway who won the All-Ireland Junior last year and are National Junior League champions. There are favourites to advance.

A well known Camogie landmark in Dublin's Phoenix Park has recently got a new lease of life. The Pavilion was very much a part and parcel of the four Camogie pitches in the Phoenix Park. For some time it had become rather neglected and was not in use. However, a band of very enthusiastic workers got together with paint and brushes, and to their credit the Pavilion is now a shining example of what can be achieved by a bit of hard work. The interior of the Pavilion is decked out in the Blue and Navy of Dublin.

Sarsfields safely through

Sarsfields 3-6
Kilbrittain 1-5

SARSFIELDS advanced to the semi-final of the Cork County Senior 'B' camogie championship at Ballyanley last night with a hard-earned win over Kilbrittain in a disappointing game.

The standard of camogie was particularly poor in the opening half, when Kilbrittain had slightly the better of the exchanges. However, some fine goalkeeping by Lilian Zinzant and excellent defence from Breda Kenny made it hard for

Kilbrittain to score and they were 0-2 to 2-0 behind at the break.

Sarsfields' two goals were of the soft variety. Goalkeeper Rose Hayes looked to have a 25 metre shot by Sheila Barry in the 6th minute well covered, but the ball slipped from her hand into the net. Even worse was to follow five minutes later, when the Kilbrittain defence failed to clear and Liz Dunphy was on hand to force the ball home.

The standard improved in the second-half but both sides still found

it hard to score and after 38 minutes Sarsfields led by 2-2 to 0-5. However, another soft goal in the 39th minute by Liz Dunphy looked to have sealed it for Sarsfields.

Kilbrittain stormed back, however, and a Cathy O'Regan goal a minute later gave them renewed heart. This left only a goal between the sides, 3-2 to 1-5, with ten minutes left.

Although Miriam Deasy, Eilish O'Regan and Mary Brennan were beginning to get to grips with the game for Kilbrittain, they were given

little scope by a solid Sarsfield defence in the final minutes, and the Riverstown girls finished the stronger for a deserved win.

Scorers, Sarsfields: L Dunphy 2-3 (0-2 '30's), S Barry 1-2, L Twomey 0-1.

Kilbrittain: E O'Regan 0-4 (0-2 frees, 0-2 '30's), C O'Regan 1-0, M Sexton 0-1. Sarsfields: L Zink-

ant; N Ahern; T Dwyer, B Kenny, L Davis; A Brady, E Twomey, T Sullivan; S Barry, H Barry, L Dunphy; L Twomey.

KILBRITTAIN: R Hayes; S O'Donovan; A O'Leary, M Brennan, H O'Donovan; C Hurley, E O'Regan, M Sexton; C Dineen, M Deasy, C O'Regan; E O'Neill.

Referee: M Byrne (Na Piarsaigh).

JULY 1995

Camogie World

By: P.J. Fulham

CLARE Prove Too Strong For Kildare

Clare proved too strong for Kildare in this Intermediate Championship quarter final played at Clane. The first half was evenly contested. A goal by Patricia Moloney gave the Banner County 1-6 to 1-4 lead at the break, with Kildare's goal coming from Melanie Treacy. Clare stepped up the pace in the second half with a goal and some well taken points by Catherine O'Loughlin. However, Naomi Treacy had a well taken goal for Kildare and Miriam Malone notched off two points to cut the lee-way. Patricia Moloney had her second goal for Clare at the end of the third quarter and the game was now over as a contest. Final score: Clare 3-18, Kildare 2-6.

Scorers: Clare: Catherine O'Loughlin 1-9, Patricia Moloney 2-3, Frances Phelan 0-3, Moira McMahon, Anne Keane and Sinead O'Brien 0-1 each. Kildare: Miriam Malone 0-4, Melanie Treacy and Naomi Treacy 1-0 each, Michelle Aspel 0-2. Referee: Mary Connor, Louth.

A good first half by Down proved too much for Dublin in this Intermediate tie at Ballycran. Down took full advantage of the strong wind in the first half and by half time had a cushion of 3-8 to 0-5.

Dublin tried hard in the second half but failed to overcome the first half deficit. Final score: Down 4-11, Dublin 2-11.

Scorers: Mairin McAleenan 1-6, Bonnie McGreevey 2-0, Monica McCartan 1-0, Edel Mason and Jennifer Branniff 0-2 each, Dolores Smyth 0-1. Dublin: Geraldine Dunne 1-3, Niamh Kearney 1-2, Germaine Noonan 0-3, Paula Carroll, Mary Duane and Denise O'Leary 0-1 each. Referee: Catherine McAllister, Antrim.

Roscommon are through to meet Antrim in the All-Ireland Junior Championship semi final when they edged out London in this quarter final tie played at Four Roads. It was a tough tussle all the way with Mairead Coyle scoring all of Roscommon's tally 1-11 to London's 1-7.

London scorers: Anne Gallagher 0-1, Margaret Grealley 1-4, Bernie Kelly 0-2. Referee: Miriam O'Callaghan, Offaly.

On Monday next the All-Ireland Minor Championship final takes place. Galway, the holders will host Wexford in what should be an excellent encounter. Both sides carry a host of stars. Wexford had an easy passage in the semi final when they disposed of Derry 2-17 to 2-7 with Esme Murphy having a personal tally of 1-12. Galway had not got it easy against Tipperary. Although leading by eleven points to five going into the final quarter Tipperary hit the net three times and Galway found themselves three points in arrears with six minutes remaining. Collette had a personal tally of 2-8.

Galway are now seeking their 6th title while Wexford have yet to win one. The most experienced players on the day are sure to be Esme Murphy, Wexford and Veronica Curtin Galway.

Veronica missed the semi final owing to injury. She won two All-Ireland medals last year Minor and Junior, and was selected 'Player of the Match' in both codes. It is sure to be an edge of the seat affair, and should go down to the wire.

Dublin Camogie Board recently held a social evening to honour the 1956 Dublin team at St. Brigid's G.A.A. club, Blanchardstown. All the members of this team are alive except Fran Maher R.I.P. who played for the Maurice O'Neill club. This team lost to Antrim in the All-Ireland semi final that year. This was the last game the great Sophie Brack played for Dublin. Sophie then gave years of dedicated service to camogie as an administrator at both county and provincial level. Sophie is presently Registrar for both Dublin Board and Leinster Council. A very special presentation was made to Sophie ... a gold brooch in the shape of the camogie crest.

The number of All-Ireland medals which players on that team have is unbelievable, for example Kay Mills has a record of 15, Una O'Connor 13, Sophie holds 8 and she also holds a unique record; she captained Dublin on six winning occasions, five in consecutive years.

Long may you continue Sophie.



Cutting the Celebration cake, Eileen Duffy who took over the Captaincy from Sophie Brack (right) in 1956



The 1956 Dublin team: Front, left to right: Sile De Bhaillis, Ardunai, Eileen O'Kelly, Sophie Brack, Eileen Duffy, Una O'Connor, Jean Monnelly, Kay Mills. Back, left to right: Belle O'Loughlin, Uachtaran, Jerry Hughes, May Kavanagh, Maureen Brennan, Mary Sherlock, Kay Lyons, Lily Spence, Uachtaran '56

AN GHAILLIMH

Dathanna: Marún agus Bán

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EMER NÍ CHEARNAIGH
Emer Kearney
An Turlach Mór

(2)
COLETTE NÍ DHUÍGHIOLLA
Colette Deeley
Na Píarsaigh

3
LORRAINE NÍ MHURCHÚ
Lorraine Murphy
Naomh Colmán

4
FIONA NÍ ÉALAITHE
Fiona Healy
Creachmhaoil
CAPTAEN

5
SORCHA NÍ CHUILEANNÁIN
Sarah Cullinane
Ceapaigh an tSeagail

6
CEARÚILÍN NÍ MHUIRÍ
Caroline Murray
Naomh Tomás

7
SANDRA NÍ FHEARGHAIL
Sandra Farrell
Creachmhaoil

8
TREASA NÍ MHEACHAIR
Theresa Maher
Na Seamróga

9
SANDRA NÍ THANAIÐHEÁIN
Sandra Tannian
Naomh Tomás

10
AOIFE NÍ LOINSCIGH
Aoife Lynskey
Naomh Colmán

11
COLETTE NIC CNÁIMHÍN
Colette Nevin
Ceapaigh an tSeagail

12
SHAUNA NIC a' BHÁIRD
Shauna Ward
Na Píarsaigh

IONADAITHE:

13. **VERONICA NIC CUIRTÍN**, Veronica Curtin, Creachmhaoil
14. **MARISA NÍ UALLAIGH**, Marisa Howley, Naomh Colmán
15. **MICHELLE NIC FHLOINN**, Michelle Glynn, Na Píarsaigh
16. **LAURA NÍ BHRIAIN**, Laura O'Brien, An Turlach Mór

LOCH GARMAN

Dathanna: Corcra agus Órga

1
MICHELLE NÍ EATHAIRN
Michelle Hearne
Naomh Ibar

(2)
ÁINE NIC ÓDA
Anne Codd
Naomh Máirtín
CAPTAEN

3
CLÁR NÍ CHONCHUBHAIR
Claire O'Connor
Rath an Iúir

4
EMMA NÍ CHEARÚIL
Emma Carroll
Naomh Ibar

5
EIBHLÍN NIC ANDRAIC
Eileen Handrick
Bun Clóidí

6
SANDRA NÍ CHEARA
Sandra Carr
Naomh Ibar

7
RÓIS MÁIRE NÍ BHRAOIN
Rosemary Breen
Monageer-Buaile Mhaodhóg

8
AINGEAL NÍ MHURCHÚ
Angela Murphy
Bun Clóidí

9
CAITRÍONA NÍ CHEALLAIGH
Kate Kelly
Naomh Ibar

10
MICHELLE NÍ LAOIRE
Michelle O'Leary
Rath an Iúir

11
ESME NÍ MHURCHÚ
Esme Murphy
Bun Clóidí

12
MÁIRE DE BUITLÉIR
Marie Butler
Aillí na Buaire

IONADAITHE:

13. **DENISE NÍ LAITHEASA**, Denise Leacy, Aillí na Buaire
14. **TINA NÍ BHEIRGIN**, Tina Bergin, Naomh Máirtín
15. **NOELLE NÍ MHURCHÚ**, Noelle Murphy, Monageer-Buaile Mhaodhóg
16. **ÉILÍS NIC UICIM**, Lizzie Wickham, An Chloch Bhán

Minors bid for All-Ireland glory in Galway

WEXFORD'S MINOR camogie side will go in search of the county's first ever All-Ireland crown in the grade when they travel to meet reigning champions, Galway, on their home turf in Loughrea on Monday next.

Wexford's preparations for the final are going well, according to team mentor, Bernie Higgins, who is

going into this clash with immense respect for her rivals but also with the genuine belief that her side can win if they play up to standard.

The Wexford girls have ousted Kilkenny and Derry in recent key fixtures, and their ability to stage late comebacks is a good sign. The Galwegians have great

reserves of talent, and substitute Collette Nevin scored 2-8 in their semi-final win over Tipperary.

Wexford will be relying on Esme Murphy to rally the forwards, while captain and full-back, Áine Codd, will be trying to hold the defence together.

The Wexford team was unconfirmed at time of writing, although the following is likely to be the starting line-up:

Michelle Hearne, Áine Codd (capt.), Noelle Murphy, Emma Carroll, Eileen Handrick, Claire O'Connor, Rosemary Breen, Angela Murphy, Esme Murphy, Kate Kelly, Michelle O'Leary, Lizzie Wickham.

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Focus on Camogie scene

'B' Championships reaches semi-finals

THINGS are hot-ting up in the of the Senior B championships as we reach the penultimate stages.

Barrs, Sars, Killeagh and Fr. O'Neills make it through

In the semi-finals St. Finbarrs will take on Sarsfields while Fr. O'Neills will do battle with Killeagh.

St. Finbarrs will play Sars on Wednesday, August 16, at 7.15 p.m. at Ballincollig. St. Finbarrs will

again call on Cork senior Colette O'Mahony and Cork juniors Collette Cronin and Edel Kelleher along with Marie O'Sullivan, Ellen Clifford, Colette and Claire Kirby.

Sars will call on the services of Lillian Zinkant, Cork junior goalkeeper Breda Kenny, Liz Dunphy, Helena Barry, Sheila Barry and sisters Lillian and Eileen Twomey.

Reverse

This should be a great encounter with Sars hoping to reverse the outcome of the men's senior hurling championship.

The second semi-final will be played on Friday, September 1, at 7 p.m. at Carrigtwohill. Fr. O'Neills will be hoping for Fiona O'Driscoll to add to her magnificent scores to date in this competition and Mags Finn is in tremendous form along with Mary Kennefick, Sharon Meade and Nora Aherne.

Killeagh will have Sinead Cahalane back for this game along with the in-form Mary O'Connor and Cork senior goalkeeper Kathleen Costin.

This will be a great local derby and all East Cork will be in Carrigtwohill for this mighty semi-final.



Girls attending the camogie coaching session at Nemo Rangers, welcomed Colin Corkery to the club with the MFC trophy.

Picture: M. English.

Building on minor panel

Cork are looking to build on this year's minor panel and to encourage under-age camogie are running a divisional blitz, under-15, on the weekend of August 18 with the venue yet to be decided.

The following are the divisions taking part in this competition: 1, Seandun; 2, Imokilly; 3, Carbery; 4, Carrigdhoun; 5, Muscra; and 6, Dunhal-low will join forces with Avondhu.

Intermediate final

THE intermediate final between Newcestown and Eire Og will take place on Saturday, September 2, at 7 p.m. and the venue is Ballincollig.

Newcestown beat Cloughduv in their semi-final with Eire Og defeating last year's junior 'A' champions Ballinora to reach the final.

Welcome

Cork County Board would like to welcome a new club, Ballinascorthy.

Junior 'A' Championship fixtures: All first round games will be played on Saturday, August 26.

Junior 'B' Championship fixtures: All first round games will be played on weekends September 3/September 10.



Anne Mills, a coach with Blackrock camogie club was on duty at the Cork County board organised coaching week at Blackrock GAA

Picture: M. English

Cork determined

CORK will be determined to make it two-in-a-row in the Under-18 Championship. Cork will meet the winners of Waterford v Limerick on Sunday, October 8.

Trials will take place on Friday, August 11, at 7 p.m. in RTC. All clubs are asked to send representatives from their clubs.

For further information please ring County Secretary Tracey Sheehan (also under-18 selector).

Cork will have a strong panel of players including Sandra Ricken, Jill Hannon, Vivienne Harris, Trish Doyle and the pick of the minor panel.



The staff of Kitt Noone & Co. Chartered Accountants (Galway) outside their Lock House office. Front, left to right: Jane Cooke, Deirdre Costello, Proinsias Kitt, Carmel Burke, Cathy Hackett. Back, left to right: John Murray, Jim Greene, Michael Cormican, Mary Thornton, Lorraine Costello, Catherine Coleman, Fintan Forde, Martin Glynn, Morris Foyle, Brian Feeney

Rising stars to do battle

NEXT Monday's All-Ireland minor camogie championship final between Wexford and Galway at Loughrea will be a battle of wits between two of the best young stars in the country.

CAMOGIE By PJ FULHAM

Esme Murphy, already a hit on the Wexford senior side, will be pitted against Veronica Curtin who won All-Ireland medals at both minor and junior level for Galway last year and was named the player of the match after both finals.

Curtin missed Galway's semi-final win over Tipperary due to injury, but luckily for the Tribeswomen, Colette Nevin was in superb form that day, scoring all 0-4 of their 2-12 total. Murphy was equally impressive in Wexford's win over Derry, scoring 1-12, but not finding it as easy at Loughrea on Monday (3-0).

Wonderful Wexford girls lift first All-Ireland minor crown

Wexford 2-9, Galway 1-7: Wexford's minor camogie girls created history on Monday afternoon last when they scored a five points victory over reigning champions Galway in an exciting All-Ireland final at Loughrea to lift the county's first-ever national crown in this grade.

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It was one of Wexford's reliable stars, Esme Murphy, who came to the fore in the decider with a personal contribution of 1-9, and she was the chief architect of her side's 2-8 to 0-4 interval lead.

However, wind advantage brought the Galwegians right back into the game in the second half and, as accuracy eluded Murphy, the large contingent of Wexford supporters who travelled West were biting their nails, wondering would the eternal dream of national success be prolonged.

But it wasn't to be, as Wexford's pure determination and concentration in defence during the second half achieved success for the Aine Codd captained team.



■ The Wexford team that beat Galway in the All-Ireland final.

personal display by being named 'Player of the Match'.

The game commenced with Galway showing some early signs of ability with a Colette Nevin point after just a minute's action. However, Wexford never gave the Tribeswomen an inch, and a set of points by Murphy paved the way for a brilliant Kate Kelly goal after six minutes, after she

rattle the net.

The Wexford girls had now got the start which they had dreamed of, and continued to build on the momentum.

Galway's tendency to concede frees was their undoing, as Murphy continually displayed her sharpness from dead balls which saw her goal from close range after twelve minutes to give

This was extended further in the closing stages of the half with Murphy shooting two points from play to break her pattern of free scores, to give Wexford a 2-8 to 0-4 advantage at the turn-over.

Wexford required just three points in the second half to make sure of victory as they fell into defence in an effort to deny the Galway girls. But Galway came

more into the contest in the second half.

Wexford had their first and only score of the second half after fourteen minutes, when Murphy tapped over a point from play.

Ten scoreless minutes ensued before the minors of Wexford and their supporters tasted All-Ireland success thanks to a team effort which was helped in no uncertain

terms by ace free-taker, Esme Murphy.

But the Buncloidy girl was just one of the stars of a team in which Aine Codd led by example and justified her position as captain, while the other members gave great accounts of themselves as they came, saw and conquered on the former champions' home turf.

Wexford minor mentors also deserve every credit - and these are Bernie Higgins (Rathnure), Tina Farrell (Oylegate-Glenbrien), Rose Breen (Monageer-Boalavogue) and Carmel Maguire (Enniscorthy).

Wexford: Michelle Hearne, Aine Codd (captain), Claire O'Connor, Emma Carroll, Eileen Handrick, Sandra Carr, Rosemary Breen, Angela Murphy, Kate Kelly (1-0), Michelle O'Leary, Esme Murphy (1-9), Maire Butler. Subs.— Tina Bergin for Angela Murphy, Lizzie Wickham for Maire Butler, Denise Leacy, Noelle Murphy, Louise Fanning, Roisin O'Grady, Mary Walsh, Bridget Murphy.

Referee: Brid McPhillips (Tipperary).



Minor girls make camogie history

Wexford's Minor camogie girls created history on Monday last when they scored a five-points victory over reigning champions, Galway, in an exciting All-Ireland final at Loughrea to take their first-ever title in the grade. SEE PAGE 43.

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WEXFORD 2-9 GALWAY 1-7
WEXFORD collected their first All-Ireland minor title when they defeated holders Galway at Loughrea yesterday.

They got off to a dream start with goals by Rosemary Breen and Esme Murphy, and led 2-3 to 0-1 after 12 minutes. Galway's defence found it hard to hold the eager Wexford forwards and at the break were behind 2-8 to 0-4.

In the second half, Galway headlined Maire Carr, and had a goal by Emma Carroll and points by Colette Nevin but it was not enough and the Wexford girls ran out deserving winners.

Scorers — Wexford: E Murphy 1-9, A Codd 1-0, M O'Leary 0-1, Galway: G Butler 1-1, C Nevin 0-4, V Curtin 0-2.



■ The Rathnure team that captured the county senior camogie title by defeating Oulart in a replay.

CAMOGIE REPLAY *Rathnure regain crown in thrilling style*

Mary's brilliant display denies eager Oulart

DAVID MEDCALF

at St. Patrick's Park

Rathnure 4-4, Oulart 1-5: A brilliant goal-keeping display from Mary Hayden put Rathnure on the road to victory last Wednesday in the county senior camogie final replay.

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During a five minute spell just after half time, Mary pulled off saves in quick succession from shots by Siobhan Dunne, Margaret Leacy and Marguerite Doyle.

Her reflexes made sure that eager Oulart did not establish a meaningful lead and inspired those outfield to greater efforts. Rathnure ended up winners by a seven point margin, with Ger Codd accepting the cup after registering a personal tally of 2-3.

The winners began well, too, with captain Codd picking off an early free. Then Bernie Higgins dribbled hockey style and cracked an unstoppable 8th minute goal to Bridget O'Toole's net. It seemed that Rathnure were well on course to regain the crown they last held in 1993.

Instead, they were rocked on to the defensive by some fiercely competitive camogie from the ladies in red. Geraldine O'Grady knocked over a free and then Marguerite Doyle was lurking at the far post to tip Fiona Dunn's speculative long pass into the goal.

That left combat locked at 1-1 each with 12 minutes played. Oulart, with Bridget O'Toole knocking her puck-outs massively long on the breeze, were now in the

driving seat. Points from freetaker O'Grady, veteran Margaret Leacy and Siobhan Dunne eased them ahead.

Phenomenal Fiona Dunne dictated so much of the play from deep in defence and Oulart were well ahead going into injury time in the first half. They were pulled back to parity by a goal from Ger Codd, whose well struck shot from ten yards benefitted from a helpful deflection.

The scoreline on the non-existent St. Patrick's Park board read Rathnure 2-1, Oulart 1-4 at the interval. Oulart then produced a most blistering period of pressure, only to run into goalkeeper Fleming at the very peak of her

form.

All their energy yielded just one point - from Marguerite Doyle - soon cancelled out by a Ger Codd '30'. Rathnure's crisis had passed. The skipper then shook off several tackles to record her second goal of the evening on 36 minutes. Suddenly, the mountainy maids held all the aces.

They continued to pull further ahead and finished with the sweetest goal you could wish to see, right on the stroke of full time. It was hit by Ann Reddy with precision to the top left corner, giving the luckless O'Toole no chance.

Like the first game three days before, the replay was tremendous fare for the large crowd.

Rathnure have a nicely balanced selection with teenagers such as Michelle O'Leary and Claire O'Connor making a full contribution.

Anna-Mai White may be of a different vintage but she, too, weighed in with an immaculate marking job on Siobhan Dunne. Ger Codd not only finished highest scorer but also picked up Fiona Dunne in the second period and took the edge off her contribution to the Oulart cause.

The losers suffered no disgrace in this defeat. Their defenders were keen, led by the example of Ailish Dunne. Up front, Margaret Leacy wore her 49 years lightly and sprayed her passes intelligently. Unfortunately for them, however, the Oulart for-

wards encountered Mary Fleming on an inspired evening.

RATHNURE: Mary Fleming, Catherine Murphy (0-1 from free), Anna-Mai White, Mary Hayden, Claire O'Connor, Ann Reddy (1-0), Aoife O'Connor, Michelle O'Leary, Marguerite Somers, Lillian Doyle, Bernie Higgins (1-0), Geraldine Codd (2-3, 3 frees). Sub: Jenny Farrell for Doyle, 53 mins.

OULART: Bridget O'Toole, Siobhan O'Connor, Deirdre O'Grady, Ailish Dunne, Fiona Dunne, Lisa Murphy, Lorraine Harris, Geraldine O'Grady (0-2 from frees), Vera Bolger, Siobhan Dunne (0-2), Margaret Leacy (0-1), Marguerite Doyle (1-1). Subs: Roisin O'Grady for Bolger, 25 mins.; Caitriona Ryan for D. O'Grady, 44 mins.; Aileen O'Connor for R. O'Grady, 51 mins.

Referee: John Furlong.

UNDER 14 CHAMPIONS



■ The St. Ibar's team that defeated Buffers Alley in the under-14 county camogie final

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Tribeswomen to find Tipperary tussle tough

A TOUGH tussle is in prospect in Toomevara on Sunday as Tipperary host Galway in the All-Ireland Intermediate quarter-final.

Tipperary took part in the Senior League last year and met up with the Galway seniors in the final.

The Premier County gave the Galway girls a lot of problems but it was the Tribeswomen that clinched victory at the finish.

The same Tipperary team now face the Galway side that won the All-Ireland Junior championship last year and the Junior League this year.

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WITH PJ FULHAM

Three girls from that squad have joined the seniors — Olive Costello, Martina Harkin and Carmel Hannon.

However, the Connacht county will be strong with players such as Cora Curley, Denise Gilligan, Helen Ryan, Emer Hardiman and Therese Fallon.

Tipperary have a good squad with lots of firepower. They can call on players such as Ann Gleeson, Claire Madden, Maeve Stokes, Caoimhe Moloney, Deirdre Hughes and the Toomevara sisters Noelle and Cora Kennedy.

The winners will meet Down in the semi-final while the other semi-final will be contested by Clare and Armagh.

All-Ireland Junior Championship semi-finals pairings: Antrim v Roscommon; Limerick v Kildare. All-Ireland Senior Championship semi-finals pairings: Cill Chiarraigh v An Ghalamh, Conalagh v Loch Garraigh.

NEXT ON THE LIST

SUNDAY — All-Ireland Intermediate Championship quarter-final: At Toomevara, Tipperary v Galway, 3.0.

Clare girls are set to reach final

THE camán bearers of Clare look set to qualify for another All-Ireland final this Sunday.

CAMOGIE By PJ FULHAM

This time it's the turn of the womenfolk who take on holders Armagh in the semi-final of the Intermediate Camogie Championship.

With home advantage, and players of the calibre of Catherine O'Loughlin, Patricia Moloney, Francis Phelan, Myra McMahon and Sinead O'Brien, they are favourites to advance.

In the other semi-final Tipperary, buoyed by their quarter-final victory over Galway (2-12 to 1-6), are fancied to overcome Down.

SATURDAY — Leinster Senior Championship final replay: Kilkenny v Wexford, Nowlan Park, 7.45. SUNDAY — All-Ireland Intermediate Championship semi-finals: Clare v Armagh, Cusack Park, 1.0; Down v Tipperary, Ballycragh, 2.0.

Clare 2-15 Armagh 3-10

IN a thrilling All-Ireland Intermediate Camogie Championship semi-final played at Cusack Park in Ennis yesterday Clare had a two point win over holders, Armagh, to secure a place in the final on September 10.

A goal from Patricia Moloney in each half played a huge part in the home side's victory. They were 1-8 to 1-5 in front at the interval and by the end of the third quarter had opened an eight point margin, thanks to some splendid points from Catherine O'Loughlin. The visitors, to their credit, fought back and it took some great defending on Clare's part to keep them at bay.

Outstanding for the winners were Patricia O'Grady, Noeleen Nealon, Debbie McDonagh, Sinead O'Brien, Catherine O'Loughlin and Patricia Moloney. Armagh's best were Margaret McKee, Geraldine Haughey, Una McGivern and Breda McBride.

Scorers: Clare — C. O'Loughlin 0-8, P. Moloney 2-0, A. Keane, M. McMahon 0-2 each, C. Lennon, F. Phelan, S. O'Brien 0-1 each.

Armagh — C. Burns 2-0, A. French 1-1, O. McGrann 0-4, U. McGivern 0-2, P. McEvoy, M. Donnelly and D. Connolly 0-1 each.

Referee — M. O'Callaghan (Offaly).

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CLARE 2-15; ARMAGH 3-10

THE women of Clare have matched the achievements of the county hurlers by winning their ticket to the All-Ireland Intermediate Championship final at Cusack Park, Ennis yesterday.

In a thrilling semi-final, they deposed reigning champions Armagh and will now meet Tipperary in the final.

Clare led by 1-8 to 1-5 at the break and looked to be coasting when Catherine O'Loughlin and Myra McMahon tapped on points early in the second half before Patricia Moloney goalied.

With ten minutes remaining, Armagh launched a fight back which resulted in Colette Byrnes scoring a brace of goals, while Olive McGovern had some well taken points to cut the deficit to two points.

SCORERS — Clare: C. O'Loughlin 0-8, P. Moloney 1-1, A. Keane, F. Phelan, M. McMahon 0-2 each; C. Lennon 0-1. Armagh: C. Burns 2-0, A. French 1-1, O. McGrann 0-4, U. McGivern 0-2, M. Donnelly, P. McEvoy, D. Connolly 0-1 each.

TIPPERARY 2-16; DOWN 3-8 NOELLE KENNEDY and Deirdre Hughes were the stars as Tipperary overcame Down in the All-Ireland Intermediate semi-final at Ballycragh yesterday.

Kennedy scored ten points and Hughes netted two goals to give their side a five-point victory over a Down team who had to rely on Maureen McAllenan for practically all their scores.

SCORERS — Tipperary: N. Kennedy 0-10, D. Hughes 2-1, M. Ryan, K. Burke 0-2 each, M. Stokes 0-1. Down: M. McAllenan 3-6, E. Mason, P. Hynes 0-1 each.

Leinster Senior championship final replay: Wexford 2-12, Kilkenny 2-10.

Tipperary on top

Tipperary 2-12 Galway 1-6

TIPPERARY scored a comprehensive win over Galway in the All-Ireland Intermediate Camogie Quarter Final at Thurles yesterday finishing a comfortable nine points clear.

Scorers: Tipperary — D. Hughes 1-3; N. Kennedy 0-5; M. Ryan 1-1; H. Kiely 0-2; S. Cusack 0-1.

Galway — T. Fallon 1-1; D. Gilligan, G. Meagher 0-2 each; A. Hardiman 0-1.

TIPPERARY: N. Dwan; T. Burke, R. O'Meara, C. Kennedy; C. Madden, M. Ryan, K. Moloney; M. Stokes, D. Hughes; H. Kiely, N. Kennedy, S. Cusack; Sub — C. Burke for Cusack. GALWAY: F. Earls; A. Dolan, A. Broderick, R. Coen; F. Ryan, C. Curley, H. Ryan; G. Meagher, D. Gilligan; A. Hillery, E. Hardiman, A. Hardiman; Subs — M. Haverly for E. Hardiman; C. Finnegan for Dolan; T. Fallon for Finnegan.

Referee: B. Joyce (Cork).

An all Munster camogie decider

Down 3-8 Tipperary 2-16

IT will be an all Munster Final in the All Ireland Intermediate Camogie Championship as a result of yesterday's semi-finals. The holders, Armagh, fell to Clare in Ennis, while Tipperary powered past National League finalists Down in Ballycarn, Co. Down.

Deirdre Hughes' goals - one in each half - were crucial to the outcome. The first after 20 minutes immediately cancelled out Mairin McAleenan's goal a minute earlier, while her second seven minutes into the second-half pushed Down into further trouble.

The game as a spectacle was ruined by the large number of frees. Noelle Kennedy certainly profitted with ten fine points for the winners, while all but two points of Mairin McAleenan's 3-6 total came from frees as well.

As a team Tipperary looked that little bit more comfortable in possession with the midfield trio of

Cathy Burke, Catherine Moloney and Maeve Stokes gaining an early grip on the game.

Down were weak in attack, apart from the presence of their captain Mairin McAleenan, although Cora Kennedy played a very disciplined and effective game. Jennifer Braniff had a fair game at midfield for Down, while goalie Laura Smith excelled with a number of fine saves.

At half-time Tipperary led 1-9 to 1-3 and generally they kept that distance ahead of the home side in an evenly contested second-half.

Scorers for Down: M. McAleenan 3-6, E. Mason and C. Hynes 0-1 each.

Tipperary: D. Hughes 2-1, N. Kennedy 0-10, C. Burke and M. Ryan 0-2 each, M. Stokes 0-1.

DOWN: L. Smith, D. Greeran, P. Greene, N. Magee, C. Mulholland, J. Braniff, E. Mason, D. Savage, D. Smith, M. McAleenan, M. McCarten, V. McGreevey. Subs S. McGovern for E. Mason, C. Hynes for D. Smith.

TIPPERARY: N. Dwan, T. Burke, R. O'Meara, C. Kennedy, C. Madden, C. Burke, C. Moloney, M. Stokes, N. Kennedy, A. Kiely, M. Ryan, D. Hughes.

Referee: A. Deehan (Dublin).

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Sarsfields and Barrs clash in championship



Maris O'Sullivan who will be minding the net for St. Finbarrs.

THE clash of the 'Barrs and Sars' in the Senior 'B' Championship semi-final will dominate the camogie fixture list for the coming week. The game which is scheduled for Ballincollig on Wednesday night next at 7.15 p.m. should be a great contest.

Last season both these sides met in the first round of the championship when the Glanmire side emerged victorious so no doubt on this occasion the 'Barrs girls will be anxious for revenge.

On form Sarsfields will probably start as slight favourites to advance.



Ballygarvan who were league winners in the U-14 B League.

They appear to be the more experienced side and looked in good shape in their first round victory over a fancied Kilbrittain side. Spearheaded by the experience of players like Breda Kenny, Liz Dunphy, Lilian Zinkant, Lilian Twomey, Ann Brady and Sheila Barry they could prove difficult opponents for the 'Barrs.

However, I am sure the Togher based side will have other ideas about this. They recorded a fine victory over Brian Dillons in their first outing and a repeat of this performance would certainly give them every chance of advancing. However, they will be hoping for a big improvement in their scoring power and if they can achieve this, and if players like Colette O'Mahony, Edel Kelleher, Colette Cronin, Marie O'Sullivan, Roisin O'Donovan, Clare Barry and Deirdre Clarke play to form, we could have a very close contest with victory in doubt to the final whistle.

Under-14 'B' League Final

Ballygarvan 7-11 St. Catherines 1-1

Well done to the girls from Ballygarvan who collected their second county title of 1995 when they scored a comprehensive victory over St. Catherines at Carrigtwohill last Friday night.

After St. Catherines went ahead by a goal in the seventh minute Ballygarvan quickly stamped

their authority on this game to lead at half time by 3-5 to 1-1.

In the second half with the winners dominant all over the park, there was no way back for the losers who were unfortunate to meet such an exceptionally strong under-14 Ballygarvan side on the night.

Camogie Fixtures

Tuesday, August 15

Junior 'A' League — Inniscarra v Courcy Rovers at Inniscarra (Ref. Aghabullogue); Ballincollig v Ballinhassig at Ballincollig (Ref. Eire Og); St. Vincents v Douglas at St. Vincents (Ref. Na Piarasigh); Killeagh v Tracton at Killeagh (Ref. Cloyne).

Wednesday, August 16

Senior 'B' Championship Semi-Final — Sarsfields v St. Finbarrs at Ballincollig at 7.15 p.m.

Junior 'A' League — Watergrasshill v Glen Rovers at Watergrasshill (Ref. Sarsfield).

Junior 'B' League — Bishopstown v Mayfield at Bishopstown (Ref. Ballinora); Carrigtwohill v Erins Own at Carrigtwohill (Ref. Killeagh); Cobh v Sarsfield at Cobh (Ref. Cloyne); Castlemagner v Watergrasshill at Castlemagner (Ref. St. Fannahans); Grenagh v St. Catherines at Grenagh (Ref. Inniscarra); Bandon v Clonakilty at Bandon (Ref. Barryroe); Kilbrittain v Valley Rovers at Kilbrittain (Ref. Newcestown).

Thursday, August 17

Under-16 'A' League — Na Piarasigh v Brian Dillons at Na Piarasigh (Ref. Brian Dillons); Tracton v St. Finbarrs at Tracton (Ref. St. Finbarrs); St. Vincents v Bishopstown at St. Vincents (Ref. Bishopstown); Kilbrittain v Cloughduv at Kilbrittain (Ref. Cloughduv); Inniscarra v Courcy Rovers at Inniscarra (Ref. Courcy Rovers); Aghabullogue v Barryroe at Aghabullogue (Ref. Barryroe); Newcestown v Ballinhassig at Newcestown (Ref. Ballinhassig).

Under-16 'B' League — Youghal v Sarsfield at Youghal (Ref. Sarsfield); Cobh v Fr. O'Neills at Cobh (Ref. Fr. O'Neills); Cloyne v Carrigtwohill at Cloyne (Ref. Carrigtwohill).



St Catherines who were runners-up in the U-14 B League.

Barr's girls book final spot

St. Finbarrs 1-6 Sarsfields 1-4

ST. FINBARRS booked their place in the Cork Senior 'B' Camogie Championship final against the winners of the Killeagh/Fr. O'Neills clash when they had a two point victory over Sarsfields at Ballincollig last night.

Sars had a superb goal from Lilian Twomey in the first half which enabled them to lead 1-2 to 0-4 at half-time. On the turnover it was the Barrs who did all the attacking and they forged ahead after three minutes when Clare Kirby blasted the ball past a hapless Lilian Zinkant in the Sars goal.

Marie O'Sullivan was the star of the St. Finbarrs team, bringing off two excellent saves late in the second-half. She had great assistance from Clare Kirby, Marie O'Dea and Edel Kelleher while for Sarsfields Ann Brady, Liz Dunphy and Breda Kenny had excellent games.

Scorers — St. Finbarrs: C. O'Mahony 0-3 (frees), C. McCarthy 0-1, J. Duffy 0-1, C. Kirby 1-1. Sarsfields: B. Kenny 0-2 (frees), L. Twomey 1-0, L. Dunphy 0-2 (0-1 free).

ST. FINBARRS: M. O'Sullivan, C. Cronin, D. Clarke, E. Kelleher, C. Barry, R. O'Donovan, C. O'Mahony (capt), J. Duffy, Clare Kirby, M. O'Dea, E. Clifford, C. McCarthy. Subs. S. Hegarty for E. Clifford, Colette Kirby for J. Duffy. Sarsfields: L. Zinkant, N. Ahern, L. Davis, T. Dwyer, B. Kenny, H. Barry, A. Brady, T. O'Sullivan, E. Twomey, S. Barry, L. Dunphy, L. Twomey. Referee — M. McSweeney (Bandon).

Cregan eyes another All-Ireland

EAMONN CREGAN will, for a time at least next Sunday, turn his mind away from thoughts of leading Offaly to another All-Ireland hurling title.

Cregan, in his other role as a camogie manager, will be masterminding his native Limerick's bid to reach the All-Ireland junior final when they play host to Kildare.

Ironically, the Lilywhites are coached by another ex-Limerick hurler, Cregan's former teammate Pat Herbert.

And Cregan, though not familiar with Kildare's form, says he will be taking nothing for granted with Herbert in the opposite camp.

Limerick suffered a two-point defeat in last year's All-Ireland final, this despite a great display against Galway.

CAMOGIE

WITH PJ FULLAM

They had another good run in the National League this season, losing out at the semi-final stage — Kildare exited at the same juncture.

In the other semi-final, newly crowned Connacht champions Roscommon travel north to face Antrim.

This is their sixth semi-final appearance and coach Michael Kelly will be hoping to make history by leading the first Roscommon team into an All-Ireland final. But Antrim are likely to make home advantage count.

FIXTURES

Sunday — All-Ireland Junior Championship semi-finals: Antrim v Roscommon, Dunloy 2.0; Limerick v Kildare, Mary Immaculate College 3.0.

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Limerick's McCarthy leads way

LIMERICK.....2-11
KILDARE.....2-8
PAULINE MCCARTHY contributed 1-10 as Limerick, managed by Eamonn Cregan, qualified for a second consecutive All-Ireland junior camogie final with a hard-earned win over Kildare at Mary Immaculate College yesterday.

The losers had the best player on view in Michelle Aspell, who returned to sit her Leaving Cert from a US basketball scholarship.

Limerick trailed by two points at half-time but, within six minutes of the restart, were in front through a McCarthy goal.

SCORERS — Limerick: P. McCarthy 1-10, D. Sheehan 1-0, A. Lenihan 0-1. Kildare: M. Malone 2-4, M. Aspell 0-3, L. Doran 0-1.

ROSCOMMON.....3-9
ANTRIM.....1-15
ANTRIM and Roscommon must meet again for the right to face Limerick in the All-Ireland junior final after an exciting draw at Dunloy.

Roscommon seemed to be coasting to victory until Antrim's Michelle McKillop pounced with an equalising goal five minutes from time.

SCORERS — Antrim: M. McKillop 1-0, K. Coyle, B. McCorry 0-3 each, A. McKee, C. Doherty, E. Dwyer, S. McMullen 0-2 each, M. McMullen 0-1. Roscommon: C. Jones 0-7, M. Healy 2-0, M. Gannon 1-0, L. Hanley 0-2.

Camogie World

By: P.J. Fulham

Wexford collected their first ever All-Ireland Minor Camogie title when they defeated the holders Galway in this final played at Loughrea. Wexford got off to a dream start with goals by Rosemary Breen and Esme Murphy they led by 2-3 to 0-1 after 12 minutes. Galway's defence got it hard to hold the anxious Wexford forwards and at the break the Leinster County led 2-8 to 0-4.

In the second half Galway introduced Veronica Curtin. A goal by Therese Maher and points by Colette Nevin were not enough to raise their game, but they held Wexford to a single point in this half. Final score: Wexford 2-9, Galway 1-7. Scorers: Wexford: Esme Murphy and Rosemary Breen 1-3 each, Michelle O'Leary 0-3. Galway: Therese Maher 1-1, Collette Nevin 0-4, Veronica Curtin 0-2.

St. Laurence's, Kildare got their ticket to the Leinster Senior club Championship final with the minimum margin of victory over Myshall, Carlow after extra time in this exciting semi final played at Myshall.

It was an excellent tussle and having to play extra time in the scorching heat was not easy. After a low scoring first half Myshall led 0-5 to 0-2 at the break. Early in the second half Nuala Quirke stretched her side's lead with a goal and a point. The Kildare champions were trailing by seven points going into the last quarter. They stepped up a gear and points by Michelle Aspell and Sharon Browne reduced the deficit to three points with one minute remaining. Then Michelle Aspell hit the net to make it all square 1-6 each at the end of normal time.

In the extra time it was a ding dong battle with St. Laurence's Aisling Treacy sending over the winning point to leave the full time score: St. Laurence's 2-10, Myshall 2-9. Scorers: St. Laurence's: Michelle Aspell 2-4, Sharon Browne 0-4, Aisling Treacy 0-2. Myshall: Nuala Quirke 2-3, Olivia O'Neill 0-3, Margaret Hogan 0-2, Olivia Maye 0-1. Referee: Jack O'Brien, Wexford.

Rathnure, Wexford will be St. Laurence's opponents in the

Leinster Senior Club Championship final when they edged out Marino, Dublin at St. Vincent's Park. The winners led 0-6 to 0-3 at the break. A goal by Bernie Higgins put the issue beyond doubt. Final score Rathnure 1-10, Marino 1-7. Scorers: Rathnure: Bernie Higgins 1-2, Geraldine Codd 0-4, Michelle O'Leary 0-3, Aoife O'Connor 0-1. Marino: Denise Smyth 1-2, Carmel O'Byrne 0-2, Louise Lynch, Geraldine Fagan and Denise O'Leary 0-1 each. Referee: John Pender, Kildare.

Ulster Club Championship results:

1st Round: Cushendall, Antrim 10-17, Newtowncunningham, Donegal 0-0

Quarter finals: Lavey, Derry 3-9, Castleblayney, Monaghan 3-2. Eglis, Tyrone 6-5, Ballymacnab, Armagh 2-10

On Sunday next the All-Ireland Junior camogie semi finals take place. Last year's beaten finalists Limerick host Kildare in what should be a sparkling affair. Limerick put up a great performance against Galway in the All-Ireland final last year losing out by two points 2-10 to 1-11. They had a splendid run in the National League this season losing out at the semi final stages. They have a good panel of players and will be hoping for a good contribution from Pauleen McCarthy, Aine Lenehan, Kathleen O'Connor, Niamh Cregan and Ida Quaid. No doubt Kildare will be prepared to meet this torrid test. They won all their matches in Leinster convincingly. The last time they contested a semi final was in 1990 when they went on to take their second All-Ireland title back to back. They too had an impressive campaign in the National League bowing out at the semi final stage to

Down. They have experienced players in the long serving Miriam Malone, Marianne Feeney, Antoinette Crofton, Rose Merriman and Caoimhe Brennan. Their trainer is former Limerick hurler Pat Herbert while Eamonn Cregan is in charge of the Limerick side who are favourites to advance.

Limerick Panel: Breda O'Brien, Helen Clifford McCarthy, Pauleen McCarthy, Mairead Treacy, Aine Lenihan, Jean Cullinane, Vera Sheehan, Deirdre Sheehan, Agnes Sheedy, Kathleen O'Connor, Mary Loneragan, Liz Leonard, Liz O'Riordan, Ida Quaid, Bernie O'Brien, Carol Murphy, Niamh Cregan, Kay Burke, Mary Burke, Caroline Bradshaw.

Kildare Panel: Rose Merriman, Elaine Miley, Phyllis Banbury, Antoinette Crofton, Nuala Kerrigan, Caoimhe Brennan, Deirdre Feeney, Marianne Feeney, Aisling Treacy, Kate Treacy, Ruth Treacy, Siobhan Mullen, Michelle Aspell, Liz Doran, Patricia O'Brien, Miriam Malone, Shauna Nolan, Roisin Walshe, Louise Conlon.

In the other semi final newly crowned Connacht Champions, Roscommon travel north to face Antrim. This will not be an easy task for Roscommon who will be fielding without their scoring ace Mairead Coyle who is injured. Mairead scored their full tally of 1-11 in their All-Ireland semi final tie with London. They have star performers in Maeve Healy, Karina Jones, Mary Gannon and Hilary Hussey. Antrim are a formidable force with prominent players in Oonagh Elliott, Roisin McAuley, Anne McKee, Michelle McKillop and Carla Doherty. With the benefit of home advantage they are likely to reach the final.

Camogie Fixtures for Sunday 20th

All-Ireland Junior Championship semi finals

At Dunloy, Antrim v Roscommon, 2 p.m.

At Mary Immaculate College, Limerick v Kildare 3 p.m.

First Minor Title For Wexford

Barrs win thrilling contest

Off to a start

THE Junior "A" Championship gets off to a start this coming week with a first round game between Tracton and Watergrasshill down for decision on Wednesday night next at Tracton at 7.30 p.m.

Tracton defeated by Ballinora in last season's final will no doubt be very anxious to make amends this season and on form should advance on this occasion.

Despite their short number of years in existence the South East side have made great strides and if they play to their potential on Wednesday night it is difficult to see them being halted.

Spearheaded by players like Carol Twomey, Mary Walsh, Jackie Lyons, Catherine Coughlan and the Kingston sisters Rose and Olive they should have the edge on the Watergrasshill side.

AFTER a thrilling contest St. Finbarrs defeated Sarsfields last Wednesday night to advance to the Senior "B" Final where they will meet the winners of the Fr. O'Neills/Killeagh semi final.

From the throw in it was obvious that it was going to be a close en-

counter. With both backlines playing well scores were hard to come by with never more than two points separating the sides at all times during the game.

Nail-biting

The final minutes were nail biting. With the Barrs leading by two

points Sars put all they had into the game but the Barrs defence of Colette Cronin, Edel Kelleher, Deirdre Clarke, Clare Barry and goalkeeper Marie O'Sullivan were not to be denied and they withstood tremendous pressure from the Sars forward line in the dying minutes.

Others to shine for St. Finbarrs were Colette O'Mahony, Clare Kirby and Marie O'Dea.

While for Sars Breda Kenny, Liz Dunphy, Lilian Twomey and Helena Barry tried hardest. The final score in this tense county semi-final match was St. Finbarrs 1-6, Sarsfields 1-4.

Camogie fixture list

Tuesday August 22
Junior A League '95

Barryroe v Inniscarra at Barryroe. Ref. Newcestown. Coursey Rovers v St. Finbarrs at Coursey Rovers. Ref. Bandon. Ballinhassig v Blackrock at Ballinhassig. Ref. Bishopstown.

Wednesday August 23rd
Junior "A" Championship

Tracton v Watergrasshill at Tracton at 7.30. Ref. Valley Rovers.

Thursday August 24th

U-16A League: Ballinhassig v Barryroe at Ballinhassig. Ref. Barryroe. Newcestown v Aghabullogue at Newcestown. Ref. Aghabullogue. Cloughduv v Coursey Rovers at Cloughduv. Ref. Coursey Rovers. Kilbrittain v Inniscarra at Kilbrittain. Ref. Inniscarra. Bishopstown v Glen Rovers at Bishopstown. Ref. Glen Rovers. Brian Dillons v St. Finbarrs at Brian Dillons. Ref. St. Finbarrs. Na Piarsaigh v Tracton at Piarsaigh. Ref. Tracton.

U-16B League: Carrigtwohill v Killeagh at Carrigtwohill. Sarsfield v Fr. O'Neills at Sarsfield. Ref. Fr. O'Neills. Youghal v Cobh at Youghal.

Forthcoming fixtures

Sunday August 27th: All-Ireland Senior Championship Semi Final: Cork v Wexford at a Cork venue

Friday September 1st: Senior "B" Championship Semi Final: Fr. O'Neills v Killeagh at Carrigtwohill at 6.30 p.m.

Munster Senior Club Championship First Round: Sunday September 3rd: Glen Rovers (Cork) v Tipperary Champions at the Glen Field.

Long association with GAA

IT was with deep regret that we learned this week of the death of Eddie Sheehan, father of our County Secretary Tracey Sheehan. Eddie had life long associations with the G.A.A. and was a great friend of Camogie in Cork. He was instrumental in the formation of the present Mayfield Camogie Club who won their first major trophy at U-14 level last season.

To his wife Pat, and family Liam, Michael, Juliette, Fr. Ted, Tom and Tracey we extend our deepest sympathy.



Girls from Togher National School photographed at a camogie coaching session with tutors Brid Kelleher and Sinead Doolin.

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CAMOGIE AFFAIRS <<<>>> BY MARY MORAN

ARMAGH ARE LEARNING IT'S TOUGH AT THE TOP

In their first season in senior ranks Armagh produced some noteworthy results. Home victories in the National Senior League over Galway and Wexford, counties which contested the All-Ireland Final in recent years, raised eyebrows.

All-Ireland champions at Junior (1993) and Intermediate (1994), Armagh are progressing nicely. They have assembled a good mix of young up-and-coming players and experienced performers who are willing to work hard to make the grade.

Armagh became the first Ulster county to reach the final of the National Senior League. While they travelled to Cork with high hopes, they were soon to learn the harsh reality of the wide gap in standards between an outstanding junior county and the top rung of the senior division. Time and again the Armagh girls waited for play to develop while the more experienced Cork players had read the play and anticipated the actions of their teammates. Consequently, Cork made chances happen and capitalised at the expense of the newcomers.

A few weeks later Armagh renewed acquaintances with Galway this time in the senior championship. Here again another lesson was there for the learning. Taking league points off senior counties does not mean that a repeat performance is likely in the championship. 1995 has been a learning process for the Ulster county. But they can build on it for the future.

In taking their fifth National Senior League title, Cork showed three changes from their 1994 championship side. Full-back Breda Kenny has lost interest in inter-county camogie for the present at

any rate. She was replaced by Eithne Duggan who played Ashbourne camogie with U.C.D. Wing-back Liz Towler is concentrating on her international soccer career and is replaced by Mags Finn who has been a member of the panel for a few seasons.

Forward Liz O'Neill has retired from inter-county camogie. Therese O'Callaghan has moved to centre-forward. In at number seven is exciting newcomer Vivienne Harris. Now sixteen, Vivienne won the National Feile na nGael Skills competition in 1991. An excellent ball player, she has what it takes to make an impact on the game in the years to come.

The All-Ireland Senior Championship is sponsored for the first time. Bord na Gaeilge have lent their welcome support to camogie's premier competition. The first round games in early July produced no surprises.

Kilkenny showed no mercy to Kildare beating the Lilywhites out of sight by a margin of thirty two points. However, Kildare have had so many former senior players regressed in the past few seasons that one wonders whether their senior or their junior side is the county's priority.

Cork pulled away from Clare as their match progressed to win by 1-15 to 0-5. Clare now revert to the Intermediate Championship where they hope to do well. Free-scoring Galway ran up an impressive tally against Armagh.

For the fourth year in succession Dublin made their exit in the first round of the championship at the hands of Wexford. With so many camogie players in Dublin it is disconcerting that the county has failed to win a senior championship since 1990.

At the time of writing four counties remain in the championship. Kilkenny, Galway, Cork and Wexford - each with a good chance of winning outright. Wexford visit Cork in one semi-final while Kilkenny and Galway cross sticks in the second semi-final.

From all accounts, the experiment to play the semi-finals and finals of the Gael-Linn interprovincial championships off on the same day was successful. With the Downey twins adopting the role of spectators, Connacht got the better of Leinster in the senior grade. Munster who had an easier semi-final against Ulster retained the Gael-Linn Cup at the expense of Connacht.

As usual the Gael-Linn Junior Trophy was very keenly contested. Munster had to pull out all the stops to shake off the attentions of a lively Ulster side. Connacht had a single goal to spare over Leinster and two points over Munster to lift the trophy.

Wexford minors qualified for their first All-Ireland final since 1986 when they scored a comprehensive win over Derry. Esme Murphy, who played for the Wexford senior team in last September's All-Ireland final finished with a personal tally of 1-12. Esme will be joined by Aine Codd, Rosemary Breen, Tina Bergin and Michelle O'Leary when Wexford face Galway in what should be an outstanding minor final.

Galway, the holders, have an excellent record in the competition. Their side is studded with great prospects. Colette Nevin, Aoife Lynskey, Michelle Glynn, Shauna Ward and Sandra Ferrell will make it very difficult for Wexford to make a breakthrough in this grade.

Camogie World

By: P.J. Fulham

Clare's Intermediate Camogie girls have equalled the achievement of their hurling counterparts, when they got their ticket to the All-Ireland final, by getting the better of the holders, Armagh in this thrilling tie played at Cusack Park, Ennis. The Banner girls took an early lead and after a closely contested first half, led 1-8 to 1-5 at the break. Early in the second half Catherine O'Loughlin and Moire McMahon stretched Clare's lead by a further two points before Patricia Moloney goaled. The winners were now coasting to victory. With ten minutes remaining Armagh launched an attack which resulted in Colette Byrnes scoring a brace of goals and Olive McGeown had some well taken points to cut the deficit to two points, but Clare held on to win by a score of 2-15 to 3-10.

Scorers: Clare: Catherine O'Loughlin 0-8, Patricia Moloney 1-1, Clodagh Lennon 1-0, Anne Keane, Frances Phelan and Moira McMahon 0-2 each. Armagh: Colette Byrne 2-0, Aine French 1-1, Olive McGeown 0-4, Ursula McGivern 0-2, Mary Donnelly, Patricia McEvoy and Deirdre Connolly 0-1 each. Referee: Miriam O'Callaghan, Offaly.

Tipperary will be Clare's opponents in the All-Ireland Intermediate final. The Premier County overcame Down in this semi final played at Ballycran. Despite a personal tally of 3-6 from Down's Mairin McAleenan, ten points by Tipperary's Noelle Kennedy and two goals by Deirdre Hughes gave them a five point victory. Final score: Tipperary 2-16, Down 3-8.

Scorers: Tipperary: Noelle Kennedy 0-10, Deirdre Hughes 2-1, Marie Ryan, Kay Burke 0-2 each, Maeve Stokes 0-1. Down: Mairin McAleenan 3-6, Edel Mason and Pauline Hynds 0-1 each. Referee: Aine Derham, Dublin. Wexford retained the Leinster Senior

Championship title when they fought off a strong challenge from Kilkenny in this final played at Nowlan Park. It was a ding dong battle all the way. Kilkenny fielded without Angela Downey while Wexford's young star Esme Murphy was also absent. Both sides were hungry for victory and it was an edge of the seat affair from start to finish. After a blistering first half in which Anne Downey, Kilkenny and Wexford's Catherine Murphy exchanged goals the sides were all square at the break 1-5 each.

The second half was score for score. Wexford edged into a two point lead in the final eight minutes and held on for victory. Final score: Wexford 2-12, Kilkenny 2-10.

Scorers: Wexford: Geraldine Codd 0-7, Catherine Murphy 1-3, Siobhan Dunne 1-1, Marian O'Leary 0-1. Kilkenny: Anne Downey 1-2, Marina Downey 1-1, Marina Downey 0-4, Sinead Millea 0-3. Referee: John Pender, Kildare.

Bord na Gaeilge Championship

On Sunday next the Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland Senior Championship semi finals are down for decision. The following pairings will create a big interest: Cill Chainnigh v A Ghaillimh agus Corcaigh v Loch Garman. The All-Ireland champions Cill Chainnigh have the venue against An Ghaillimh.

This should be an entertaining tussle. An Ghaillimh reached the All-Ireland final in 1993 and won the National League in '94. They have star performers in Sharon Glynn, Claire Lynch, Tracey Laheen, Brid Statford, Deirdre Costello and Imelda Hobbins.

Cill Chainnigh will be quietly confident on home ground and will be very eager to hold on to the title. Apart from the Downey sisters Angela, Marina and Anne, they have talented players in the Millea sisters, Tracey and Sinead, Gillian Dillon and Deirdre Malone. When the sides met in the

National League this year they finished on level terms 3-11 each. The champions will have it all to do to push An Ghaillimh aside.

In the other semi final, Corcaigh will host last year's finalists Loch Garman. This too should be an entertaining tie. When the sides met in the National League Loch Garman came out tops 4-10 to 2-13. There is a vast difference between League and Championship and the Slaneysiders will not be taking anything for granted. It is of course their ambition to go one better this year, but they face a formidable force in taking on Corcaigh on home ground. Loch Garman have prominent players in Fiona Dunne, Paula Rankin, Orla Hermon, Stella Synott, Marian O'Leary and 16 year old Esme Murphy. Esme played in the All-Ireland final last year and has blended in well with the team. Corcaigh have already collected the Senior League title. Last year they were halted by Cill Chainnigh in the semi final when going for three-in-a-row. They can call on star performers such as Sandie Fitzgibbon, Linda Mellerick, Therese O'Callaghan, Colette O'Mahoney, Vivienne Harris and the Dunlea sisters Lynn and Stephanie. Loch Gorman will have to improve to reach the final.

Results from Clare:

Senior Championship: Wolfe Tones (the holders) 1-12, Bodyke 1-6

Sixmilebridge 2-12 St. Josephs 0-2

Semi final: Kilnamona 6-12, St. Flannans 1-1

Senior league final: Wolfe Tones 2-6, Sixmilebridge 0-3

Intermediate League final: Kilmaley 5-8 Eire Og 2-3

ULSTER CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP QUARTER FINAL

Cushendall, Antrim 4-7
Teemore Fermanagh 1-12.

Another Final Appearance For Clare

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Monaghan Camogie

Derry champions Lavey took their first strides in Senior Ulster camogie successfully when they defeated Monaghan kingpins Castleblayney, 3-9 to 3-2. Lavey had won their first Derry title just a week earlier while Blayney had won their sixth title on the trot in Monaghan.

Ironically however it was the Monaghan girls who fielded the less experienced side with five of their players under 16 - and two of that five a mere twelve years of age.

Early points from Lavey were answered by a Noelle McGovern goal in the 15th minute but the goals came thick and fast in the second quarter. Lavey full forward Janette McCann slammed one home in the 21st minute and with the game swinging from end to end the Derry heirs struck again, Helen Collins getting the touch in a goalmouth melee.

Not to be outdone however, Castleblayney replied on the stroke of half-time through 12 year old Michelle McMahon - much to the chagrin and dismay of the Lavey defence.

Half-time score: Lavey 2-3 Castleblayney 2-2.

Lavey took the game to their opponents in the second half but stout defending by the Monaghan defence and goalkeeper Mary Kelly kept them at bay until the 12th minute of the half when midfielder Martina Mulholland pointed. Lavey went on to add another 1-5, the goal coming from Bronagh Birt, as they dominated outfield play and imposed severe pressure on the Monaghan defence.

Blayney replied with a 15th minute goal, this one coming from a Noelle McGovern free that went all the way to the net. Lavey now meet Tyrone champions Eglis who had a somewhat surprise victory over Armagh champions Ballymacnab. Donegal champs Newtowncunningham were beaten by Cushendall of Antrim and Cushendall now go on to meet the Fermanagh champions Teemore.

LATE WILLIE LYNCH

It was with regret that the camogie fraternity far and near learned of the death of Willie Lynch, Lisanist, Carrickmacross. Willie was husband of Mary

Lynch, Honourary President of the Monaghan Board, Ulster Council and Central Council Officer, and former National President of the Camogie Association. Willie himself was a tremendous hurler and official, and he passed his love for the game, and skills, to many young men in the Carrick area at that time. To his wife Mary and immediate family, Marian, Brendan, Billy and Tony, deepest sympathy is extended.

FOUNDATION TRAINING COURSE

Clubs are reminded to nominate a person (or people) who are interested in participating in the one-day Foundation course in Dungannon next Saturday, August 19th. The skills learned here are bound to benefit players, particularly underage players in every club.

MONAGHAN COUNTY FINAL

Sundrenched St Mellan's Park, Truagh, was the setting for the Monaghan Intermediate final between Scotstown and Clontibret. A close contest was expected but Scotstown were simply unstoppable on the day and racked up a massive 9-4 to 1-1 win. In the Senior decider a week earlier Castleblayney maintained their ascendancy in the county when winning their sixth consecutive title. Challengers Inniskeen were only two points adrift at half-time, 1-4 to 1-2, but the champions pulled away in the second half to win by a comfortable 3-9 to 2-4.

LONDON CAMOGIE

GREEN ISLES
ISLINGTON

1-3
0-5

At a gloriously sunny Mouthfield Park, Catford, on Sunday afternoon last Green Isles were relieved to hear Jim O'Donnell's long whistle three minutes into injury time after their well contested and absorbing Intermediate League encounter with Islington. Both sides were short staffed for the assignment, the absentees just about cancelling each other out and the issue wavering right to the end. The small gathering basking in the sunshine were treated to a game of sustained closeness, but of good camogie standards. Islington had established an edge on Green Isles in past meetings, but this time they failed to retain their supremacy through dogged endeavour from the tricolour clad Green Isles girls and lady luck at times deserting the North London based outfit. Geraldine Guinan opened the scoring for Green Isles with a point after 3 minutes, and 7 minutes later Nora Rahill popped one over the black spot to tie the scores. Jean O'Connor pointed for Islington from a '30', the ball having been put out by Mags Campion in the Green Isles goal. Tina Clarke suffered an injury in the lead up to the '30' and was replaced by Caroline Harnett with four minutes of the half remaining. Just before the break Geraldine Guinan took her point to leave the sides level as they went in to take the welcome half time refreshments. Geraldine Guinan again scored first in the second half to edge her side ahead in the 7th minute but the lead was only to last for 2 minutes as Helen Roberts in the 9th and 12th minutes retook the lead with two well taken points. The game was tightly balanced and despite some good possession, Islington at times indulged in squandermania, despite having moved into a one point lead. After a scramble in the Islington goalmouth, Liz Loftus goaled for Green Isles to give them back a lead of two points coming into the final stages. The Green Isles defence stood firm and survived the onslaught, save for a consolation point in the 22nd minute, from Islington captain Jean O'Connor, which was the last score of a very competitive game.

By: Jim O'Donnell

Tough task

Lynn is confident of victory

This is Cork's year. It's now or never for the senior camogie side, and they know they have the players and ability to take an All Ireland title.

Going this year where their male counterparts have failed, this is a team with their sights set firmly on the top prize. And so says Lynn Dunlea, the 22-year old forward from The Glen.

Impressive

Few players at 22 can boast of an impressive five years at the top, but Lynn has figured consistently in this side since her debut in 1990.

And, likewise, few players are as confident heading into tomorrow's debacle with Wexford as Lynn is. "We are very well prepared this year. This team is as good now as I've ever seen it. High hopes, and against a Wexford side who beat this Cork team only four months ago. But Lynn is dismissive of Wexford's league victory in April, and feels it bears no weight on

By AOIFE KAVANAGH

tomorrow's outcome. "We let them take off with the match that day and at half time we had let them pull away. But we got back within a few points by the end of the second half."

The focus in the run up to this game has never been Wexford or their particular brand of camogie. This time round, Cork have concentrated on Cork, on their own strengths and their own game plan.

This is a Cork team in peak condition, without a single weak link in its formation.

And it's a Cork team with home advantage, though Lynn is somewhat sceptical of the benefits of this. "I agree it can go well for you, but in the end of the day it's just a field, and you tend to forget where you're playing when you get into the game anyway."

Focus

Lynn cites lack of focus as the reason for the defeat against Wexford, commenting that the side



Lynn Dunlea - This is Cork's year

Picture: Echo

were too relaxed.

Lining out at full-forward, Lynn will be a vital part of the Cork game plan, and newcomers such as Eithne Duggan and Stephanie Dunlea will be looking to the older player to provide the vital scores.

Six players in this senior side play their club camogie with The Glen, so feeling comfortable with her team-mates has never been a problem for Lynn. Her sister Steph-

anie lines out at midfield tomorrow, having been drafted into the side this year. At just 19, she is one of the youngest players in this side, but the name 'Dunlea' has GAA tradition written all over it.

Preparation

So what of the preparation for this All Ireland semi-final.

How has this Cork team come together under the instruction of

their new coach, Tommy Knott?

"Tom has been really great. He puts us through everything. I think we know every inch of this pitch by now, we've never been as fit as this before."

And all the signs are that whatever Wexford defender has the job of keeping an eye on Lynn Dunlea at Páirc uí Rinn tomorrow, won't have too many quiet moments either.



Cork player Eithne Duggan.

Murphy return boosts Wexford

Wexford travel to the lion's den that is Páirc Uí Rinn tomorrow with a fully fit squad. The team received a welcome boost with the return of defender turned attacker, Catherine Murphy, who had decided to take

'early retirement' from the game. Other dangers in this Wexford team come in the shape of the team's captain Stella Sinnott in defence, Fiona Dunne at midfield, Geraldine Codd and Esme Murphy up front. Cork will

give away frees in scorable positions at their peril tomorrow, as the free-taking skills of Fiona Dunne, sister of Wexford defender, Liam, have been proved detrimental to other side's hopes before.

Glen will be too strong

In the Junior 'A' Championship this weekend we should have victories for the Barrs over Killeagh, St. Vincents should have too much in hand for Blackrock while the Brian Dillons should have the edge over Inniscarra.

In what should be the pick of the games we should have a close en-

counter between Ballinhassig and Glen Rovers. Ballinhassig, promoted to junior 'A' ranks for the first time this season, will no doubt have their work cut out if they are to win.

Glen have a very experienced side and are in a position to call on players like Mary Currid, Orla Murphy, Mandy

Kennefick, Yvonne McCarthy and Emma Harte. All of these players have played senior with the Glen at one stage or another and on form it is difficult to see Ballinhassig who will be looking to players like Linda O'Sullivan, Sinead O'Halloran and Ann Dorney halting them on this occasion.

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Wexford looking for All-Ireland double

The All-Ireland Senior Championship Semi-final between Cork and Wexford to be played at Pairc Ui Rinn tomorrow at 2.30 p.m. will dominate the camogie fixture list for this weekend.

At club level the Junior 'A' Championship continues this weekend with three first round games down for decision.

On Friday next at Carrigtwohill at 6.30 p.m. the second semi-final in the Senior 'B' Championship will be decided between Fr. O'Neills and Killeagh.

Cork will certainly be under no illusions as to the task confronting them tomorrow when they take on Wexford in the semi-final of the All-Ireland Senior Championship.

Defeat

Defeated by Wexford earlier in the season in the National League, Cork are certainly very much aware that only a top-class performance from all the players involved will suffice tomorrow if they are to succeed in advancing to this season's All-Ireland final.

Wexford have already won the All-Ireland Minor Championship and make no secret of the fact that they would dearly love to make it a double.

And if their present forms is anything to go by, this is certainly not beyond their capabilities. In their first round game they had a fine victory over Dublin.

Contribution

In this game players like Stella Synott, Paula Rankin, Barbara Studds, Siobhan Dunne, Angela Aberne and in particular 16-year-old Esme Murphy who plays in their forward line all made a major contribution to their victory.

If Cork are to succeed on this occasion they will certainly have to be on their guard and



Cork captain Denise Cronin

will have to contain these influential players.

Prepared

However Cork have prepared well for this game under new coach this season Tom Nott and are confident that if the team performs to their potential that they are in there with every chance of success.

Cork have made two changes from the side that defeated Clare in their first round game. The unlucky players are left out of the side are wing-forward Collette O'Mahony who has made such a major contribution to their victories of recent years with her impeccable free taking and newcomer to the panel this season Vivienne Harris from Bishopstown who made such a big impact in their National League victory.

The team will see Kathleen Costine once



Cork and Glen star Therese O'Callaghan

Picture: Echo

again commanding the number one position. Eithne Duggan will be at full-back with Paula Goggins, Mags Finn and Sandy Fitzgibbon completing the half-back line.

Captain

The mid-field positions go to Stephanie Dunlea, Denise Cronin who captains the side and Linda Mellerick. Therese O'Callaghan will be at centre-forward with the full-forward positions going to

Fiona O'Driscoll, Lyn Dunlea and Irene O'Keeffe.

Cork senior team: Kathleen Costine (Killeagh); Eithne Duggan (Bishopstown); Mags Finn (Fr. O'Neills); Sandy Fitzgibbon (Glen Rovers); Paula Goggins (Na Piaras); Stephanie Dunlea (Glen Rovers); Denise Cronin (Glen Rovers) (captain); Linda Mellerick (Glen Rovers); Fiona O'Driscoll (Fr. O'Neills); Therese O'Callaghan

(Glen Rovers); Irene O'Keeffe (Inniscarra); Lyn Dunlea (Glen Rovers). Substitutes: Vivienne Harris (Bishopstown), Collette O'Mahony (St. Finbarrs), Mary Kennefick (Fr. O'Neills), Rose Desmond (Bishopstown), Antoinette O'Connell (Newcestown), Sheenagh Morley (Bishopstown), Miriam Deasy (Kilbrittain), Eileen Buckley (Aghabullogue), Hilda Kenneally (Newcestown).

East Cork derby

In an East Cork derby Killeagh and Fr. O'Neills meet on Friday at Carrigtwohill at 6.30 p.m. to decide who meets Barrs in the senior B final.

Down through the years will be the

Killeagh have always been the dominant force at this level in East Cork but recently they have lost a number of their experienced players and on this occasion it

Ballymacoda side who will be fancied.

Fr. O'Neills made hard work of defeating a disappointing Aghabullogue in the first round but given the rivalry between these sides they

semi final

will be expected to up their game on this occasion. However I am sure Killeagh will have other ideas about this. In their first round game they were not expected to overcome Na Piar-

saigh they kept fighting and by the narrowest of margins were deserving winners on the night. With a place in the final at stake I have no doubt they will be in there battling to the end.

FIXTURES

TONIGHT Junior 'A' Championship - St. Vincents v Blackrock, Vincents at 7 p.m. (K. Field); Inniscarra v Brian Dibons Inniscarra at 7 p.m. (SO'Brien).

TOMORROW All-Ireland Semi-final - Cork v Wexford at Pairc Ui Rinn at 2.30 p.m.

Junior 'A' Championship - Ballynassig v Glen at Ballynassig at 7.15 p.m. (W.Flynn).

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29 Junior 'A' League 'D5 Blackrock v Ballynassig Blackrock (Carrigtwohill); Inniscarra v Barrs, Inniscarra (Eire Ogi); Barryroe v Courcy R at Courcy (Bandon).

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 Senior 'B' Champ Semi-final Fr. O'Neills v Killeagh Carrigtwohill 6.30. (J O'Keeffe).

Camogie team carry Cork hopes

By TOM HIGGINS

WITH the Cork senior hurlers and footballers out of contention for All-Ireland honours, it's left to the ladies to keep the Rebel flag flying when they take on Wexford in the Bord na Gaelilge All-Ireland senior camogie semi-final at Paire Ui Rinn on Sunday, 2.30.

Cork, the National League champions, suffered their only defeat in that campaign against Wexford away last April. However, they had already qualified for the semi-finals, so that result counted for little.

Wexford, who failed to Cork in the 1992 All-Ireland final, have a very strong side and will travel to Cork with a great deal of confidence, especially after defeating deadly rivals Kilkenny in the Leinster championship recently.

STRONGEST TEAM

However, the home side will be able to field their strongest team so far this year, with the return of Fiona O'Driscoll and captain Denise Cronin who missed the concluding stages of the League campaign.

The very experienced Kathleen Costine is in goal and will have Bishopstown's Eithne Duggan in front of her at full-back, now that

Breda Kenny, who occupied that position in Cork's All-Ireland successes in 1992 and 1993, suffered a leg injury earlier this year and is out of contention.

The half-back line consists of Paula Goggins, the every reliable Sandie Fitzgibbon, and Mags Finn of Fr. O'Neill's who is playing very well at the moment.

At centrefield the selectors have opted for Linda Mellerick, Denise Cronin, and Stephanie Dunlea, with young Vivienne Harris, who was one of the stars of the League, losing out to physically stronger Cronin. There is a slight doubt about the fitness of Stephanie Dunlea, who injured a knee in training recently. She has been receiving physiotherapy treatment all week but is confident she will be fit for Sunday's encounter.

The half-forward line features Fiona O'Driscoll, Therese O'Callaghan and Irene O'Keeffe, with Lynn Dunlea at full-forward. This means there is no place for Colette O'Mahony, the selectors banking on O'Driscoll's and Dunlea's accuracy from placed balls.

CORK: K Costine; E Duggan; P Goggins, S Fitzgibbon, M Finn; L Mellerick, D Cronin (captain), S Dunlea; F O'Driscoll, T O'Callaghan, I O'Keeffe; L Dunlea.

Subs: V Harris, C O'Mahony, R Desmond, S Morley, M Kennefick, A O'Connell, H Kenneally, E Buckley, M Deasy.



Cork camogie coach Tommy Knott with Lynn Dunlea, Eithne Duggan and Lynda Mellerick during a training session for Sunday's clash with Wexford.

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Kilkenny face test from West

KILKENNY'S defence of their All-Ireland senior camogie title will face a stern examination on Sunday when they play host to Galway in an intriguing semi-final.

And in the other semi-final of the Bord na Gaelilge-sponsored championship, Wexford travel to newly crowned National League champions Cork.

Kilkenny will not have it all their own way against Galway, who reached the All-Ireland decider in 1993 and won the National League in '94.

CAMOGIE

By PJ FULLAN

Galway looked very impressive while representing Connacht in the inter-provincial championship.

Those to catch the eye were former Dublin 'keeper Louise Curry, the versatile Sharon Glynn, Claire Lynch, Tracey Labeen, Brid Stratford, Deirdre Costello and Imelda Hobbs.

The champions, meanwhile, will be depending on the Downey sisters Anne and Angela, Marina Downey, the Miller sisters Tracey and Sinead, and Deirdre Malone to see them through.

And so to the other semi-final. When Wexford met Cork in the preliminary round of the National League, the Stanleysiders won by 4-10 to 2-13.

But there is a vast difference between league and championship and Wexford — managed by Ray Quigley and George Rankin — will take nothing for granted.

Their key players include Fiona Dunne, Paula Rankin, Orla Hernan, Stella Simoni, Marian O'Leary and minor star Esme Murphy.

But Cork have firepower aplenty and are flying under trainer Tom Nott. Therese O'Callaghan, Colette O'Mahony, Vivienne Harris and the Dunlea sisters, Lynn and Stephanie, should propel them into the final.

FIXTURES

Sunday — Bord na Gaelilge All-Ireland senior championship semi-finals: Kilkenny v Galway, Kilkenny Park 3.0. Cork v Wexford, Paire Ui Rinn 3.0.

CAMOGIE place in the All-Ireland senior final is at stake

Wexford women can see off Cork in their own backyard

THE SENIOR ladies of Wexford camogie face one of their greatest tests of character when they travel to meet Cork in the Bord na nGaeilge All-Ireland championship semi-final at Páirc Uí Rinn on Sunday next.

The Slaneysiders, who are on a high following their recent 2-12 to 2-10 Leinster championship final victory over Kilkenny, are travelling in a very 'determined mood for this encounter', according to Wexford manager, Ray Quigley, who accepted that 'very few sides come out of

Cork with a result'.

Cork have come out on top against Wexford in previous years, and there will be a sour taste lingering in the southern team's mouths after Wexford's slim 4-10 to 2-13 victory in the National Senior League at Wexford Park last May.

Wexford were by no means impressive in that game after leading by 2-6 to 1-2 at the break, and hopefully they will have learned their lesson from that outing.

However, Wexford have continuously lost their way after building up substantial ad-

vantages, a factor which was all too evident when they came through the challenge of Dublin by the skin of their teeth to reach Sunday's semi-final.

The return of Catherine Murphy to the county team has balanced an otherwise unstable side, and her move to attack from her familiar defensive role has worked well.

The likely absence of veteran midfielder, Angie Hearne, will cause a selection headache for the Wexford management, but with Jenny McLoughlin in reserve, a quick and effective final solu-

tion may be found.

Wexford have the ability to cause a shock in Cork's backyard, with such quality players as the aforementioned Murphy together with Stella Sinnott and Mary Hayden in defence, two servants who can be a thorn in the side of any opposition.

Paula Rankin, Fiona Dunne and Orla Hernan are key figures around midfield, with Dunne also deadly accurate from frees, and with Geraldine Codd and Esme Murphy up front, Wexford have what it

takes for success.

But the fact also remains that Wexford will need to keep a tight rein on Vivienne Harris and Lyn Dunlea in the Cork attack, and the Slaneysiders will need to curtail their concession of frees as Colette O'Mahoney will take full advantage of any scoring opportunities.

A crack at an All-Ireland title looms for the ladies of Wexford, but only if they get down to the task of winning the semi-final from the throw-in.

Cork set to go one better

THE Cork Senior camogie team continue on their All-Ireland trail when they take on Wexford in the Bord na nGaeilge semi-final tomorrow at Páirc Uí Rinn at 2.30p.m.

Having made their exit at the semi-final stage for the third time last year, the Cork girls are anxious to go one better and reach the final where they would play the winner of the Kilkenny v Galway clash, which is being played tomorrow.

Victory in the National League final has been a tremendous boost to Cork and helped the selectors to try out new talent. Gone from last season's team are Breda Kenny, Liz Towler and Liz O'Neil, all have retired from the inter-county scene.

New faces on the team include full-back Eithne Duggan from Bishopstown, Stephanie Dunlea, who came on as a substitute in last season's semi-final and Mags Flynn, who has been having a tremendous season in the county colours.

Also included on the side are Sandie Fitzgibbon, a great exponent of the game. Add in Irene O'Keeffe, captain Denise Cronin, Paula Goggin and you have a formidable side.

Wexford will be powered by players from the Leinster Club champions, Buffer's Alley Club. Also included are Catherine Murphy, who has come out of retirement and youngster Esmee Murphy, reputed to be a very exciting prospect.

Having defeated Cork and Kilkenny already this year they will have no fear of the Leesiders and this one will go right down to the wire.

On the Cork club scene the Junior A Championships continue with St. Vincent's taking on Blackrock. With home advantage it will be hard to beat the Northside girls who include Sandra Ricken and Donna O'Leary. Blackrock will be depending a lot on Cork Junior Ber Cashman to see them through.

Brian Dillions take on Inniscarra and here the city club will be able to call on the services of Senior players who missed their club senior championship games through holidays. It will take a mighty effort from Inniscarra to secure victory.

The clash of the day should be the game between Glen Rovers and Ballinhassig. The South East side will be calling on Cork Junior Linda O'Sullivan to rally her troops. Una Horgan, Orla Murphy and Mary Currid will be hoping to take the first step on the road to a county double for the Glen.

Camogie queens have it all to do

ALL-IRELAND champions, Kilkenny face a tough battle when they take on high flying Galway in the All-Ireland senior camogie semi-final at Nowlan Park on Sunday.

Camogie is on the crest of a wave in the West at the moment, and there are so many clubs playing that the county is able to field county teams at junior, intermediate and senior level.

The Noreiders have a nice mix of experienced and young players in their squad, and hopes are high that they can get through for another crack at the O'Duffy Cup.

The peerless Downey twins, Ann and Angela, Deirdre Malone and Marina Downey have an ocean of experience between them, and they have achieved it

all at the highest level in the sport.

New blood comes in the shape of Sinead Costelloe, whose brother John will be in action with the Kilkenny under-21 team in Tullamore at the same time, fine goalkeeper Michelle Fennelly and Bridget Barnaville who looked good in the championship win over Kildare.

Galway won a bagful of colleges championship during the last decade and more, and in Sharon Glynn, Claire Lynch and Deirdre Costelloe they have immensely talented players.

The All-Ireland champions will have their work cut out for them in this one, but if they can hit their best form, they should just about get through.

Loch Gorman

(WEXFORD)

1. Treasa De Buitleir (Terry Butler)
2. Avis Ní Nhuallóin (Avis Nolan)
3. Stella Ní Shionnáid (Stella Sinnott)
4. Poilín Ní Rancín (Paula Rankin)
5. Máire Ní hAodháin (Mary Hagden)
6. Aíngeal Ní hEichtigherine (Angie Hearne)
7. Fíona Ní Dhuinn (Fiona Dunne)
8. Orla Ní Hernáin (Orla Hernan)
9. Geároidín Ní Choda (Geraldine Codd)
10. Aídeen Ní Ghordúin (Aideen Gordan)
11. Esme Ní Mhurchú (Esme Murphy)
12. Mairín Ní Laoire (Marion O'Leary)
13. Tina Ní Fhearrúil (Tina Farrell)
14. Siobhan Ní Dhuinn (Siobhan Dunne)
15. Máirín Ní Choda (Maura Codd)
16. Aíne Ní Choda (Aine Codd)

COACH: Reamonn Ó Coigligh
SELECTORS: M. Ní Lacey, S. O'Rancín.

Corcaigh

(CORK)

1. Cáit Ní Chostín (Kathleen Costine)
2. Mairead Ní Fhinn (Margaret Finn)
3. Eithne Ní Dhugáin (Eithne Duggan)
4. Poilín Ní Gogain (Paula Goggin)
5. Denise Ní Chroínín (Denise Cronin)
6. Treasa Ní Cheallachain (Therese O'Callaghan)
7. Sandy Níc Ghiobúin (Sandy Fitzgibbon)
8. Lynn Ní Dhúnlaoi (Lynn Dunlea)
9. Irín Ní Chaoimh (Irene O'Keeffe)
10. Linda Ní Mhaoileirc (Linda Mellerick)
11. Fiona Ní Dhrisceoil (Fiona O'Driscoll)
12. Stiofáin Ní Dhúnlaoi (Stephanie Dunlea)
13. Bhibhíon Ní Harris (Vivienne Harris)
14. Collette Ní Mhathúna (Collette O'Mahony)
15. Shíona Ní Mhorlaí (Sheena Morley)
16. Máire Ní Chenific (Mary Kenefick)
17. Róis Ní Dheasmhunaigh (Rose Desmond)
18. Eibhlín Ní Bhuachalla (Eileen Buckley)
19. Maireaid Ní Dheasigh (Miriam Deasy)
20. Antoinette Ní Chonail (Antoinette O'Connell)
21. Hilda Ní Chionnailigh (Hilda Kenneally)

COACH: Tomás Nott
SELECTORS: M. Uí Mhurchú, A. Ní Higin,
R. Ní Macaí.

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Cork book final spot

Cork 5-13 Wexford 1-6

CORK booked their place in the Bord Na Gaeilge All-Ireland camogie final and left defending champions, Kilkenny, in no doubt about what they can expect with a devastating victory over last year's beaten finalists, Wexford, in what developed into a one-sided semi-final at Páirc Uí Rinn yesterday.

Back-to-back champions in 1992 and 1993, Cork have retained an abundance of experience from those All-Ireland winning campaigns and complemented it with the perfect blend of youthful enthusiasm.

Wexford were the first of the big guns to fall victim to their firepower as they blasted their way to victory in yesterday's semi-final. Cork elected to play against a galeforce wind in the first half. They took control of the game immediately and had two wides in the first minute.

Lynn Dunlea converted their dominance on to the scoreboard with a spectacular goal in the sixth minute and Cork never looked back. This was the first of three goals for the star of the day and, deadly accurate from frees, she ended up with a grand total of 3-9.

Closely marked by a resolute and disciplined Cork defence, Wexford struggled through the first-half and were five points behind at half time when Cork led 1-6 to 0-4.

But they came out with all guns blazing for the second-half and, for the first time, Cork began to lose ground. Three brilliant saves by experienced goalkeeper, Kathleen Costine, in the opening five minutes kept Wexford at bay and their only reward was a point from a Catherine Murphy "30" in the 37th minute.

Five minutes later Cork, now playing with the advantage of a strong wind, were back on top. Linda Mellerick pointed, Lynn Dunlea goaled from a free and Fiona O'Driscoll had a beautiful point from play to put them nine points clear and coasting.

Fiona O'Driscoll hammered the sliotar to the net in the 20th minute, Lynn Dunlea palmed her third and Therese O'Callaghan, who had the game of her life,

added the fifth goal to end a five minute blitz Cork. After that it was just a matter of playing for time.

If there is a weakness in this Cork team then Wexford, despite their best efforts, failed to find it. The defence was superb with Margaret Finn impressive throughout. Therese O'Callaghan was always up with the action and Sandy Fitzgibbon was as reliable as ever. But the star of the hour was undoubtedly Lynn Dunlea who had a hand in practically all of the scores while Fiona O'Driscoll and Linda Mellerick caused havoc in the Wexford defence.

Stella Sinnott impressed in this area for Wexford but they were hopelessly outplayed in the middle of the field and the fact that Catherine Murphy, a last minute inclusion in the Wexford team, was responsible for all their scores was indicative of how little scope they were given up front.

Scorers: Cork — L. Dunlea 3-9, T. O'Callaghan and F. O'Driscoll 1-1 each, L. Mellerick 0-2. Wexford — C. Murphy 1-6.

CORK: K. Costine, M. Finn, E. Duggan, P. Goggin, D. Cronin, T. O'Callaghan, S. Fitzgibbon, L. Dunlea, I. O'Keeffe, L. Mellerick, F. O'Driscoll, S. Dunlea, Sub, V. Harris for I. O'Keeffe.

WEXFORD: T. Butler, A. Nolan, S. Sinnott, P. Rankin, M. Hayden, A. Fogarty, F. Dunne, O. Hernan, A. Gordan, E. Murphy, M. O'Leary, C. Murphy. Subs, Michelle O'Leary for Marion O'Leary, S. Dunne for O. Hernan and A. Codd for A. Fogarty.

Referee: Aine Derham (Dublin).

Kilkenny 1-14, Galway 1-9

ALTHOUGH put under considerable pressure by Galway in the first half, Kilkenny stormed back for a comprehensive win in this all Ireland camogie semi-final at Nolan Park, Kilkenny, yesterday.

KILKENNY: M. Finnelly, M. Hickey, D. Malone, S. Costelloe, B. Barnaville, M. Downey, A. Downey, M. Maher, S. Millea, J. Dillon, A. Downey, B. Holmes.

GALWAY: L. Curry, O. Costelloe, A. Broderick, C. Allen, P. Nevin, C. Hannon, M. Harkin, A. Ward, C. Lynch, S. Glynn, I. Hobbins, D. Costelloe. Subs - B. Statford for Hannon, Olivia Broderick for C. Lynch, V. Curtin for D. Costelloe.

Referee Miriam O'Callaghan.



■ Cork's Lynn Dunlea racing past Wexford's Avis Nolan during the All-Ireland camogie semi-final at Páirc Uí Rinn yesterday.
(Picture: Eddie O'Hare)

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Wexford's Fiona Dunne trying to get away from Cork's Therese O'Callaghan during the All-Ireland Camogie Semi-final at Páirc Uí Rinn yesterday. — (Picture: Eddie O'Hare)

Bring on the Cats say the Cork girls

By T.P.O'Mahony

The CATS are about to be caged - that's the prediction of captain Denise Cronin as Cork now prepare to take on Kilkenny in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Final.

Following yesterday's decisive victory over Wexford at Páirc Uí Rinn (5-13 to 1-6), Cork are now seeking revenge for last year's defeat at the same stage in the championship by Kilkenny.

The Leinster champions secured their place in next month's final by beating Galway (1-14 to 1-9) in yesterday's second semi-final.

"We were very good on the day, though Wexford probably didn't do themselves justice," said the Glen's Denise after yesterday's win.

"I'm just glad it's over and we can now concentrate on Kilkenny. That's one we want to win very badly."

The captain's sentiments were shared by her Glen team-mate, Therese O'Callaghan. "I think it's the final the camogie world wants to see. It will bring out the best in both sides."

The star of yesterday's semi-final, Lynn Dunlea (she scored 3-9), would love to win an All-Ireland against Kilkenny.

"It would be great to beat them while the Downey sisters are still around, and I think this Cork side can do it."

Her sister, Stephanie, who turned in a solid display yesterday, acknowledged that beating the Cats in Croke Park won't be easy.

"We'll have to be at our best, but if we play like we did against Wexford, I think we'll do it."

The final, according to Cork goalkeeper Kathleen Costine, will be a "cracker" - and the Leesiders are looking forward to it.

All agreed though that Kilkenny will be much more

formidable opposition than Wexford.

Therese O'Callaghan admitted she was surprised at the ease with which Cork swept aside Wexford's challenge yesterday.

"They came here full of confidence, but I don't think we were very seriously threatened at any stage."

"The windy conditions didn't help, and the surface of Páirc Uí Rinn is very springy, but we adapted to the conditions much better."

In fairness, the final scoreline did scant justice to the effort put in by the Wexford side, and they were very downcast at the end, having beaten Cork earlier this year in the League.

At half-time Cork led by just five points (1-6 to 0-4), and they got off to a very stuttering start in the second-half. Wexford were dominant for eight or ten minutes, and but for a series of fine saves by goalkeeper Kathleen Costine, matters might have taken a different turn. Cork reasserted themselves, however, thanks to sterling work by Linda Mellerick, Therese O'Callaghan, Margaret Finn and Sandie Fitzgibbon.

But the real star of the show was Lynn Dunlea, and her goal from a free put things beyond Wexford's reach.

Their best performer was Catherine Murphy, who got all their scores.

"Cork were tops on the day," she admitted afterwards.

There is some concern about the availability of Linda Mellerick (who had one of her finest games in the red-and-white colours) for next Sunday's All-Ireland Club Championship match between Glen Rovers and Toomevara.

Linda sustained a hand injury which required hospital treatment, and the Glen selectors will be hoping she will be fit for the encounter at Glen Field with the Tipperary side.

Dunlea the destroyer

CORK.....5-13 WEXFORD.....1-6
LYNN DUNLEA notched up a remarkable tally of 3-9 as Cork coasted into the All Ireland senior camogie championship final at Páirc Uí Rinn yesterday.

Cork played against the breeze in the first half of the semi-final, but Wexford failed to make use of the chance afforded them. A goal by Dunlea gave the winners a 1-6 to 0-4 lead at the break. In the second half the Leesiders took full advantage of the wind and soon it was just a formality.

SCORERS — Cork: L. Dunlea 3-9; F. O'Driscoll 1-1; T. O'Callaghan 1-0; Mellerick 0-2; D. Cronin 0-1. Wexford: C. Murphy 1-6.

CORK — K. Costine, E. Duggan, P. Goggins, S. Fitzgibbon, M. Finn, L. Mellerick, Cronin, S. Dunlea, F. O'Driscoll, T. O'Callaghan, I. O'Keefe, L. Dunlea.

WEXFORD — T. Butler, M. Nolan, S. Sinnott, P. Rankin, M. Hayden, A. Hean, Dunne, O. Hernan, G. Codd, C. Murphy, E. Murphy, M. O'Leary.

Other Results — Ulster Senior Club semi-final: Lathim Fortanoy (Derry) 1-10; Cushendall (Antrim) 3-3. Semi-final Replay: Lavy (Derry) 2-15; Eglis (Tyrone) 2-10.

Dillon goal decisive

KILKENNY.....1-14 GALWAY.....1-9
AN expertly taken 41st minute goal by Gillian Dillon put All Ireland champions Kilkenny on the road to victory over Galway in the All Ireland senior camogie semi-final at Nowlan Park yesterday.

Galway, who had outplayed their vaunted opponents for much of the opening half were 1-7 to 0-8 ahead at the time. But Sinead Millea sliced through the defence and sent Dillon through for the score that gave Kilkenny the lead they never lost.

SCORERS — Kilkenny: S. Millea 0-11; G. Dillon 1-1; M. Downey, Angela Downey 0-1 each. Galway: S. Glynn 1-5; M. Harkin 0-2; C. Hannon, I. Hobbs 0-1 each.

KILKENNY — M. Fennelly, M. Hickey, D. Malone, S. Costelloe, B. Barnaville, M. Downey, Aine Downey, M. Maher, S. Millea, G. Dillon, Angela Downey, B. Holmes.

GALWAY — L. Curry, O. Costello, A. Broderick, C. Allen, P. Nevin, C. Hannon, M. Harkin, A. Ward, C. Lynch, S. Glynn, I. Hobbs, D. Costello. Subs: O. Broderick for Lynch, B. Stafford for Hannon, V. Curtin for O. Costello.

Nott guides Cork to their final date

THE scene is now set for the Bord na Gaeilge senior All Ireland camogie Championship final which takes place at Croke Park on September 24th.

Arch rivals Kilkenny, the holders, and Cork will do battle for the title. Kilkenny finished the better against Galway in the semi-final on Sunday last.

The Connacht county were well in the game ten minutes into the second half until Gillian Dillon goaled to give Kilkenny the lead which they never lost.

The champions will have a lot of work to do to retain the title. Cork's performance over Wexford was very promising.

Their coach Tom Nott has his side in top form. Tom took over from Joe McGrath this season.

He is well known in Cork hurling circles and played with Na Piarsaigh hurling club.

He is currently one of the Munster GAA's fulltime hurling coaches working in the Cork area.

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Tom is no newcomer on the camogie scene.

Nott previously coached Cork to win four All Ireland titles in 1978, 1980, 1982 and 1983 before stepping down.

Among his charge is a very skilful player in 17-year-old Vivienne Harris a niece of former Irish international soccer player Miha Drenth.

She joined the senior squad this year and has shown great potential.

Former president of the Association and current president of Cork County Board Mary Moran is adamant that Vivienne has the qualities of a top class player.

The All-Ireland intermediate championship final between Clare and Tipperary and the replay of the All-Ireland junior championship semi-final between Roscommon and Antrim takes place on September 10th.

CAMOGIE tame exit from All-Ireland series

Wexford girls had no answer to rampant Cork

CORK 5-13, WEXFORD 1-6: Wexford's senior camogie ladies turned in one of their worst displays of recent times at Páirc Uí Rinn in Cork on Sunday last when they had a disastrous exit from the Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland senior championship at the hands of an unrelenting homeside in a one-sided semi-final.

The Slaneysiders were never really at the races, with their ability to repel numerous Cork challenges being in the main null and void.

After trailing by 0-4 to 1-6 at the break, Wexford did up their game, but not enough as the superior Cork selection reaffirmed their strong standing in camogie, after last season's bitter disappointments.

Cork opened up the game from the outset and Lynn Dunlea gave the winners an early one-goal lead after a lapse in the Wexford defence.

Dunlea then increased her side's lead with a point, which was sandwiched between similar scores from Wexford's Catherine Murphy to cut the winner's lead to but a set of points after the first

quarter.

The home side gradually built up their advantage with Dunlea (3) and Terry O'Callaghan points giving them a 1-6 to 0-4 interval lead, following a set of minors from Catherine Murphy.

The fact that Murphy was the only scorer for the Model County ladies in the first half highlighted weaknesses in the Wexford attack and the great superiority of the Cork defence, which never wavered.

But Wexford introduced Siobhan Dunne and Michelle O'Leary at the turnover in the hope that the duo would breathe life into the crumbling losers attack, something which never materialised as Cork held the upperhand throughout.

Wexford seemed, however, to be gaining an edge up-front on the resumption and a sixth minute goal from Catherine Murphy raised the Wexford challenge somewhat. But Cork ensured that the tide would not be turned as Denise Croonan replied with a spectacular major, and points from Linda Mellerick and Fiona O'Driscoll compounded

the Rebels authority on proceedings.

The winners continued to attack and had numerous scores for their endeavours, inclusive of goals from Mellerick (2) and O'Driscoll as Cork opened up a sizeable 5-10 to 1-4 lead with seven minutes remaining.

Catherine Murphy added a set of consolation points to the Wexford score, before the final whistle of a forgettable semi-final and on Wexford's season was sounded.

Wexford did have stars in defeat, and these included Catherine Murphy at full-forward together with Aileen Gordon and Fiona Dunne, while Terri Butler did make some great saves over the course of the game.

WEXFORD: Terri Butler, Avis Nolan, Stella Sinnott, Fiona Dunne, Mary Hayden, Orla Hernan, Paula Rankin, Marion O'Leary, Angela Fogarty, Aileen Gordon, Esme Murphy, Catherine Murphy (1-6). Subs: Siobhan Dunne for Orla Hernan; Michelle O'Leary for Marion O'Leary; Aine Codd for Angela Fogarty. Referee: Aine Derham (Dublin).



Cork's Theresa O'Callaghan clashes with Wexford's Fiona Dunne during the All-Ireland camogie semi-final at Páirc Uí Rinn yesterday. Match report: Page 20. (Picture: Eddie O'Hare)

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CHAMPS GET THROUGH

Kilkenny 1-14
Galway 1-9

DEFENDING ALL-Ireland champions, Kilkenny lived dangerously at times but they got into their stride during the second half and swept past Galway in this

sometimes scrappy All-Ireland senior camogie semi-final at Nowlan Park on Sunday.

The visitors took the game to their opponents when backed by the wind during the opening half. The scores were level at 0-4 each after 15 minutes, but then the visitors made good gains.

Sharon Glynn got through for a goal, and that boosted her

colleagues who ran up a 1-6 to 0-6 lead by half-time.

The losers fought tenaciously after the turn, but Kilkenny slowly but surely edged their way back. Eventually a 41st minute goal from Gillian Dillon, created by Sinead Millea, gave the winners a 1-8 to 1-7 lead.

With Sinead Millea in great form on the frees - she scored 11 points - Galway were pun-

ished at every turn. Indeed, but for agile goalie Louise Curry the losers could have conceded a number of goals before the finish.

• The Scorers

Kilkenny - S. Millea (0-11); G. Dillon (1-1); M. Downey, Angela Downey (0-1 each). Galway - S. Glynn (1-5); M. Harkin (0-2); I. Hobbins, C. Hannon (0-1 each).

• The Teams

Kilkenny - M. Fennelly, M.

Hickey, D. Malone, S. Costelloe, B. Barnaville, M. Downey, Ann Downey, M. Maher, S. Millea, G. Dillon, Angela Downey, B. Holmes.

Galway - L. Curry, O. Costello, A. Broderick, C. Allen, P. Nevin, C. Hannon, M. Harkin, A. Ward, C. Lynch, S. Glynn, I. Hobbins, D. Costello. Subs - O. Broderick for Lynch; B. Strafford for C. Hannon; V. Curtin for D. Costello.

Referee - M. O'Callaghan (Offaly)



Goalward Bound . . . Gillian Dillon breaks through the Galway defence with the support of Angela Downey to score the goal that put Kilkenny on their way to the All-Ireland by defeating Galway at Nowlan Park on Sunday.



Determined . . . Kilkenny's Breda Holmes attacks the Galway goal in the All-Ireland Camogie semi-final at Nowlan Park on Sunday. (Photos: Tom Brett)

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Camogie Girls Were Best . . . In the golf classic organised by Kilkenny GAA Supporters Club to raise funds for Kilkenny hurling and Camogie teams, the team representing county camogie players were
triumphant winners with 96 points. Picture at the presentation of prizes shows (from left) - Angela Downey-Browne (28) Jim Freeman, Chairman, Kilkenny GAA Supporters Club; John Healy (County GAA
Chairman) Bridie McGarry (24) Rita O'Neill (23). The fourth player was Biddie O'Sullivan.
 Photo Tom Brett



Young Irelanders - Junior Camogie Champions 1995. Back row, l to r: Mary Holden (Selector); Ellen Hourigan, Eileen Kennedy (Selector); Julianne O'Carroll;
Cathiona Dreeling; Teresa Aylward; Bernadette Treacy; Maria Whitehead; Sinead Byrne; Catriona Fennelly and Patrick Treacy (Trainer/Selector). Front Row, l to r:
Sabrina Whelan; Hazel O'Neill; Shirley O'Neill; Maggie Dreeling; Caroline Middleton; Philomena Middleton; Catriona Carey; Breda Aylward; Aisling Carey and Laura
Fennelly (mascots).

Fr. O'Neill's reach decider

**Fr. O'Neill's 2-15
Killeagh 3-9**

FR. O'NEILL'S are through to the final of the Cork County Senior B Camogie Championship following a three points victory over old rivals and neighbours Killeagh at Carrigrohilly last night.

O'Neill's, who dominated from the start, could have let

the game slip near the end as despite leading 2-12 to 1-8 after 47 minutes Killeagh struck back with two late goals.

Fiona O'Driscoll proved the ace for O'Neill's with two fast points following the Killeagh goals.

Fr. O'Neill's led at half-time by 1-7 to 1-5 and when Sharon McCarthy goalied in the third minute of the second-half it was

the tonic they needed.

Scorers for Fr. O'Neill's: Mary Kenefick 0-7 (0-5 frees), Fiona O'Driscoll 0-6, Sharon McCarthy 1-1, Agnes Hennessey 1-0, Nora Aherne 0-1.

Killeagh: Mary O'Connor 1-5, Theresa Gould 1-2, Sinead Cahelane 1-1, Imelda Leahy 0-1.

FR. O'NEILL'S: A.M. Brennan, M. Ahern, F. Hen-

nessy, E. Hennessey, M. Finn, N. Aherne, S. Meade, C. Shanahan, F. O'Driscoll, M. Kenefick, A. Hennessey, S. McCarthy.

KILLEAGH: K. Costine, V. Motherway, B. Kelleher, J. Power, A. O'Connor, S. Landers, I. Leahy, C. Treacy, M. O'Connor, S. Lenihan, S. Cahelane, T. Gould.

Referee: M. Kearney, Sarsfields.

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Focus on camogie



Lyn Dunlea and Ger McCarthy Glen Rovers.



Picture: M English.

Deirdre Healy and Deirdre O'Sullivan on the Cork minor panel.

Ballincollig clash should be a thriller

THE girls from Eire Og and Newcestown will clash this evening at 6.30 p.m. at Ballincollig.

Both had easy victories in their semi final games with Eire Og comprehensively defeating near neighbours Cloughduv while Ballinora had no answer to Newcestown. For Newcestown it will be an historic occasion as they will be contesting their first Intermediate Final.

Their team will be captained by intercounty player Hilda Kenneally. Other members of the Newcestown team will include players like Antoinette O'Connell who is currently on the Cork Senior panel, Eleanor Kenneally, Yvonne O'Callaghan, Cliona Long, Imelda Calnan and June Wilson.

When it comes to Championship Eire Og are always strong campaigners. They will be spearheaded by long time server and goalkeeper Marian McCarthy and have other fine performers in Clare O'Regan, Carol O'Callaghan, Helen Walsh, Julie Bradley, Sandra Webster and Cork Minors Deirdre Healy and Deirdre O'Sullivan.

Glen Rovers will set out in defence of the Munster Senior Club title when they take on the Tipperary Champions Toomevara at the Glen Field on Sunday next at 12 noon.

The Tipp champions are a very experienced outfit with fine performers in intercounty players Deirdre Hughes, Marie Ryan and Cora Kennedy and if these girls play to their usual form they could make things very difficult for their opponents.

The Glen team which will be captained by Patricia Murphy and is expected to include regulars Sandy Fitzgibbon, Therese O'Callaghan, Denise Cronin, Linda Mellerick, the Dunlea sisters Lyn & Stephanie, goalkeeper Mairead O'Leary, Deirdre McCarthy, Ger McCarthy and new signing this season Mary Burke from Limerick.

IN preparation for next season's intercounty Minor championship an inter-divisional U-15 Blitz will be held over the weekend of the 30th September/1st October. Six divisions will take part. The draws are as follows:

Section A: Seandun, Muskerry, Avondhu.

Echo reporter

Section B: Carrigrohoun, Carbery, Imokilly.

The competition will be played on a league basis with the top team qualifying.

FIXTURES

Today Intermediate Championship Final
Eire Og v Newcestown

at Ballincollig ay 6.30 p.m. Ref. Colette O'Mahony

Junior "B" Championship

Cloyne v Glen Rovers at Cloyne 7 p.m. Ref. Fr. O'Neills

Cobh v Delaney Rovers at Cobh 7 p.m. Ref. Sarsfields

St. Fanahans v Castlemagner at St. Fanahans 7 p.m. Ref. St.

Catherines.

Tomorrow

Munster Senior Club Championship

Glen Rovers (Cork) v Toomevara (Tipperary) at the Glen Field at 12 noon.

Junior "B" Championship

Grenagh v Aghabullogue at Grenagh 11.30 a.m. Ref. Inniscarra
Mayfield v Valley

Rovers at Mayfield at 6.30 p.m. Ref. Brian Dillons

Clonakilty v Ballygarvan at Clonakilty 6.30 p.m. Ref. Barryroe.

St. Catherines v Newcestown at St. Catherines at 6.30 p.m. Ref. Killeagh

St. Vincents v Courcy Rovers at St. Vincents at 6.30 p.m. Ref. Rose Desmond.



Cork senior Antoinette O'Connell set for Eire Og clash.

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Camogie World

By: P.J. Fulham

All-Ireland Senior champions Kilkenny got their ticket to the final when they got the better of Galway in the Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland Senior Championship semi-final played at Nowlan Park on Sunday last. Sinead Millea was Kilkenny's scoring ace. Her accurate free taking gave her a personal tally of eleven points.

It was a free ridden game with nine of Kilkenny's scores and 1-7 of Galway's tally coming from frees. The first half was a very close encounter with Galway playing with the breeze. A goal by Sharon Glynn gave them a 1-6 to 0-6 lead at the break. The champions showed their authority early in the second half with two points from Sinead Millea and a well taken goal by Gillian Dillon put them on their way to victory. Though Galway tried hard, just two of their forwards could manage scores. They found the Kilkenny rearguard very strong, especially Sinead Costello and Brigid Barnaville. Louise Curry had a good game in goals for the losers. Anne Broderick and Olive Costello denied Kilkenny many scoring chances. Kilkenny ran out worthy winners with five points to spare in the end. Final score: Kilkenny 1-14 Galway 1-9.

Scorers: Kilkenny - Sinead Millea 0-11, Gillian Dillon 1-1, Marina Downey and Angela Downey 0-1 each. Galway: Sharon Glynn 1-7, Martina Harkin 0-2. Referee: Miriam O'Callaghan, Offaly.

Cork coasted into the All-Ireland Bord na Gaeilge Senior Championship final to meet arch rivals Kilkenny with this win over Wexford in the semi-final played at Pairc Uí Rinn on Sunday last.

Cork played against the breeze in the first half and Wexford failed to make use of the chances afforded them. A goal by Lynn Dunlea gave the winners a 1-6 to 0-4 lead at the break.

In the second half Cork took full advantage of the wind and their scoring ace Lynn Dunlea was in excellent form having a personal tally of 3-9.

Wexford defence found it difficult to handle this young Cork star, as the Leesiders were never worried. Final score: Cork 5-13 Wexford 1-6.

Scorers: Cork - Lynn Dunlea 3-9, Fiona O'Driscoll 1-1, Therese O'Callaghan 1-0, Linda Mellerick 0-2, Denise Cronin 0-1. Wexford - Catherine Murphy 1-6. Referee - Aine Derham, Dublin.

Limerick are through to their second All-Ireland Junior Championship final back to back when they got the better of Kildare in this semi-final tie played at Mary Immaculate College. The game lived up to all expectations and indeed Kildare got the chance of making it all square on two occasions in the final minutes.

After a good first half tussle, a goal by Miriam Malone gave Kildare a 1-6 to 0-7 lead at the break. Early in the second half, Limerick levelled up with two points from Pauleen McCarthy. Michelle Aspel pulled one back, and on the eighth minute Deirdre Sheehan goaled. From then on Limerick held the upper-hand despite a second goal by Miriam Malone.

Final Score: Limerick - 2-11 Kildare 2-8.

Scorers: Limerick - Pauleen McCarthy 1-10, Deirdre Sheehan 1-0, Ann Lenihan 0-1. Kildare - Miriam Malone 2-4, Michelle Aspel 0-3, Liz Doran 0-1. Referee: Catherine McAllister, Antrim.

Antrim and Roscommon must meet again for the right to face Limerick in the All-Ireland Junior final after an exciting draw at Dunloy.

Roscommon seemed to be coasting to victory until Antrim's Michelle McKillop pounced with an equalising goal five minutes from time.

Final score: Antrim 1-15, Roscommon 3-9.

Scorers: Antrim - Michelle McKillop 1-0, Karen Coules and Brona McCorry 0-3 each, Ann McKee, Carla Doherty, Elaine Dowds and Siobhan McMullan 0-2 each, Majella McMullan 0-1. Roscommon - Karina Jones 0-7, Maeve

Healy 2-0, Mary Gannon 1-0, Liz Hanley 0-2. Referee: Marie Pollard, Waterford.

In the Ulster Club Championship semi-final tie, the hopes of Tyrone champions, Eglishe were kept alive when Mary Rose McGrady pointed in the closing minutes to make it all square with the Derry champions, Lavey in this tie played at Slaughtneil.

It was an outstanding encounter all the way. Eglishe took an early lead of five points including a goal by Ann Jordan. Lavey had the better of the second quarter and their captain, Jeanette McCann goaled to give them a 1-7 to 1-6 lead at the break.

The Derry champions held a four point lead going into the final quarter but Eglishe whittled away and in the end a draw was a fair result.

Final score: Lavey 1-14, Eglishe 2-11. Lavey - Martina Mulholland 0-8, Jeanette McCann 1-2, Bronagh Birt 0-2, Orla Downey and Siobhan Convery 0-1 each. Eglishe - Brenda Burke 1-4, Ann Jordan 1-0, Mary Rose McGrady 0-4, Leona Fay 0-3.

In a quarter final match Leitrim/Fontenoy's, Down had a deserving win over Lacken, Cavan 3-14 to 3-2.

Scorers: Leitrim / Fontenoy's: Mairin McAleenan 1-12, Lil Cunningham 1-1, Monica Rooney 1-0, Donna Greeran 0-1. Lacken - Rosemary Mulligan 2-0, Cecilia Mulligan 1-0, Marie Brady 0-2.

Toomevara clinched their fourth Tipperary Senior Championship title in a row when they had a convincing win over Cashel at Kilcolman Park. Toomevara had 2-2 to their credit before Cashel got their first score a point from a free by Kaiffe Moloney. Toomevara's goals coming from Noelle Kennedy. Deirdre Hughes and Noelle Kennedy added two further points before half time to leave Toomevara ahead of 2-4 to 0-1.

Toomevara continued their dominance in the second half to run out winners on a score of 5-10 to 1-3.

**CHAMPS
KILKENNY
BOOK THEIR FINAL SPOT**

Dwane keeps Toomevara in title race

By TOM HIGGINS

**GLEN ROVERS 0-16
TOOMEVARA 2-13**

TOOMEVARA, showing much more hunger, stripped Glen Rovers of their title in the first round of the Munster Club Camogie Championship at the Glen Field yesterday coming out on top by three points.

The Glen had their chances to win this game, particularly in the opening half when they played with the wind, but two brilliant saves by "keeper" Nora Dwane kept Toome in the match that saw them go in at the break trailing 0-12 to 0-5.

Early in the re-start Toomevara began to get their game together and a soft goal in the 35th minute by Deirdre Hughes brought them to within four points of the Glen. She received the ball on the right wing

and her effort was misjudged by "keeper" Mairead O'Leary who let ball drop into the net.

Glen Rovers were handicapped by an injury to Denise Cronin and she was moved to full forward after half time and this seemed to upset their centre field. This allowed Toomevara to take control in this area with Suzanne Kelly and Ann Gleeson giving good supply of the ball to forwards Deirdre Hughes and Noelle Kennedy to take their chances to

pick off scores.

The Glen forwards were beginning to be tightly marked at this stage and although they set up some very promising moves they failed to take their opportunities with some bad misses.

When it looked as if the Glen might hold out, with only three minutes to go, Toomevara got the all important goal.

Clare McCarthy at full-back for the Glen, who had a great game,

blocked down in her own square, but was tackled by Noelle Kennedy the ball ran loose to Josie Brown to finish the ball into the net.

This gave Toomevara the lead for the first time, and Deirdre Hughes had the last say with a point for the winners for a famous victory.

Scorers: Glen Rovers L Dunlea 0-8 (0-3 frees, 0-1 "30"), T O'Callaghan 0-2, T Murphy 0-2, G McCarthy-Whitnell 0-1, M Burke 0-1, S Fitzgibbon 0-1 (free), L Mellerick 0-1. Toomevara: N Kennedy 0-9 (0-4 frees, 0-2 "30's"), D Hughes 1-3, J

Brown 1-0, S Kelly 0-1.
GLEN ROVERS: M O'Leary; C McCarthy; S Dunlea, S Fitzgibbon, D McCarthy; L Mellerick, D Cronin, M Burke; T Murphy, T O'Callaghan, G McCarthy-Whitnell; L Dunlea. Sub. O Murphy for G McCarthy (49th minute).
TOOMEVARA: N Dwane; S Cusack; A Delaney, C Kennedy, R O'Meara; A Gleeson, S Kelly, M Maxwell; M Ryan, D Hughes, J Brown, N Kennedy. Subs. Maxwell for M Maxwell (54th minute), G Shanahan for J Brown (58th minute).
Ref: V Mackey.

Newcestown claim crown

NEWCESTOWN 0-7 EIRE OG 1-2

NEWCESTOWN captured the Cork Intermediate camogie title at Ballincollig on Saturday night with a deserved win over Eire Og.

The losers started brightly with a point from Clare O'Regan, after three minutes, but once Newcestown settle down they took control to lead 0-4 to 0-1 at the break. In fact but for some fine goalkeeping by Marion McCarthy in the Eire Og goal, the winners would have been much further ahead as she brought off some excellent saves.

Newcestown continued where they left off at the beginning of the second half, scoring a further three points in the opening seven minutes, but after that they seemed to tire and some poor shooting cost them dearly.

It was only in the final five minutes that Eire Og played their best camogie and had they shown that sort of form earlier they could have taken the title. But they had to rely on a goal from a free by Carol O'Callaghan in the last minute of normal time to put a better look on the scoreboard.

Scorers — Newcestown: H Kenneally 0-3 (0-1 free, 0-1 "30"), A O'Connell 0-3, E Holland 0-1. Eire Og: C O'Callaghan 1-1 (1-0 free), C O'Regan.
NEWCESTOWN: I Callanan; D Holland; J Murphy, Y O'Callaghan, J Wilson; L Crowley, H Kenneally, E Holland; P Twomey, A O'Connell, E Kenneally; C Long.
EIRE OG: M McCarthy; D Healy; S O'Sullivan, J Bradley, Y O'Leary; C O'Callaghan, A O'Regan, B O'Shea; S O'Brien, H Walsh, S Webster; C O'Regan. Subs. E Dineen for B O'Shea (half-time), A Gleeson for S O'Brien (45th minute).
Ref: C O'Mahony.



Sheila Gibson, chairperson Cork County Camogie Board, presenting the intermediate championship trophy to Hilda Kenneally, captain of Newcestown, after her side's win over Eire Og in the final at Ballincollig.

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FAMOUS FIRST FOR WEXFORD.



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Wexford
Minor All Ireland Winners.
Back row: left to right- Tina Bergin, Louise Fanning, Aine Codd (capt), Emma Carroll, Kate Kelly, Marie Butler, Rose-Marie Breen, Michelle Hearne, Noelle Murphy, Mary Walsh.

Front row: Róisín O'Grady, Bridget Murphy, Eileen Handrick, Sandra Carr, Michelle O'Leary, Claire O'Connor, Angela Murphy, Esme Murphy, Lizzy Wickham, Denise Leacy.

Wexford recently collected two titles. The most important was the All-Ireland Minor which they won for the first time ever. This was a just reward for the hard work produced at underage level. They won four Leinster under 14 titles in the last four years. This laid the foundation for a magnificent minor squad who were coached by Rathnure and County junior player Bernie Higgins. After disposing of a good Derry side, they went into the final as underdogs against the holders Galway. The game was played at Loughrea. Wexford got off to a dream start with goals by Rosemary Breen and Esme Murphy they led 2-3 to 0-1 after 12 minutes of play. Galway defence got it hard to hold the anxious Wexford forwards and at the break the Leinster County led 2-8 to 0-4. In the second half Galway introduced Veronica Curtin. A GOAL by Theresa Maher and points by Colette Nevin was not enough to rise their game but they held Wexford to a single point in this half.

Final score: **Wexford 2-9 Galway 1-7.**

Scorers:

Wexford: Esme Murphy and Rosemary Breen 1-3 each Michelle O'Leary 0-3

Galway: Therese Maher 1-1,

Colette Nevin 0-4, Veronica Curtin 0-2.

Final score: **Wexford 2-12 Kilkenny 2-10.**

At senior level "The Slaneysiders" retained the Leinster senior Championship title after a re-play against arch rivals Kilkenny. The tussle took place at Nowlan Park and was a ding-dong battle all the way. Kilkenny fielded without Angela Downey while Wexford's young star Esme Murphy was also absent. Both sides were hungry for victory and it was an edge of the seat affair from start to finish. After a blistering first half in which Kilkenny's Anne Downey and Wexford's Catherine Murphy exchanged goals the sides were all square at the break 1-5 each.

The second half was score for score. Wexford edged into a two point lead in the final eight minutes and held on for victory.

Scorers:

Wexford: Geraldine Codd 0-7, Catherine Murphy 1-3, Siobhan Dunne 1-1, Marian O'Leary 0-1.

Kilkenny: Anne Downey 1-2, Breda Holmes 1-1, Marina Downey 0-4, Sinead Millea 0-3.

Referee: John Pender, Kildare.
The All-Ireland Intermediate

Scorers:

Tipperary: Noelle Kennedy 0-10, Deirdre Hughes 2-1, Marie Ryan and Kay Burke 0-2 each, Maeve Stokes 0-1.

Down: Mairin McAleenan 3-6, Edel Mason and Pauleen Hynds 0-1 each.

Referee: Aine Derham, Dublin.

The scene is set for the Intermediate final

Tipperary will be Clare's opponents in the All-Ireland Intermediate final. The Premier County got the better of Down in this semi-final at Ballycran. Tipperary's Noelle Kennedy scored ten points and Deirdre Hughes netted two goals to give their side a five point victory over a Down team who had to rely on Mairin McAleenan for practically all their scores.

Final score: **Tipperary 2-16 Down 3-8.**

Championship which was inaugurated in '92 has turned out to be an outstanding competition. There were two hectic semi-finals. Clare girls have equaled the County Hurlers achievement when they got their ticket to the all-Ireland Intermediate Championship final, when they got the better of the holders Armagh in this thrilling tie at Cusack Park, Ennis. Clare took an early lead and after a closely contested first half led 1-8 to 1-5 at the break. Early in the second half Catherine O'Loughlin and Moira McMahon stretched Clare's lead by a further two points before Patricia Molloney goaled. The winners were now coasting to victory. With ten minutes remaining Armagh launched an attack which resulted in Colette Byrne scoring a brace of goals and Olive McGeown had some well taken points to cut the deficit to two points. Clare held on to win on a score of 2-15 to 3-10.

Scorers:

Clare: Catherine O'Loughlin 0-8, Patricia Molloney 1-1, Anne Keane, Frances Phelan and Moira McMahon 0-2 each, Clodagh Lennon 0-1.

Armagh: Colette Byrne 2-0, Aine French 1-1, Olive McGeown 0-4, Ursula McGivern 0-2, Mary Donnelly, Patricia McEvoy and Deirdre Connolly 0-1 each.

Referee: Miriam O'Callaghan, Offaly.

on September 10th between near neighbours Tipperary and Clare.

It is sure to be an excellent final full of flair and determination between two sides capable of serving up the best in Camogie. Clare won the title in '93 and after defeating the holders, Armagh, they are slight favourites. Tipperary are due a break and will be quietly confident that this will be their year. However, it should be close at the finish.

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THE FIRST SENIOR ALL-IRELAND CUP TO CROSS THE BORDER

PICTURED ABOVE IS ANTRIM'S ALL-IRELAND TITLE WINNING TEAM OF 1945

Back from left: Fred McNally, unknown, unknown, John McDonald
Middle from left: Peg Dooley, unknown, Rosaleen McCamphill, Patsy Smyth, Cella Quinn, Marie O'Gorman, (capt) Kathleen Rainey, Nancy Mulligan, Susie McKeown,
Front from left: Marjorie Griffin, Bridie O'Neill, Winnie Storey, Mavis Madden, Vera McLarnon, Rita McFerron, Clare McDermott.

Fifty years ago, on October 1st 1945, Antrim hailed its first All-Ireland Senior champions in Gaelic games. The forties were proving heady days for Ulster's Gaelic men and women, with Railway Cup successes in football and Antrim's qualification for the 1943 hurling final. However the Saffrons first Senior title was to be won by the Camogie ladies.

The first camogie club in the county, Banba, came into existence in 1908, through the efforts of Seaghan and Diomais G.A.C. in Belfast, and played their first game against Emer's Dundalk at Feis Dhún Dealgán on June 7th. Other Belfast clubs to come into existence soon after included Crowley's, Mitchel's and Ardoyne but the War stifled the game and it was not until 1927 that O'Connell's resurrected the game of Camogie. By 1930, there were enough clubs to form a South Antrim League.

In 1932, St. Olcan's, Creggan won the first Antrim Championship final in MacRory Park against Deirdre. This was also the first year of the All-Ireland Championship for the O'Duffy Cup, but Antrim did not enter the Ulster Championship until 1934. Once in it though, they began to dominate and won the provincial title 1934-9 and 1942-7 inclusive.

It was the latter run which was to prove most successful as regards the All-Ireland series. In 1944, the Saffron Cailini reached their first All-Ireland final by defeating Galway in the City of the Tribes but unfortunately were to fall to Dublin in Corrigan Park in the final by 5-4 to 0-0. It was Dublin's 7th title with Cork winning the other six finals contested.

However the 1944 final experience was to prove invaluable as Antrim laid plans for the following year. Charley McMahon, a former Dublin and Leinster hurling captain and trainer

of Dublin Camogie teams, took over the training and he planned meticulously the assault on the O'Duffy Cup.

In the Ulster semi-final, Antrim beat Donegal in O'Donnell Park, Letterkenny by 7-1 to 1-0, with Sue McKeown scoring three of the goals. In the first half of the provincial final, played on August 12th, Antrim ran Cavan (the Ulster champions of 1940 and 1941) ragged, leading by 8-1 to no score at the break. Cavan fared better in the second half but still finished on the wrong side of a 10-1 to 3-1 scoreline. Bridie O'Neill was top scorer with six goals, while Dunloy's Rosaleen McCamphill finished with three green flags to her credit.

Corrigan Park on September 17th was the setting for the All-Ireland semi-final and a re-match with Galway. It proved to be a close, exciting affair with the home side taking advantage of a strong breeze to lead by 3-1 to no score at half time. Galway made a real match of it in the second period and Cella Quinn performed heroics at full-back to keep them down to a single goal.

It finished 3-1 to 1-0 and the Antrim girls were looking forward to the final a fortnight later. The opposition turned out to be Waterford and the Munster champions gained home advantage. Antrim left on the 240 mile journey to Cappahuin early on the morning of Saturday 30th September.

Most of the Ulster papers over the fortnight were preoccupied with the Diamond Jubilee of Cardinal MacRory's ordination, and the deaths of John McCormick and Eoin MacNeill. Sport was a relatively minor interest and the column inches reserved for Antrim's big day were small indeed. Nevertheless quite a few supporters travelled with the team and there was an estimated 5,000 in attendance.

The Irish News of Monday October 1st reported a 5-2 to 3-2 victory for the visitors and the news that at last an All-Ireland Senior Cup had crossed the border for the first time.

"Antrim, playing up the incline, gave a splendid exhibition in the second half, their speed and first-time striking being too good for a grand Waterford team that was beaten by superior tactics.

"There was not a weak link on the Antrim side. A powerful Waterford side was baulked, however, by a plucky Antrim defence, in which Kathleen Rainey, Patsy Smith (goals), Cella Quinn, Marjorie Griffin and Maire O'Gorman starred. Clare McDermott covered a clever, forceful player in Bridie McGrath, and her work in stopping Waterford's best player was the turning point in Antrim's success. Peg Dooley and Winnie Storey backed her up with sturdy play and in front of her Mavis Madden gallantly foraged for the forwards, who were a lively lot with a great leader in Bridie O'Neill, who scored two goals and had a splendid goal disallowed. Rosaleen McCamphill scored two goals and Sue McKeown one. Máire O'Gorman and Mavis Madden got the Antrim points."

1945 Antrim 5-2 Waterford 3-2 Captain Máire O'Gorman

Antrim: Patsy Smith (Gaedhil Uladh), Cella Quinn (Dunloy), Kathleen Rainey (Dunloy), Maire O'Gorman (St. Teresa's) (0-1), Peg Dooley (Dunloy), Clare McDermott (Deirdre), Winnie Storey (Deirdre), Sue McKeown (Gaedhil Uladh) (1-0), Mavis Madden (Gaedhil Uladh), (0-1) Rosaleen McCamphill (Dunloy) (2-0), Bridie O'Neill (Deirdre), (2-0).

Subs: Nancy Mulligan (Deirdre), Rita McFerran (Deirdre), Vera McLarnon (St. Joseph's)

CLARE AND TIPP IN INTERMEDIATE FINAL

On Sunday next the All-Ireland Intermediate Camogie Championship final is down for decision, when near neighbours Clare and Tipperary clash for the Purcell Cup. This should be an entertaining tie between two counties capable of producing the best. Tipperary defeated Down in the semi final 2-16 to 3-8. They have a good squad, coached by John Kennedy, whose wife Cora plays centre back. Martin Kennedy (no relation) and intercounty referee Biddy Phillips are selectors.

The Premier County, as an Intermediate team, went to the National Senior League final last year and were defeated by Galway. They are a team that are due a break and their mentors are quietly confident that this could be their year. They have prominent players in Cora Kennedy, Deirdre Hughes, Ailish Delaney, Noelle Kennedy, Meabdh Stokes and Kaiffee Moloney.

Clare won the competition in '93 by defeating Dublin. In this year's semi final they toppled the reigning champions, Armagh 2-15 to 3-10. They are coached by Kitty McNicholas. Kitty won an All-Ireland Junior Championship with Clare in 1974 and trained the Banner County to win the title again in '86. Her daughter captained that side. She again steered them to victory in the '93 Intermediate final.

Clare are a determined side capable of producing lots of fire power. They will be looking for a good contribution from Catherine O'Loughlin, who is the only remaining member of the 1986 team. Sinead O'Brien, Patricia Moloney (capt.), Debbie McDonagh, Frances Phelan and Moira McMahon. The sides seem to be evenly matched and it being a Munster derby they are no strangers to each other. The friendly rivalry between the counties will add to a sparkling final that should go down to the wire.

The final takes place at Toomevara at 1 p.m.

Tipperary Panel: Theresa Bourke, Catherine Bourke, Siobhan Cusack, Claire Madden, Cora Kennedy, Noelle Kennedy, Regina O'Meara, Kaiffee Moloney, Maebdh Stokes, Marie Ryan, Helen Kiely, Deirdre Hughes, Ailish Delaney, Suzanne Kelly, Helen Grogan, Grace Ormond, Caitriona Tiernan, Claire Horan.

Also on Sunday the replay of the All-Ireland Junior Championship semi final between Roscommon and Antrim takes place at a Roscommon venue. The drawn game was a sparkling affair and another excellent encounter can be expected. Roscommon can make history by edging their way into the final for the first time.

Myshall of Carlow have reached the Leinster Senior Club Championship final, having overcome St. Laurence's (Kildare) in this replay at St. Laurence's. It was a tough tussle all the way. A goal by Margaret Hogan and a similar score by Nuala Quirke gave Myshall a four point lead at the break 2-3 to 0-5. St. Laurence's had a good third quarter with a goal by Sharon Browne and points by Michelle Aspel and Elaine Miley which gave them a four point lead. Myshall's first score in this half came

on the 17th minute, a point by Nuala Quirke. From then on it was an end to end battle with great defensive work by both sides. It looked as if a draw was on the cards approaching the full time whistle then Nuala Quirke pointed and almost from the puck out and on the stroke of time Nuala shot to the net to give Myshall a four point victory.

Final score: Myshall 4-5 St. Laurence 1-10.

Scorers: Myshall: Nuala Quirke 3-4, Margaret Hogan 1-0, Agnes Smithers 0-1. St. Laurence's: Sharon Browne 1-5, Michelle Aspel 0-3, Elaine Miley and Margaret Butterfield 0-1 each. Referee: Sean O'Brien, Wexford.

The final takes place on Sunday next when Myshall take on the Wexford champions Rathnure at Myshall at 3 p.m.

Leitrim/Fontenoy's, Down have reached the Ulster Senior Club Championship final for the second year in succession when they edged their way to victory over Cushendall, Antrim in this tough semi final. It was a game of two halves Cushendall led 3-3 to 0-5 at the break. In the second half they failed to score against the wind while their defence held out well. Leitrim went on to score a further 1-5 to give them a one point victory, with Mairin McAleenan once again their scoring ace with a tally of nine points.

Final score: Leitrim/Fontenoy's 1-10, Cushendall 3-3

Scorers: Leitrim: Mairin McAleenan 0-9, Luke Cunningham 1-0, Majella Murray 0-1. Cushendall: Karen Coyle 2-0, Aileen Nelson 1-1, Anne McNaughton and Joan Camphill 0-1 each.

Derry became the Ulster Minor League champions when they brushed aside a strong challenge from Fermanagh in the final played at Ballinascreen. The winners led 1-5 to 0-3 at the break. Fermanagh appeared to be coasting to victory with ten minutes to go with goals coming from Ursula Maguire and Gemma McCafferty. Derry, in desperation took Pauleen McAtamney out of goals and this move paid off as Paula goaled immediately. This score helped to put her side on the path to victory. Final score: Derry 4-8, Fermanagh 2-7. Scorers: Derry: Catherine Pickering 1-2, Veronica Diamond 1-1, Paula McAtamney and Aileen O'Kane 1-0 each. Ailish McPeake 0-3, Claire McNicholl and Shaune McCaul 0-1 each. Fermanagh: Gemma McCafferty 1-7, Ursula Maguire 1-0. Referee: Fiona McGrady, Armagh.



The Clare team hoping to secure their second All-Ireland Intermediate title on Sunday. Front, left to right: Mary Neylon, Moira McMahon, Debbie Kelly, Catherine O'Loughlin, Patrick O'Grady, Noeleen Neylon, Ann Keane, Clodagh Lennon, Joanne Frost. Back, left to right: Kitty McNicholas (manager), Linda Quinn, Sinead O'Brien, Patricia Moloney, Debbie McDonagh, Frances Phelan, Aine Ni Cormaic, Marian Costelloe, Orla Slattery

Clare girls bid for glory

WHILE all of Clare celebrates their historic hurling success, the county's camogie players will try — somehow — to escape the euphoria.

The reason? Next Sunday the Banner girls will be vying with Tipperary for the Purcell Cup when they meet in the All-Ireland intermediate championship final at Toomevara.

Clare last won the competition in '93, defeating Dublin. In this year's semi-final they toppled reigning champions Armagh by 2-15 to 3-10.

They are coached by Kitty McNicholas, who won an All-Ireland junior championship with Clare in 1974 and guided the county to a repeat in '86. She again steered them to victory in the '93 intermediate final.

Catherine O'Loughlin is the only surviving member of the '86 team. Others to watch out for are captain Sinead O'Brien, Patricia Moloney, Debbie McDonagh, Frances Phelan and Moira McMahon.

Tipperary defeated Down by 2-16 to 3-8 in the semi-final. They are coached by John Kennedy, whose wife Cora plays at centre

CAMOGIE ROUNDUP

back, with Martin Kennedy (no relation) and inter-county referee, Biddy Phillips acting as selectors.

The Premier County, as an intermediate team, reached the National Senior League final last year before losing to Galway.

They are a team that are due a break and their mentors are quietly confident this could be the year.

To achieve their goal, they will rely heavily on Cora Kennedy, Deirdre Hughes, Ailish Delaney, Noelle Kennedy, Maeve Stokes and Caoimhe Moloney.

The replay of the All-Ireland junior championship semi-final between Roscommon and Antrim also takes place on Sunday.

FIXTURES

SUNDAY — All-Ireland intermediate final: Tipperary v Clare, Toomevara, 1.0. All-Ireland junior semi-final replay: Roscommon v Antrim, Athleague, 1.30.

Busy camogie weekend

IT'S going to be another busy weekend on the camogie front with no less than 16 Cork U-16 championship games down for decision.

The clash of Brian Dillons and Kilbrittain will be one of the top games, as will the meeting of Ballinhassig and St. Finbarrs. The Togher-based club are a lot of people's favourites for the title.

Another game worth attending will be the visit of St Vincents to Newcestown on Sunday as the home side are expected to have a tough game.

Newcestown of course won the Intermediate Championship title last week after a close game with Eire Og on an excellent Ballincollig pitch.

Fixtures: Sunday September 10 U-16 'A' Championship: Barryroe v Aghabullogue, Barryroe 12 noon; Newcestown v St. Vincents, Newcestown 12 noon; Ballinhassig v St. Finbarrs, Ballinhassig 12 noon; Courcy Rovers v Na Piarasigh, Courcy Rovers 3pm; Cloughduv v Tracton, Cloughduv 3pm; Brian Dillons v Kilbrittain, Brian Dillons 3pm. U-16 'B' Championship: Sarsfields v Killeagh, Sarsfields 3pm; Clonakilty v Cloyne, Clonakilty 3pm; Eire Og v Carrigtwohill, Eire Og 12 noon; Watergrasshill v Erins Own, Watergrasshill 12 noon; Fr. O'Neills v Delaney's, Fr. O'Neills 3pm; Valley Rovers v Douglas, Valley Rovers 12 noon; Mayfield v Ballygarvan, Mayfield 12 noon; Grenagh v Carrigaline, Grenagh 12 noon; Bandon v St. Fanahans, Bandon 3pm; Youghal v St. Vincents 'B', Youghal 5pm.



Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael



Craobhchomórtas Ildirmheánach

Cluiche Ceannais na
hÉireann

AN CLÁR v. TIOBRAID ÁRANN

Tuaim Uí Mheára
10 Meán Fómhair, 1995
1.00 i.n.

Clár Oifigiúil

LUACH: £1.00

Sé de Bhaile
Ardránaí

na Mumhan chun tosaigh cluiche Ceannais, 1995

Craobhchomórtas Ildirmheánach i 1992 chun bearna a líonadh i nGaeil. Ó shin i leith, tá Corn Puirseil bunaithe ag Áth Cliath, ag Ard mhacha.

While An Clár and Tiobraid Árann have met on several occasions within Cúige Mumhan, this is their first time to meet in an All-Ireland Final. It is also the first occasion on which two Cúige Mumhan teams have reached the Final of this competition, and, although An Clár has successfully contested one Final, this is the first appearance by Tiobraid Árann in the Intermediate Final.

History will be made today regardless of the outcome, as either Tiobraid Árann will win its first Intermediate title, or An Clár will become the first Contae to carve its name for the second time on Corn Puirseil.

For the third time, a Senior and an Intermediate team contest the Final. In 1992, Áth Cliath, graded Senior, met An Dún, graded Intermediate. 1994 saw the Ard mhacha Intermediate team meet the Senior Cill Dara team. 1993 proved the exception with Two Senior teams, An Clár agus Áth Cliath, vying for the honours. An Clár retains its Senior status, while Tiobraid Árann retains Intermediate status until the county wins this Championship.

Sencht gContae ar fad a bhí páirteach sa Chraobhchomórtas Ildirmheánach i mbliana, Ard mhacha, Áth Cliath, Cill Dara, An Clár, An Dún, An Ghaillimh, agus Tiobraid Árann. The first four teams, all Senior, gained entry to this competition following defeat in the Senior Championship, while the remaining three are graded Intermediate. Is fíor-bheagán atá eatarthu uilig, áfach, mar a léirítear ag torthaí na gcluichí sna réamh-bhabhtai:

An Chéad Bhabhta:	An Dún	4-11	Áth Cliath	2-11
	An Clár	3-18	Cill Dara	2-06
	Tiobraid Árann	2-12	An Ghaillimh	1-06
Na Cluichí Leathcheannais:	An Clár	2-15	Ard mhacha	3-10
	Tiobraid Árann	3-16	An Dún	3-08

Tá Craobhchomórtas ag leibhéal eile bunaithe ag an gClár agus ag Tiobraid Árann. An Clár holds three Junior All-Ireland titles, won in 1974, '81 and '86. Catherine O'Loughlin, Cill na Móna, is the only member of the 1986 team to line out today, but An Clár retains eight of the 1993 victorious Intermediate team. Tá áit faoi leith ag Cáit Mhic Niocláis, Bainisteoir an Chláir, a d'imir leis an bhfoireann a bhuaigh Cluiche Ceannais don chéad uair ariamh i 1974.

Tiobraid Árann comprises eight of the team which won the Junior All-Ireland in 1992, together with players who brought All-Ireland Minor success to the county in 1990, '92 and '93.

Gan amhras, beidh sár-chluiche idir an dá fhoireann seo inniu, agus is féidir linn bheith ag tuith le hardchuighdeán i scileanna na Camógaíochta.

Camogie World

By: P.J. Fulham

Camogie is in a healthy state in the U.S.A. according to the North American Board, which recently ran an International 7-a-side Competition which was hosted by Young Irelands, New York.

St. Anne's club, Louth travelled with an 'A' and 'B' team. This was a great achievement for a club from the Wee County. U.C.D. Dublin were also represented.

Young Irelands, New York was founded in 1960 by Terri O'Brien Dolan, Galway and Kathleen O'Dwyer McDonagh, Tipperary. It is the longest lasting Camogie club in North America. Since its inception, Young Irelands have been to the forefront in organising Leagues and games, including the New York League in 1960, the New York / Connecticut in '61, the New York / Philadelphia in '70. On the international scene, they organised the North American League in '67 in which Toronto Shamrocks, Canada and Young Irelands, US played for the Molson Golden Award from '67 through '72.

Young Irelands hosted many teams from Ireland, including Thurles, Tipperary in '72 with Young Irelands touring Ireland in '73 for a return game with Thurles. They also hosted Tyrone, Monaghan, Limerick, Queens College, Belfast, Maryfield College and Naomh Aoife club from Dublin and Waterford R.T.C.

In October '90, history was made when Young Irelands hosted the 1989 All-Ireland champions, Kilkenny and finalists Cork in a two game rematch of that '89 All-Ireland thriller at Gaelic Park, New York. Mary O'Callaghan R.I.P. the then Uachtaran of Cumann Camogaíochta na nGael threw in the ball for the first game with Bridie O'Neill McManus winner of four All-Ireland medals with her native Antrim throwing it in for the second game.

Young Irelands are the proud holders of many North American Championships in both Junior and Senior grades, since the NACA was founded in 1977. Young Irelands host the Annual 7-a-side International Tournament each year in New York, with teams from four countries participating; Ireland, England, Canada and the US.

Teams taking part this year were: St. Anne's, Louth 'A' & 'B', U.C.D., Dublin, Croydon, London, The Claddagh, Toronto, Canada, NY Young Ireland, The South, NY

Young Irelands (Ulster), NY New Irish Sports, The Southbend, Emerald Isle, Boston 'A' & 'B', Philadelphia.

We will have a further look at American clubs in the future.

Toomevara, Tipperary, showing much more hunger, stripped Glen Rovers, Cork of their Munster title in the first round of the Munster Club Championship at Glen Rovers Grounds, coming out on top by three points. Glen Rovers missed a number of chances in the opening half, with the strong breeze behind them. Nevertheless they led 0-12 to 0-5 at the break.

Early in the second half Toomevara began to get their game together and a goal in the 35th minute by Deirdre Hughes brought them to within four points of the Glen. Deirdre collected on the right wing and sent a high ball into the Glen goalmouth which was misjudged by keeper Mairead O'Leary who let the ball drop into the net. Toomevara took control from here on. The Glen knew they were in trouble and it caused them to force errors which they normally would not do. Toomevara centrefield trio were supplying plenty of ball to the forward line and they took their chances brilliantly. The Glen forwards were being tightly marked and although they set up some very promising moves Toomevara backs were letting nothing away and cleared everything that came their way.

With only three minutes remaining the Tipperary champions were trailing by just one point when they got the all-important goal. Claire McCarthy at full back for the Glen blocked down in her own square, but was tackled by Noelle Kennedy, the ball passed to Josie Browne who made no mistake and sent it crashing to the back of the net. This gave Toomevara the lead for the first time and Deirdre Hughes had the last say, a point, to run out winners on a score of Toomevara 2-13, Glen Rovers 0-16.

Burgess, Tipperary, had a convincing win over Kilruane in the Intermediate County final played in Toomevara. The scoreline does not justify the close contest this final really was and both teams gave an excellent display. Final Score: Burgess 3-11, Kilruane 1-7.

Ulster Under 18 Championship final: Down 3-11 Cavan (the holders) 3-6.

Scorers: Down: Colette Boland 2-0, Jennifer Branniff 0-8, Majella Murray 1-2, Karen McConville 0-1. Cavan: Joanne Hayes 2-3, Colette Smyth 1-1, Orla O'Sullivan 0-2.

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