





# Dillons bid to capture elusive championship

The Junior "A" Championship Final between Brian Dillons and Bishopstown postponed last month, weather conditions permitting, will go ahead on Sunday next at Delanys at 2.30.

On Saturday, St. Marys, Charleville and Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis, will battle it out in the Munster Senior Colleges Final, at Charleville, while the remainder of the weekend will see a number of League games decided.

The outcome of the 87 Junior "A" Championship is eagerly awaited as it involves two clubs that have been very successful at underage level in recent years and who are determined to make it to the top.

Dillons, a team with such great talent should possibly have taken the Junior "A" Championship long before now. They have won the Junior "A" League for the past two seasons, but the Championship has always eluded them, so they will be hoping to make no mistake this time, but they will have their work cut out to put a stop to this very progressive Bishopstown side.

Dillons are without the services of Cork senior Lynda Mellerick this season and she is a big loss to them, but they can still call on players of the calibre of Karen Mellerick, Vivienne O'Brien, who is currently playing with U.C.C. in the Ashbourne Cup series; Aileen Barry, Mary Mulcahy, Mary Rose and to complete the outfit they have up-and-coming young stars in Claire Barry, Gillian Ryan and Niamh Cotter.

Bishopstown have an excellent goalkeeper in Bernie Power and have other fine players in Sheenagh Morley, Liz O'Neill, Rose Desmond, Edel Ryan and Deirdre Carroll and these girls are sure to leave no stone unturned to bring further honour to their club.

On Saturday there is another thriller of a game on the cards. Colleges camogie is always very keenly contested and Saturday's game between the holders St. Marys, Charleville and Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis, promises to be one of the best finals ever.

This is a repeat of last year's final, when St. Marys took their first senior title in their first year at senior level, but Colaiste Mhuire have not been as lucky. This is their third final and have yet to be successful so will it be a case of third time lucky for them.

They have a match winner in Clare intercounty player Catherine O'Loughlin and have other marvellous players in Claire Bracken, Louise O'Donnell and Angela Killeen, but these girls face a Charleville side that will have eleven of last year's winning side.

In the remaining games of the weekend, Sars should account for Fr. O'Neills in the Senior League, while in the Intermediate League, Eire Og



Claire Barry, Brian Dillons.

should have the edge on Cloyne; the game between St. Finbarrs and Ballinora promises to be a much closer affair. In the only other game listed, Blackrock should prove to strong for Glen Rovers in the Junior "B" League

Saturday February 6th Munster Senior Colleges Final  
St. Marys, Charleville v Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis at Charleville at 2.30.

Sunday February 7th  
Brian Dillons v Bishopstown at Delanys at 2.30. (Ref. June Hamill).

Senior League  
Fr. O'Neills v Sarsfields at Fr. O'Neills at 12 noon (Ref. Yojughal).

Intermediate League  
Ballinora v St Finbarrs at Ballinora at 12 noon (Ref. Inniscarra); Cloyne v Eire Og at Ovens at 12 noon (Ref. Aghabullogue).

Junior "B" League  
Glen Rovers v Blackrock at Glen Rovers at 12.30 (ef. Deirdre O'Shea).



Elaine Buckley, Bishopstown, about to clear during the Cork Junior camogie final against Brian Dillons at Kilbarry, Cork. Brian Dillons won the match 1-4 to 1-1.

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## Another stiff hurdle for

## Colaiste Mhuire

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exceptionally talented all player capable of being a match-winner. Colaiste positioned her at full-forward in the 1987 decider. Charleville responded by placing their defenders very close to the square with the result that Catherine had no room to work in.

In the matches with Scariff and Shannon Comprehensive, Colaiste showed that they have a fine all round side. Their defence is very reliable. Here Angela Killeen, Catherine McNamara and Louise O'Donnell excel. Anne Hennessy, Clare Bracken and Claire Moroney are very effective at midfield. Catherine Tobin, Anita Whyte and Josephine Howard are valuable allies to Catherine O'Loughlin in attack.

St. Marys, Charleville achieved a great deal in the camogie world in a short space of time. At present they hold two

All-Ireland titles. They are, of course, the All-Ireland Colleges Junior and seven-a-side champions. With one exception, will be the girls who won these titles that will line out on Saturday. E. Watson, their athletic midfielder is at present concentrating on running.

Charleville have a number of players who can adapt easily to a variety of positions. The actual lineout has not been named. Helen Cagney played so well when moved to defence last season that she will likely take the centreback spot in front of Marie O'Sullivan and Ann Mulcahy. Places will be found at midfield for Catherine Kelly and Bernie O'Brien.

Given a good surface and reasonably weather conditions, this final should produce great camogie.

### SATURDAY

Munster Colleges Senior Final — At Charleville (2.30) — St. Marys, Charleville v Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis.

Leinster Colleges Senior Semi-finals — At Ballyraggett (1.30) — F. C.J. Buncrady v Leinsterstown Voc. (2.30) Mayfield College v Ballyhale Voc.

Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis have produced several highly skilled camogie players in recent years. Names like Maura McNielas and Catherine O'Loughlin immediately spring to mind. But the School's harvest of championship titles has been poor. Munster First Year (1984) and Munster Junior (1985) complete

Time and again, Colaiste Mhuire sides have turned on the style en route to the final but found the last hurdle too difficult to climb. Twelve months ago, Colaiste met St. Marys, Charleville in the Munster Colleges Senior Final at Cusack Park. Both schools were going for their first Provincial title. At the end of an extremely close encounter, St. Marys were a point in front.

At Charleville next Saturday, these schools will contest the 1988 Munster Colleges Senior Final. Colaiste will field ten of the girls who played in Cusack Park. County player Patricia O'Grady has finished school but a few handy newcomers enrolled in the meantime.

Once again, Catherine O'Loughlin will attract attention. Catherine is an



UCC's Patricia Noonan in a tussle for possession of the ball during the Ashbourne Cup game against Maynooth, at The Farm on Saturday.

## COLAISTE MHUIRE GOING FOR TITLE

### CAMOGIE

Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis, contested their first Munster Colleges Senior final in 1988 and their most recent in 1987. The title has so far eluded the Clare school. On Saturday, they will have another chance when they line out against St. Marys, Charleville, in the 1988 Munster final.

Colaiste started the season in uncertain terms. Their coach, Mick Meagher, had taken a year's leave of absence and no other teacher showed interest in taking over the team. The girls organised themselves in the beginning and later Fiona Whyte from the Eire Og club, where most of the girls play their club camogie, stepped in to help.

Scariff were their first victims. But when Colaiste defeated the fancied Shannon Comprehensive side, they were installed as likely champions. Colaiste and Charleville contested the 1987 final. Tight marking resulted in low scoring and only a single point decided the outcome in Charleville's favour.

Colaiste have lost two of that team. Patricia O'Grady, a Clare county player, has finished school. But the majority of the girls who contested the 1985 All-Ireland Junior Colleges final will be in action. The school consider that their side is certainly as good if not better than last season's squad.

Their defence was in excellent form in the Shannon

game. Shelley Hegarty, Angela Killeen, Catherine McNamara and Louise O'Donnell will afford little room to the Charleville forwards. Anne Hennessy, Claire Bracken and Claire Moroney are an effective midfield trio who will win a fair share of the ball.

Catherine O'Loughlin is the player to watch in the Colaiste attack. Catherine has proved a match-winner on several occasions. Charleville played very tight around Catherine in last year's final and were able to contain her. If she is afforded room, a first provincial senior title for Colaiste will be very much on the cards. Catherine Tobin, Anita Whyte and Josephine Howard will be on hand to finish off the chances presented.

Since winning the Munster Senior title last February, Charleville advanced to the All-Ireland final. They found the vastly experienced St. Raphaels side too hot to handle but must have learned from the experience. The Charleville girls showed their skill in adapting to the 7-a-side game and collected Munster and All-Ireland titles later in the season.

The girls who will wear the Charleville colours on Saturday have three All-Ireland medals apiece. Eve Watson, their athletic midfielder, will be missing. Eve is concentrating on running at the moment.

## St. Mary's retain colleges title

By Charlie Mulqueen

St. Mary's, Charleville 2-2, Colaiste Mhuire 0-4

ST. MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE retained their Munster Colleges senior camogie championship title at Ballyraggan, Co. Limerick on Saturday when they repeated their 1987 final success over luckless Colaiste Mhuire of Ennis on a 2-2 to 0-4 scoreline.

Bearing in mind the heavy nature of the pitch and the vicious hail storm that lashed the players for a ten minute spell in the second half, this was a game of remarkably high quality which the Charleville girls more or less clinched in the first half during which they played against the elements and still managed to turn over leading 1-1 to 0-3.

The decisive moment of the opening half came after 15 minutes when Fiona Reidy snatched a goal for Charleville. Ennis had the better of matters territorially but seemed to rely too much on Catherine O'Loughlin who scored all their three points.

Claire O'Callaghan scored Charleville's point in the first half and then five minutes after the interval scored the goal that ensured that the title would return to St. Mary's for the second successive year. She was unable to make contact from a free but as the ball fell to the ground she pulled on it and crashed a fierce shot past the

Ennis defence and helpless goalkeeper, Shelly Hegarty.

Leading 2-1 to 0-3, Charleville had several opportunities to stretch their lead. Some of their misses bordered on the unbelievable but, in fairness, control was extremely difficult as the hail thundered down and icy hands found it impossible to grip the sticks.

To their credit, Ennis never gave up the fight and when the brilliant Catherine O'Loughlin struck for her fourth point within ten minutes remaining they were within a goal of Charleville who continued to experience difficulty in finding the target and didn't wrap up the match until the closing stages when Frances Broderick sent over a well-taken point.

St. Mary's, Charleville—A. Mulcahy, M. O'Sullivan, A. O'Sullivan, A. Cotter, C. Kelly, (Capt.), A. Cagney, T. Sheehy, B. O'Brien, F. Broderick, F. Reidy, R. Daly, C. O'Callaghan. Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis—S. Hegarty, A. Killeen, M. O'Halloran, L. O'Donnell, C. McNamara, C. Bracken, C. Moroney, A. Hennessy, C. O'Loughlin, C. Tobin, A. White, J. Howard. Referee—Betty Joyce (Cork).



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St. Mary's Charleville (top), who defeated Col. Mhuire, Ennis, in the Munster Senior College Camogie final at Ballyagran.



Sr. Patricia Coughlan, chairperson of the Munster Colleges Camogie presenting the Munster Senior Cup to Catherine Kiely, Captain of the victorious St. Mary's (Charleville) team, after the final at Ballyagran, Co. Limerick on Saturday.  
(Examiner)



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UCC: Back row, l. to r. Katherine Flynn, Deirdre Cremin, Mags Kingston, Collette Murphy, Rose Fahy (Capt.), Sandy Landers, Deirdre Walsh, Cliona Carroll and Alice Murphy. Front row, l. to r. Vivian O'Brien, Theresa Walsh, Orla Flynn, Ann Downey, Nuala O'Connell, Patricia Noonan and Mary Sheedy. Trainer: Mary Murphy and selector Rose Desmond not in picture.

## University of Ulster, Jordanstown



UUJ: Back row, (l. to r.) Sally McCone, coach; Margaret Short, Noreen McCusker, capt., Helen Loughran, Adrienne Hannigan, Monica Donnelly, Fiona McWilliams, Jacqueline Clarke, Anne Agnew. Front row, (l. to r.) Ursula McGivern, Siobhán Steale, Annette Donnelly, Aileen McCarron, Pauline Gaul, Bernadette Quinn, Mary Barrow, Collette McDowell. Not present: Una Donnelly, Paula Keeley.



Colette Murphy, forward.



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# Universities gather for Ashbourne Cup

THE highlight of the universities camogie calendar is the Ashbourne Cup weekend and this year Cork play host to the competition, when over 200 players and officials will arrive in Cork on Friday, to join in the 74th Ashbourne Cup.

The UCC camogie club is proud to be the oldest club in Cork and has consistently contested the Ashbourne since its inception in 1915, when it was donated by Lord Ashbourne.

UCC have won twenty-five Ashbourne titles, second only to their nearest rivals, UCD, who have won thirty-four. They are the only college to have won six titles in a row, from 1922 to 1928 and more recently from 1972 to 1978. With the honour of hosting the competition this year, UCC are determined to recapture the title last won in 1985.

The club has always had its stars, but in more recent years, players such as Noelle O'Driscoll, Claire Cronin, Anne-Marie Landers, Patsy Keniry and Anne Delaney, all senior inter-county

players, have made the contributions to the competition.

The C.C.I.A. lay down very strict guidelines regarding a players eligibility. The player must be a full-time registered student of her college to be allowed to play in any C.C.I.A. competitions. A list of eighteen names must be sent to each of the other colleges at least fourteen days before the Ashbourne preliminaries.

In other words, each college knows the other teams panel of players at least two weeks before the competition begins. No new players can be added to this panel once

it has been posted to the other colleges.

Sunday is of course the big day for those teams competing in the finals, but all teams and supporters turn out to encourage and shout for their own particular favourites. The venue will be at the Mardyke, UCC. The Duracht final is played first, followed by the Ashbourne final itself.

Sunday night is for many, the highlight of the weekend. On this night the Ashbourne dinner is traditionally held, this year in the Metropole Hotel. The original Cup is still presented every year. It is valued in the region of £3,000 and for this

reason, the Cup is presented at the dinner and not after the final. The stand has the names of every player who has ever won an Ashbourne medal engraved on it.

On Saturday, Feb. 13, the semi-finals of the Duracht Shield will be played; on pitch 1, Maynooth v QUB, at 1 p.m., ref. Marie Kearney and on pitch 2, UUC v TCD at 1.30, ref. Miriam Higgins. The semi-final of the Ashbourne Cup will also be played on Saturday and on pitch 1: UCC v UCD, 2.15, ref. Betty Joyce; pitch 2: UCG v UUJ, 2.45, ref. Mary Maher.

Results from the preliminary rounds: UCC 4-4, Maynooth 2-1; UCD 4-7, QUB 0-0; UCG 3-1, UUC (Coleraine) 1-0; TCD 2-2, UUJ (Jordanstown) 4-7, after extra time.

Story: Noel Welch.  
Camera: Eddie O'Hare



Sandie Landers, centre field.



Rose Fahy, captain.

## UCD the team to beat

The display of UCD in the preliminary round of the Ashbourne Cup two weeks ago indicates that title number thirty-four looks very much on the cards. Superbly led by captain, Anne Cooper, UCD shook off the best efforts of Queen's with ease.

UCD will be the team to beat this weekend when the universities assemble in Cork for the play-off stages of the Ashbourne Cup. Their opponents in the semi-final will be their great rivals and hosts on this occasion, UCC.

UCC were far from impressive in their opening round with Maynooth. On a very heavy sod, they took thirty minutes to assert themselves. The Cork students will be undoubtedly more highly motivated when they line out against Dublin but they will need to step up their performance considerably if they are to advance.

UCD are backboned by inter-county players Marie Connell, Ann Marie Brennan, Anne Cooper and Joan Tobin. Their recent record in the competition will give them great confidence. Cork are capable of improving. Mary Sheehy, Orla Flynn, Rose Fahy, Patricia Noonan and Sandie Landers will raise their game and give it everything they have.

UCG also caught the eye with an exciting show against Coleraine. The Galway girls meet Jordanstown in the semi-final and should reach another final. Anne Lenihan, Deirdre Feeney, Gerri Carr, Mary Nagle and Anne Marie McCarron will make a bold bid to bring the Ashbourne to Galway.

UUJ had a comfortable win over Trinity in the preliminary round but must expect stiffer opposition from Galway. Noreen McCusker, Bernie Quinn and Ursula McGivern will guide the younger members of the side in a bid to cause an upset. The Ashbourne Plate would be fought for by Trinity, Maynooth, Coleraine and Queen's.

St. Mary's, Charleville are the first of the new season's colleges champions. At Ballygran on Saturday they repeated their 1987 final result over Colaiste Nuire, Ennis. But the performance on both teams was not on a par with the brilliant exhibition which teams put on in Ennis a year ago.

The Charleville midfield line of Therese Sheehy, Catherine Kiely and Bernie O'Brien were match winners as some of their noted stars failed to reach their usual high standard. Colaiste Nuire depended too much on Catherine O'Loughlin in attack but they had a shining star in full-back Angela Killeen who foiled Charleville time and again.

**SATURDAY** — Ashbourne Cup — At Tramore Road, Cork: Ashbourne Plate, Maynooth v QUB (1.00); Ashbourne Plate, UUC v TCD (1.30); Ashbourne Cup, UCC v UCD (2.15); Ashbourne Cup, UCG v UUJ (2.45).

**SUNDAY** — At Mardyke: Ashbourne Plate Final (1.30); Ashbourne Cup Final (3.00).



# Focus on the Ashbourne Cup

THE main interest on the camogie front this coming weekend will be the Ashbourne Cup semi-finals and final. The semi-finals are scheduled to be played to morrow at the U.C.C. Sports grounds, Curraheen Road, while the final will be played at the Mardyke on Sunday. Also on Saturday the semi-finals of the Duracht competition will be played at Curraheen Road. This is a competition for the losers in the preliminary rounds of the Ashbourne Cup. The final of this will be played as a curtain raiser to the Ashbourne Cup final on Sunday. On the club front there are just two games listed with Killeagh and Fr. O'Neills meeting in the Senior League while Cloyne and Watergrasshill will battle it out for Intermediate league points.

This year U.C.C. are hosts for the Ashbourne Cup series so no fewer than eight teams from all parts of the country will travel to Cork for the weekend to take part in this very prestigious inter-universities competition. Saturday will see the two semi-finals decided. In the first of these games U.C.C. meet old rivals U.C.D. and this promises to be a close encounter.

The last time U.C.C. won it was in 1985 so the Cork girls will be very anxious to do well this season particularly when

they are on home ground. U.C.C. have prepared hard for these games under the expert eye of former U.C.C. player Mary Murphy from Ballinora. They are a very enthusiastic bunch and could catch U.C.D. on this occasion.

They have top class players in Clare girls Rose Fahy and Mary Sheedy, Orla Flynn, Sandra Landers and newcomer to the side this year Vivienne O'Brien from Brian Dillons but these girls will have to perform at the peak of their powers to overcome a Dublin side which has lost a number of players from last season but who can still call on Dublin senior Maria Connell, Ann Cooper and Joan Tobin.

On the club front Killeagh should do well against Fr. O'Neills in the senior league while Cloyne should account for Watergrasshill in the Intermediate league.

The Cork senior team play their first National League game on Sunday March 13, against Killeeney at a Cork venue. The selectors have named a panel of twenty four to go into training for this game. The first training session will be on Saturday, February 20.

The following is the panel: Marian McCarthy, Mary Geaney, Noelle O'Driscoll, Claire Kelleher, Eire Og; Mary Ring, Ann O'Donovan, Val Fitz-

patrick, Denise Cotter, Sandy Fitzgibbon, Fiona McCarthy, Glen Rovers; Claire Cronin, Colette O'Mahony, Niamh Coughlan, St. Finbarrs; Lynda Mellerick, Karen Mellerick, Brian Dillons; Ann Brady, Liz Dunphy, Sarsfields; Irene O'Leary, Na Piarasigh; Liz O'Neill, Bishopstown; Catherine Landers, Mary Spillane, Ann Marie Landers, Patricia Fitzgibbon, Ann Leah, Killeagh.

The remaining senior games will be on April 17 v Wexford and May 1 v Dublin.

Fixtures for Saturday, February 13. Duracht semi-finals at U.C.C. Sports Grounds, Curraheen Road, pitch 1 — Maynooth v Queens at 1 p.m. Ref. M. Kearney. Pitch 2 — U.U.C. v Trinity at 1.30. Ref. M. Higgins.

Ashbourne Cup Semi-finals: Pitch 1 — U.C.C. v U.C.D. at 2.15. Ref. B. Joyce. Pitch 2 — U.C.G. v U.U.J. at 2.45. Ref. M. Maher.

Fixtures for Sunday, February 14. Duracht Shield Final at the Mardyke at 1.30. Ref. M. Higgins. Ashbourne Cup Final at the Mardyke at 3 p.m. Ref. B. Joyce.

Senior League — Killeagh v Fr. O'Neills at Killeagh, 12 noon. Ref. Youghal. Intermediate League — Cloyne v Watergrasshill, at Cloyne, 12 noon. Ref. Churchtown.

## Ashbourne Cup goes to UCD

UCD 2-3, UCG 2-1

UCD captured the Ashbourne Cup by pipping their Galway counterparts at the windswept Mardyke grounds, yesterday.

The Dublin girls took full advantage of the wind in the first half and led by 2-3 to 1-1 at half-time, the goals coming from Joan Tobin (Tipperary). Galway's goal was scored by Ann Marie McCarron.

A poor second half saw Galway's forwards miss several scoring opportunities. In fact, the only score of the half came two minutes into injury time, when McCarron scored a goal from a free right in front of the posts.

UCD got through to the final by beating UCC 2-3 to 1-2 in a hard fought game at The Farm on Saturday, while UCG beat the University of Ulster 1-1 to 0-1.

Scorers for UCD: J. Tobin 2-2, A. Cooper 0-1. UCG: A.M. McCarron 2-1.

UCD: A. Brennan, S. O'Donoghue, F. Burke, T. English, M. Connell, N. Smith, E. Lambert, J. Tobin, A. Cooper, M. Daly, R. Kealy, G. O'Hara. Subs. N. Birmingham for Kealy, F. Walsh for Connell.

UCG: C. Hannigan, M. Nagle, A. Harrington, D. Feeney, G. Meehan, A.M. McCarron, E. Cooley, E. Lenihan, M. Howley, N. Scanlon, M. Carr, E. Feeney.

## UCD clear favourites in 'Ashbourne'

UNIVERSITY College Cork stage the annual Inter-Varsity Camogie Championship for the Ashbourne Cup this weekend and, as usual, it promises to be the highlight of the student year. Highly competitive on the field and very entertaining off the pitch, the 'Ashbourne' holds a special place in the Camogie calendar.

When it comes to winning this competition, UCD have a great tradition. Barely off the winners rostrum, they hold 33 titles, seven of those collected since 1980. Two weeks ago, UCD met Queens in the preliminary round. A tough contest was expected, but it proved no problem to the Belfield girls, who scored 4-7 without reply.

In the semi-final on Saturday, UCD will face their old rivals, UCC. Backed by inter-county players Marie Connell, Ann Marie Brennan, Anne Cooper and Joan Tobin, UCD will present a very stiff obstacle for their hosts.

UCD were far from impressive in their first round tie against Maynooth. On a heavy sod, they took 30 minutes to assert themselves. The Cork students will undoubtedly be more highly motivated when they



take the field against UCD. It will take the best that Orla Flynn, Rose Fahy, Mary Sheehy, Patricia Noonan and Sandra Landers have to offer to cause an upset.

UCG also caught the eye in the preliminary round with an exciting encounter against Coleraine. The Galway girls meet Jordanstown in the semi-final. Runners-up in the 1987 'Ashbourne', Galway have a very useful side. Gerri Carr, Deirdre Feeney, Anne Lenihan and Anne Marie McCarron may see UCG through to the final.

Jordanstown had a good win over Trinity but will find UCG in a different class. Bernie Quinn, Noreen McCusker and Ursula McGivern will make a great effort to put UUJ into the final for the first time. The Ashbourne Plate will be decided between Queens, Trinity, Coleraine and Maynooth.

St. Marys Charleville, retained their Munster Colleges Senior title against Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis, on Saturday. Neither side reached the heights of which they are capable and so the standards of the 1987 final was not repeated. The midfield trio of Theresa Sheehy, Catherine Kiely and Bernie O'Brien proved matchwinners for Charleville. Colaiste had a super star in fullback Angela Killeen. The difference between the teams would have been far wider but for Angela's heroic display.

Brid Stokes will be a new face on the Ard Chomhairle this year. She was elected as Cathaoirleach at the recent Munster Convention.

### FIXTURES

#### SATURDAY

##### ASHBOURNE CUP

At Tramore Road, Cork — 1.0

Plate — Maynooth v Q.U.B.

1.30 — Plate — U.U.C. v T.C.D.

2.15 — Cup — U.C.C. v U.C.D.

2.45 — Cup — U.C.G. v U.U.J.

#### SUNDAY

##### ASHBOURNE CUP

At Mardyke — 1.30 — Plate

Final, 3.0 — Cup Final.

## UCD keep Ashbourne

U.C.D. .... 2-3  
U.C.G. .... 2-1  
HOLDERS UCD were lucky to retain the Ashbourne Cup in a keenly contested final in Cork yesterday.

With a strong breeze behind them, the winners took their chances in the opening half to lead by 2-3 to Galway's 1-1 at the break.

The Connacht girls took

up the running in the second period and the UCD defence was severely tested, but they held out to win their 34th title by two points.

Scorers—UCD: Joan Tobin (2-2), Ann Cooper (0-1). UCG: Ann Lenihan (1-1), Anne Marie Carron (1-0).

Shield Final — UCC, 0-4; UUJ, 0-2.



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Mary Sheedy of UCC taps the ball ahead of her to get clear of UCD's Gráinne O'Meara in the Ashbourne Cup semi-final at The Farm, Cork. UCD won the final by beating UCG 2-3 to 2-1. (Denis Miniham, Echo)



■ Loser's lament...a Galway girl in distress following her side's defeat by UCD in the final of the Ashbourne Camogie Cup at the Mardyke



The UCD camogie team doing a victory jig after their Ashbourne Cup final victory over UCG, at the Mardyke, last Sunday.



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# St. Raphaels set for another double

**ST. RAPHAELS** (Loughrea) have swept the boards in Connacht Colleges Camogie Championships since 1983. Will the story be any different in 1988? This week the Loughrea School will contest the finals of the Connacht Colleges Senior and Junior Championships.

As has been the case on several occasions, Mercy (Roscommon) will provide the opposition in the senior final. Roscommon did well against Portumna in the semi-final but will have more to contend with tomorrow.

All-Ireland champions for the past three years, St. Raphaels are a formidable outfit. Four prominent members of their winning team, Angela Cooney, Anne Fahy, Claire Robinson and Brid Stratford have finished school. Star forward Deirdre

Costello has not yet fully recovered from a knee operation and is not expected to play.

St. Raphaels have great colleges players in Triona Dolphin, Imelda Hobbs, Ger Fahy, Caroline Loughnane and Cora Curley and look set to retain their title. Mercy (Castlerea) will attempt to knock St. Raphaels off their pedestal in the junior grade but they will have their work cut out for them.

St. Raphaels field a nice blend of young players including Emer Hardiman, Olive Costello, Siobhan Keane, Imelda Meagher and Claire Lynch and should do well.

A new name will be engraved in the Munster Colleges Junior Cup following tomorrow's final. St. Caimins (Shannon) play

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Mercy (Macroom) in a novel final. St. Caimins have come a long way in a short time.

In Moira Cahon, Debbie Kelly, Joanne Meehan, Niamh Cleary and Debbie McDonagh, St. Caimins have the talent to lift the Munster title.

## FINE TEAM

Mercy (Macroom) won the Munster First Pear Competition in 1986. Those girls have matured into a fine junior team. Heartened by their display against All-Ireland champions St. Marys (Charleville), Josie O'Callaghan, Margaret Twomey, Jackie Howard, Sinead Buckley, Lynn and Stephanie Dunlea and hopeful of doing very well.

Leinster senior and junior

champions for the past two years F.C.I. (Buncloody) are on the winning trail again. At Kilkenny on Saturday, they will contest both finals. In the senior game they meet Ballyhale who impressed when defeating Maryfield by three goals in the semi-final.

Ann Marie O'Connor, Deirdre Byrne, Melanie Dunne, Deirdre Atkinson and Anita Fitzpatrick are fine individual players and carry the hopes of Buncloody. In the junior final, Buncloody look to Jackie Jordan, Gillian Moorhead, Sheila Hanrahan, Linda Doyle and Orla O'Leary to stave off the challenge of Thomastown. Thomastown showed good form in defeating Granard and are hopeful of doing well.

St. Louis (Kilkeel), one of the top sides of the Sev-

enties, have qualified to meet holders, St. Patricks (Maghera) in the Ulster Colleges Senior final. St. Louis have done very well to date but will be severely tested when they come p against Maghera players Deirdre O'Doherty, Edel Mulholland, Claire Mulholland, Mary McGrellis and Brenda Kelly.

The Ulster junior final will be an extremely keen affair between Maghera and Keady.

## FIXTURES

**TODAY** — Connacht Colleges Senior Final — St. Raphaels (Loughrea) v Mercy (Roscommon) Ballinasloe, 2.30. Munster Colleges Junior Final St. Marys (Macroom) v St. Caimins (Shannon), Macroom (2.30).

**FRIDAY** — Connacht Colleges Junior Final — St. Raphaels v Mercy (Castlerea) Ballinasloe (2.30).

**SATURDAY** — Leinster Colleges Final — Junior F.C.I. Buncloody v Thomastown Voc. (1.30). Senior F.C.I. Buncloody v Ballyhale Voc. (2.45). Both at Kilkenny.

## CAMOGIE

## PRESIDENT MARY LYNCH TO STEP DOWN AFTER A HECTIC TERM OF OFFICE

By MARY MORAN

**M**ARY Lynch, the twentieth Uachtarán of Cumann Camogaíochta na nGael, has completed a hectic term of office and will step down at the forthcoming Congress in her native Monaghan. The first lady from her county and the fifth from Ulster to hold the prestigious post, Mary may reflect with satisfaction and pride on the last three years.

Mary brought a wealth of experience to the job. A former All-Ireland player, an inter-county referee, county team coach, county and provincial cathaoirleach, she was familiar with and well practised in all aspects of the Association.

She accumulated considerable mileage as she journeyed to the four corners of the country to promote camogie. In addition to the normal heavy schedule, she supervised the initial Coiscéim, Medical/Coaching Seminar and Youth Convention.

Congress 1986 instructed Mary to appoint a Commission to examine all aspects of the Camogie Association. She will receive the completed report shortly and present it to Congress 1988.

The Commission is of the opinion that the Camogie Association can stand favourably with other sports. While recognising the great work which has been done and is being done at all levels, it believes that a still greater effort is required to reach full potential.

Reorganisation of the Árd Comhairle sub-committees is called for. Time consuming routine matters, presently dealt with by Árd Comhairle, are allocated to sub-committees. A more comprehensive role is envisaged for the Management Committee. Future planning and development will occupy much of the members' time.

Fund-raising warrants a separate committee and the Games Committee will handle grading, transfers, fixtures and appeals. The

Administration Committee will work hand in hand with the proposed County Development Committees.

Under the heading Competitions, the Commission suggests an All-Ireland Intermediate Championship with a view to bridging the wide gulf between junior and senior. Lack of interest in the senior interprovincials gives rise to its replacement with an annual fixture between the All-Ireland champions and the Rest of Ireland XII.

With regard to the playing of the game, the duration of inter-county matches is increased to sixty minutes. The apparent advantage of an attacker in possession over her opponent has called for a ban on scores from the hand. The compulsory use of helmets for players of fourteen and under, greater powers for neutral umpires and a maximum size pitch for all inter-county games are advocated.

Under the heading of promotion, there is a call for greater attention to detail in all aspects of organisation. It is suggested that a Public Relations

Consultant would be appointed to do a once-off examination with a view to improving the game's image.

If the Commission's plan for the recruitment of referees is accepted, clubs who do not provide referees will find themselves ineligible for fixtures. A section is included covering the prevention of injury and how to deal with injury when it occurs which was submitted by camogie orientated members of the medical profession.

The production of a top quality video on the skills of the game, an outlay on promotional and exhibition material, a vigorous campaign to obtain sponsorship, a realistic and practical input by youth in the affairs of the Association and a concentration on development of the game in Primary Schools are listed for attention.

The conclusion of two years of examination and discussion by members of the Commission are now in the hands of the Association. The delegates who congregate in Monaghan will decide to accept or reject their findings.



•Pictured above are Mary Lynch, (right) and Eithne Neville who is Chairwoman of the Commission appointed by Mary to examine all aspects of the Camogie Association.



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# KILKENNY AND DUBLIN TO RENEW RIVALRY ON THE DOUBLE

By Owen McCann

Kilkenny and Dublin destined to renew what is becoming something of an annual rivalry in the All-Ireland senior open-draw championship ... a new fixture to mark the capital's Millennium Year. These are some of the features of a very full season of events that promises another successful and exciting season in camogie.

The campaign will get under way at the end of the month when the National Junior League, which started back in October and was suspended for the winter break, will resume. Nineteen counties are competing in the Junior League.

The National Senior League - Kilkenny hold the title - will not commence until March 13.

But back to that Kilkenny and Dublin rivalry. The Dubs were All-Ireland champions when they lined out against Kilkenny in the 1985 national championship final. They lost that game, and were once beaten again by Kilkenny in the 1986 All-Ireland final.

Last year Kilkenny again proved Dublin's bogey side. They beat the Metropolitans in the National League final in June, and then in August, Dublin had a home venue for their All-Ireland semi-final with the Noresiders, but were well beaten. Kilkenny went

on to chalk up their first treble of All-Ireland senior championships, and so confirm their status as the outstanding team of the 'Eighties in the senior game.

The championship draw for 1987 has brought Kilkenny and Dublin into opposition in a first round tie. That will be on July 24, and the Dubs must travel to Kilkenny.

It is tough luck on Dublin that they must come up against their old rivals at such an early stage of the championship, but at least they will have plenty of time to build up strength for that clash.

Even before then, however, we are guaranteed an early show-down between these great rivals in a competitive game. They are in the same group in the National League, and will meet in a second round tie at a Kilkenny venue.

The Senior League should once again provide a useful guide to the champi-



Bridie McGarry ...  
Led Kilkenny to 1987 Title

onship campaign. Eight Counties will compete in two groups. Kilkenny and Dublin will be joined in their section by Cork, runners-up for the All-Ireland title last year, and Wexford, and this is very clearly the stronger of the two groups.

It seems probably that the winners of the League title proper will emerge from this section, although Antrim, Clare, Galway or Limerick, who will compete in the other group, may have something to say about that later in the year.

The League final has been fixed for June 12. The Junior final will be played a week later.

The same counties entered for the Senior League will vie for the O'Duffy Cup later in the season. Wexford have been drawn against Clare. Galway will meet Antrim, and Limerick will oppose Cork. The remaining tie is that clash between Kilkenny and Dublin.

## FINAL REPEAT

Kilkenny or Dublin will meet Galway or Antrim in one semi-final. This means that there is a possibility of a repeat of last year's decider between the Noresiders and the Leesiders, but a lot of water must flow under the bridge before we arrive even close to that possible situation. The championship starts on July 10.



Claire Jones (Kilkenny), left, and Mary Spillane (Cork),  
who may renew rivalry in 1988

## FCI BUNCLODY 3-2 BALLYHALE VS 0-1

LEINSTEN champions FCI Bunclody won their third consecutive senior camogie title when they defeated Ballyhale Vocational School in an entertaining and hard fought game at New Ross. Ballyhale held the champions well in the opening half and it was level pegging 0-1 to 0-1 at the break.

However, midway through the second half, Bunclody got on top. They dominated the last quarter and ran out worthy winners. They now meet St. Marys Charleville in the semi-final.

**Scorers:** Bunclody, A. M. O'Connor (1-1), C. Gibson, J. Jordan (1-0 each), A. Fitzpatrick (0-1). Ballyhale, A. O'Keefe (0-1).

**Leinster Junior Championship**  
FCI Bunclody 1-9,  
Thomastown VS 0-0. **Ulster Senior Colleges Final** - St. Patrick's (Maghera) 3-0, St. Louis (Kesh) 1-0. **Junior** St. Patrick's (Kesh) 1-3, St. Patrick's (Maghera) 1-4.



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**BREDA HOLMES** of Kilkenny was named "Camogie Player of the Year" and Michael Walsh of Roscommon "Handballer of the Year" at a luncheon in Dublin yesterday hosted by B & I Line.

The selection of Breda Holmes now brings to seven Kilkenny's total of B & I awards since 1975, but Michael Walsh has the distinction of achieving Roscommon's first ever handball award.

Breda's award was

given in recognition of her outstanding performance in 1987, both at club and inter-county levels. A former Carystfort Training College Captain, Breda now belongs to St. Paul's and played an important part in their victory over GlenRovers in the all-Ireland Club Championships, regaining the title for St. Paul's after an eleven year break.

On the inter-county front she was a member of the Kilkenny side

which, last year, took the all-Ireland title for the third year in succession. She had previously been on the Kilkenny sides, which beat Dublin in 1985 and 1986 and in last year's great win over Cork she played outstandingly at full-forward.

Michael, who is now regarded as one of the fine veterans of handball in Ireland, had his first major breakthrough last year, when he won the Irish Senior 40 x 20 and

Hardball Singles Championships.

His remarkable career goes back to 1970, when he won three all-Ireland Minor titles in the Singles and Doubles Hardball and in the Singles Softball. Six years later he won the all-Ireland Junior Hardball and also won the 40 x 20 Junior Singles title.

Our picture shows Pat Hanratty, Sales, B & I (U.K.) presenting the awards to Breda Holmes (camogie) and Michael Walsh (handball).

## Player awards for Breda, Michael

Breda Holmes of Kilkenny was named "Camogie Player of the Year" and Michael Walsh of Roscommon "Handballer of the Year" at a luncheon in Dublin yesterday, hosted by the B&I Line.

Breda's award was given in recognition of her outstanding performances both at club and inter-county level. She helped St. Paul's to victory in the All-Ireland club championship and was a member of the Kilkenny team which successfully defended their all-Ireland camogie title last year defeating Cork in the final.

Michael Walsh, whose career stretches back to 1970, had his first major breakthrough last year when he won the Irish senior titles in the 40 x 20 singles championship and in the handball singles championship.

## Same again in Colleges

THE balance of power in senior colleges camogie remains intact. The four provincial champions of 1987 have retained their titles and progressed to the semi-finals of the All-Ireland Colleges Championships.

All-Ireland Champions, St. Raphaels, Loughrea were hard pressed by Mercy, Roscommon in the early stages of the Connacht final but two goals immediately before half-time sent Loughrea on the road to victory. Triona Dolphin and Imelda Hobbs showed that while St. Raphaels have lost some key players they are still a force to be reckoned with.

Ulster champions, St. Patricks, Maghera, proved too experienced for St. Louis, Kilkeel and retained their title on the score 3-0 to 1-0. Maghera will entertain St. Raphaels on March 5.

F.C.J. Bunclody put paid to the hopes of Ballyhale 3-4 to 0-2 in the Leinster Senior Final. Bunclody have developed into a fine team and should do well in the All-Ireland series. They will travel to play St. Marys, Charleville on March 5 also.

Bunclody registered a Leinster double when their junior team ousted Thomastown 1-3 to nil. They will host St. Marys, Macroom who had four

points to spare over St. Caimins (Shannon) in the Munster final. Like Macroom, St. Patricks, Keady won their provincial junior championship for the first time. Keady will travel to play the Connacht champions on 12th March.

Congratulations to Breda Holmes who has been awarded the B & I trophy for his performances in 1987. Breda enjoyed a great season. She played a key role in Kilkenny's National Leagues and All-Ireland double and scored the vital goal which won the Club Championship for St. Pauls. For many years, the Kilkenny attack hinged around Angela Downey. She made the

play and finished the chances. Now that Breda has blossomed into a really fine forward, the Kilkenny attack is even more dangerous.

The Combined Universities team to meet the Combined Colleges at Jordanstown on the weekend of the Fitzgibbon Cup is Pauline O'Brien (T.C.D.), Catherine O'Neill (Q.U.B.), Mary Nagle (U.C.G.), Ursula McGivern (U.U.J.), Mary LSheehy (U.C.C.), Joan Tobin (U.C.D.), Ann Marie McCarron (U.C.G.), Catherine Daly (Q.U.B.), Rose Fahy (U.C.C.), Patricia Doran (Maynooth), Gerri Kerr (U.C.G.) and Anne Cooper (U.C.D.).



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# Macrooom girls take first title

Convent of Mercy Macrooom 2-7,  
St. Camins (Shannon) 1-4

CONVENT of Mercy, Macrooom, annexed the Munster junior (under-15) camogie championship for the first time when they had a hard-earned but deserved victory over St. Camins (Shannon) in the final at Carrigrohoid.

Conditions for the game were excellent and both sides produced a high standard of play.

Macrooom attacked from the start and showed great determination with an early goal by Eileen O'Sullivan. St. Camins replied with a point but Macrooom forged further ahead with two points and a goal by Sinead Buckley. St. Camins kept in touch with a point leaving the score at the break 2-2 to 0-1 in favour of the home team.

The visitors resumed with great determination and in the 15th minute, Niamh Cleary got their only goal but Macrooom retaliated with some fine scores from frees by their captain, Lyn Dunlea, which produced two points. Monica McMahon was to the fore for St. Camins in snatching two like scores. St. Camins kept fighting back but when Lyn Dunlea pointed a "thirty," it gave Macrooom the security they wanted.

Outstanding for Macrooom were: Lyn and Stephanie Dunlea, Samantha Lucey and the Howard twins, Eleanor and Jackie, while St. Camins were served by Moira McMahon, Helen Fitzgerald, Niamh Cleary, Debbie McDonagh, Debbie Kelly and Marie Johnson.

**MACROOM:** E. Hinchion, K. Herlihy, S. Lucey, Cait Hallissey, J. O'Callaghan, Lyn Dunlea, J. Howard, S. Dunlea, S. Buckley, E. O'Sullivan, M. Kelleher, E. Howard.

**ST. CAMINS:** J. Nihill, M. Johnson, D. McDonna, D. Kelly, M. McMahon, K. Lally, E. McDade, N. Cleary, J. Mehan, C. McCashin, M. O'Reilly, S. Quane.



Lynn Dunlea, captain, St. Mary's (Macrooom) camogie team, with the Munster U-15 trophy they won by defeating Shannon in the final.



St. Marys Secondary School, Macrooom, winners of the Munster junior camogie final recently.



# Bunclody chance to make amends

ST. MARYS, Charleville defeated F.C.J. Bunclody 2-6 to 0-3 in the final of the All-Ireland Colleges Junior Championship at Croke Park in 1986. Now two years later, these schools clash in the semi-final of the 1988 All-Ireland Colleges Senior Championship.

Co-incidentally, both teams field eight survivors from their previous meeting. Players at that age mature quickly. The levels of individual skill and combined play will have undoubtedly improved in the meantime. Expectations of a great game are high.

F.C.J. Bunclody have now taken four Leinster senior titles on the trot. An All-Ireland title still eludes them. The present team is an excellent one. The moved effortlessly through the opposition in Leinster and feel that if they are to do it, this will be the year.

The defence of Deirdre Atkinson, Mary Fitzhenry, Martina Furlong, Mairead Mahon and Margaret Kehoe is very competent. Deirdre Byrne, Charmaine Gibson and Ann Marie Fenlon will make their presence felt in midfield. Ann Marie O'Connor has added power to the attack and is well supported by Anita Fitzpatrick, Jackie Jordan and Melanie Dunne.

This Charleville team has won four Munster titles since they hit the headlines, two junior and two senior. Many of the team hold two All-Ireland junior medals.

But their forward line has not been seen at its best yet this season. Frances Broderick, Fiona Reidy, Roisin Daly and Claire O'Callaghan have the ability to create havoc in the opposing defence.

They will need to get it



right on Saturday as it seems that F.C.J. Bunclody present the strongest challenge which they are likely to encounter.

## SATURDAY

All-Ireland Colleges Senior Semi-finals at Ballyragan G.C. — St. Mary's Charleville v F.C.J. Bunclody. At Belaghy 2.40 — St. Patrick's Maghera v St. Raphael's Loughrea.

## SUNDAY

All-Ireland C.C.D. Finals — At John Player Theatre, Dublin (12.00).

## Easy for Raphael's

ST. RAPHAEL'S COLLEGE, Loughrea ..... 9-5  
ST. PATRICK'S, Maghera ..... 0-4

ST. RAPHAEL'S senior camogie team qualified for the All-Ireland final when they had an easy win over the Ulster champions in Bellaghy, Co. Derry last Saturday.

They played with a very stiff breeze in the first half and with all their forwards in top form they led at half time 5-4 to 0-3.

While St. Pat's got off to a good start in the second half and got the first point Raphael's soon took over and dominated for the rest of the game.

Junior team meet Ulster champions, St. Mary's, Keady next Saturday in St. Brendan's Park, Loughrea and hope to emulate their seniors.

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# Wexford girls determined to reverse result

TOMORROW the All-Ireland senior colleges semi-final will be played at Ballyragan between St. Mary's Charleville and F.C.J. Bunclody.

Sunday will see the commencement of the '87 junior "B" championship with two preliminary rounds down for decision. In the first of these, St. Fannahans are at home to Grenagh, while Bishopstown travel to Rochestown to play Fr. Mathew's.

Also on Sunday there are four senior league games listed, with St. Finbarrs and Blackrock meeting at the latter's ground, Na Piarasigh are away to Fr. O'Neills, Glen Rovers are at home to Killeagh and in the final game Eire Og travel to Riverstown to play Sarsfields.

Colleges camogie is always very keenly contested and Saturday's senior semi-final between St. Mary's Charleville, and F.C.J., Bunclody promises to be no exception. Both these sides met in the All-Ireland junior final two years ago, when the St. Mary's were the winners, so the Wexford girls will be very determined to reverse the result.

The '87 junior "B" championship gets off to a late start on Sunday

next, with two interesting ties listed. In the first of these, St. Fannahans are at home to Grenagh and here the home side will be expected to advance. Success is long overdue at this level to the Mitchelstown girls, who have been knocking on the door of this championship for a number of years now and they will be hoping to do well this season, but they may not get things all their own way from a young Grenagh side who have shown great promise of late.

In the second game, Bishopstown who have already qualified for the semi-finals of the league should prove too strong for Fr. Mathews.

Bishopstown who will be fielding a number of their Féile Na nGael winning sides for the past two years including such fine players as Eithne Duggan, Moira Harrington, and Karen Higgins are a very talented side and on form it is difficult to see Fr. Mathews, who have failed to make any impression in recent years, holding them.

There are a number of interesting senior league games listed with top of the bill being the meeting of old rivals Glen Rovers and Killeagh at the Glen Field and the outcome of

this game will be eagerly awaited.

In the remaining games, St. Finbarrs, who will also be going into action for the first time this weekend, should have the edge over Blackrock, while Fr. O'Neills, who held Killeagh to a draw in a recent league and who will have the advantage of a home venue could cause problems for Na Piarasigh.

In the final game, Eire Og will be expected to account for Sarsfields.

## FIXTURES

Saturday March 5, All-Ireland senior colleges semi-final: St. Mary's Charleville v F.C.J., Bunclody, at Ballyragan at 2 p.m.

Sunday March 6, Junior "B" championship '87: St. Fannahans v Grenagh at St. Fannahans at 3 p.m. (Ref. St. Catherine's), Fr. Mathews v Bishopstown at Fr. Mathews at 3 p.m. (Ref. Blackrock), Senior league '87: Blackrock v St. Finbarrs at Blackrock at 12 noon (Ref. Douglas), Na Piarasigh v Fr. O'Neills at 3 p.m. (Ref. Cloyne), Glen Rovers v Killeagh at Glen Rovers at 12.30 p.m. (Ref. E. Hackett), Eire Og v Sarsfields at 12 noon (Ref. Brian Dillons)



● Catherine Landers and Killeagh facing old rivals Glen Rovers in the senior league.

## Charleville rally not enough

FCJ Bunclody (Wexford) 1-6, St. Mary's Convent (Charleville) 1-4

ST. MARYS, Charleville put up a great display in the second-half, but it was not enough to earn them a place in the All-Ireland colleges senior camogie final.

The Wexford girls built up a 1-5 to 0-2 lead at half-time but in the second half of a thrilling semi final at Ballyragan, Co. Limerick on Saturday, St. Marys had the better of matters but they still finished two points in arrears.

## Bunclody in final

F.C.J. BUNCLODY 1-6; ST. MARYS, Charleville 1-4  
Leinster champions F.C.J. Bunclody qualified for the final of the All-Ireland Colleges Senior Camogie championship when they defeated Munster title holders St. Marys Charleville by 1-6 to 1-4 at Ballyragan on Saturday.

Scorers: F.C.J. D. Byrne (1-1), J. Jordan (1-0), A. M. O'Connor (0-4), D. Atkinson (0-1), St. Marys H. Cagney (1-1), F. Broderick, C. O'Callaghan and R. Daly (0-1 each).

All-Ireland Senior Colleges Championship Semi-Final — St. Joseph's Loughrea 9-5, St. Patrick's Maghera 0-3.

## CAMOGIE

### COLLEGES SENIOR SEMI-FINALS

AT MAGHERA — Loughrea 9-5 (E. Hoban 3-3, E. Hardiman and E. Maher 3-0, B. Fahy 0-2); Maghera 0-5 (B. Kelly 0-5); FCJ Bunclody 1-6 (A. O'Connor 1-4, A. M. Finlan and M. Mahon 0-1 each); St. Mary's Charleville 1-4 (H. Cagney 1-1, C. O'Callaghan, F. Broderick and R. Daly 0-1 each).



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# Keady committed to reaching final

ST. PATRICK'S, Keady and St. Mary's, Macroom venture across their provincial borders for the first time next Saturday. It will be a difficult mission for both camps. St. Raphael's, Loughrea and F.C.J. Buncloody are old hands at this level and know what it takes to reach an All-Ireland Colleges final.

Loughrea is the venue for the St. Patrick's v St. Raphael's semi-final. Keady won the Ulster First Year and Under 14 competitions as this team took shape. They qualified from their section of the Ulster Colleges Junior Championship and defeated Newry, Dungiven and Loreto, Cavan in the play-off stages to clinch the title.

Excitement is at fever pitch in the school as they prepare for the exodus to the West. In Catherine Brown, Karen Rock, Deirdre Connolly, Donna McCluskey, Helena Murray and the Conway twins, Keady have skilful players. The team will not lack in commitment or effort in their bid to reach the final.

St. Raphael's sailed through the Connacht campaign. Once again, Cyril Farrell has put a fine team together. The well coached and talented side will be hard to halt. Led by Eimer Hardiman, Siobhan Keane, Claire Lynch, Olive Costello and Imelda Meagher could join their senior squad in the All-Ireland finals.

In the knockout Munster Championship, St. Mary's, Macroom eliminated Pres. Bandon, Drishane, Charleville, Mount Mercy and St. Caimins. F. J. C. Buncloody on their home ground will present a very tough assignment. Captained by Lynn Dunlea, Macroom will look to Margaret Twomey, Josie O'Callaghan, Stephanie Dunlea, Mary Kelleher, Eleanor Howard and Sinead Buckley to see them through.

Buncloody will field two players who featured in the victory of their senior team over Charleville last Saturday. Jackie Jordan and Orla O'Leary will make their presence felt. In addition, Buncloody can call on Linda Doyle, Dolores Byrne, Gillian Moorehead, Sheila O'Hanrahan and Karen O'Connor.

The pairing for the All-Ireland Colleges Senior final will be St. Raphael's, Loughrea versus F. C. J. Buncloody. Loughrea proved far superior to a disappointing Maghera side and now chase a four-in-a-row. A fine all-round Buncloody team deserved their two point win over Charleville but they were relieved to hear the final whistle.

The 1988 inter-county season opens on Sunday. Kilkenny won all before them in 1987 including National League and All-Ireland Championship. In a repeat of the All-Ireland

final they open their League campaign against Cork. There are no reports of retirements of defections and Kilkenny are expected to line out in strength.

Cork will be anxious to make up lost ground on their rivals. The selectors have added a number of new faces to the panel and some of these may get a run on Sunday. Galway meet Clare in both grades. There is nothing between these counties at senior level but Galway should take the points in the junior game.

Kildare and Dublin dominated the junior scene last season and had some great matches. The keen rivalry will be resumed on Sunday. However, Dublin, who are well into their season, may have the edge at this time of year. Westmeath should take the points from Offaly in the remaining match.

## Macroom girls in decider

Macroom 2-3, Buncloody 1-3 (after extra-time)

MACROOM qualified for the All-Ireland junior camogie final for the first time ever with a hard-earned victory in a pulsating semi-final at Buncloody.

Macroom began the scoring with three points from Lyn Dunlea before Buncloody opened their account with a point from Orla O'Leary. A further point from a 'thirty' by Jackie Jordan left the visitors in front by 0-3 to 0-2 at the break.

Buncloody had the better of the exchanges after the break and burst through for a deserved goal with ten minutes remaining. Macroom continued to defend desperately but, with just a minute to go, Sinead Buckley went through for the equalising goal.

Close marking was the order in the first half of extra time and both teams failed to record a score. Macroom, however, showed more determination in the final minutes and got their reward when, after a great solo run, their captain Lyn Dunlea palmed the ball into the Buncloody net for the winning score.

Outstanding for Macroom were: S. Lucey, J. Howard, M. Twomey and L. Dunlea.

Macroom: E. Henchion, M. Twomey, S. Lucey, C. Hallisey, J. O'Callaghan, S. Dunlea, J. Howard, L. Dunlea, S. Buckley, E. Howard, M. Kelleher, E. O'Sullivan.

Buncloody: J. Fortune, A. Kinsella, B. Mahon, C. Doyle, J. Jordan, O. O'Leary, L. Doyle, G. Moorehead, Deirdre Byrne, Dolores Byrne, S. Hourihan, C. Dunne.



Lynn Dunlea, who will captain St. Mary's, Macroom, in the All-Ireland junior colleges semi-final today.

## Cork need a boost

THIS is a busy weekend on the camogie front with vital games at inter-county, club and colleges levels. Tomorrow, the Cork senior team open their National League campaign with a first round game against Kilkenny at Ballyanly.

There are two first round Junior 'B' games, between Sarsfields and Courcey Rovers and Ballinora and Blackrock, and also tomorrow Glen Rovers and Brian Dillons meet in the U-16 League.

Tomorrow, the All-Ireland Junior Colleges semi-final will be decided between St. Mary's Macroom and J.C.J. Buncloody.

The last time Cork and Kilkenny met was in the All-Ireland final when the Kilkenny girls had a comprehensive victory, so Cork will be very anxious to restore moral.

### COMES IN

The Cork selectors have made a number of changes from the side that lined out on that occasion. Glen Rovers' Ann O'Donovan comes in at left corner-back, Catherine Harnedy is named at centre-back, while Bishopstown player Liz O'Neil comes on to the senior team for the first time at corner forward.

The remainder of the line-out is Marian McCarthy in goal, Mary

Ring is at full-back with Mary Spillane in the right corner. The mid-field line is Sandy Fitzgibbon, Claire Cronin and Liz Dunphy while Lynda Mellerick plays in her more familiar position of centre-forward.

Mary Geaney is at full-forward with Irene O'Leary in the left corner.

The Kilkenny team was not available but is certain to include regulars Angela and Ann Downey, Biddy O'Sullivan, Bridie McGarry, Liz Neary and Claire Jones. All these girls are accomplished players and have proved many times what a difficult side they are to overcome.

In the U-16 League, Glen Rovers and Brian Dillons meet in what is a vital game for both sides. Both teams are level on points so the winners here will qualify for the semi-final stages.

There should be plenty of excitement today when St. Mary's, Macroom play Buncloody F.C.J. in the All-Ireland Colleges Junior semi-final. This is the first time that St. Mary's have won the Munster Championship having defeated Bandon, Drishane, Charleville, Mount Mercy and St. Caimins en route, but they will be up against it in a Buncloody side that will be in a position to field two of their senior side, Orla O'Leary and Jackie Jordan.

They will also have the advantage of a home venue but Macroom have prepared well and looked an impressive side in earlier rounds. They will be captained by Cloughduv player Lynn Dunlea and have other fine players in Josie O'Callaghan, Stephanie Dunlea, Mary Kelleher and Eileen Howard.

Fixtures—Today: All-Ireland Junior Colleges semi-final, F.C.J. Buncloody v St. Mary's, Macroom at GAA Grounds, Buncloody, 2 p.m. Tomorrow: National League, Cork v Kilkenny at Ballyanly, 3

## St Mary's camogie team's narrow defeat

AFTER a thrilling game played at Ballyvaghan Gaelic grounds, St. Mary's (Charleville) senior camogie team were defeated by F.C.J. Buncloody, in the All-Ireland semi-final of the Senior Colleges' Camogie Championship, on a score-line of 1-6 to 1-4.

The game was played in bitterly cold but mainly dry conditions and the locals opened promisingly with a point scored by Frances Broderick after one and a half minutes. However, this was to be their last score until the eighteenth minute of when Clare O'Callaghan added their second point from a thirty-metre free.

But the Wexford girls had points in the fourth, fifth, sixth and tenth minutes, and tacked on another in the twenty-second minute before scoring a goal on half-time, to give them a lead of 1-5 to 0-3 at the short whistle.

On the resumption, the Buncloody girls were the first to score with a point in the eight minute, and there followed a period of great hurling with both sides serving up excellent fare, keeping their respective supporters on their toes.

Helen Cagney narrowed the gap with a point for Saint Mary's in the seventeenth minute, and the same player scored a great goal in injury time.

However, their score came too late to be of any great benefit to St. Mary's as the final whistle blew shortly afterwards, to give the Wexford girls passage to the All-Ireland Final.

All the St. Mary's team played their hearts out but Helen Cagney, the team captain Catherine Kiely, particularly in the first half, goalkeeper Ann Mulcahy and Clare O'Callaghan, were outstanding.

The locals used one of their substitutes in Frances Cremin, who came on for Fiona Reidy.





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B&I Awards: Michael Walsh and Breda Holmes.

## HONOURS FOR MICHAEL & BREDA

### KILKENNY TRY AGAIN

**B**reda Holmes, stylish full forward in the Kilkenny senior camogie team, and Michael Walsh, a master of the handball court from Roscommon, have more in common than the fact that both were champion competitors in a big way on the sporting scene in 1987.

They enjoyed such success, in fact, that they have just been rewarded for their achievements over-all with the coveted Player of the Year awards for their respective sports under the popular B&I Line G.A.A. awards promotion. And, no sooner had Breda and Michael received their trophies than they assured me they had no intention of rearing on their hard won laurels.

Kilkenny will be striving for a fourth

All-Ireland senior camogie championship in succession later this year, and their gifted full forward told me that training was about to commence for the squad. She also reported that the champions expected to have all their regulars available again this season.

That will mean that Angela Downey, Liz Neary and Bridie Martin, all former B&I Line Player of the Year award winners, incidentally, will be in line to join an exclusive company of players in Gaelic Games in general who have won eight All-Ireland senior medals.

Breda Holmes, in contrast, is a comparative newcomer to the county senior team. But in her short career so far at inter-county level she has won more than many players gain in a lifetime. "I first played for Kilkenny in any grade of camogie in the National Senior League in 1985. We won the title that year, and went on to capture the All-Ireland championship. I also played in the last two All-Ireland senior championship winning teams," said Breda.

The clever forward has, then, the perfect record from three All-Ireland senior inter-county final appearances... a proud distinction that by any standard. She won a second National League medal early last year, and had an outstanding game in the Championship final against Cork, and also contributed 1-2 to her team's scoring returns.

Later in the year Breda had much to do

in steering St. Paul's to a first All-Ireland club senior title win in eleven years. Small wonder then that Holmes set the seal on a remarkable run by sleeping up at a lunch in Dublin to collect a first B&I Line G.A.A. Player of the Year award for camogie.

The now firmly established Kilkenny senior scoregetter first came prominently to the game while attending Carysfort Training College. She captained the College camogie team during her term there. Now, as a schoolteacher in Tullaroan she is passing on her skills to the girls of the parish, and the school team has had some success as well in local competitions.

Breda has come up against most of the sport's leading defenders during her inter-county career, but she is reluctant to single out any one as her most difficult

opponent.

"They are all hard to outwit," she says. However, the stylish Kilkenny player had no difficulty in naming the player she admires most in the game.

"It has to be Angela Downey. Playing alongside her for county and club I have had many opportunities to admire her special qualities."

The Redmond sisters, Anne and Yvonne, of Dublin, are among other players whom Breda Holmes rates very highly.

As for the immediate future, the quiet-spoken Kilkenny teacher, who is also one of the county's most able camogie officials, is looking forward with quiet confidence to the up-coming season.

The selection of Breda Holmes now brings to seven Kilkenny's total of B&I awards since 1975 to seven.

### DATES TO NOTE

The National Senior League, which started early in March, will reach its climax on June 22. The Junior League final will be played a week later.

Other major camogie dates to note are:

June 25-26 — Feile na nGael. July 2-3 — National Coaching Course. July 16 — Gradam Tailte. August 7 — All-Ireland minor final. September 25 — All-Ireland senior and junior finals. November 6 — Gael-Linn finals. November 13 — All-Ireland club championship final.



# Tough assignment for Cork seniors

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THE Cork senior team open their National League Campaign on Sunday next, with a vital first round game against Kilkenny at Ballynaly at 3 p.m. On the club front, there are two Junior "B" Championship games down for decision, between Sarsfields and Courcy Rovers and Ballinora and Blackrock and on the same day Glen Rovers and Brian Dillons meet in the Under-16 League.

On Saturday, the All-Ireland Junior Colleges semi-final will be played at Buncloody between St. Mary's, Macroom and F.C.J., Buncloody.

The Cork senior team face a tough challenge on Sunday, when they take on All-Ireland Champions Kilkenny in the opening round of this year's National League.

The Cork team for Sunday's game shows a number of changes from the side which lined out on that occasion.

On to the side comes Ann O'Donovan at left-corner back, Catherine Harnedy comes in at centre-back, while Bishopstow player Liz O'Neill comes onto the senior team for the first time at left-corner forward.

The remainder of the line-out will be regular goalkeeper Marian McCarthy, Mary Ring, who captains the side, is named at full-back, with Mary Spillane filling the right-corner back position.

Sandy Fitzgibbon, Claire Cronin and Liz Dunphy, complete the centre-field line, while Lynda Mellerick moves to the centre forward position. Mary Geaney is at full forward with Irene O'Leary in the left corner.

In the Junior "B" Championship, Sarsfields make the long journey to Ballinspittle to play

Courcy Rovers and here the home side could just edge it, while in the second game, Blackrock may prove too strong for a young Ballinora side.

Also on Sunday, Glen Rovers and Brian Dillons meet in a vital Under-16 League game. Both teams are level on points, so the winners here will qualify for the semi-finals.

On Saturday, there should be plenty of excitement in the All-Ireland Junior Colleges semi-final, between St. Mary's, Macroom, and F.C.J., Buncloody.

Macroom won the Munster Championship for the first time this season defeating Bandon, Drishane, Charleville, Mount Mercy and St. Caimins en route, so they will have gained a lot of experience from these games.

## CORK PANEL

Marian McCarthy, Ann O'Donovan, Mary Ring, Mary Spillane, Catherine Harnedy, Sandy Fitzgibbon, Claire Cronin, Liz Dunphy, Lynda Mellerick, Mary Geaney, Irene O'Leary, Liz O'Neill, Ann Marie Landers, Ann Leahy, Karen Mellerick, Fiona McCarthy, Noelle O'Driscoll, Ann Brady, Niamh Coughlan, Colette O'Mahony.

Saturday, March 12 — All-Ireland Junior Colleges Semi-final: F.C.J., Buncloody v St. Mary's, Macroom, at GAA Grounds, Buncloody at 2 p.m. (Ref., Bridie McGarry, Kilkenny).

Sunday, March 13 — National League: Cork v Kilkenny at Ballynaly at 3 p.m.

Junior "B" Championship: Sarsfields v Courcy Rovers at Courcy Rovers at 12 noon (Ref., Newcestown); Ballinora v Blackrock at Ballinora at 12 noon (Ref., Ballincollig).

Under-16 League: Glen Rovers v Brian Dillons at Glen Rovers at 11 o'clock (Ref., E. Hackett).

## 'Veterans' meet newcomers

F.C.J. BUNCLOODY and St. Raphaels, Loughrea, qualified for the All-Ireland Colleges Senior final last Saturday. Now it is the turn of the junior sides from these schools to attempt to join their seniors on April 16.

These two established camogie strongholds will entertain teams playing at the All-Ireland semi-final stage for the first time. St. Raphaels will be at home to St. Patricks, Keady, the Ulster representatives.

St. Raphaels are fortunate to be situated in the heartland of Galway camogie. Youngsters enrolling in the school already know the rudiments of the game. The coaching skills of Cyril Farrell quickly turns the newcomers into a side to be reckoned with. Not surprisingly, the school has won five All-Ireland College titles since 1984.

The present team contains



a fair sprinkling of talent. Eimer Hardiman has fielded with the senior team for the past two seasons. She captains the team which also includes Claire Lynch, the National Felle Skills champion; Olive Costalea Meagher and Siobhan Keane.

Next Saturday will be a new experience for Keady. Playing their first match outside Ulster, they will need to be at their best to counter the free flowing style of St. Raphaels. Keady proved in the Ulster championship they have grit and determination. The Conway twins, Catherine Brown, Deirdre Connolly, Helena Murray and Karen Rock carry their hopes.

St. Marys, Macroom, make the long trip to Buncloody for the second semi-final. Macroom did well in Munster defeating Bandon, Drishane, Charleville, Mount Mercy and St. Caimins, to claim their first provincial crown. Josie O'Callaghan, Jackie Howard, Cait Hallissey, Mary Kelleher, Lynn and Stephanie Dunlea will make a determined effort to take Macroom to the final.

F.C.J. Buncloody impressed in Leinster. Jackie Jordan and Orla O'Leary featured on the senior team which accounted for Charleville last Saturday. In a well organised team, they have very good players in Fenny Fortune, Bernadette Mahon, Linda Doyle Dolores Byrne, Gillian Moorehead and Sheila Hanrahan. The inter-county teams returned to action on Sunday. Cork will be at home to Kilkenny in a repeat of the All-Ireland final. A three goal defeat on that occasion left

Cork with plenty to think about. It is likely that the new selection committee will make changes as they attempt to build a side fit to challenge the best.

Kilkenny have not named their team but it is understood that all their panel are available for another season. The smooth running Kilkenny machine will be expected to open the season with a win.

## FIXTURES SATURDAY

ALL-IRELAND COLLEGES JUNIOR SEMI-FINALS — At Buncloody — F.C.J. Buncloody v St. Marys, Macroom 2.0.

At Loughrea — St. Raphaels, Loughrea v St. Patricks, Keady, 2.0.

## SUNDAY

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

At Gort — Junior — Galway v Clare, 2.0. Senior — Galway v Clare, 3.15.

At Cork — Senior — Cork v Kilkenny, 3.0.

At Clane — Junior — Kildare v Dublin, 2.30.

At Turin — Junior — Westmeath v Offaly, 3.0.

## Kilkenny too hot

Kilkenny 2-5, Cork 1-4

Kilkenny had a decisive win over Cork in their National Camogie League clash at Ballynaly, Inniscarra yesterday, despite what the final final scoreline suggests.

Aided by the wind in the first-half, Kilkenny opened up an intimidating lead and led by 2-4 to 0-1 at half-time. Although Kilkenny were only able to add a further point to their account in the second-half, struck by Angela Downey and deflected over the bar by Cork's goalkeeper, Marion McCarthy, they held off a strong challenge from the home side.

Despite Cork pressure, which kept play mostly in the Kilkenny half, Cork only managed to score three points, until a lucky deflection in the last minute by Linda Mellerick which gave them their only goal of the game.

Kilkenny were first to score with a goal from Breda Cahill in the eighth minute from the edge of the square. Shortly afterwards Mellerick missed a goal opportunity to boost Cork. Kilkenny replied

immediately with a goal from Marina Downey, ensuring victory for the visitors.

Cork tried desperately hard to get back into the game in the second-half, putting intense pressure on the Kilkenny backs, but their efforts were not reflected on the scoreboard.

They missed three goalscoring opportunities before Mary Geaney finally scored her second point in the sixth minute. Irene O'Leary and Mellerick added a further two points in the 12th and 21 minutes, before Mellerick's lucky goal.

Kilkenny: M. Fitzpatrick, R. Wemyss, H. Holmes, B. O'Sullivan, F. Rothwell, A. Downey, C. Jones, M. Downey, B. Holmes, A. Downey, B. Cahill, J. Dunne.

Cork: M. McCarthy, M. Ring (Cpt), S. Fitzgibbon, A. Delaney, C. Harnedy, C. Cronin, M. Spillane, L. Dunphy, L. O'Leary, L. Mellerick, L. O'Neill, M. Geaney. Subs: C. O'Mahony for L. O'Neill.

Scorers: Kilkenny - M. Downey 1-0; B. Cahill 1-0; B. Holmes 0-1; A. Downey 0-1. OG 0-1.

Cork: M. Geaney 0-2; L. O'Leary 0-1; L. Mellerick 1-1.



Kilkenny's Breda Cahill following the ball ahead of Cork's Catherine Harnedy during the National Camogie League game at Inniscarra. Kilkenny 2-5, Cork 1-4. (Richard Mills, Echo)



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Kilkenny's Breda Holmes keeping close to the ball as she is challenged by Cork's Mary Ring during the National Camogie League game at Inniscarra on Sunday. (Richard Mills, Echo)

## Kilkenny's good start

KILKENNY 2-5  
CORK ... 1-4

ALL IRELAND champions and League winners, Kilkenny, took their chances against Cork in the opening round of the 1988 National Camogie League at Ballyaney yesterday.

The score at the break — appeared to suggest a one-sided victory for the visitors but with the wind behind them in the second period, the home side defended strongly and added 1-3 to the Kilkenny's 0-1 before the end.

**SCORERS** Kilkenny — A. Downey (0-4) N. Cahill and N. Downey (1-0) B. Holmes (0-1). Cork — L. Mellerick (1-1) M. Guiney (0-2) I. O'Leary (0-1).

KILDARE — 2-2

DUBLIN ... 2-1

IN a closely-contested Junior League game at Clane, All Ireland Junior Champions Kildare defeated the League holders Dublin by the narrowest of margins and retained their unbeaten position at the top of Div. One.



The winners laid the foundations for success in the opening half and turned over with a lead of 2-1 to nil. The visitors were in command in the second period but ten minutes had elapsed before Edel Campbell found the net.

However, five minutes later Miriam Malone added was running out when a point for Kildare and time Dublin rallied to odd 1-1 before the final whistle. T. Hanley (1-0 each), M.

Kildare 2 C. Maloney and Malone (0-2). Dublin — E. Campbell and J. Courtney (1-0 each) M. O'Reilly (0-1).

**Other Results** — Junior League — Louth 2-7; Down 2-2. All Ireland Junior Colleges Semi-final — St. Marys Macroom 2-2; F.C.J. — Buncloody 1-3 (after extra time). St. Ritas (Loughrea) 3-5; St. Patricks (Keady) 1-2.



Kilkenny's Breda Cahill going high to prevent a point during the National Camogie League game against Cork at Inniscarra on Sunday.





Kilkenny's Claire Jones about to clear the ball as Cork's Catherine Harnedy races in, during the National Camogie League game at Inniscarra yesterday. Picture: Richard Mills



## Late Ms. Marie Hobbs —Appreciation

TO so many people, it is almost incomprehensible that Marie Hobbs is no longer with us. To her brother John and his family, to her colleagues in St. Aloysius' School, to countless past and present pupils, to the members of her prayer groups, to her wide circle of friends, Marie was a landmark in their lives.

One was first struck by Marie's charm, her warm and bubbling personality, one soon came to appreciate her sound common sense, her integrity and moral courage, her deep and abiding religious faith.

Marie was always ready with a joke or quip, but her friends and colleagues knew that there was no sounder or more reliable person to whom one could turn for advice or help. Marie had immense gifts and talents which she gave of, freely and generously, to her family, friends, colleagues, students and profession.

St. Aloysius School was a special focus of her life. A past pupil of the school and having spent most of her teaching career there, Marie was steeped in the traditions and spirit of St. Als. It was

entirely appropriate that she culminated her career as a highly respected Vice-Principal of her beloved Alma Mater.

Her understanding of the pupils under her care and her concern for their welfare, material, intellectual and spiritual, were second to none. Her contribution to the management of the school was invaluable and will be sorely missed.

For Marie, the prayer groups that met regularly in her home were of the greatest importance and those who were fortunate enough to be members will never forget the experience. Last autumn, she and they had the opportunity of making a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, which she appreciated and enjoyed enormously. Marie was active and busy and full of life up to the end which was probably as it should be for a woman of her great vitality. This cannot however lessen our sorrow at her untimely passing.

Ar dheis De go raibh a hanam dilis.

A colleague,  
St. Aloysius School

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## Dublin should get off to good start

TEN years have elapsed since Maggie Hearne led Wexford to National Senior Camogie League honours. Major honours have eluded the county senior team in the meantime. On Sunday, Wexford open their 1988 campaign with a difficult away match with Dublin.

Tina Fitzhenry, Jackie Codd, Ann Reddy, Stella Sinnott and Catherine Murphy form the nucleus of the team. Lack of scoring power was a problem in their championship outing with Cork. Newcomers with a flair in this department are necessary if Wexford are to make an impact.

There are some new faces on the Dublin panel and a few former members. Breda Kenny and Marie Connell have returned. Celtic and Marino names dominate the squad as the Crumlin representation has dwindled. However the strength of Germaine Noonan, Cathy Walsh, Una Crowley, Edel Murphy, Louise Lynch and Anne Colgan should see Dublin open on a bright note.

Mary Lundy and Geraldine McCann will return to the Antrim team for their opening National Senior League match with Limerick next Sunday. They will also field Anne McGlew, Siobhan McAtamney, Bridget McAteer, Karen Coyle and Mary McMullan and can open their League campaign on a winning note.

The match will mark Limerick's return to the senior grade. They are making a concerted effort to re-establish themselves as a senior county and will call on Helen Sheehy, Brid Stokes, Liz O'Sullivan,



Pauline McCarthy and Angela O'Sullivan to help them in their quest.

The Dublin juniors suffered a setback to their hopes of retaining their National Junior League title when they were pipped by Kildare last Sunday. They should resume their winning way at the expense of Wexford next time out. Monaghan should account for Fermanagh while the Roscommon v Donegal game will be close.

Ulster took the lion's share of prizes at the National C.C.D. Finals. Lavey and Glen (Derry), Leitrim and Ben Dearg (Down) and Trillick (Monaghan) went home with plaques. Other winners were Ogoneloe (Clare), Patrickswell (Limerick) and St. Dominics (Roscommon).

St. Raphaels, Loughrea overcame St. Clares, Keady 3-5 to 1-2 to reach the All-Ireland Colleges Junior Final on April 16. The second semi-final produced great excitement. All square at the end of normal time, St. Marys, Macroom registered a goal in extra time and defended heroically until the final whistle to earn a place in the final.

### SUNDAY

#### NATIONAL LEAGUES

At Silverpark — 2.00: Juniors: Dublin v Wexford, 3.15: Seniors: Dublin v Wexford.  
At Belfast — 2.00: Seniors: Antrim v Limerick.  
At Lisnamult — 3.00: Juniors: Roscommon v Donegal.  
At Lisnakea — 1.00: Juniors: Fermanagh v Monaghan.



# Action packed weekend

THE Under-16 Championship gets under way this coming weekend with no fewer than nine first round games down for decision, so we should have plenty of action in store.

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First into the arena on Sunday morning are Cloughduv and Ballincollig and this could be a close one. Cloughduv have already won the under-14 league and they will field a number of this team on Sunday.

At Ballynaly, Inniscarra and St. Finbarrs will battle it out and here the homeside should have the edge. They have two of last year's Cork minor side in their line out, Fiona O'Driscoll and Maria O'Brien.

Blackrock make the long journey to Newcestown to play the homeside and this could be another close affair. Newcestown have made great strides in recent times despite their short time in existence and if their recent form is anything to go on, then they could cause problems for the Blackrock girls.

Aghabullogue are at home to Killeagh at Coachford and another close game is on the cards here.

Pick of the games will be the meeting of old rivals Eire Og and Glen Rovers at the Glen Field. Eire Og are Under-16 Champions for the past two seasons and will be very determined to make it three-in-a-row.

The clash between Valley Rovers and Delany Rovers at Innishannon should be an interesting one, as both clubs are new to the under-16 grade and a win for either side here will be a big bonus.

In the remaining games, the Fiona O'Driscoll led Fr. O'Neill's side should prove too strong for Erins Own, while Ballinora will be expected to account for Castlemartyr when they meet at Ballinora.

In the final game, Grenagh who are currently welding a nice young side together and could surprise Na Piarsaigh, when they meet at the latter's grounds.

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Under-16 Championship  
Na Piarsaigh v Grenagh at

Na Piarsaigh at 3 p.m. (Ref. Rose Mackey).  
Ballinora v Castlemartyr at Ballinora at 3 p.m. (Ref. Mary Maher).  
Glen Rovers v Eire Og at Glen Rovers at 12.30 (Ref. Deirdre O'Shea).  
Aghabullogue v Killeagh at Aghabullogue at 12 noon (Ref. Ballinora).  
Inniscarra v St. Finbarrs at Inniscarra at 12 noon

(Ref. Grenagh).  
Newcestown v Blackrock at Newcestown at 3 p.m. (Ref. Barryroe).  
Valley Rovers v Delany's at Valley Rovers at 3 p.m. (Ref. Courcy Rovers).  
Fr. O'Neill's v Erins Own at Fr. O'Neill's at 3 p.m. (Ref. Betty Joyce).  
Cloughduv v Ballincollig at Cloughduv at 12 noon (Ref. Bishopstown).

## Dublin team ring the changes

RUNNERS-UP in the National Senior Camogie League for the past four years, Dublin make a number of changes to their panel for the opening match of their 1988 season. Some of the experienced players who steered Crumlin to the 1985 All-Ireland Club championship are replaced by younger players from Celtic and Marino.

U.C.D. players, Breda Kenny and Marie Connell are back in the squad, but are likely to go abroad again for the summer. Marion Conroy, who announced her retirement at the end of last season, appears to have changed her mind and is included on the list.

With several club games behind them, the Dublin side should be reasonably fit for the time of year. Edel Murphy, Una Crowley, Carmel O'Byrne,

Germaine Noonan, Anne Byrne and Cathy Walsh carry sufficient power and style to notch two valuable points for Dublin.

Wexford enjoyed their decade of glory from 1968 to 1978. Three All-Ireland senior titles and a National Senior League were won in a period in which the county produced great players. Since then, Wexford struggled without capturing any major honour.

Wexford made their exit at the semi-final stage of the 1987 championship to Cork. Four of that team are not available for Sunday's tilt with Dublin. Replacements will have to be found for Elsie Cody, Ann Butler, Caroline Farrington and Kathleen Tonks.

Good prospects like Ann Marie O'Connor and Deir-

dre Atkinson are emerging from F.C.J. Bunclody. But their mind right now is on the All-Ireland Colleges Senior final next month. Wexford need good quality replacements to supplement the talents of Stella Sinnott, Tina Fitzhenry, Jackie Godd, Catherine Murphy and Anne Reddy. Limerick mark their return to the senior ranks with an away game against Antrim. The familiar faces of Pauline McCarthy, Brid Stokes, Angela O'Sullivan, Helen Sheehy and Liz O'Sullivan will be seen in the Limerick colours. It is some time since they have played together. Even so a win is within their capabilities.

Antrim were defeated by Derry in the Maguire Cup last Sunday. However, conditions were anything but conducive to good camogie. Mary Lundy and Geraldine McCann, who missed the Derry game should join Karon Coyle, Siobhan McAtamney, Mary McMullan, Anne McGlew and Bridget McAteer for the Limerick game.

Dublin juniors lost the points to Kildare last

Sunday. However, they should get back on the right road against the Wexford junior team.

Monaghan should prove too strong for Fermanagh, while Roscommon and Donegal should provide an entertaining game.

Ulster clubs fared prominently in the National C.C.D. Finals. Glen (Derry), Lavey (Derry), Truagh (Monaghan), Leirtrim (Down) and Ben Dearg (Down) were Ulster winners. Ogonelloe (Clare), Patrickswell (Limerick) and St. Dominics (Roscommon) collected the remaining titles.

Once again, St. Raphaels will be doubly represented in the All-Ireland Colleges finals. On April 16, the senior team will face F.C.J. Bunclody. Their second string had a narrow victory over Keady on Saturday. The Bunclody juniors were taken to extra time by St. Mary's, Macroom. Lyn Dunlea worked her way through for a goal and her teammates held out in a welter of excitement to earn a final place.



• Mary Lynch.

## END OF AN ERA

Mary Lynch will end her three-year term as President of the Camogie Association at the Annual Congress at Monaghan at the end of this month. She is the first from Monaghan to hold this prestigious position in the national women's game.

The sport has made steady progress under Mrs. Lynch's Presidency. She has contributed greatly to this advance with her shrewd leadership.

That was hardly surprising as Mrs. Lynch took over the position as President after a

successful career in camogie, ranging from player to inter-county referee, from coach to provincial chairperson.

During her term, she travelled extensively, meeting players and officials in all parts of the country.

Two years ago Congress instructed the President to appoint a Commission to examine all aspects of the Association. This Commission has now completed a very comprehensive report which will be presented at the Annual Congress this month.

## CAMOGIE

U-16 Championship - Aghabullogue 9-7, Killeagh 0-0; Inniscarra 1-1, St. Finbarrs 0-0; Newcestown 8-1, Blackrock 1-0; Cloughduv 2-2, Ballincollig 2-0.

## Galway ladies crush Clare

GALWAY ..... 8-9  
CLARE ..... 0-1  
THE Galway junior camogie team had an easy victory over Clare to continue their winning run in the junior camogie league played at Gort on Sunday.

Galway: Ann Murray, Rita Coen, Carmel Burke, Geraldine Heavey, Paula Earls, Susan Burke, Ann Coleman (0-1), Hilda Flannery (2-2), Joan Whiskey (0-2), Margaret Reilly (3-1), Anne Carty (0-2), Pauline Joyce (3-1). Sub. Mary Dolphin for Ann Coleman.



# NO HOLDING RYAN IN CAMOGIE LEAGUE

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**GALWAY** ..... 5-8  
**CLARE** ..... 4-3  
AFTER the dull junior game that preceded this senior league game there was plenty to cheer about for those that braved the cold stinging breeze that swept in from the Burren at Gort Sportsfield on Sunday.

Clare opened the scoring with a point by Patricia O'Grady in the sixth minute but Ann Ryan was quick to reply for Galway. Excellent defensive work by the Galway backs, particularly by Julie Glynn prevented Clare from finding the net, but they did notch a point from a Sheila O'Holloran sideline cut.

It was Galway who got the vital break in the game after 12 minutes against the run of play when Bridie Conniffe passed to the unmarked Ann Ryan who slammed the ball to the net.

Mary Kelly and Ann Ryan added points before Clare had their best chance to get back into the game when Patricia O'Grady gathered the ball and broke through the Galway defence only to see her shot blocked by the quick thinking of Galway 'keeper Ann Murray who came out to narrow the angle.

Ann Ryan (1-1), Ann Coleman (0-1) and Bridie Conniffe with a goal stretched Galway's lead with Clare's sole reply — a point — coming from

Catherine O'Loughlin in the last minute of the first half.

Clare assisted by the breeze in the second half opened in brish fashion and were duly rewarded for their efforts with two great goals by Catherine O'Loughlin.

Ann Fahy replied with a Galway point from a free. It was O'Loughlin again who came back to break the Galway defence with her third goal after she connected with a great ball from Mairead Twomey.

From the puck-out Ann Ryan gathered the ball on the right wing and replied with a goal for Galway. Patricia O'Grady replied inside a minute with another Clare goal.

Galway replaced goalkeeper Ann Murray who sustained a serious knee injury with Joan Whiriskey. Bridie Conniffe added another goal for Galway after good work by Ann Coleman, Mary Kelly and Ann Ryan. Ann Fahy closed the scoring with two points to give the Galway girls a well merited but hard earned victory.

Best for Galway were Julie Glynn, Breege Stafford, Teresa Raftery, Ann Coleman in defence with Mary Kelly, Ann Ryan and Ann Fahy in attack.

Galway: A. Murray, R. Coen, G. Heavey, B. Stafford, J. Glynn, T. Raftery, A. Coleman (0-1), M. Kelly (0-1), A. Fahy (0-3), A. Ryan (3-3), S. Coen, B. Conniffe (2-0). Sub. J. Whiriskey for A. Murray (injured).

## Heavy agenda for Congress

A PARTICULARLY heavy agenda awaits camogie's Annual Congress delegates at the Hillgrove Hotel, Monaghan, this weekend. The election of a new President, an 11-page report of the Commission, motions and the results of Kilkenny's Pilot Scheme will take their attention.

The Commission has listed many recommendations. Time consuming routine matters to be taken away from Ard Chomhairle and allocated to sub-committees and a comprehensive role is envisaged for the Management Committee with emphasis on planning and development.

Under the headings of Competitions, the Commission suggests an All-Ireland Intermediate Championship with a view to bridging the wide gap in standards between senior and junior. The senior interprovincials are replaced with an annual fixture between the All-Ireland champions and the Rest of Ireland.

The duration of inter-

county matches is extended to 60 minutes and a ban is called on for scores from the hand. Helmets should be made compulsory for the U14 age group. If the Commission's plans for the recruitment of referees are accepted, clubs which do not provide a referee will find themselves ineligible for matches.

Kilkenny experimented with full sized GAA pitches last Whit, when they staged a special tournament. Twelve a side, 13 a side and 15 a side teams were tried. The reaction of players, referees and spectators have been put together in a comprehensive report. Kilkenny now seek permission to test the larger playing area in selected competitions.

### FIXTURE

Annual Congress at Hillgrove Hotel, Monaghan, Saturday March 26, 10.0, Sunday, March 27, 10.30.



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AT the Annual Congress of the Camogie Association held in Monaghan at the weekend Maura Ni Cheallachain (Cork) was elected president. She defeated Brid Uí Mhaolagáin by 37 votes to 32.

London have been accepted into the All Ireland Junior Championships and will play Munster at the quarter-final stage. Counties who don't pay membership fees will not be eligible for competition.

Kilkenny's motion to increase the size of the pitch and the number of players on a team was withdrawn.

Congress adjourned and will resume on May 1 at a Dublin venue.

## Cork lady at the helm

**MARY O'CALLAGHAN** from Dripsey, was elected National President of the Camogie Association of Ireland at the annual congress in Monaghan yesterday. Miss O'Callaghan was elected by 37 votes to 32 over Brid Uí Mhaolagáin of Dublin and takes over from Mary Lynch of Monaghan.

A member of the selectorial committees for both the Cork minor and senior teams she served as chairperson of the Munster Council for the past three years. Previously she was chairperson of the Cork Board and during her five year term Cork recorded a remarkable treble — winning All-Ireland titles at minor, junior and senior, all in the one year.

Yesterday's congress was noteworthy in that All-Ireland junior and championship games are being extended from 50 minutes to 60 but the status quo remains for club championships. Kilkenny were the proposers of this motion but they were not successful with another which sought a larger pitch for inter county games and 15 aside instead of the usual 12.

Former President Mary Moran from Cork was returned unopposed as PRO while Jo Golden (UCD and Kilkenny) retained the treasurership.

## CONGRESS PLANS CHANGES

The wide-ranging recommendations of the Commission, the results of the pilot scheme on increased pitch measurements and the election of a president will be the main talking points when Congress assembles at the Hillgrove Hotel, Monaghan at the weekend. The agenda is particularly heavy and will require skilful handling to have it completed on time.

The Commission came to the conclusion that the Camogie Association can stand favourably with other sporting organisations. Great work has been done and continues to be performed. However, an even greater effort will enable the Association to reach its full potential.

The reorganisation of the Ard-Chomhairle sub-

committee is advocated. Time-consuming routine matters, presently dealt with by the Ard Chomhairle, are allocated to sub-committees. A more comprehensive role is envisaged for the Management Committee. Future planning and development will be a top priority.

Fund-raising warrants a separate committee and the suggested Games Committee will work hand in hand with the proposed County Development Committees.

The Commission suggests an All-Ireland Intermediate Championship with a view to bridging the wide gulf between senior and junior grades. Lack of interest in the senior interprovincials gives rise to its replacement. A 60-minute match at

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inter-county level is called for. The apparent advantage of an attacker in possession over her opponent has called for a ban on scores from the hand. The compulsory use of helmets for players of 14 and under, greater powers for neutral umpires, a once-off examination by a public relations consultant and a get-tough policy with clubs which do not supply referees are among the Commission's recommendations.

Kilkenny organised a very enjoyable tournament on full-sized G.A.A. pitches last Whit. Some matches were contested by 12-a-side teams, others by

13-a-side and more by 15-a-side teams. The views of the players, referees and spectators involved are put together in a comprehensive report. The counties have had time to reflect on the findings and it will be interesting to see what support the scheme will receive.

Mary Lynch steps down following three busy years in office. The first lady from Monaghan to hold the position, she may feel well satisfied with her efforts and achievements. There are two candidates in line for the post of president. Maire Ni Cheallachain, former Cork and Munster chairperson and the Dunloy-born Brid Uí Mhaolagáin, who is former president of the C.C.I.A.

In all, there are 49

motions listed. Kilkenny call for an All-Ireland U4 championship. Louth seek alterations in transfers and eligibility of players. Several counties suggest amendments to the hearings of objections and appeals.

Motions have appeared on Congress papers over the years seeking to lift the ban on the use of metallic banding on sticks. They have not succeeded to date. But with the ever-increasing cost of sticks and the frequency with which they break, it is likely that a change in this rule may be close at hand.

Fixtures: Annual Congress at Hillgrove Hotel, Monaghan, Saturday, March 26, at 1 a.m.; Sunday, March 27, at 10.30 a.m.



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# Maire camogie's new 'boss'

Maire Ni Cheallachain (Cork) was elected Uachtaran of Cumann Camogaíochta na nGael in a close contest at Annual Congress in Monaghan. Maire spent some years in the chair in Cork and Munster and is widely known throughout the country.

Mary Noonan, delegate of the London County Board, put forward a strong case for the inclusion of a London team in the all-Ireland junior championship. The idea was warmly received. Wearing the colours of the four provinces — a green skirt, white jersey with blue and gold hoop — the London side will make their appearance against the Mun-

ster winners in a special quarter-final match.

London, of course, competed in the all-Ireland senior championship in the 50s. It is sad that the growth of the game in London coincides with peaks of emigration from this country. Within two years, seven clubs have been formed in the London area.

The active London County Board is led by Majella O'Neill, who won an all-Ireland senior medal with Kilkenny in 1977. Her team of officials includes Ettie Kelly (Meath), Mary Noonan (Kildare), Rita O'Hanlon-Wright (Galway) and Teresa Finneran (Roscommon).

Kilkenny placed the results of their pilot scheme regarding increased pitch measurements and several motions before Congress. Unfortunately, the inclusion of a motion covering increased playing strength of teams from twelve to fifteen was overlooked. Therefore, the motions listed referred to a twelve-a-side game. There was no support for this on a full-sized G.A.A. pitch. In the circumstances, Kilkenny withdrew their motions.

Players and spectators alike have often remarked that camogie matches are too short. In future, senior and junior

championship matches will be over 60 minutes. This will come into force in a month's time.

The banding of sticks led to lively debate. Increased costs and poor quality of the sticks available prompted support for the lifting of the ban on use of metallic banding. However, the prospect of injury caused others to withhold their support. The motions failed to gain the required two-thirds majority and so the ban remains.

As feared, Congress failed to complete the extremely heavy agenda, and will resume in Dublin on May 14.

## London enter championship

LONDON, who fielded in the All-Ireland Senior Championship in the Fifties, make a welcome return to championship camogie later in the season. A request to enter a team in the All-Ireland Junior Championship was approved at Congress, in Monaghan. The London side, which have incorporated the colours of the four provinces in their new strip, will travel to meet the Munster winners in a special quarter-final match. The growth of camogie in the London area has been significant in the past two years. From a starting position, the London County Board now caters for seven clubs.

It is sad, however, to note that the upsurge of our game in London coincides with the huge increase in emigration. Many of the girls who now play the game there, fielded with Irish clubs until recently. However, the London clubs are providing these girls with an opportunity to continue playing camogie and of making friends.

Majella O'Neill, who won an all-Ireland Senior medal with Kilkenny in 1977 is the leader of the London Board. Ettie Kelly (Meath), Mary Noonan (Kildare), Rita O'Hanlon-Wright (Galway) and Teresa Finneran (Roscommon) are the other officers.

The camogie clubs are based on areas in which there is a large number



of Irish residing. London-Irish, which is located in the Finsbury Park area, was the first club to be formed. It was followed quickly by Croydon and Tura. Newham Gaels, St Michaels and Green Isles brought the number to six. The latest addition is Islington Irish in North London. With so many players in London, the standard of the London team will be quite good.

Maire Ni Cheallachain from Dripsey in mid-Cork was elected as Uachtaran to succeed Mary Lynch. Maire has been very active in the Cork and Munster scene for the past two decades. She is already well known throughout the country and will not spare herself in covering events anywhere in the thirty two counties.

Kilkenny had a very detailed survey of their Pilot Scheme of the full sized G.A.A. pitch measurements. However, due to an oversight, a motion to increase the playing strength to fifteen was omitted. As the proposed motion appeared on the Congress papers, they referred to the twelve-a-side game. It was obvious from early in the discussion that there was no support for increased measurements without an increase in numbers. In the circumstances, Kilkenny withdrew their motion.



The St. Raphael's College, Loughrea junior camogie team, winners of the Connacht championship for the fifth consecutive year. Back row, left to right: Fiona Connaughton, Fiona Brett, Deirdre Hardiman, Olive Costello, Siobhan Keane, Imelda Maher, Pamela Nevin, Pauline Connolly, Emer Hardiman (captain), Mary Connaughton. Front row: Mary Maher, Fiona Stratford, Mary Costello, Annette Cormican, Oliva Broderick, Clare Lynch, Lisa Cannon, Caroline Mannion, Maura Garvey, Michelle Corcoran.





# Younger stars take limelight

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THERE are no camogie fixtures for the weekend, but on Thursday night next there are two Under-16 championship games listed. Glen Rovers are at home to Eire Og, while Na Piarsaigh are at home to Grenagh.

There should be plenty of rivalry when Glen Rovers and Eire Og meet. Glen are already through to the League semi-final and will be slightly favoured to advance.

They have fine performers in Cork minor full-back Denise Cronin, Catherine Monaghan, Fiona Twomey and Patricia Murphy and if these girls play to form then Eire Og are sure to have it tough.

But the Ovens girls are always strong campaigners when it comes to the championship. They are the holders of the title and will not relinquish it too easily. They have fine players in Claire O'Regan, Valerie Ellis, Helena Kiely and Una Murphy and if these girls produce the goods it could be neck and neck to the final whistle.

The second game between Na Piarsaigh and Grenagh could be another close affair. Grenagh, who are relatively new to camogie, are welding a nice young side together and on recent performances will be expected to have the edge on the city girls.

Last season, Grenagh showed great improvement with players like Niamh O'Connell, Caroline

O'Connor, Noreen Dorgan and Mary O'Sullivan showing great potential. If these girls find form again then Na Piarsaigh, who have failed to make any great impression at under-age level in recent years, will have a tough game.

Congratulations to Mary O'Callaghan from Dripsey, and a member of the Inniscarra club, who last weekend was elected president of the Camogie Association at the annual congress held in Monaghan.

Mary has been an active member of the Association since her youth, having served as vice-chairlady and treasurer of the Cork Board before eventually taking over the 'chair' in 1979, a post she held up to 1985. Mary was also the Cork delegate to Munster Council for a number of years. She later served as PRO of Munster Council and became chairlady in 1985, a post she held for three years. She has acted as a Cork senior selector since 1968 and in more recent years a minor selector.

During these years, Mary was renowned for her hard work, dedication and sense of humour and I am sure that everyone in Cork would like to wish Mary a very happy and successful term as president.

Thursday next — Under-16 Championship: Glen Rovers v. Eire Og at Glen Rovers, 6.30; Na Piarsaigh v. Grenagh at Na Piarsaigh, 6.30.

## Back to the action

CAMOGIE really gets back into full swing over the coming weekend with a number of vital games down for decision. In the Senior League Glen Rovers, Na Piarsaigh, Killeagh, Eire Og, Sarsfields and St. Finbarrs are all in action while in the Under-16 Championship Valley Rovers, Barryroe, Bishopstown, Newcestown, Cloughduv, Inniscarra, Douglas, Aghabullogue, Brian Dillons, Fr. O'Neills and Watergrasshill will all battle it out for a place in the quarter finals. In the only other game listed Eire Og play Newcestown in the Junior "B" Championship.

First into the arena in the Under-16 Championship on Friday night are Fr. O'Neills and Watergrasshill and here Fr. O'Neills should have the edge. They have their ace player in Cork Minor Fiona O'Driscoll and on form the Balymacoda girls should advance.

On Sunday both Bishopstown teams A and B will be in action. In the first game Bishopstown "A" play Cloughduv and this could be an exciting tussle. Cloughduv have shown great form of late at underage level but they will probably have to give way on this occasion to a more experienced Bishopstown side who can call on players of the calibre of Karen Higgins, Edel Ryan, Eithne Duggan and Moira Harrington.

In the second game Newcestown who will be led by Hilda Kenneally will be expected to account for Bishopstown's second squad.

In what is expected to be one of the best games of the day Brian Dillons entertain Aghabullogue at

the Tank Field and this promises to be a very interesting clash. Aghabullogue very much fancied to reach the final have marvellous players in Eileen Buckley, Patsy Walsh and Sinead Buckley but they may not get things all their own way from a Dillons side that will include such experienced performers as Gail Fleming, Claire Barry, Gillian Ryan and Niamh Cotter.

In the remaining Under-16 games Inniscarra will be expected to account for Douglas when they meet at the latter's grounds while in the final game Barryroe should have the edge over near neighbours Valley Rovers.

The coming week will see a number of vital Senior League games decided. In the first of these Na Piarsaigh are at home to Glen Rovers and here the Glen girls will be expected to come out on top.

At Ovens old rivals Eire Og and Killeagh will battle it out and victory here could go to either side. Both sides play a hard uncompromising game so a close and entertaining game is one the cards.

In what is expected to be a close affair Sarsfields are at home to St. Finbarrs. Sarsfields who showed great improvement last season have fine performers in Lix Dunphy, Ann Brady and Valerie Twomey and if these girls find form St. Finbarrs will have to be on their toes.

On Wednesday night Glen Rovers, Sarsfields, Na Piarsaigh and St. Finbarrs play their second Senior League game of the week and here Glen

Rovers will be expected to account for Sarsfields while St. Finbarrs should have the edge over Na Piarsaigh.

In the only other game listed Eire Og will have their work cut out when they meet Newcestown in the Junior "B" Championship at Ovens on Saturday night. Clubs are reminded that there will be a Board Meeting on Monday night next, April 11. G.P.C. at 7 o'clock and Board Meeting at 8.30.

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Fixture for Friday, April 8: Fr. O'Neills v Watergrasshill at Watergrasshill at 6.30. Ref. J. Knowles.

Fixtures for Saturday, April 9: Junior "B" Championship: Eire Og v Newcestown at Ovens at 6.30.

Fixtures for Sunday, April 10, Senior League: Glen Rovers v Na Piarsaigh at Na Piarsaigh at 12 noon. Ref. E. Hackett. Killeagh v Eire Og at Ovens at 12 noon. Ref. G. Lynch. Cloughduv. Sarsfields v St. Finbarrs at Sarsfields at 12 noon. Ref. M. Kennelick.

Under 16 Championship: Valley Rovers v Barryroe at Barryroe at 3 p.m. Ref. Courcy Rovers. Bishopstown "B" v Newcestown at Bishopstown at 3 p.m. Ref. Ballinora. Cloughduv v Bishopstown "A" at Bishopstown at 2 p.m. Ref. Ballinora. Inniscarra v Douglas at Douglas at 12 noon. Ref. Blackrock. Aghabullogue v Brian Dillons at Brian Dillons at 12. Ref. Rose Desmond.

Fixtures for Wednesday, April 13:

### SENIOR LEAGUE

Glen Rovers v Sarsfields at Sarsfields at 6.30. Ref. Brian Dillons. Na Piarsaigh v St. Finbarrs at 6.30. Ref. Rose Desmond.



# 'MISSIONARY' / DRIVE IN LONDON

**MARY Noonan**, secretary of the London County Camogie Board, has taken to task the aspect of establishing the structure of an organised coaching framework in the cross-Channel capital, and on February 27-28 two of the top coaches in the Camogie Association will fly in to supervise its introduction to London.

Last year, London sent across two Board delegates to begin the process of relations building with the Camogie Association at the 1987 Congress in Clare.

Informal talks were held, and from those discussions, planning started on the objective of putting together a special two-day Coaching Seminar.

On Saturday, two of the country's leading authorities on coaching the skills of the game, Antrim's Rosina McManus, past President of the Association and Cork's Mary Moran, an All-Ireland medal holder, and coach to various Cork minor, junior, and senior All-Ireland Championship winning sides, will fly in to take charge of the course.

Evidence of an upsurge in interest in camogie in the London area over the past three years has fuelled renewed conviction within their County Board to strengthen the grasp of the sport.

Coaching courses, since the Ulster Convention opted to initiate a Coaching Programme for the Province in 1966, a policy which has enjoyed widespread benefits throughout the country since that time, have played a very important role in the continuing development of camogie.

Needless to say, every club and county wishing to become successful have availed of the opportunity supplied by coaching courses, which led to the initiation of the National Coaching Course at Gormanstown annually, to learn the correct techniques and the up to date training methods required to further their ambitions.

Now, London's clubs, which presently number five, and their players, made up mainly of the growing numbers of students now working and studying in the area, and Irish exiles, have decided to avail of the opportunities at their disposal.

Rosina McManus, one of the major forces behind the setting up of the National Coaching Course, feels this is just the beginning of greater things. It is the aspiration of the Antrim and Ulster official that this London excursion must be viewed as but a step in the right direction.

"I think it will probably be the thoughts of most people, and that of most counties, that this is a continuing process. Most will express the view that the course will be too short, and will look for a follow on", says Rosina. "If people can find the money required, courses for the advanced beginners, improvers, and advanced skills can be undertaken. What I would be looking for from this is that representatives of all London's five clubs will attend, and that the London Board will sponsor members of their clubs to go to the National Coaching Course in Gormanstown this year.

"In that way, members of

their clubs can become fully qualified coaches under the requirements of the National Coaching Course. What I would be looking to achieve is a break down, and in that way you become closer to the people involved.

"If their Board can sponsor some of their members to attend Gormanstown, and if they achieve the level required, then they can go back to their various clubs and coach the game themselves. That, eventually, is what I would look for.

"The ideal thing, we would feel, is that that applies to all County Boards. There are about 100 qualified coaches, but a good many are inactive. We would be hoping for the County Boards to sponsor a number of

people to go to Gormanstown to become qualified coaches, and use the course to the full, and the coaches to the full".

On Sunday at the Northumberland Park Sports Centre in Tottenham, London's active camogie enthusiasts will experience the benefits of properly organising coaching under the guiding influence of two of Ireland's leading specialists.

The special seminar will deal with all aspects of the game. Newcomers to the game will see at first hand the various skills demonstrated and explained in detail. For the more advanced, the weekend should prove equally beneficial.

Camogie in London is on the way up.

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● The smiles of success... all too evident here after Queen's Duracht Shield win at the recent Ashbourne Cup, the prestigious Varsity Camogie Championship tournament.

Bernie McNally, Q.U.B.'s trainer, and current President of the C.C.I.A. is flanked by Catherine Daly and Catherine O'Neill following the Malone students two point win over Trinity College in the Duracht final.

Queen's, who were minus illness victims Patricia Rodgers and Fionnuala O'Connor during the championships won their first Duracht in seven years last taking the honours in 1981, inspired by excellent performances from Catherine Daly, Lorraine Devlin, and Orla Higgins.

The Q.U.B. side which gained a slice of the Ashbourne glory was: Siobhan McErlean, Catherine O'Neill, Grainne McCormack, Orla Higgins, Lorraine Devlin, Eimear Mee, Catherine Daly, Eileen Lennon, Carmel Mullan, Caroline Brogan, Bronagh McCann, Bernie McKay.

SUBS: Maeve Boylan, Marie Rice, Pauline McGoldrick, Lynn Farrell, Olwyn Reid and Eimear Murtagh.

**CAMOGIE: U-16 championship**  
Glen Rovers 2-6 Eire Og 1-4,  
Barryroe 3-2 Valley Rovers 2-0,  
Newcestown 5-3 Bishopstown  
B 0-0, Bishopstown A 2-4  
Cloughduv 0-0, Na Piarsaigh 2-5  
Glenagh 1-2,  
JBC Newcestown 3-5 Eire Og 2-2.  
**Senior Leagues** St. Finbarrs  
3-6 Sarsfield 0-3, Killeagh 4-8  
Eire Og 5-4, Na Piarsaigh 1-4  
Glen Rovers 1-2, Fr. O'Neills 2-2  
Blackrock 1-0.



Pictured at the opening of the Crumlin club social centre at O'Toole Park (from left) were: Phil Markey, Chairman Dublin County Board, Iney Leonard, Camogie Club President, Dr. Mick Loftus, past president GAA, Mary Lynch, Camogie Association, Pat Treacy, club chairman, Fr. Sean Kitt, club president and Jim King, Dublin County Secretary.



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# Kilkenny should defeat Dublin

All-Ireland champions for the past three years, Kilkenny gave every indication that they have their minds set on another successful season when they decisively defeated Cork three weeks ago. A win against Dublin in the National Senior League next Sunday would virtually ensure Kilkenny of a place in the semi-finals of the competition.

Kilkenny took the field against Cork short four of their All-Ireland team. Liz Neary, Bridie McGarry, Deirdre Malone and Anna Whelan were the absentees. Without this vital quartet, Kilkenny still moved with purpose and controlled the game.

Filling their places were Helen Holmes and Frances Rothwell in defence — they did all that was asked of them and deserve another run. In attack Breda Cahill and Marina Downey proved that Kilkenny have talent in reserve.

Bridie McGarry is unavailable at the moment and Liz Neary, who is anxious to take a rest from the game, will be missing from the side to meet Dublin. Rita Weymes, Biddy O'Sullivan, Claire Jones, Ann Downey, Breda Holmes and Angela Downey showed that their appetite for further honours is far from satisfied.

The weather washed out Dublin's first round fixture against Wexford, so they face the champions without the benefit of a dress rehearsal. Dublin have found it very difficult to beat Kilkenny in recent years. They have introduced some newcomers to their panel, but will look to Edel Murphy, Una Crowley, Ann Colgan, Breda Kenny and Cathy Walsh to dictate the game.

## Clare's chances

Elsewhere Clare played a most exciting game with Galway in the first round. The game produced very skilful camogie and was brim full of great scores. While Clare did not take the points the outing will stand to them when they face Limerick on Sunday. Patricia O'Grady, Sheila O'Halloran, Catherine O'Loughlin and Mairead Twomey caught the eye in the Galway game and should go one better against Limerick.

A family bereavement to a Limerick player caused the postponement of their outing to Antrim. Their current form is unknown. Players like Pauline McCarthy, Angela O'Sullivan, Brid Stokes, Marguerite Guiry and Helen Sheehy will make every effort to ensure Limerick's return to the senior grade is a successful one.

The Clare juniors were out of their depth against Galway. Unless the selectors have been able to strengthen the team, they could slide further down the league ladder on Sunday. Kildare, the All-Ireland Junior champions, will provide very stiff opposition indeed to the young Clare side.

Kildare are without two of their All-Ireland side this season. Gone from the panel are Phyllis Bambury and Kathleen Elliott. With the younger members of the squad improving with every outing, Kildare should make progress.

Wicklow and Tyrone have both got off to a bad start. They face each other pointlessly after two rounds. Wicklow are without the services of Audrey Kinsella and Pauline Doyle but will look to Anna Doyle, Esther Byrne, Liz Hurley, Kay Barry and Anna Byrne to launch a revival.

The Tyrone team is based on the English team which did so well in the club championship. However, Anne Jordan, Catherine Daly, Anne Burke, Maureen Ogle, Pauline Valleley and Celia McKay will need to recapture form if Tyrone are to turn the corner.

The venue for the All-Ireland Colleges Finals on 16th April will be Nowlan Park, Kilkenny. St. Raphael's, Loughrea will be doubly engaged. In the Junior Final they play Mercy, Macroom whereas in the senior decider they will take the field against F.C.J. Buncloody.

## Dublin eager to build on winning start

DUBLIN had an impressive opening to their National League campaign when a fit and eager side held the dual champions, Kilkenny to a draw. The Metropolitans should make further progress at the expense of Wexford at Russell Park on Sunday.

The players have several club matches behind them and are well into their stride. Another good display from the likes of Germaine Noonan, Una Crowley, Anne Cooper, Edel Murphy and Ann Byrne should see them settled on the three point mark by the end of the game.

Wexford, short a number of regulars, conceded seven goals to Cork last Sunday. Stella Sinnott, Gertrude O'Leary, Jackie Codd and the Buncloody school players were absentees. Elsie Cody, Tina Fitzhenry, Catherine Murphy, Anne Reddy and Terry Butler will welcome back their experienced colleagues in their attempt to stop Dublin.

Galway, who had a good win over Clare a few weeks ago, head for Clarina to face Limerick. Ann Ryan in particular, Julie Glynn, Mary Kelly, Teresa Raftery, Brid Stratford and Ann Coleman all showed excellent form and should strengthen Galway's position.

A number of weaknesses in the Limerick side were highlighted at Newmarket-on-Fergus last Sunday week. The panel has only commenced



working and should show an improvement on that performance. Pauline McCarthy, Mary Lenihan, Helen Sheehy, Marguerite Guiry and Frances Broderick will be keen to see Limerick moving this time.

Antrim have had a few outings in the Maguire Cup but make their National League debut against Clare at Portlengone on Sunday. Mary McMullan, Siobhan McAtamney, Mary Lundy, Karen Coyle, Brigid McAteer and Patricia Hale are in form at the moment and should make a good start to the competition.

Clare looked good against Limerick. Patricia O'Grady played very forcefully at midfield and had great assistance from Catherine O'Loughlin, Pauline O'Brien, Noelcen Quinn and Catherine Molloy. This lively Clare side is capable of making further progress.

Armagh, with points from their games with Derry and Tyrone in the bag, are nicely placed as they face Wicklow. Tom Monaghan, who coached the county to reach the 1985 All-Ireland final is back at the helm and with a fine panel of

players at his disposal much is expected.

Wicklow came a cropper against Meath in an earlier round. There are some fine players on the team but some positions need to be strengthened. Monaghan entertain Westmeath while Fermanagh travel to Donegal. All four counties have dropped points.

St. Raphael's, Loughrea already hold a place in camogie history. However, following another All-Ireland Colleges double at Nowlan Park last Saturday, the relevant chapter need to be rewritten.

The County Galway School has won four All-Ireland Senior Championships in succession, a feat which may never be repeated. Imelda Hobbins, Deirdre Costello, Ger Fahy and Caroline Loughnane were part of the four victories. For good measure, Imelda and Ger have two All-Ireland Colleges Junior medals while Deirdre and Caroline have one apiece.

## FIXTURES SUNDAY

### NATIONAL LEAGUES

At Russell Park — 5 Dublin v Wexford 3.15 J  
Dublin v Wexford 2.0  
At Clarina — 5 Limerick v Galway 3.0  
At Portlengone — 5 Antrim v Clare 3.0  
At Mullabeg — 3 Armagh v Wicklow 2.0  
At Carrickmacross — 1 Monaghan v Westmeath 1.0  
At Manohamilton — 1 Donegal v Fermanagh 2.0

## Kilkenny get to grips

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HOLDERS Kilkenny were held to a draw in this keenly contested Senior National League game played in ideal conditions at Nowlan Park yesterday. The first half belonged to Dublin and they turned over with a slender lead of 2-4 to 1-2.

After the break the home side got a grip on the game and were 1-10 to 0-000 7-890 SH a trifle lucky to add 1-4 against Dublin's 0-5 before the end.

SCORERS E: Kilkenny — M. Downey, J. Dunne (2-0 each); A. Downey (0-3); B. Holmes (0-2); A. Whelan (0-1); Dublin — G. Noonan (1-5); A. Cooper (0-1); E. Murphy (0-2); M. Donnelly, J. B. enny (0-1 each).

Other Irish — Junior National League — Dublin 4-6; Kilkenny 3-7; Wicklow 6-6; Tyrone 0-5.

## New Inn girls make history

THE girls of New Vocational School won their first Connacht Intermediate Camogie title by beating Athenry girls in a thrilling final at Kiltulla on Saturday.

With a bye into the All-Ireland final against Bannagher the New Inn School now find themselves in the unique situation of reaching two Intermediate finals in the same year. Their intermediate boys play Johnstown in the All-Ireland intermediate hurling final on 1st May.

It was not until the final quarter of the game that St. Killians New Inn pulled away from their opponents as Athenry had led from the very first minute when they got a rather fortunate goal before the New Inn defence settled. Ten minutes later Athenry got a second goal when their forwards combined intelligently for Sharon Hynes to finish to the net.

Killians, however, proved their resilience by replying almost immediately when they moved up-field and despite strong pressure from the Athenry full-backs Deirdre Burke the Killians Captain got through for her team's first goal.

With a strong wind assisting Killians in the second half it was obvious that Athenry's three point lead would not prove enough. The Killians goal was rarely threatened and but for poor marksmanship they could have won by a bigger margin. In the fifth minute of the second half Deirdre Burke scored her second goal and three minutes later Ursula Carty, who was the outstanding player on view edged Killians in front for the first time with a well taken point.

Despite all the possession Killians who had a goal disallowed, scored only once more when Jenny Fergus got through for a good goal. This last score proved too much for Athenry and Killians simply contained them until the final whistle.

Killians were best served by Fiona Ryan and Brid McGrath in defence, Ursula Carty and Teresa Broderick at centrefield and Deirdre Burke who played a captains part at full forward. Best for Athenry were Yvonne Glavin, Sharon Hynes and Cora Kennedy.



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CAMOGIE

# Macrooom girls bid for All-Ireland title

ON Saturday next St. Mary's, Macrooom contest their first ever All-Ireland final when they meet St. Raphael's, Loughrea in the All-Ireland Junior Colleges final at Nowlan Park, Kilkenny. On the same day Glen Rovers, Sarsfields, Na Piarasigh and Ballinora are all in action in the under-16 Championship. On Sunday the Cork senior team play Wexford in the National League at Ballymacoda, but at the time of writing there was no team selected. In preparation for this game a training session was arranged for Wednesday night of last week but to the disappointment of the trainer and selectors only players from Eire Og, St. Finbarrs and Bishopstown clubs were present. The bulk of the players, who come from Glen Rovers and Killeagh, were not in attendance as they were instructed by their respective clubs to attend

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Saturday, April 16

All-Ireland Junior Colleges final — St. Marys v St. Raphaels, Loughrea, Nowlan Park, Kilkenny, 2 p.m.  
Under-16 Championship — Glen Rovers v Sarsfields, Glen Rovers, 7 p.m. (Ref. Eleanor Twomey); Na Piarasigh v Ballinora, Na Piarasigh, 7 p.m. (Ref. Eleanor Hackett)

Sunday, April 17

National League — Cork v Wexford, Ballymacoda, 3.30  
Junior "B" Championship — Bishopstown v St. Fannahans, Bishopstown, 3 p.m. (Ref. Inniscarra)

Monday, April 18

Junior "B" League final 87 — Newcestown v Bishopstown,

Cloughduv, 7 p.m. (Ref. Cloughduv)

Tuesday, April 19

Under-14 League 88 — Cloughduv v Ballincollig, Cloughduv, 7 p.m. (Ref. Ballincollig)

Wednesday, April 20

Under-16 League semi-final — Aghabullogue v Glen Rovers, Aghabullogue, 7.15 (Ref. Inniscarra)  
Junior "B" Championship — Blackrock v Bishopstown or St. Fannahans, Blackrock, 7 p.m. (Ref. Douglas)  
Under-14 League — Ballinora v Inniscarra, Inniscarra, 7.30 (Ref. Ballinora).

Saturday next will be an historic day in the lives of St. Mary's School, Macrooom, when they meet St. Raphael's, Loughrea.

St. Mary's under the expert eye of coach/trainer and former inter-county player Ange Higgins from Watergrasshill have had a very impressive run up to the final. In Munster they overcame the challenge of Bandon, Drishke, Charleville, Mount Mercy and St. Caimins to come out on top while in the All-Ireland semi-final they recorded a fine victory over a strong F.C.J. side from Bunclody.



**TAKING A BREAK** ... Team Coach, Cyril Farrell and the St. Raphael's senior camogie team relax during a training session earlier this week. They will be defending their All-Ireland title against F.C.J. Bunclody at Nowlan Park on Saturday.

## Raphael's camogie teams bid to complete double!

**ST. RAPHAEL'S** College, Loughrea, senior and junior camogie teams travel to Nowlan Park, Kilkenny on Saturday where they will meet F.C.J. Bunclody in the senior and St. Mary's Macrooom in the junior All-Ireland finals.

The senior team made history last year when they captured the senior title for the third time in succession. They hope to achieve a further unique record by achieving the four-in-a-row.

In 1981, both teams reached the All-Ireland finals for the first time. They have contested both titles every year since — 1985 being one of the great years when they brought off the double. Imelda Hobbs and Emer Hardiman, junior and senior captains respectively are very optimistic of achieving a similar feat this year.

Raphael's are not lacking in experience, as their senior team will have seven of last year's winning side on duty on Saturday — I. Hoggins, Triona Dolphin, Aideen Murphy, Geraldine Fahy, Cora Curley, Emer Hardiman and Caroline Loughnane.

Deirdre Costello, the outstanding full forward, who was awarded camogie player of the year two years ago, is now fully fit again after an knee injury 12 months ago. This certainly is an added boost to the team. This senior final will undoubtedly be a closely fought game unlike the Connacht final and All-Ireland semi-final by one point, so it has all the ingredients of an intriguing school final.

Raphael's junior team have eight survivors from last year's finalists and they were only narrowly defeated by Charleville. Clare Lynch who won the All-Ireland Skills competition in Feile na nGael is added to the team and this should prove a big asset. Both teams have prepared well under the guidance of Galway team manager, Cyril Farrell and Sr. Catherine.



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St. Mary's, Macroom, who meet Loughrea in the All-Ireland colleges -14 final next Saturday, pictured with their coach, Angela Sheehan.

COMAIRLE CHAMCAIOCHTA NA n-IARBHUNSCOTLEANNA

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16 - 4 - 1988

2.00 SOISEAR

St. Marys, Macroom

v

St. Raphaels, Loughrea

Reiteoir: Seosaimhin Ní Dhuinn  
Cill Chainnigh

3.15 SINSEAR

St. Raphaels, Loughrea

v

F. C. J. Buncloody

Reiteoir: Eilis Ní Sheoigh  
Corcaigh

Luach: 10p



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# Make or break day for Macroom girls

Camogie

## Costello key to Raphael victory

F.C.J. Bunclody have experienced titanic struggles with St. Raphaels, Loughrea in the All Ireland Colleges arena. At Nowlan Park, Kilkenny on Sunday, these schools clash in this year's eagerly awaited All-Ireland Colleges Senior Final.

Indeed Bunclody are the only side to cause a problem for Loughrea in their three year unbeaten run. In Croke Park in 1986 the Wexford School held the champions to a draw. Deirdre Costello, widely viewed as the best player to hit the colleges scene this decade, turned on the style in the replay with a personal tally of 3-3.

The fact that Deirdre returns to action following a long lay-off adds spice to Saturday's final. She underwent a knee operation some months ago which prevented her from taking part in the earlier rounds of the championship. If Deirdre can reproduce the form which won her the title Junior Player of the Year in 1985, her presence will be a big plus to St. Raphaels.

St. Raphaels are pursuing a staggering four in a row. Angela Cooney, Brid Stratford, Mary Dolphin, Claire Robinson and Anne Fahy are gone from last season's winning side, but such is depth of talent in the school that a very skilful and talented 12 will take the field in a bid to write another chapter of colleges history.

### STILL KEEN

Caroline Loughnane, Ger Fahy, Deirdre Costello and Imelda Hobbins are each chasing their fourth senior medal. Younger members of the team like Triona Dolphin, Fionnuala Keane, Imelda Maher and Aileen Murphy have settled into the side very well and St. Raphaels proved in the semi-final against Maghera that they are still as keen as ever to win.

Nobody can deny that F.C.J. Bunclody are due a change of luck. Their Leinster record is impeccable. They have ran St. Raphaels to a single point and held them to a draw and their defence looked very good against Charleville in the semi-final. They soaked up tremendous pressure but coach Rory Kinsella will be looking for a higher scoring rate from his forwards.

ONLY one Cork college will be involved in the All-Ireland camogie deciders and what a marvellous achievement it is for St. Mary's, Macroom who will be contesting their first National final.

Saturday will be their big day when they meet St. Raphael's, Loughrea in the junior final at Nowlan Park with St. Raphael's also meeting F.C.J. in the senior decider.

On Sunday the Cork senior team play Wexford in the National League at Ballymacoda, while on the club front there are hectic times ahead with a number of championship and league games for decision over the coming week.

St. Mary's will be hoping to bring their first All-Ireland crown to Macroom, but they can expect a tough battle from St. Raphael's who are no strangers to All-Ireland final day.

In Munster St. Mary's came out on top after fine victories over Bandon, Drishane, Charleville, Mount Mercy and St. Caimins and then went on to record an impressive victory over F.C.J. Bunclody in the All-Ireland semi-final.

They have prepared well under the expert eye of coach and former inter-county player Angela Higgins from Watergrasshill and will face this game with confidence.

They have marvellous players in Lyn Dunlea, who captains the side, Stephanie Dunlea, Josie O'Callaghan, Elaine Hinchion and Cait Hallissey, and if these girls play to form then they could be there with a great chance. But St. Raphael's girls Siobhan Keane, Imelda Maher and Fiona Brett will have other ideas.

On Sunday the Cork senior team play Wexford in the National League at Ballymacoda, but at the time

of writing the team was not selected.

In preparation for this game a training session was arranged for Wednesday night of last week but only players from Eire Og, St. Finbarr's and Bishopstown clubs were present.

The bulk of the players who come from the Glen Rovers and Killeagh clubs were not in attendance as they were instructed by their clubs did not attend because of their preparations for the Cork Senior Championship. Hopefully this will not upset Cork's chances on Sunday because after their defeat by Kilkenny in the opening round, victory in their remaining games is essential if they are to qualify for the semi-final stages.

The team will eventually probably be along the usual lines with Marian McCarthy, Liz Dunphy, Claire Cronin, Lynda Mellerick and Irene O'Leary all gaining places.

Fixtures, Saturday — All-Ireland Junior Colleges Final: St. Mary's, Macroom v St. Raphael's, Loughrea at Nowlan Park, Kilkenny.

Under-16 championship: Glen Rovers v Sarsfields at Glen Rovers, 7 p.m. Na Piarasigh v Ballinora at Na Piarasigh, 7 p.m.

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Deirdre Atkinson is a tower of strength in the Bunclody defence. She gets great support from Mary Fitzhenry and Margaret Kehoe. Deirdre Byrne, Charmaine Gibson, Ann Marie Fenlon, Jackie Jordan and Melanie Dunne will also make their presence felt. In full-forward Anne Marie O'Connor, Bunclody have a player who can turn a half chance into a score.

For the third time in their history St. Raphaels are doubly involved in the Colleges Finals. Their junior team play St. Mary's, Macroom in an attractive curtain raiser. Impressive in the Connacht championship, they finished six points ahead of Keady in the All Ireland semi-final.

Siobhan Keane, Olive Costello, Imelda Maher, Clare Lynch and Emer Hardiman are key players in the Loughrea side. Saturday will be a big day in the lives of the Macroom players. Several good showings in Munster followed by a cliff-hanger with Bunclody gives them the right to contest their first final.

Margaret Twomey, Samantha Lucey, Jo O'Callaghan, Sinead Buckley, Jackie Howard and the Dunlea sisters, Lynn and Stephanie will make a great effort to bring the All-Ireland Cup to Macroom.

There are a number of National League matches on Sunday. Cork must win against Wexford to keep the hopes alive. Roscommon, who have been impressive to date should progress further at the expense of Offaly. Recently regarded Down and Tipperary meet at Ballyholland.

SATURDAY  
ALL IRELAND COLLEGES  
FINALS

AT NOWLAN PARK, JUNIOR —  
St. Mary's, Macroom v St. Raphaels,  
Loughrea 2.0. Senior — St. Raphaels,  
Loughrea v F.C.J. Bunclody,  
v.v.v.



Lyn Dunlea who will captain St. Mary's, Macroom on Saturday.





Jackie Jordan  
Centre field



Mary Fitzhenry  
Centre back



Mairead Mahon  
Right corner back



Anita Fitzpatrick  
Centre forward



Deirdre Byrne  
Corner forward



Martina Furlong  
Left corner back



Ann Kelly  
Sub



Susan Redmond  
Sub



Ann-Marie Fenlon  
Centre Field



Mairead Coleman  
Sub

# CONFIDENT F.C.J.'s BOLD BID FOR GLORY

Even though F.C.J. Buncloody, will enter next Saturday's All Ireland Colleges Senior Camogie Final as underdogs to the reigning champions of the past three years, St. Raphael's, Loughrea, County Galway, there is an air of confidence by Slaneyside that '88 is F.C.J.'s year.

And who would blame the Wexford standard bearers for thinking as such in view of their outstanding performances to date in this year's competition. They have made it through to the final by the hardest of routes and have improved with each outing to such an extent that there is every reason for their loyal followers to feel confident going into Saturday's penultimate challenge.

That is not to suggest, however, that St. Raphael's will surrender their title without a trojan fight. They are the reigning champions and have been for the past three years but, ironically enough, success breeds a certain complacency and this, more than anything else, could well result in their downfall.

For their part, F.C.J. will not be looking to complacency for victory but rather will depend entirely on the skill of their players, many of whom have a point to prove against the champions having been on the losing side against them on one occasion too many. The Buncloody challengers were beaten by Loughrea in the final in 1986 after a replay and last year were beaten in the semi-final by the smallest of margins, again by Loughrea.

The bitter defeats of previous years, however, have only served to strengthen the resolve and determination of Buncloody to win the elusive All-Ireland crown this year and at Nowlan Park, Kilkenny, on Saturday they hope to make their dream a reality.

It has been a long campaign for the Wexford representatives. They emerged as County Champions earlier this season when they beat Wexford Vocational School in the Co. Final. Presentation Convent, Kilkenny, were next to fall followed by experienced teams from Thomastown, Johnstown, Ballyhale and Charleville. These tough encounters brought a sense of proportion to the team as a whole and they are strong both mentally and physically for Saturday's showdown against their old adversaries.

is every reason to look with confidence to a Wexford win on Saturday.

Behind the team in their quest for glory are Rory Kinsella, Catriona Caulfield, Willie Corcoran and Lily

Ralph, and this week Rory Kinsella paid tribute to the team sponsors: - Bank of Ireland, Allied Irish Bank, both of Buncloody, Wexford Farmers Co-Op., Loftus Oil, Weston's and Charlie

Meyler, saying that without their sponsorship the team could not possibly have made it this far. Let's hope their confidence will be further rewarded with victory on Saturday.



Charmaine Gibson  
Centre Field



Deirdre Atkinson  
Full back



Orla O'Leary

F.C.J. will be looking to the team as a whole for victory in the final but superlative performances from Deirdre Atkinson, Deirdre Byrne, Margaret Kehoe, and Charmaine Gibson, all experienced senior players, will be required if the sides dream is to become reality. Similar performances will be expected from Anita Fitzpatrick, Anne-Marie O'Connor and Jacqueline Jordan.

Overall the Buncloody hopefuls are well drilled, superbly fit, sound in all departments and just hungry enough for victory to ensure a 100% performance from them. And they are experienced enough to fully realise that only a 100% commitment for the entire game will be sufficient to capture the crown that has eluded them for far too long.

With such a commitment, however, from the team there

## St. Raphaels in command

St. Raphaels 5-7,  
St. Marys, Macroom 1-0

ST. MARY'S, MACROOM were decisively beaten in yesterday's All Ireland Colleges junior camogie, at Nowlan Park.

The Macroom girls put in a good opening ten minutes but missed several scoring chances, and two quick goals set St. Raphaels on the road to victory.

The winners had a star performer in Clare Lynch, who scored 4-1. Other scorers were Emer Hardiman 1-3, Fiona Brett 0-2 and Olive Costelloe 0-1.

Captain Fiona Dunlea had Macroom's only score. St. Raphaels, Loughrea 2-13, FCJ Buncloody 1-5. St. Raphaels of Loughrea won the senior title for the fourth successive year with a decisive victory over Buncloody.

The winners were always on top, even against the breeze in the first half, and led 2-6 to 0-3 at half-time.

## UCD 5-3; WATERFORD 11-0

UCD's goalscoring power proved too much for Waterford RUC in the final of the Higher Education Camogie League in Waterford yesterday.

Goals from full forward Grainne O'Hara and Maria O'Connell devastated the Waterford side who trailed by 3-1 to 1-2 at half time.

Scorers — UCD — G. O'Hara (3-0), M. O'Connell (0-2), J. Tobin (0-3). Waterford — C. D'Arcy and P. Cussen (1-1 each), E. Drysdale (0-4), M. Brown, E. Byrne and S. Vaughan (0-1 each).

## ST. RAPHAELS 2-13 FCJ BUNCLOODY 1-5

ST. RAPHAEL'S (Loughrea) registered their fourth successive win in the All-Ireland Schools Senior Camogie Championship when they outclassed Buncloody in the final at Nowlan Park yesterday. The winners dominated throughout and led by 2-6 to 0-3 at half time.

Scorers — St. Raphaels — I. Hobbins (1-10), D. Costelloe (1-2), T. Dolphin (0-1). Buncloody — A. M. O'Connor (1-2), D. Byrne (0-2), J. Jordan (0-1).

## ST. RAPHAELS 5-7 ST. MARYS 1-0

St. Raphaels (Loughrea) completed a great All-Ireland double when their juniors proved much too good for St. Mary's (Macroom) in the final also at Nowlan Park. The winners led by 2-3 to 0 at the break.

Scorers — St. Raphaels — C. Lynch (4-1), E. Hardiman (1-3), F. Brett (0-2), O. Costelloe (0-1). Macroom — L. Dunlea (1-0).

## CAMOGIE

All-Ireland Colleges S.C. Final — St. Raphaels Loughrea 3-13 (I. Hobbins 2-10, D. Costelloe 1-2, T. Dolphin 0-1). FCJ Buncloody 1-5 (A. M. O'Connor 1-2, D. Byrne 0-2, J. Jordan 0-1). I.C. Final — St. Raphaels Loughrea 5-7, St. Marys Macroom 1-0. Leinster Seven-A-Side — Agnes Purcell Cup — Assumption College, Ainstown. National I.L. — Derry 3-6, Tipperary 0-2; Roscommon 3-4, Offaly 2-4. Dublin S. 'A' League — Marino 1-8, Celtic 2-3. Senior 'B' C. — Ballyboden 3-6, An Caiaann 1-4.



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# Hobbins stars as Raphaels chalk up another title win

St. Raphael's, Loughrea ..... 2-13  
F.C.J. Bunclody ..... 1-5

by Brendan Carroll

**THE GIRLS** from St. Raphael's reserved what coach Cyril Farrell regarded as their best performance ever for their fourth victory in a row in the All-Ireland Colleges Senior Camogie final at Nowlan Park, Kilkenny on Saturday.

Displaying an abundance of the skills not always so evident in the game of camogie, the Loughrea girls gave a vintage performance which saw them thoroughly deserving of victory.

And for team captain Imelda Hobbins it was also a day of incredible personal achievement — she finished up with a tally of no less than 1-10 to her credit; some of those points from angles that would have done any senior hurler proud.

And what a day it was too for three other players who contributed to this victory — for they picked up two All-Ireland medals each on Saturday. Emer Hardiman captained the junior St. Raphael's side to victory in the first leg of the double and along with teammate Imelda Maher immediately took the field with the senior team, while Olive Costello, a defensive star with the juniors, was brought on as a substitute.

This game was all but over as a contest by half time when St. Raphael's, looking every bit the reigning champions, led by 2-6 to 0-3 having played against the wind in the opening period.

And although the Wexford side burst back into the scene with a shock goal in the opening seconds of the second half, it was only a minor hiccup on the road to victory for St. Raphael's.

For a period midway through the half, the Bunclody girls began to bring more influence to bear on the exchanges but a steady St. Raphael's defence kept them at bay and denied them of a forlorn chance of victory.

Indeed one could not help but wonder how much further the champions might have finished ahead at the end but for the lionhearted efforts of Deirdre Atkinson, a sterling full back for Bunclody who did her utmost to stem the tide and kept St. Raphael's star forward Deirdre Costello under a tight rein, particularly in the second period.

The teams had swapped a point each before St. Raphael's got their first goal after just six minutes, Imelda Hobbins running onto a long pass and beating defender Anne Kelly and goalkeeper Margaret Keogh to strike to the net.

## Opportunities

While Hobbins tacked on two more points in the following minutes, Bunclody weren't having as much success at the other end of the field and fluffed a number of scoring opportunities before Jacqueline Jordan finally got it right from well out.

However, the Loughrea side's inexorable progress continued and they raced further ahead with five minutes to go in the half when Deirdre Costello showed considerable skill to pick up and flick to goal in a crowded goalmouth.

Two fine points from play in quick succession by Deirdre Costello in the final minutes gave her side a commanding nine-point lead at half time. Ann-Marie O'Connor reduced that deficit before the second half was

a minute old when she drove a free low and hard to the net through the legs of defenders.

But the pressure was resumed at the other end within minutes when Brigid Fahy with a long range shot nearly caught goalkeeper Margaret Keogh napping but the Bunclody girl managed to get her stick to the ball before it crossed goal line.

By the tenth minute three more Hobbins points and another from half way by Triona Dolphin had St. Raphael's coasting and although they did slacken somewhat after this for a spell and allowed their opponents come more into the game, the only reward for the challengers was a solitary Ann Marie O'Connor point.

In between, and not for the only time during the game, Raphael's goalkeeper Caroline Loughnane brought off a fine save from an effort by Deirdre Byrne — near the end she was to again brilliantly deny Bunclody when she stopped a low hard shot from Anne Marie O'Connor.

It added up to frustration for the Wexford side, who were forced to concede three more points to Imelda Hobbins with a single reply from Deirdre Byrne before their agony was ended by the sound of the final whistle.

While Imelda Hobbins emerged as the star of the four-in-a-row victors, St. Raphael's also had fine performances from Deirdre Costello, Imelda Maher and in defence Anne Bugler and Triona Dolphin.

Deirdre Atkinson's work at the heart of the Bunclody defence would surely have brought better reward against a less accomplished opposition while others to do their best were Anne Marie O'Connor and Jacqueline Jordan.

**St. Raphael's:** C. Loughnane, G. Fahy, A. Bugler, T. Dolphin (0-1), F. Keane, A. Murphy, C. Curley, I. Maher, E. Hardiman, D. Costello (1-2), B. Fahy, I. Hobbins (1-10). Sub: O. Costello for A. Murphy.

**FCJ Bunclody:** M. Keogh, D. Atkinson, M. Mahon, M. Fitzpatrick, A. Kelly, A. Fenton, C. Gibson, J. Jordan (0-1), T. Tobin, A. Fitzpatrick, D. Byrne (0-2), A.M. O'Connor (1-2).



The St. Raphael's senior camogie team winners of the All-Ireland title last Sunday. Back row: Triona Dolphin, Aideen Murphy, Aileen Brett, Alice Murphy, Fionnuala Keane, Caroline Loughnane, Deirdre Costello, Rita Dolan, Kathleen Coen, Cora Curley, Annette Keane, Sr. Catherine. Front row: Brigid Fahy, Eilish Kilkenny, Olive Costello, Geraldine Fahy, Patricia Mitchell, Imelda Hobbins (captain), Anne Bugler, Siobhan Keane, Imelda Maher, Emer Hardiman, Clare Linnane.





The St. Raphael's Junior camogie team who completed a great double for the Loughrea school by winning the All-Ireland title. Back row: Fiona Brett, Mary Costello, Fiona Connaughton, Josephine Whyte, Pamela Nevin, Deirdre Hardiman, Olive Costello, Loraine Mannion, Siobhan Keane, Imelda Maher, Mary Connaughton, Siobhan Kilkenny. Front row: Mary Maher, Fiona Stratford, Maura Garvey, Annette Cormican, Olivia Broderick, Clare Lynch, Emer Hardiman (captain), Lisa Cannon, Caroline Mannion, Michelle Corcoran, Pauline Connolly.

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## Raphael's juniors complete a splendid camogie double

**ST. RAPHAEL'S,**  
Loughrea ..... 5-7  
**ST. MARY'S,**  
Macroom ..... 1-0

**THERE** was really no contest between these two sides as a more superior St. Raphael's team powered their way to a clear-cut win in the All-Ireland junior Colleges Camogie final at Nowlan Park, in Kilkenny on Saturday, writes Brendan Carroll.

Only for a short period at the start of the game did the Cork girls look like posing any threat and once the Loughrea side bagged two goals in quick succession, it all but ended this encounter as a contest. St. Raphael's had notched up 2-3

without reply by half-time and though Macroom did get in for a solitary goal early in the second half they were too far behind and too outgunned to stage a recovery.

With Olive Costello in defence and Clare Lynch, Emer Hardiman and Fiona Brett up front in sparkling form, they finished in a flurry, with three goals in the final ten minutes.

St. Mary's had started with more promise, when they pressed hard in the opening ten minutes but an inability to make the most of their possession proved their downfall as they fluffed a number of chances.

What was to prove the beginning of the end of their ambitions came when St. Raphael's elusive forward Claire Lynch broke up the field on a solo run which ended with the ball in the net, adding to an initial point by Olive

Costello.

Within minutes Clare Lynch was again involved in the Loughrea side's second goal when she sent the ball in for Emer Hardiman to score in front of goal, just getting the touch ahead of Mary Connaughton.

St. Raphael's had stretched their advantage further with two points from Emer Hardiman and one from Claire Lynch before St. Mary's finally got their first score of the game in the second half, a goal by their captain Lyn Dunlea. A point each by Emer Hardiman and Fiona Brett set the scene for a strong finishing ten minutes by Raphael's. The first of their three goals during this period began with a solo run who passed to Claire Lynch in front of goal. She sidestepped two defenders before planting to the net.

With minutes remaining, and after another Fiona Brett point, Mary Connaughton sent in a high cross

from outfield to the Macroom danger area and through Claire Lynch was bundled out as she tried to strike, Fiona Brett followed through to goal with a ground shot.

The Macroom girls were now at sixes and sevens as they tried to stem the tide but their best efforts couldn't prevent Hardiman and Lynch combining again for Lynch to finish the game with her third goal.

St. Raphael's: D. Hardiman, S. Keane, O. Broderick, O. Costello (0-1), F. Connaughton, P. Connolly, P. Nevin, I. Maher, M. Connaughton, F. Brett (1-2), C. Lynch (3-1), E. Hardiman (1-3).

St. Mary's: E. Henchin, M. Twomey, S. Lucey, J. O'Callaghan, C. Hallissey, S. Dunlea, L. Dunlea (1-0), J. Howard, E. O'Sullivan, E. Howard, M. Kelleher, S. Buckley.

## Easy for Cork

**CORK 7-5**  
**WEXFORD 1-3**

**CORK** kept their National Camogie League interests alive with a decisive victory over Wexford at Ballymacoda last Sunday, but they should not be too complacent over this victory, as Wexford could only field four of their senior squad.

It was a good day for the Cork attack, where Linda Mellerick, Anne Leahy and Noelle O'Driscoll, were in sparkling form scoring 7-4 of the tally.

Cork got away to a great start, with Linda Mellerick putting Noelle O'Driscoll through and the latter obliged with a point. Bernie Higgins replied with a similar score, but once Mellerick, Leahy and O'Driscoll moved into top gear, Cork picked off the scores.

Noelle O'Driscoll goalied for Cork entering the end of the first quarter, to be followed by two great goals from Ann Leahy, and these scores killed any aspirations Wexford had. Cork led at the break by 5-3 to 0-1.

Wexford mentors made several positional changes and also introduced Kim Kavanagh for Aidreas O'Leary, but the Cork defence, inspired by Cathy Landers, Claire Cronin, Mary Ring and Liz Dunphy, dealt capably with the best efforts of the Wexford ladies and in the end coasted home easy winners.

Scorers for Cork: N. O'Driscoll 3-2; Anne Leahy 2-2; L. Mellerick 2-0; M. Geaney 0-1. Wexford: Terri Butler 1-0; Catherine Murphy 0-2; Bernie Higgins 0-1.

Cork: M. McCarthy, M. Ring, L. Dunphy, A. Delaney, C. Landers, C. Cronin, M. Spillane, A. M. Landers, L. Mellerick, A. Leahy, N. O'Driscoll, M. Geaney.

Wexford: A. Kavanagh, E. Walsh-Cody, D. Hearn, T. Fitzhenry, A. Lyndin, B. Higgins, C. Harding, A. Reddy, A. O'Leary, C. Murphy, S. Dunne, T. Butler. Sub: K. Kavanagh for A. O'Leary.

Referee: B. McNicholls (Clare).



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Glen Rovers (top), who defeated St. Finbarr's in the Cork County Senior Camogie Championship game at Ballinlough  
(Michael Olney, Echo)



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Eire Og (left) who defeated Blackrock (right) in the Cork Co. Senior Camogie Championship game at Ballincollig.  
(Michael Olney, "Examiner")

## Glen Rovers to meet Eire Og

Glen Rovers 3-8  
St. Finbarr's 1-4  
GLEN ROVERS had an impressive win over St. Finbarr's in their first round Cork County senior camogie championship clash at Ballinlough yesterday and now advance to a second round meeting with Eire Og, who defeated Blackrock 2-4 to 0-4 on Saturday.

A goal by Niamh O'Sullivan 15 minutes into the match gave the Barr's a shortlived lead before Denise Cotter-Crowley replied for The Glen.

A second goal a short time later from Val Fitzpatrick put the Glen girls firmly in control to lead 2-5 to 1-3 at half-time.

A third Glen goal late in the game, again by Denise Cotter-Crowley, earned her side their passage into the next round.

Glen Rovers: F. McCarthy, M. Ring, D. Deane, A. Delaney-O'Donovan, M. Mackey-Ryan, M. Curid, S. Fitzgibbon, v. Fitzpatrick, T. O'Callaghan, C. McCarthy, J. Hamill, and D. Cotter-Crowley.

St. Finbarr's: B. Walsh, M. Henchion, A. O'Donovan, A. Christie, N. Coughlan, C. Cronin, C. O'Mahony, F. O'Sullivan, P. Keary, Y. O'Neill, N. O'Sullivan, C. Cronin.

Ref: Mary Maher.





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# In-form Killeagh look too good for Sars

THE Cork Senior Camogie Championship gets underway this weekend with four first-round games down for decision. In the first of these, Killeagh play Sarsfields at Ballynoe, tomorrow night. On Saturday night, Éire Óg meet Blackrock at Ballincollig, while on Sunday night Glen Rovers and St. Finbarrs will be in action at Ballinlough. In the final game, Fr. O'Neills meet Na Piarasigh at Caherlag on Tuesday night.

In the Sars/Killeagh game, Killeagh will probably be slightly favoured. These sides met in last year's first round and, after a very exciting replay, Killeagh emerged victorious. But Sars sounded a warning and are sure to prove strong opposition for the East Cork girls.

Sars have fine performers in Liz Dunphy, Ann Brady, Eileen Noonan, Breda O'Sullivan and Valerie Twomey, but it is difficult to see these girls holding a Killeagh side that have shown excellent form of late and who are in a position to call on players of the calibre of Ann Leahy, Mary Spillane, Patsy Keniry, Marian Sweeney, Cathy Landers and Ann Marie Landers.

## STRONGLY FANCED

On past performances, Éire Óg will be strongly fancied to advance. Blackrock are basically a young side and are still finding the going tough at senior level and in the past two years must be considered unlucky to have drawn such strong opposition in their first round.

Éire Óg are a strong all-round side and, when it comes to the championship, are always strong campaigners. They reached last year's final and, on the night, must be considered unlucky not to have taken the honours.

They have very experienced performers in Marian McCarthy, Miriam Higgins, Grainne Mackey, who captains the side; Claire Kelleher and Noelle O'Driscoll and if these girls play to form the Blackrock girls, Una and Bridget O'Connor, Ber Cashman and Ursula Lyons will probably have to give way to their more experienced opponents.

County champions Glen Rovers defend their title against St. Finbarrs at Ballinlough and here the Glen girls will be strongly fancied. These teams met in last year's semi-final when Glen Rovers recorded a comprehensive victory. The Glen are a star-studded side and seem to be strong in all sectors. They have marvellous performers in Marie Mackey, Sandy Fitzgibbon, Val Fitzpatrick, Mary Ring, Mary Currid and Therese O'Callaghan and if these girls play to their capabilities then St. Finbarrs will have to be on their toes.

But in a first-round game anything can happen. St. Finbarrs are a young and very determined side and if players like Claire Cronin, Colette O'Mahony, Paula Carey, Niamh Coughlan and Ann Christie produce the goods, then we could have a cracking contest in store.

Na Piarasigh and Fr. O'Neills will battle it out at Caherlag and the outcome here is difficult to predict. Both sides appear to be very evenly matched with, possibly, the city girls having a slight edge. These sides met in a league game recently when Fr. O'Neills emerged victorious but, on that occasion, Na Piarasigh lined out without the services of Cork senior Irene O'Leary.

She is expected to return to the side and her presence could have a vital bearing on the outcome. Na Piarasigh have other top-class performers in Jean Paula Kent, Paula Goggins, Evelyn Healy, Deirdre O'Shea and Catherine Martin and if these girls come out on top then the city girls should advance, despite the efforts of Fr. O'Neills girls Ann Marie Griffin, Mary Kennefick, Margaret Finn and Fiona O'Driscoll.



The Killeagh team (top) which played Sarsfields (below) in the Cork County Senior Camogie Championship in Ballynoe, Co. Cork.  
Pic: Des Barry



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# Killeagh goal blast sinks Sars

Killeagh 4-5, Sarsfields 0-8

TWO goals in the space of a minute midway through the second half helped Killeagh shake off the stubborn challenge of Sars and ensured their progress to the second round of the Cork County Senior Camogie Championship, at Ballynoe, last night.

Killeagh always threatened to win as decisively as they did, but, in the event, the scoreline perhaps better reflects potential than performance. For though markedly more powerful and with a greater complement of sure and accomplished players, Killeagh's performance was inconsistent.

Sars were uninhibited by the size of their task and applied their lesser resources splendidly. But even their great spirit could not compensate for skill and power when Killeagh raised their game in the final quarter.

Killeagh led by 2-0 to 0-3 at half time. Pat Fitzgibbon had Killeagh's first goal in ten minutes and nine minutes later Marian Sweeney ran 20 yards to score a great second. In, between the outstanding Lilian Zinkant, Sars most dangerous forward, pointed three frees. Killeagh were in no sense dominant in the first period but nevertheless could have wrapped the game up but for a succession of fine saves by Lily Twomey.

The second half was played at a greater pace and Sars' deficiencies were exposed. On three occasions Killeagh forwards, isolated at the edge of the square, failed to punish fully Sars stretched defence. But



Killeagh full-back Cathy Harnedy clears past Sarsfield's forwards, during the Cork County Senior Camogie Championship game last night. (Picture by Des Barry)

with Cathy Landers and Patsy Keniry driving Killeagh forward the scores seemed inevitable. The first of the critical goals came from Ann Leahy in the 43rd minute and a minute later Sweeney had her second.

All too quickly a four point difference had become an impossible task for Sars and though Liz Dunphy and Eileen Noonan both continued to fight gallantly, the issue had been decided.

Scorers, Killeagh: M. Sweeney 2-0, A. Leahy 1-2, P. Fitzgibbon 1-0, P. Keniry, P. Moloney and A. Landers 0-1 each. Sars: L. Zinkant 0-8, (0-4 from frees, 0-2 from 30's).

Killeagh: K. Buckley, K. Landers, M. Spillane, P. Keniry, D. Joyce, B. Kelly, I. Leahy, A. Landers, M. Sweeney, A. Leahy, P. Moloney, P. Fitzgibbon.

Sars: L. Twomey, E. Noonan, M. Fitzpatrick, G. Barry, E. Dunphy, A. Brady, B. O'Sullivan, M. Brady, L. Zinkant, S. Birmingham, L. Davis, V. Twomey.

Referee: M. Higgins (Eire Og).



Killeagh full-back, Cathy Harnedy, has this situation under control during last night's tie at Ballynoe. (Examiner)

## Raphaels to collect again!

TWO weeks ago St. Raphaels, Loughrea, proved their clearcut superiority when they won the All-Ireland Colleges senior and junior titles in impressive fashion. They now stand to cap a great season by adding Corn Una Ui Phuirseil to their huge haul of trophies.

St. Raphaels qualified as one of the two Connacht representatives. The under sixteen qualification for this competition enables St. Raphaels to draw a selection from their senior and junior sides. Eligible to compete are Emer Hardiman, Imelda Maher, Aileen Brett, Olive Costello, Fionnuala Keane, Clare Lynch and others who played significant roles in their Nowlan Park success.

The holders of the trophy, St. Marys, Charleville, received a scare in their opening match of the Munster Sevens. Community School, Seariff, wiped out a four goal deficit to beat the champions by two points. But when the chips



were down Charleville showed their true grit. They fought their way back into contention and eventually won the Munster title in style.

Two other survivors from last season's finals, St. Patricks, Maghera, and Assumption, Walkinstown, will try their luck again at Belfield on Saturday. The newcomers are St. Patricks, Keady; St. Caimins, Shannon; Thomastown Vocational School and Portumna College, Galway.

The race for the National Senior League will be narrowed down by the results of next Sunday's fixtures. Dublin play Cork while Kilkenny travel to Wexford. This will be a crucial match for Cork. They dropped two points to Kilkenny in the opening round and cannot afford any further slip up.

Dublin did well to hold Kilkenny to a draw. They will be anxious to build on that result and only a top class performance from Cork will be good enough to prevent them.

Wexford hope to have something like their full panel available for the game against Kilkenny, who have had to plan without Bridie McGarry and Liz Neary this season. However, there is plenty of talent in the side, which should prove too much for Wexford.

Galway and Kildare have been going great guns in the National Junior League. Their clash on Sunday should provide a top class exhibition of camogie.

### SATURDAY

Corn Una Ui Phuirseil at Belfield, 11.0.

### SUNDAY

NATIONAL LEAGUES — At Rathmore — Junior Wexford v Kilkenny, 2.00. Senior Wexford v Kilkenny, 3.15. At Russell Park — Senior Dublin v Cork, 1.00. At Clonsilla Junior Kildare v Galway, 3.00. At Carlow Junior Carlow v Cavan, 3.00. L.



## Slick city girls

Na Piarsaigh 2-9  
Fr. O'Neills 0-5

LAST night at Ballynoe NA Piarsaigh advanced to meet Killeagh in the Cork Co. Senior Camogie Championship and on the form could well stretch the only East Cork side left in the championship.

Fr. O'Neill's did make the effort, but except for Fiona O'Driscoll and Mary Kennefick and to a lesser degree Margaret Finn and Carrie Shanahan, they could not match the talented Na Piarsaigh girls.

Na Piarsaigh opened a gap of five points before Fr. O'Neill's got their first score. This seemed to settle the O'Neill side but the brilliance of Deirdre O'Shea in goal and a solid defence, where Evelyn Healy was outstanding, proved to be a major hurdle for the East Cork side.

Leading at the interval by 0-6 to 0-2, Na Piarsaigh increased their lead with a fine point by Irene O'Leary and when Paul Goggin and Lorraine Kelly goalied it was all over as a contest.

O'Neill's did try hard in the last ten minutes, but lacked the forward power to shake Na Piarsaigh who finished with points from O'Driscoll, Kennefick and Jean Paula Kent.

Scorers for the winners: L. Kelly 1-3, P. Goggin 1-0, J. P. Kent 0-3, I. O'Leary 0-2, M. Byrne 0-1.

Fr. O'Neill's: M. Kennefick 0-3, F. O'Driscoll 0-2.

Na Piarsaigh: D. O'Shea, C. Martin, P. Martin, S. Cooney, E. Healy, J. P. Kent, A. O'Donovan, I. O'Leary, P. Goggin, L. Kelly, M. Byrne, L. Sheehan. Subs: C. O'Connell for M. Byrne, M. Coade for A. O'Donovan.

Fr. O'Neill's: E. Hennessy, B. O'Donoghue, A. M. Griffin, C. Shanahan, F. Bernard, S. Meade, M. Kennefick, M. Finn, D. Hayes, M. Aherne, F. Hennessy, F. O'Driscoll. Sub: M. Hyde for Hayes.

Ref: M. Kearney, (Sarsfields).

## CAMOGIE

# Vital game for Cork

On Sunday next, the Cork senior team play Dublin in a vital National League game at Blanchardstown. On the local front there is a full programme of games listed; pick of which will be the Junior 'B' Championship replay on Monday night between Bishopstown and Blackrock and the Under-16 League Final on Wednesday night between Glen Rovers and Bishopstown.

There are also three quarter-finals of the Under-16 Championship down for decision over the weekend, while the remainder of the week will see a number of Junior 'A' and Under-16 League games decided.

Cork's clash with Dublin in next Sunday's National League is a vital one for Cork as they have to win here if they are to qualify for the semi-final stages.

In earlier rounds Dublin drew with Kilkenny and defeated Wexford, while Cork lost to Kilkenny and defeated Wexford, so the result of this game is of vital importance to both sides.

The Cork team for Sunday's game shows one change in personnel from the team which defeated Wexford. Ann Marie Landers from Killeagh, who came on to the side that day in place of Sandy Fitzgibbon, retains her place at midfield to the exclusion of regular centre back Liz Dunphy.

On the local front there should be plenty of excitement when Blackrock and Bishopstown replay their Junior 'B' Championship semi-final on Monday night.

The Blackrock side includes former Cork senior Patricia Riordan, who is making a comeback to camogie, Mary Lyons, Judy Deasy and Collette Murphy.

Bishopstown will be action again on Wednesday against Glen Rovers in the Under-16 league final and this could be another close affair. Bishopstown will start as favourites, but they may not get things all their own way from a Glen side that have looked very impressive in recent outings.

In the remaining games Glen Rovers will be expected to overcome Newcestown, when they meet in the Under-16 Championship quarter-final on Saturday night, while in the same competition Aghabullogue will be expected to have the edge over Ballinora and Inniscarra should do well against Fr. O'Neills.

Saturday, April 30  
Under-16 Championship  
Newcestown v Glen Rovers at Newcestown at 7.30 (ref. St. Finbarr's).

Sunday, May 1  
National League  
Cork v Dublin  
Under-16 Championship  
Ballinora v Aghabullogue at Ballinora at 12 noon (ref. Bishopstown); Fr. O'Neills v Inniscarra at 12 noon (ref. Ballincollig).

Junior 'A' League 88  
St. Fanahans v St. Catherine's at St. Catherine's at 3 p.m. (ref. Watergrasshill).

Junior 'B' Championship Semi-Final Replay  
Bishopstown v Blackrock at Bishopstown at 7.15 (ref. Douglas).

Under-16 League Final 1987  
Bishopstown 'A' v Glen Rovers at Glen Rovers at 7.30 (ref. Marie Kearney).

Junior 'A' League 88  
Douglas v Ballincollig at Douglas at 7.30 (ref. Na Piarsaigh).

Under-14 League 88  
St. Finbarr's v Na Piarsaigh at St. Finbarr's at 7.30 (ref. Na Piarsaigh); Grenagh v Sarsfields at Grenagh at 7.30 (ref. Sarsfields); Eire Og v Ballinora at Ovens at 7.30 (ref. Ballinora).

Under-14 League 88  
Bishopstown 'A' v Blackrock at Blackrock at 7.30 (ref. Bishopstown); Douglas v Brian Dillons at Douglas at 7.30 (ref. Brian Dillons).

Glen Rovers 'B' v Ballinure at Glen Rovers at 7.30 (ref. Ballinure); Barryroe v Courcy Rovers at Barryroe at 7.30 (ref. Courcy Rovers); Valley Rovers v Newcestown at Newcestown at 7.30 (ref. Valley Rovers); Cloughduv v Inniscarra at Cloughduv at 7.30 (ref. Inniscarra); Castlemartyr v Watergrasshill at Castlemartyr at 7.30 (ref. Watergrasshill); Fr. O'Neills v Killeagh at Fr. O'Neills at 7.30 (ref. Killeagh).

## CAMOGIE

National Junior League - Wexford  
0-3, Kilkenny 0-2. Scorers: Wexford  
H. Symon, T. Butler and A. Lyndon  
(0-1 each); Kilkenny - A. Dunne (0-2).  
National Senior League - Kilkenny  
4-12, Wexford 0-2. Scorers: Kilkenny  
(A. Downey 1-7), J. Dunne 1-0, B.  
Holmes 2-3, A. Keogh and C. James  
0-1; Wexford - A. O'Connor and C.  
Murphy (0-1 each) Cork 4-4, Dublin  
2-10.

## Spoils shared

Cork 4-4, Dublin 2-10

AFTER an entertaining National League camogie match at Blanchardstown, Co. Dublin, yesterday Cork and Dublin finished level.

The Cork girls were 3-3 to 2-2 ahead at the interval after enjoying good possession.

The Dubs improved on resuming and were level within ten minutes. However, Cork were quickly back, Linda Mellerick giving them the lead with a fine goal.

In a thrilling finish Edel Murphy had two points, Mary Geaney replying with one and Louis Lynch earned the home side a draw with two final points.

Scorers - Cork: A. Lee, M. Geaney 1-1, L. Mellerick, 1-1 each; N. O'Driscoll 1-0, C. Cronin 0-1; Dublin: E. Murphy 1-8, G. Noonan 1-0, L. Lynch 0-2.

## CAMOGIE

DUBLIN.....2-6  
WEXFORD.....2-3

OPPORTUNISM by Dublin's tall forward M. Connell who scored a goal and a point in the first five minutes was the telling factor in their success over Wexford in the Senior National League Camogie game at Russell Park, Blanchardstown yesterday. The winners had an interval lead of 2-1 to 1-1.

Scorers - Dublin - M. Connell 1-1, G. Noonan 1-0, G. Noonan 1-0, U. Crowley, A. Cooper, K. Walsh, E. Murphy and M. Donnelly 0-1 each; Wexford - E. Keogh 1-0, A. Reddy 1-0, C. Murphy 0-2, T. Harding 0-1.



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The all-conquering St. Mary's Camogie Team pictured on their arrival home at Charleville Railway Station on Saturday evening last after they retained the All-Ireland Colleges 7-a-side championship at Belfield on Saturday. Included are: Bernie O'Brien, captain, Sr. Colman, Principal St. Mary's, Fr. Liam Kelleher, Brid Larkin, Sr. Margaret, St. Mary's, Vincent Harrington, team trainer, Claire O'Callaghan, Eileen Farrell, Roisin Daly, Ann Mulcahy, Aine O'Sullivan, Therese Watson, Maria O'Sullivan, Helen Galvin, Martina Morrissey, Fiona Kelleher, Geraldine Cotter, members of St. Patrick's Brass and Reed Band and supporters who were on the platform to welcome the team home.

## St. Mary's win

ST. MARY'S, Charleville, seven-a-side camogie team wrote their names into local camogie lore when they retained the Corn Una Phuirseal when they won the All-Ireland Colleges' Seven-a-Side competition for the second year in succession.

The camogie blitz was played in very wet conditions at Belfield, Dublin, last Saturday.

In their first game, the locals faced the Ulster representatives Keady, Co. Armagh. The Charleville girls stamped their authority on the game from early on and

ran out winners on a scoreline of 4-2 to 2-0.

In the second game, St. Mary's accounted for Leinster side, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny, when they beat them by 4-3 to 1-1.

The third round saw St. Mary's brush aside the challenge of Connaught side, Portumna, when they scored a total of 6-3 without reply from the Co. Galway side, and the Charleville girls were within one game of retaining their title which they won in its inaugural year of 1987.

However, their

opponents in the final were old rivals Loughrea, but the locals were not to be denied their second victory in a row and they emerged winners of Corn Una Phuirseal with a score of 3-6 to 1-3.

Clare O'Callaghan got all the St. Mary's scores in the first half and added a further goal and a point on the resumption of play.

Other scorers in the final game were Roisin Daly (goal) and Tracey Watson (0-3).

Ballyhea's Claire O'Callaghan emerged the leading St. Mary's scorer with a personal total of

10-9 over the four games while Ballyagran girls Roisin Daly had six goals and Tracey Watson give points.

The side's captain, Bernie O'Brien, was also a goal scorer in the series, which involved a total of eight teams.

The St. Mary's players were drawn from the following panel: Ann Mulcahy, Aine O'Sullivan, Bernie O'Brien (capt.), Tracey Watson, Maire O'Sullivan, Roisin Daly, Claire O'Callaghan, Eileen Farrell, Helen Galvin, Martina Morrissey.



St. Mary's, Charleville 7-a-side camogie squad who retained their All-Ireland title at Belfield in Dublin, by defeating St. Raphael's, Loughmore in the final by 3-6 to 1-3.



MAY 1988

# Pan Celtic Festival is flourishing arena

ONE of the aims of those who sought the inclusion of camogie in the Pan Celtic Festival was that the game would grow and flourish in the country. It was hoped that young girls would be inspired by visiting stars and that they would strive to emulate their skills.

Camogie is now an established part of the festival. The organisers must be pleased to see teams from Tarbert, Dingle, Cloghane and Killarney contesting the honours with well-known visiting sides.

Twenty-six teams will take part in four competitions over the weekend. A senior and under sixteen championships, with A and B sections, will provide plenty of activity and entertainment for both players and spectators.

The A section of the senior competition is always keenly contested. The line-up includes four Cork clubs, Glen Rovers, the All-Ireland club



finalists, Éire Óg, Killeagh and St. Finbarr's. Attempting to bring the title elsewhere will be Ardkeen and Croagh-Kilfinny.

Dublin will be represented by Portabello and St. Monica's in the Senior B event. Black & Whites (Kilkenny) and three Cork sides, Douglas, Brian Dillons and Bishopstown will make it interesting.

As usual, the A section of the under sixteen competition promises great camogie. Salthill, Newtownshandrum, Bishopstown, Round Towers, St. Monica's, Glen Rovers, Éire Óg and Inniscarra will display skill and effort before a winner is found.

Armagh should take another step up the National Junior League ladder when they meet Meath at Enfield on Sunday.

Meath dropped points to Derry in the competition. Otherwise they have been doing well. With the championship just around the corner, a good showing is expected from Rhona Donegan, Gabrielle Reilly, Freda Warde, Laura Carney and Marie McGuire.

Tyrone have yet to get it right this season. They will get nothing easy from Derry on Sunday. Derry, who dropped points to Armagh, should have sufficient talent in Rita Doherty, Sally Mooney, Patsy Quinn, Margaret Coleman and Margaret O'Kane to add another brace.

Saturday — Pan Celtic Festival, Fitzgerald Stadium, Killarney, 10.0.

Sunday — Pan Celtic Festival, Fitzgerald Stadium, Killarney, 2.0. National Junior League — At Ard-boe: Tyrone v Derry, 3.0. At Enfield: Meath v Armagh, 2.30. At Turin: Westmeath v Donegal, 3.0. At Tullamore: Offaly v Monaghan, 3.0.

## GLEN TOPS

Glen Rovers 3-10, Éire Óg 0-3

AN outstanding display by centre-back Linda Mellerick inspired Glen Rovers to their second successive victory in the annual Pan-Celtic camogie tournament in Killarney

yesterday.

Another Cork club, Brian Dillons, won the 'B' competition, defeating Bishopstown on the score 1-6 to 1-1.

Other results—Under 16: Bishopstown 1-5, Newtownshandrum 0-2; Under 16: Bishopstown 3-6, Killarney 0.

## Cork minor camogie team

THE Cork minor camogie team to play Tipperary in the first round of the Munster Championship at Cashel tonight at 7.30p.m. is:

A. O'Leary (Bishopstown), C. Murphy (Bishopstown), B. Keating (Bishopstown), O. Murphy (Éire Óg), S. Mulcahy (Brian Dillons), H. Kenneally (Newcestown), I. Leahy (Killeagh), P. Murphy (Glen Rovers), E. Ryan (Bishopstown), L. Dunlea (Cloughduv), E. Duggan (Bishopstown), F. O'Driscoll (captain) (Fr. O'Neills).

# Cork's double bid

FOCUS on the camogie front this week will be on the inter-county scene with the Cork Junior and Minor teams involved in first round championship games.

Tomorrow night the Juniors play Limerick at Kilmeedy while on Thursday night, May 12, the Minors clash with Tipperary. At the weekend the annual Pan Celtic Festival takes place in Killarney, while on the local front there are a number of league games for decision.

The Cork Juniors set out in defence of their Munster title. Last year they had a fine victory over Clare, but were disappointingly beaten by Kildare in the All-Ireland semi-final. The team shows a number of changes from last year's side. Maria O'Brien from Inniscarra, last year's Minor goalkeeper, takes over from Rose Desmond, who is now named at full-forward. Last year's full-back Eileen Noonan retains her position with the corner-back positions

going to Margaret Finn and Denise Cronin. Evelyn Healy is in her usual position at centre-back while the midfield positions will be filled by Karen Mellerick, Jean Paula Kent and newcomer Deirdre Calnan from Éire Óg. Therese O'Callaghan is at centre-forward with Irene O'Keeffe and Liz O'Neill joining Rose Desmond to complete the full-forward line.

All these girls have been through the mill before and on form will be fancied to advance, but they would not want to underestimate a Limerick side that will include a number of the successful St. Mary's school team in Charleville, including such fine performers as Claire O'Callaghan, Helen Cagney and Frances Broderick. These together with Marguirite Guiry and Agnes Sheehy could combine to form a strong side.

The Minor team was not available at the time

of writing, but is certain to include a number of players from last year's side, including such fine players as Lyn Dunlea, Fiona O'Driscoll, Imelda Leahy and Hilda Kenneally. Add in Edel Ryan, Bláithín Keating and Patricia Murphy and you have a strong outfit.

There should be plenty of keen competition when clubs from all over the country come together in Killarney for the Annual Pan Celtic Festival. Cork will be represented in the Senior grades by Glen Rovers, Éire Óg, Killeagh, St. Finbarr's, Brian Dillons, Bishopstown and Douglas, while in the Under-16 grades Glen Rovers, Éire Óg, Blackrock, Bishopstown, Inniscarra, St. Finbarr's and Douglas will carry the Cork flag.

Cork Junior Panel: Maria O'Brien, Margaret Finn, Eileen Noonan, Denise Cronin, Evelyn Healy, Karen Mellerick, Jean Paula Kent, Deirdre Calnan, Therese O'Callaghan, Irene O'Keeffe, Rose Desmond, Liz

O'Neill, Rachel O'Flynn, Ann Christie, Patricia Green, Brid Kelleher, Aine Murphy, Una Leahy, Ber Maher, Eileen Buckley, Liz O'Sullivan, Ina Leahy, Ann Brady, Helena Barry, Aileen Barry, Teresa Downey, Mary Kenneally, Teresa Downey.

## FIXTURES

Tomorrow: Munster Junior Championship — Cork v Limerick at Kilmeedy at 7.30 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday: Pan Celtic Festival in Killarney. Wednesday, May 11 — Intermediate League — Ballinora v St. Finbarr's at Ballinora at 7.30 p.m.

Under 14 League '88 — Glen Rovers 'A' v Bishopstown 'B' at Glen Rovers at 7.30.

Ballincollig v Éire Óg at Ballincollig at 7.30.

Blackrock v Na Piarsaigh at Na Piarsaigh at 7.30.

Brian Dillons v Delany's at Brian Dillons at 7.30.

Glenagh v Ballinure at Ballinure at 7.30.

Sarsfields v Douglas at Sarsfields at 7.30.

Valley Rovers v Kilbrittain at Valley Rovers at 7.30.

Newcestown v Courcy Rovers at Courcy Rovers at 7.30.

Thursday, May 12 — Munster Minor Championship — Cork v Tipperary at a Tipperary venue.

## Cork U-16s score four point win

Cork 2-5 Tipperary 1-4

CORK defeated Tipperary in the first round of the Munster U-16 Camogie Championship after a highly entertaining game at Cashel last night.

Tipperary were unsettled in the opening half and missed a number of good scoring chances. Cork, however, took advantage and were in control for most of the half to lead 2-4 to 0-1 at the interval.

Tipperary staged a tremendous second-half rally and added a further 1-3. They displayed greater spirit and determination at this stage, but Cork, the more experienced side, battled on bravely to hold on for a well deserved victory.

Scorers—Cork: F. O'Driscoll 2-2; L. Dunlea 0-2; K. Monaghan 0-1.

Tipperary—M. Keane 1-0; D. Hewitt 0-2; S. Ryan, O. Hogan 0-1 each.

Referee: Bridie Stokes (Limerick).



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The Limerick junior camogie team who defeated Cork in the first round of the Munster Championship at Newtown.

## LIMERICK TOO GOOD FOR CORK

Limerick ..... 1-10  
Cork ..... 1-7

**LIMERICK** junior camogie team had a well-deserved win over Cork recently.

Playing with great spirit and determination they show that camogie wasn't dead yet in Limerick and that with the support and endeavours of all the clubs that Limerick could hold its head up and strive to bring back some honour to the county.

Limerick, with the aid of the breeze, were the first to score with Pauline McCarthy striking the ball over the back from a very acute angle near the sideline.

This was added to by Mary Lenihan, and when Patricia Twomey connected with a cross from Pauline McCarthy to crash the ball into the net it seemed that Limerick might have an easy win. But Cork settled better in the second quarter and drew back the lead point by point. Some good defensive work by Mairead Treacy and Marguerite Guiry spoiled the Cork attacks and led to a quick counter attack with P. McCarthy scoring another lovely point from play. This brought Limerick back into the match and they extended their lead to 1-5 to 0-3 at half-time.

With the aid of a strong breeze, Cork launched attack after attack on the Limerick goal throughout the second half. But a staunch back line held them out and some fine clearances from Frances Broderick put Limerick back into attack where Claire O'Callaghan added two points from play, and P. McCarthy was deadly accurate with frees.

Cork, however, finally broke through the Limerick defence and in one moment of hesitation they crashed the ball to the net. With only two points in the difference Cork maintained their pressure on the backs. When Cork seemed destined to score Helen Clifford put body and soul in front of them and managed to clear the ball away. P. McCarthy was again on hand to point from a free to leave the final score at 1-10 for Limerick to 1-7 for Cork.

Others to play well for Limerick were H. Sheehy, E. O'Sullivan, M. Clifford, H. Cagney and M. Herbert.

Subs. used: P. Noonan, C. O'Callaghan.

### MILLENNIUM YEAR

With millennium fever in the air congratulations to Pauline McCarthy, Mary Lenihan and Helen Sheehy on being selected to play with the Rest of Ireland senior camogie team who play Dublin on Sunday in Croke Park. This is a great honour for Limerick and the individuals selected as unlike hurling and football this is the first ever All-Ireland team. The camogie match will be played at 1.30 p.m. in the full size G.A.A. pitch and will be followed by a football match and then a hurling match.

## Clare Fade in Second Half

KILKENNY 3-12

CLARE 1-6

Kilkenny had a deserved win over Clare in this the final round of the national junior camogie league at Lisdowney in Kilkenny on Sunday evening last. The first half was very evenly contested and at the break Clare were two points ahead with the score at 1-4 to 0-5. Cora Fahy scored 1-2 of that first half total with the other points coming from Una Kavanagh and Mary Martin.

The home county took control early in the second half and went on to win. Clare's best players on the day were B. Ryan, F. White, C. Tobin, U. Kavanagh, M. Martin, A. M. Ryan, M. Collins, S. O'Brien and C. Fahy.

The next outing will be on June 25 when they play Tipperary in the Munster championship semi-final at a Tipperary venue.

On this Sat. evening followers will travel to Cork to cheer on Clare in the Munster u. 16 semi-final at 3 p.m. A bus will leave from Ennis swimming pool at 11 a.m. The team will complete its preparations on this Thurs. evening at St. Flannans College at 7 p.m.

Clare will meet Cork in the first round of the senior championship and this game has been brought forward to Wednesday when it will take place at Newmarket at 7.30 p.m.

P. O'Brien, Bodyke, N. Quinn, Bridge, and C. O'Loughlin, Kilnamona, played prominent roles in the Rest of Irelands victory over Dublin in the Millennium celebration game at Croke Park on Sunday. This was a 15 a side game.

### □ CAMOGIE VICTORY

□ SHANNON juvenile camogie players beat Éire Óg in the County final of their grade at Sixmilebridge on Sunday evening last and so not only won the County honours but also qualified to represent Clare in the 1988 Feile na nGael competitions to be held in Laois/Offaly this year. Rathaneaska in Co. Laois is the club that will play host to the Shannon girls. When these girls travel to Rathaneaska they will be accompanied by a few dedicated adults who have devoted a lot of their spare time in coaching them and bringing them this far. It would be very helpful if some parents were able to travel with the team to ensure support for the girls when they play so far away from home.



# Competitive games at U-16 level

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THE coming week will be a busy one on the camogie front with a number of important games for decision. Tonight the semi-finals of the 1987 Under-16 Championship will be decided between Bishopstown and Newcestown and Fr. O'Neills and Aghabullogue. Then on Wednesday night Blackrock and Bishopstown replay their Junior 'B' Championship semi-final at Bishopstown.

Both Under-16 semi-finals promise to be very competitive games with four top-class teams involved. In the first game Bishopstown and Newcestown clash at Bishopstown and here the home side will be expected to advance. They are a strong all round side and in a position to call on players of the calibre of Karen Higgins, Eithne Duggan, Moira Harrington, Edel Ryan and Blaithe Keating and if they play to form then they should be there at the end.

But they would not want to underestimate the strength of a Newcestown side that defeated a fancied Glen Rovers side in the quarter-final. Newcestown, despite their short time in existence, have welded a nice side together. They have their ace player in Cork Minor Hilda Kenneally, but even her expertise may not be enough to put a stop to this very talented Bishopstown side.

## SEMI-FINAL

The second semi-final will see Fr. O'Neills and Aghabullogue clash at Ballymacoda and this could be a close affair. Aghabullogue, who have made great strides at under-age level in recent years, will be slightly favoured but the home side had an

impressive win over Inniscarra in the quarter-final two weeks ago and will prove strong opposition. Fr. O'Neills will be led by Cork Minor Fiona O'Driscoll and if she is in her usual scoring form then Aghabullogue girls Eileen Buckley, Patsy Walsh and Sinead Buckley will have to be on their toes.

The Junior 'B' Championship semi-final replay between Bishopstown and Blackrock postponed last week due to weather conditions, will now be played at Bishopstown next Wednesday night. The Blackrock team will see the return to camogie of former inter-county full-back Patricia Riordan and she is certain to be a big asset. They have other fine players in Mary Lyons, Colette Murphy and Judy Deasy, but despite that experience they are sure to find the going tough against a young Bishopstown side that will include a number of their prominent Under-16 players.

Fixtures: Under-16 Championship semi-finals: Newcestown v Bishopstown, 7.30; Aghabullogue v Fr. O'Neills, 7.30. Wednesday, May 18, Junior 'B' Championship semi-final replay: Bishopstown v Blackrock, 7.30.

Under-14 League: Sarsfields v Delanys at Delanys, 7.30; Blackrock v St. Finbarrs, 7.30; Glen Rovers 'A' v Na Piarsaigh at Na Piarsaigh, 7.30; Bishopstown 'A' v Bishopstown 'B' at Bishopstown, 7.30; Ballinure v Douglas at Douglas, 7.30; Brian Dillons v Grenagh at Brian Dillons, 7.30; Kilbrittain v Courcy Rovers at Kilbrittain, 7.30; Barryroe v Newcestown at Newcestown, 7.30; Ballincollig v Ballinora at Ballinora, 7.30; Watergrasshill v Fr. O'Neills at Watergrasshill, 7.30.

## Young girls show great promise

KILKENNY ..... 5-8  
WEXFORD ..... 0-1

KILKENNY minor camogie team (under-16) put up a great performance when they scored a decisive victory over Wexford at Rathnure on Saturday.

Played in ideal conditions, the Noreiders were much too good and looked a side that will challenge strongly for Leinster and maybe even all-Ireland honours.

Kilkenny's last victory in this grade in Leinster was in 1976 when they completed the three in-a-row. They never qualified for an all-Ireland.

They now play Carlow or Louth in the next round. The winners led by 3-5 to no score at half-time.

Built around the successful under-14 team of the past two years, Kilkenny have some very skilful players. The future of camogie in the county looks assured, judging by this performance.

The defence rose to magnificent heights. All four girls were prepared to risk their lives when defying opposing forwards.

Bridget Barnaville was in control in front of goal. The half backs made vital contributions. Una Murphy, Gillian Dillon and Esther Kennedy played so well that goalie Veronica Wall hardly had a shot to deal with.

St. Paul's star, Geraldine Ryan dominated midfield. She read the play well and always seemed to be in the right position. She got great support from Tracy Millea and Aisling Cullen.

Bridget Mullally was the scorer in chief. Mary McGrath also figured strongly in the scoring stakes. Deirdre Lannon scored a spectacular goal when she caught a high centre and shook off her marker before netting.

Orla Ryall did a good job in getting the ball through to the other forwards.

Kilkenny introduced three substitutes in the closing stages and all — Bridget Morrissey, Esther Dermody and Philomena Middleton — showed nice touches.

### THE SCORERS

Kilkenny: B. Mullally (2-5); M. McGrath (1-2); G. Ryan, D. Lannon (1-0 each); A. Cullen (0-1). Wexford: J. Jordan (0-1).

### THE TEAMS

Kilkenny: V. Wall (Lisdowney); B. Barnaville (Lisdowney); G. Dillon (St. Lactain's); U. Murphy (Tullagher); E. Kennedy (St. Lactain's); G. Ryan (St. Paul's); A. Cullen (Thomastown); T. Millea (St. Brigid's); M. McGrath (capt.) (St. Brigid's); O. Ryall (St. Brigid's); B. Mullally (Tullagher); D. Lannon (Thomastown). Subs: B. Morrissey (Thomastown); P. Middleton (Thomastown); E. Dermody (St. Lactain's). Wexford: C. Swayne, D. O'Grady, S. Rowe, S. Somers, E. Lacey, O. O'Leary, J. Jordan, L. Bolger, T. Tobin, L. Doyle, L. Walker, J. Jordan. Subs: N. Carty, B. Mahon, L. Kinsella.

## Marina stars

Kilkenny V.S. .... 4-5  
Longwood ..... 3-5

KILKENNY vocational school created history at the double when they appeared in, and won, their first Leinster post-primary schools intermediate camogie final by beating Longwood (Meath) in a thrilling decider at Clane last week.

Heading into the closing two minutes Longwood goaled and looked like depriving their opponents, who enjoyed a couple of lucky breaks. But Kilkenny's luck held out to the

finish, and in a match winning late burst, Miriam Prendergast goaled and Marina Downey slotted over two points.

Thanks to a goal from Emily Coyne, the winners led by 1-3 to 0-2 at half time. Longwood were the better balanced side, but they just couldn't shake off their determined opponents, and they were caught on the line.

Kilkenny had a star performer in Marina Downey, who scored 2-4, and played equally well in defence and attack. She had been very able

back-up provided by Claire Meaney, Angela Ireland, Caroline Byrne, Emily Coyne and Miriam Prendergast.

### Scorers:

Kilkenny V.S.: M. Downey (2-4); M. Prendergast, E. Coyne (1-0 each); C. Byrne (0-1). Longwood: M. Bourke (2-3); M. Gowen, N. Doherty (0-1 each).

Kilkenny V.S.: A. Ireland, J. Cleere, M. Hoynes, C. Meaney, M. Ireland, M. Matthews, M. Downey, K. Duffy, M. Prendergast, C. Byrne, H. Mullin, E. Coyne. Subs: S. Hennessy, J. Lacey, A. Begley, H. Hennessy.

## Cashel girls tops

PRESENTATION Convent, Cashel beat Mercy Convent, Nenagh 0-4 to 1-0 in the Munster Camogie final 'B' League at Cashel last night. Both teams featured players from the county team recently beaten by Cork.

## Camogie results

U-16 championship semi-finals—Bishopstown 'A' 2-4 Newcestown 0-1, Aghabullogue 3-7 Fr. O'Neills 2-6. J'A'L—St. Catherine's 5-6 St. Fanahans 1-4, Douglas 3-6 Ballincollig 0-0. U-16 Lfinal—Glen Rovers 1-8 Bishopstown 'A' 0-7. U-14 L—Glen Rovers 'B' 4-0 Ballinure 1-0.

## TWO MUNSTER TITLES FOR COLAISTE

COLAISTE MUIRE captured two Munster camogie titles in the past two weeks. Two weeks ago they beat Bruff in the Munster B final at Shannon on the score of 5-3 to 3-2. The teams were evenly matched in the first half but the Ennis side got the upperhand after the break and got through for the vital scores.

The winners had outstanding players in Claire Griffin, Sonya Maher, Marie Griffin, Patsy Gleeson, Catherine Cahir and Patricia Mangan.

Sinead Murphy from Ennis and Avril Hayes from Killaloe were two of Bruff's stars.

The Colaiste panel comprised of Maeve Keane, Claire Griffin, Marie Griffin, Catherine Cahir, Sonya Maher, Patricia Moloney, Martina Neylon, Orla Keane, Patsy Gleeson, Patricia Mangan, Emer Clohessy, Ann Marie Galvin and Evelyn McNamara.

In the first year Munster competition Colaiste travelled to Kilfinnane last week-end to battle with ten other teams for the title. Most teams had a

penal of fourteen or more but the Ennis school had just eleven players available which left them one short.

They won five games in succession, despite being a player short, to qualify for the knock-out stages of the competition. In the semi-final their opponents were Macroom and after the teams were level at the end of normal time the Colaiste girls came out on top in the extra period to qualify for the decider.

Their final opponents were Scoil Pol, Kilfinnane whom they had beaten in the earlier rounds. Despite being tired the Colaiste girls managed to come out on top with Patricia Mangan again in excellent form scoring all of their five points. She was a hero throughout the day accounting for most of the sides scores on their way to the title.



## Mary Moran reports on the major motions discussed at Annual Congress in Monaghan

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**T**HE return of London to the All-Ireland championship, the election of a new President and proposed changes to the size of the playing pitch were the main talking points at the Annual Congress held in Monaghan.

Kildare born Mary Noonan travelled from London to put her case for the inclusion of a London team in the All-Ireland Junior Championship. She was delighted with the warm response to her request. Connacht offered London a place in their championship but the meeting felt it more appropriate to arrange a special quarter final to facilitate the newcomers.

London were drawn to meet the Munster winners and will wear a uniform based on the colours of the four provinces. Wearing green skirts, white jerseys with blue and gold hoops, they will be very distinctive.

London, of course, fielded a team in the All-Ireland Senior Championship in the fifties. It is sad to note that the growth of the game in the London area coincides with peaks of emigration from this country. Within the past two years, seven clubs have been formed.

The clubs are naturally based in areas where there is a large Irish population. London-Irish the first club to affiliate, is based in the Finsbury Park area. It was followed quickly by Croydon and Tara clubs. Newham Gaels, St. Michaels and Green Isles brought the number to six. The latest addition is Islington Irish in North London.

Majella O'Neill, who won an All-Ireland senior medal with Kilkenny in 1977, is the leader of the London County Board. Ettie Kelly (Meath), Mary Noonan (Kildare), Rita O'Hanlon-Wright (Galway) and

Teresa Finneran (Roscommon) are the other officers.

Members of the National Coaching Committee held a coaching course in London in late February. From the standard of play on view, there is no doubt but that London will be in a position to field a strong side.



• MARY MORAN

Maire Ni Cheallachain from Dripsey in Mid-Cork was elected as Uachtarán to succeed Mary Lynch. She fielded with Lee Valley in her playing days. For many years she devoted her time to her other interests, the Irish language and Irish music.

### Máire Ni Cheallacháin, elected as Uachtarán, to succeed Mary Lynch

When camogie was revived in the Aghabullogue area in the late sixties, she became involved once again. She joined the Inniscarra Club when the game was organised in her parish.

Firstly, as a selector, Mary became involved in the affairs of the Cork County Board. She served as cathaoirleach of the County Board and Munster Council. Mary is already well-known around the country and will not spare herself covering events.

Kilkenny presented a very detailed report on their Pilot Scheme for the full sized G.A.A. pitch measurements. They arrived at the conclusion that the playing strength would require to be increased to fifteen to cover the larger playing area.

However, due to an oversight, a motion to increase the playing strength to fifteen was overlooked. As the other relevant motions which appeared on the Congress papers referred to a twelve aside game, Kilkenny were left with little option but to withdraw them.

Players and spectators alike have often remarked that camogie matches are too short. In future, inter-county senior and junior championship games will be over sixty minutes. The alteration will be effective for the 1988 championships.

The banding of sticks lead to a lively debate. Increased cost of hurleys and poor quality of same prompted support for the lifting of the ban on the use of metallic banding. However, the prospect of injury caused others to withhold support. The motion failed to gain the necessary two-thirds majority.

The well organised Congress in Monaghan catered for the largest attendance in recent years. As originally feared, the meeting failed to finish the extremely heavy agenda. In excess of twenty motions, bye-laws and the Commission Report will be tackled when Congress reconvenes at Croke Park on 14th May.

### Camogie Sevens at the Glen

**TWELVE** teams - six from Cork city and county and six from the province - will play in the Knorr Munster Camogie sevens tournament, the first of its kind in Munster, on June 6, the bank holiday Monday.

The series will be hosted by the Glen Rovers club and included in the line-up are Glen Rovers, Killeagh, Na Pairsaigh, Sarsfields, St. Finbarr's and Eire Og and the five provincial clubs so far confirmed are Sixmilebridge, Cappawhite, Cashel, Lismore and Killarney.

Details of the tournament were announced at a press reception at Glen Rovers Hall, Blackpool last night.

The tournament will consist of four sections of three teams and the four group winners will contest the semi-finals. The action begins at the Glen field at 11 a.m. on the morning of June 6 with the final timed to start at 3.15 p.m.

## Second-half salvo did it for Pres.

### Presentation Convent 3-5

#### Mercy Convent 1-3

**IN THE** Leinster colleges' minor camogie final at Nowlan Park last week, Presentation Convent (Kilkenny) scored a good win over Mercy Convent (Callan).

Callan, aided by a strong wind, went 1-1 to 0-1 ahead after 10 minutes. Callan's goal was a great solo effort from Treacy Millea.

Even against the wind, the winners kept in touch with some fine points from Siobhán Dermody. At half-time Callan led 1-2 to 0-4.

Early in the second half, the Presentation struck decisively and scored three goals in a five-minute spree. Scorers were Mary Fry, Siobhán Dermody ('30') and Shirley Morrissey. This put the winners in a commanding position, and they never lost control.

This was a fine team performance by the Presentation. Each member of the panel made a contribution to victory. For Kilkenny, great displays were turned in by

Fiona Dalton, Orla Ryall and Siobhán Dermody. Best for Callan were Tracey Millea, Sinéad Millea and Marie Anne Cleere.

### ● Scorers

**Presentation, Kilkenny:** S. Dermody (1-5), S. Morrissey (1-0), M. Fry (1-0). **Callan:** T. Millea (1-0), S. Millea (0-2), M. Hanley (0-1).

### ● Teams

**Presentation, Kilkenny:** Siobhán Holden, Anne Power, Catherine Dowling, Lisa Carroll, Fiona Dalton, Mary Sutherland, Orla Ryall (capt.), Siobhán dooley, Siobhán Dermody, Shirley Morrissey, Mary Fry, Patricia Treacy. **Subs:** Marian Tallis, Marion O'Neill, Joanne O'Neill, Audrey O'Dwyer, Siobhán O'Dwyer, Natalie Owens, Elizabeth Dowling, Marie Meaney, Lisa O'Dwyer.

**Mercy, Callan:** Áine Comerford, Clodagh Purcell, Catherine Keogh, Margaret O'Neill, Tracey Millea, Teresa Blanchfield, Róisín Clere, Marie-Anne Cleere, Sinéad Millea, Mary Brennan, Margaret Hanley, Liz Holohan. **Subs:** Breda Kelly, Carmel Walsh, Hilary Quinn, Lorraine Kennedy, Olive O'Sullivan.



# Catherine—a jewel in camogie's crown

★ By Gerry Slevin

IN her blue Colaiste Muire uniform she is one of a vast number going about her daily class routine, studying for her Leaving Cert. examination in June. But when she puts on the playing gear of Clare or Kilnamona or indeed Colaiste Muire, her anonymity vanishes. She becomes someone really special, a camogie player with achievements that would be envied by most caman wielders whether male or female.

On Tuesday, Catherine O'Loughlin celebrated her 17th birthday and since she first lined out with St. Flannan's, Inagh in under 12 competition at the age of nine years, she has seen it all, at every level, with the highlight of her exciting career reached almost two years ago when she scored six points—all from play—in Clare's All-Ireland junior final success over Kildare in Croke Park.

Her first allegiance was to the Inagh club where her potential was quickly realised and there she played in both under 12 and under 14 grades, until her native Kilnamona decided to address itself to camogie activities. She has won under 12, under 14, under 16 and minor medals and found herself in the Clare colours playing for the under 16 team before she reached her teens.

Catherine also played in Feile na nGael in Dublin, twice, and in 1985 won a Munster minor medal with Clare. A year later she played on the Munster junior team, being elevated to the senior side last season. She has been a regular on the Clare senior side throughout the past season and in a recent league game, scored 3-2 against Galway.

Last Saturday week, in far off Portlennone, near Belfast, Catherine notched 1-7 against Antrim in a league game but on that occasion her mind was very much on affairs in Cusack Park, where Kilfenora were unsuccessfully bidding to win Under 21 C hurling honours. Twin brother Michael scored

three points in that final.

Because of her performance in Clare's All-Ireland junior success in '86, Catherine received the West County Inn Sportstar award of the month and later that year was honoured with a Munster youth sports award.

But Kilnamona and Clare are not the only ones to have benefitted from the skills of this most unassuming of sport-stars. On entering Colaiste Muire in Ennis, she found herself on the school senior side at the age of twelve and she played a major role in bringing provincial success in junior grade to the school in '85 and '86. Despite her best efforts however, the senior title eluded the school in both '86 and '87, being defeated by Charleville in two successive finals.

For any sports-minded person, all that would indeed be enough. But not so with Catherine. Nothing pleases her more than being involved with 'the boys' as she describes her attitude to hurling. Yes, Catherine can more than hold her own in the male preserve. Last year she played in goals for the Kilnamona minor team and while brother Michael was scoring 2-4 farther out in the league final Catherine was playing a blinder in preventing scores. The team is again in this year's semi-final and Catherine once more lines out between the posts.

As a member of St. Cronan's athletic club she keeps herself busy in the winter time in cross country events and she

also likes to indulge in ladies football.

With so many activities, so many calls on her talents and her involvement in so many teams, does Catherine feel she is getting too much of it? Not at all. Granted study for her forthcoming Leaving Cert is a priority at the moment but she is so well organised that she manages to get to the various training sessions without too much difficulty. And if

that wasn't enough, she looks after three training of the under age teams in the club.

No wonder that Catherine has her sights set on extending her sporting interests, when her post primary education is completed she hopes to take up physical education as a career and that should be a career full of interest for a young lady imbued with a keen sense of dedication to the outdoor life.

Catherine O'Loughlin loves sport and sport has been good to her. Many years still remain for her to thrill spectators with her dashing style. A senior All-Ireland title for Clare is her dearest wish and if that is to happen, then we can be assured that the imprint she will leave on the achievement will be even more emphatic than all she has done up to now. And that would indeed be something special.



Catherine O'Loughlin, in full flight

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# Millennium match should be a real cracker!

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Ireland selectors chose three players from each of the seven senior counties to form a panel of 21 players. Had the selectors been given a free hand, it is likely that Kilkenny and Cork would have had a greater representation but the resultant side would have been too strong for a single county to cope with. The selectors have come up with an interesting combination of established top-class players and young up-and-coming talent and the response from the players has been one of eager anticipation to this novel event.

## Camogie

Pauline O'Brien, the Clare and Combined Universities goalkeeper, is handed the task of covering the extra wide goal. Kilkenny's brilliant all-rounder Ann Downey should dictate play from the edge of the square. Antrim's dependable Mary McMullan and Clare's skilful Noleen Quinn fill the corner back positions. The talented trio of Elsie Cody (Wexford), Clare Cronin (Cork) and Linda Mellerick (Cork)

comprise an attacking half-back line. The 15-a-side game calls for only two midfielders. Competition was extremely keen with Cork's Sandie Fitzgibbon and Galway's Mary Kelly getting the vote. The prospect of exciting attacking play is likely with the naming of six highly skilled ball players. Camogie's top scoring exponents, Angela Downey and Breda Holmes, feature in the half forward line. Two gifted young players, Catherine O'Loughlin (Clare) and Anne Ryan (Galway), will show pace, control and accuracy on

the right flank of attack. The experienced Gertrude O'Leary (Wexford) and Pauline O'Brien (Limerick) complete a side which is capable of putting on a great exhibition of camogie. This game provides Dublin with a great opportunity to try out players on the fringe of their team. Without the fear of losing associated with championship matches, their selectors can test likely candidates for permanent places against top quality opposition. Dublin, too, will have a blend of youth and experi-

ence. Anne Colgan, Edel Murphy, Una Crowley, Germaine Noonan, Marie Connell and Cathy Walsh will obviously command places. **FIXTURES** **SATURDAY** At Croke Park — Resumed Congress, 10.30. **SUNDAY** **MILLENNIUM EXHIBITION** At Croke Park — Dublin v Rest of Ireland, 1.15. **NATIONAL LEAGUES** At Lisdowey — J. — Kilkenny v Clare, 6.30, at Kilmaleck — J. — Cavan v Down, 3.30, at Lissakee — J. — Fermanagh v Roscommon, 2.0.

## Camogie players honoured

THREE members of the Galway Camogie team have been selected on the Rest of Ireland panel which will play in the Dublin Millennium Tournament game at Croke Park on Sunday next. Ballygar based Mary Kelly who plays with St. Mary's, Glenamaddy and Ann Ryan from Kiltulla Club have been both selected on the Rest of Ireland team. Ann Ryan is a sister of Galway's star hurling forward Eanna and they are joined in the panel by a sister of another of Galway's hurling stars in Sarsfields, Angela Cooney, sister of All-Star Joe Cooney.



BENDING HURLEYS . . . Dublin's Ann Colgan (Celtic) pictured on the left, breaks past Breda Holmes (Kilkenny) Rest of Ireland, in the Camogie match at Croke Park. Picture by Declan Cahill

## Dubs collapse

REST OF IRELAND.....4-6 DUBLIN.....1-5

ANY FEARS of a festive spirited runaround in the Dublin v Rest of Ireland Camogie Millennium Game were dismissed yesterday in sunshine in Croke Park. Ireland were first on the scoreboard with a point, but Dublin's Marie Connell stirred the colourful crowd with a goal in the 10th minute. However, Ireland came back strongly and led by two points at the interval.

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In a one-sided second half the Kilkenny stars, Anne and Angela Downey, along with Galway forward Ann Ryan, helped convert persistent Irish pressure into goals, giving them a clear but hard-fought victory.

## Ryan stars in Dublin

GALWAY camogie forward Ann Ryan played a major role in the Dublin G.A.A. Millennium Tournament on Sunday as she emerged as leading scorer for the Rest of Ireland team scoring 1-3 in their 4-6 to 1-5 victory against Dublin. Ryan did all her scoring in the first half as "The Rest" led by 1-5 to 1-3 at half time. Her team mates Mary Kelly and substitute Angela Cooney also figured prominently in the Rest of Ireland's victory. On Sunday next camogie action centres on Killimor as Galway seniors take on the challenge of Antrim at 3 p.m. A victory for Galway in this game would give them a League semi-final placing against Dublin. The senior game will be preceded by a Junior League clash between Galway and Wexford at 2 p.m. Galway have to win if they want to survive in this years Junior League competition.



Three Cork players who starred for the Rest of Ireland team at Croke Park last Sunday. From left, Linda Mellerick, Clare Cronin and Sandy Fitzgibbon.



CUMANN LÚTHCHLEAS GAEL

CAMÓGAÍOCHT:

## Dublin v. Rest of Ireland

1.15 i.n.

Réiteoir:  
ANN REDMOND  
(Baile Átha Cliath)





# CAMÓGAÍOCHT

## BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH

(1) A. Ní Bhroin (Capt.)  
**ANN BYRNE**  
(Crumlin)

(2) C. Breathnach  
**CATHY WALSH**  
(Crumlin)

(3) M. Ní Chroinín  
**MAIREAD CRONIN**  
(Celtic)

(4) C. de Grae  
**CARMEL GRAY**  
(Na Fianna)

(5) P. Chliontún  
**PATRICIA CLINTON**  
(Marino)

(6) A. Mhic Colgan  
**ANN COLGAN**  
(Celtic)

(7) D. Ní Laoire  
**DENISE O'LEARY**  
(Marino)

(8) E. Ní Mhurchú  
**EDEL MURPHY**  
(U.C.D.)

(9) G. Ní Nuanáin  
**GERMAINE NOONAN**  
(Marino)

(10) U. Ní Chruaíoch  
**UNA CROWLEY**  
(Celtic)

(11) A. Chúipeir  
**ANN COOPER**  
(Celtic)

(12) C. Ní Bhroin  
**CARMEL O'BYRNE**  
(Marino)

(13) M. Ní Dhonnaile  
**MICHELLE DONNELLY**  
(St. Oliver Plunketts)

(14) L. Ní Loinsigh  
**LOUISE LYNCH**  
(St. Oliver Plunketts)

(15) M. Ní Chonaill  
**MARIE CONNELL**  
(U.C.D.)

IONADAITHE: (16) T. Ní Bhroin (Toni O'Byrne) Celtic; (17) M. Ní Chatháin (Mary Keane) Crumlin; (18) M. Ní Raghallaigh (Maggie O'Reilly) Ballyboden/St. Enda's; (19) G. Ní Dhuinn (Geraldine Dunne) St. Monica's; (20) S. Ní Ghormáile (Joan Gormley) U.C.D.; (21) S. Ní Dhúill (Suzanne Doyle) Celtic.

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachai	65m	Saor Pocanna
1 adh Leath					
2 adh Leath					
Iomlán					

# CAMÓGAÍOCHT

## REST OF IRELAND

(1) P. Ní Bhriain  
**PAULINE O'BRIEN**  
(An Clár)

(2) M. Ní Mhaoláin  
**MARY McMULLAN**  
(Aontroim)

(3) Á. Ní Dhúnaigh  
**ANN DOWNEY**  
(Cill Chainnigh)

(4) N. Ní Choinn  
**NOELEEN QUINN**  
(An Clár)

(5) É Mhic Óda  
**ELSIE CODY**  
(Loch Garman)

(6) C. Ní Chroinín  
**CLARE CRONIN**  
(Corcaigh)

(7) L. Ní Mhaoilcheiric  
**LINDA MELLERICK**  
(Corcaigh)

(8) S. Ní Giobúin  
**SANDY FITZGIBBON**  
(Corcaigh)

(9) M. Ní Cheallaigh  
**MARY KELLY**  
(Gaillimh)

(10) C. Ní Lochlainn  
**CATHERINE O'LOUGHLIN**  
(An Clár)

(11) B. Ní Thomáis  
**BREDA HOLMES**  
(Cill Chainnigh)

(12) A. Ní Dhúnaigh  
**ANGELA DOWNEY**  
(Cill Chainnigh)

(13) A. Ní Riain  
**ANN RYAN**  
(Gaillimh)

(14) G. Ní Laoire  
**GERTRUDE O'LEARY**  
(Loch Garman)

(15) P. Ní Cárthaigh  
**PAULINE MCCARTHY**  
(Luimneach)

IONADAITHE: (16) E. Ní Shithigh (Helen Sheehy) Luimneach; (17) M. Mhic Giolla Phiondáin (Mary Lundy) Aontroim; (18) S. Ní an Tiompánaigh (Siobhán Mac Atamney) Aontroim; (19) C. Ní Mhurchú (Catherine Murphy) Loch Garman; (20) M. Ní Loingeacháin (Mary Lenehan) Luimneach; (21) A. Ní Chuana (Angela Cooney) Gaillimh.

REST OF IRELAND	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachai	65m	Saor Pocanna
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CATHERINE O'LOUGHLIN



SANDIE FITZGIBBON



LINDA MELLERICK



MARY LUNDY



HELEN SHEEHY



CLARE CRONIN



NOELEEN QUINN



MARY McMULLAN



ELSIE CODY

*Dublin Selectors - Phyllis Breslin, Ann Carey, Rita White*



ANGELA DOWNEY

**Camogie  
Players  
in  
action  
today**



ANN DOWNEY



GERTRUDE O'LEARY



MARY LINEHAN



BREDA HOLMES



CATHERINE MURPHY



SIOBHÁN McATAMNEY



PAULINE O'BRIEN

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## Rest of Ireland Camogie Pen Pictures

**PAULINE O'BRIEN** - Club: Bodyke, Co. Clare. Position: Goalkeeper. School/College: Scariff Community School and Trinity College. Honours: All-Ireland junior medal 1986; Munster under-18 and junior championship medals; Regular goalkeeper with Clare senior team; Represented Combined Universities.

**NOELEEN QUINN** - Club: Sixmilebridge, Co. Clare. Position: Left corner back. School: St. Joseph's, Tulla. Honours: All-Ireland junior medal 1986; Munster under-18 and junior medals; 5 Clare senior championships; Represented Munster in junior Gael-Linn; Centre-back on Clare senior team.

**CATHERINE O'LOUGHLIN** - Club: Kilmamona, Co. Clare. Position: Right half forward. School: Colaiste Muire, Ennis. Honours: All-Ireland junior medal in 1986; Munster under-18 and junior medals; Munster colleges junior championship; Represented Munster in junior Gael-Linn.

**PAULINE MCCARTHY** - Club: Star Rovers, Bruff, Co. Limerick. Position: Left corner forward. School: Pres. de la Salle, Hospital. Honours: All-Ireland junior medal 1977; All-Ireland club championship 1979; 2 senior Gael-Linn medals; Junior Gael-Linn medal; Munster under-18, junior and colleges intermediate medals.

**MARY LINEHAN** - Club: Drumcollogher, Co. Limerick. Position: Centre-field. College: Thomond. Honours: 3 Purcell Cup medals with Thomond College; C.C.I.A. League medal; Represented the Combined Colleges.

**HELEN SHEEHY** - Club: Croagh-Kilfinny. School: Scoil Pól, Kilmac. Position: Goalkeeper. Honours: All-Ireland Club championship medal 1975; Gael-Linn senior medal; Gael-Linn junior medal; Munster Colleges intermediate medal.

**CLARE CRONIN** - Club: St. Finbarr's, Cork. Position: Centre-back. School: St. Aloysius, Cork. Honours: 4 All-Ireland senior medals; 2 All-Ireland minor medals; All-Ireland Colleges senior medal; National Senior League medal; Ashbourne Cup medal; B&I Award winner; Gradam Tálte winner.

**LINDA MELLERICK** - Club: Glen Rovers, Cork. Position: Left half back. School: St.

Patrick's, Cork. Honours: All-Ireland junior medal 1984; All-Ireland minor medal 1983; Munster senior, junior and minor medals; Munster Colleges senior medals; Represented Munster in senior and junior Gael-Linn; National Senior League medal.

**SANDIE FITZGIBBON** - Club: Glen Rovers, Cork. Position: Centrefield. School: North Presentation, Cork. Honours: All-Ireland Colleges senior medal 1980; 3 All-Ireland minor medals; 2 All-Ireland senior medals; 2 National Senior League medals; All-Ireland Club championship 1986; Inter-provincial player with Munster; International basketball player.

**ANN RYAN** - An All-Ireland skills champion, All-Ireland minor medal 1981, All-Ireland League and Championship (junior) 1985. A very skilful player. Sister of present Galway senior hurler Enna.

**ANGELA COONEY** - All-Ireland Féile, All-Ireland Community Games, All-Ireland junior championship 1985; 3 All-Ireland colleges with St. Raphaels. Sister of Galway hurler Joe.

**SIOBHAN MCATAMNEY** (Geraldines, Portlennone) - Honours: 1 All-Ireland senior championship, 6 Ulster senior championships, 4 Maguire cup medals (all county); 6 county club senior championships; 2 county club minor championships, 1 county club junior championship, 3 Ulster club senior championships (all club). Represented Ulster in Gael-Linn. First played for Antrim seniors in 1978 and was a member of the successful Antrim team in 1979, has also represented Ulster in Gael-Linn. Played camogie at St. Mary's College, Clady.

**CATHERINE MURPHY** (Adamstown, Wexford) - 1 Gael-Linn medal. Represented Wexford in Graham Tálte 1986 and '87. Sports girls of the year in 1987 in Wexford. Received appreciation award for being overall "Player of the Year" in camogie, football and soccer in 1986.

**BREDA HOLMES** (St. Paul's, Kilkenny) - Former captain of Carysfort College, 3 All-Ireland senior and 3 National League medals, 2 Gael-Linn medals, B&I award winner 1987.

**GERTRUDE O'LEARY** (Buffers Alley, Wexford) - 8 county final medals, 4 Leinster club championship medals, 4 All-Ireland club championship medals. Continued on page 14 ▶

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**ANN DOWNEY** (St. Paul's, Kilkenny) - Joint B&I winner with twin sister, Angela, in 19813, 7 All-Ireland senior championship medals, 6 National Leagues, 5 club championships, 5 Gael-Linn medals. A squash player of international standard.

**CARMEL GRAY** (Na Fianna) - Carmel joined the senior panel this year, having played a vital part in the junior team over the past 3 years. Plays for Na Fianna and won two Ashbourne medals with UCD.

**MARY LUNDY** (Ardoyle, Co. Antrim) - Started playing county camogie minor 1965 and has been a regular on Antrim teams since. Holds one Ulster minor championship medal, six Ulster senior championship medals, eight Maguire Cup medals, five Antrim senior medals. Represented Antrim in Gradam Tálte 1983. Has been a regular on Ulster senior camogie teams throughout the 80's. Mary has also been All-Ireland novice and junior handball champion and senior All-Ireland runner-up. Captain Antrim senior county team 1988.

**MARY McMULLAN** (Loughiel Shamrocks, Co. Antrim) - 1 All-Ireland senior championship medal 1979, represented Antrim in Gradam Tálte 1985, 6 Ulster championship medals (county), 5 Maguire Cup trophies (county), 3 senior championship medals (club), 1 minor

championship medal (club), 5 Féis na nGlasann medals (club), All-Ireland colleges finalists 1978, 3 Ulster colleges medals.

**ELSIE CODY** (Buffers Alley, Wexford) - 1 All-Ireland senior championship medal, 1 National Senior League medal, 3 Leinster senior championships, 6 Gael Linn medals, 5 All-Ireland club championships, 8 Leinster club championships, 1 junior colleges Leinster championships.

**ANGELA DOWNEY** (St. Paul's, Kilkenny) - Will go into camogie annals as the player of the decade. Texaco award 19813, 3 B&I awards, 7 All-Ireland senior championships, 6 National Leagues, 5 club championships, 6 Gael-Linn medals, Gradam Tálte winner 1984, '85 and '86.

**MARY KELLY** (St. Mary's Club, Galway) - Mary, from Kilmore, Ballygar, is 26 years, and is a past pupil of St. Mary's College, Ballygar. She is employed as secretary in a veterinary surgeon's office in Ballygar. She joined St. Mary's Club in April 1983 and since then has been consistently one of the club's outstanding players. As a player her greatest qualities are her dedication to training, sportsmanship, ability to get her shot in — even in the tightest situation — her remarkable stamina, ability to read the game and be where she is most needed. These qualities have combined to make her one of the best centrefield players in camogie.



Una Crowley, Celtic and Dublin star, and Ger McCarthy, Cork.

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# Millennium Games



Páirc an Chrócaigh  
15 Bealtaine 1988



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**Ann Byrne** (Crumlin) - Captain and goalkeeper, Ann made the big breakthrough last season when she caught the eye of the senior selectors with some sterling displays for her club. Ann previously played with St. Finbarr's and Austin Stacks. Holder of a Junior All-Ireland medal and also a club championship medal, Ann is a member of the Crumlin team who won the county championship honours.

**Mairead Cronin** (Celtic) - One of the younger players on the team, Mairead has only been playing at this level of camogie for the last 2 years. Has won medals with Maria Assumpta College in Walkinstown and is a member of the Celtic team which will contest the county final next week. Previously played with An Caisleán.

**Carmel Gray** (Na Fianna) - Carmel, daughter of well-known G.A.A. administrator, Jimmy, and also of Gretta, chairperson of the Dublin County Camogie Board, was given her chance to stake a claim on the county team when she was selected to play against Wexford and she retained her place against Cork a week later. She captained the Dublin junior team to victory in the National League in 1987. A very versatile player, Carmel has won Ashbourne Cup medals with U.C.D.

**Ann Colgan** (Celtic) - A wonderful ball-player, Ann was the captain of the Dublin senior team that won the All-Ireland championship in 1984 after a lapse of 18 years. Has also won All-Ireland medals with her native Cork. Her positional sense and ability to lead a game are first class. She previously played with Presentation, Terenure, and holds county championship and league medals with her present club, Celtic. Also holds Leinster senior championship honours.

**Denise O'Leary** (Marino) - A member of the Marino team that will vie with Celtic for county championship honours next week. Denise had a brilliant game at left-back against Kilkenny in a recent league fixture. Has won an All-Ireland colleges' medal with Maryfield.

**Ann Cooper** (Celtic) - Ann has won All-Ireland senior and junior colleges' medals with St. John of God, Kilmore Road, and captained the Dublin team which brought the only All-Ireland minor title to the county. Has also won Clonbourne Cup medals with U.C.D. and led them to their triumph this year as well as captaining the combined Universities team.

**Louise Lynch** (O. Plunketts) - Although not playing camogie all that long, Louise has settled in nicely to this grade of the game. A very fast determined player, Louise has years of camogie to look forward to in the future. Has won Senior 'B' Championship and League medals with her club and Leinster Championship honours with the county. Has also played G.A.A.

**Toni O'Byrne** (Celtic) - Toni is a very good goalkeeper but unfortunately for her has had to stand in the shadows of former custodian Yvonne Redmond and current keeper Ann Byrne. Nonetheless, Toni has never faltered in her loyalty to her club or county and is an example to all aspiring young goalkeepers. Has played for St. Patrick's training college.

**Mary Keane** (Crumlin) - A native of Galway, Mary decided to throw in her lot with Dublin last year and won a Leinster senior championship trophy. A very enthusiastic player, Mary has amassed championship and league medals with Crumlin and also holds an All-Ireland Club championship trophy.

**Suzanne Doyle** (Celtic) - A very fast and direct player, Suzanne has won All-Ireland senior and junior colleges' medals with St. John of God, Kilmore Road. She was also a member of the minor team that won the only All-Ireland title for Dublin at this grade.

**Michelle Donnelly** (O. Plunketts) - A very fast and industrious player, Michelle has boundless energy. She made her debut on the senior county team last year and also managed to remain there since. She previously played with the Erin's Isle club and has won Senior 'B' championship and league medals with her present club, Oliver Plunketts. Plays G.A.A. for Dublin.

**Geraldine Dunne** (St. Monica's) - Geraldine has played all her camogie with her present club and is currently a member of the junior county panel. She is very fleet of foot and is very accurate from frees and line-ball situations. Will lead her club in the Senior 'B' championship final against Ballyboden St. Enda's next week.

**Maggie O'Reilly** (Ballyboden St. Enda's) - The newest member to the county senior panel, Maggie has yet to make her debut at this level. A member of the current junior panel, Maggie, a native of Galway, will be hoping to earn a senior 'B' championship medal next week against St. Monica's.

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# Monahan replaces clubmate

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# Cork minors open busy programme

THERE are hectic times ahead for camogie enthusiasts over the coming week with a number of vital games down for decision. First into the arena will be the Cork minors, when they play Clare in the Munster Championship semi-final at Church Road at 4.30.

On Saturday night the first of the senior championship semi-finals will be decided between Killeagh and Na Piarasigh at Caherlag, while also on Saturday, the Feile Na nGael blitz will be held in Bishopstown and Inniscarra commencing at 10 o'clock.

On Sunday night, Glen Rovers and Eire Og clash in the second senior semi-final at Ballinora and this will be preceded by the 1987 Under-16 Championship final between Bishopstown and Aghabullogue; while on Wednesday night, the Cork seniors play Clare in the first round of the Munster Championship at a Clare venue.

The Cork minor team to play Clare in the Munster Semi-final on Saturday shows just one change from the side which defeated Tipperary in the first round. Glen Rovers' Catherine Monahan comes on to the side at centre-field to the exclusion of clubmate Patricia Murphy.

The senior championship first semi-final on Saturday night with Na Piarasigh and Killeagh could go to either side but on form the East Cork girls will probably start as favourites.

In the second semi-final on Sunday, old rivals Eire Og and Glen Rovers clash at Ballinora and here Glen who are the present holders of the title will on form be strongly fancied to advance.

Both these sides met in the recent Pan Celtic final, when the Glen emerged convincing winners, but the championship always brings out the best in everyone and in particular Eire Og, who are always strong championship contenders.

In the preceding game at Ballinora, Bishopstown and Aghabullogue meet in the final of the 1987 Under-16 Championship and here Bishopstown will be fancied to take the honours. They have been very successful at underage level in recent years and should have the edge over the Mid Cork girls.

Clubs are reminded that the Feile Na nGael Blitz originally fixed for Saturday, June 4 has now been brought forward to Saturday next, May 21. Games will be played at Bishopstown and Inniscarra commencing at 10 o'clock. The semi-finals will be played on Tuesday night at Bishopstown with the final on Thursday at the same venue.

## CORK GIRLS THROUGH TO FINAL

BY TOM HIGGINS

CORK 6-13 CLARE 2-4

SHOWING a great deal of skill and commitment, holders Cork advanced to the final of the Munster Minor Camogie Championship with a comprehensive victory over Clare at Church Road on Saturday.

This was a really superb display by the Cork girls who were superior in every part of the field and although Clare tried hard to match them, they just could not do so.

The home side played with the wind in the opening half and thanks to a masterly display by Eithne Duggan, who scored three goals, they turned over at the interval leading 3-8 to 1-1.

When Clare had the opening score of the second half within a minute it looked as if they would make a fight of it but the Cork side took control once more and totally deserved their big win.

After a shaky start, Clare Murphy at full back had an excellent game and got great support from Blaitin Keating, Hilda Kenneally, and Imelda Leahy. Edel Ryan had an excellent opening half while Eithne Duggan and Fiona O'Driscoll gave the Clare backs a tough time.

For Clare, Claire Moroney and Joanna Frost tried hard in defence with Sinead O'Brien playing well at centre field and Myra McMahon and Marie Collins being their most dangerous forwards.

Scorers, Cork: Eithne Duggan 4-1, Fiona O'Driscoll 1-7, Lyn Dunlea 1-3, Edel Ryan, Imelda Leahy 0-1 each.

Clare: Myra McMahon 1-1, Marie Collins 1-1, A.O'Dwyer 0-1, Siobhan Maher 0-1.

Cork: A.O'Leary, C.Murphy, S.Fahy, B.Keating, U.Murphy, I.Leahy, H.Kenneally, C.Monahan, E.Ryan, L.Dunlea, E.Duggan, F.O'Driscoll.

Clare: J.Flynn; D.Killeen, D.O'Gorman, C.Moroney, J.Frost, S.Maher, S.O'Brien, A. McGrath, M. McMahon, M.O'Reilly, M.Collins, A.O'Dwyer.

Subs. A.Carrig for A.O'Dwyer, D.Reilly for D.Killeen, P.Gleeson for M.O'Reilly.

Referee, Mary Ann McInerney (Clare).

IT'S all go on the camogie front this weekend with a full programme of important games down for decision.

The Cork minors open the series tomorrow when they meet Clare in the Munster semi-final at Church Road at 4.30. Tomorrow night, the first of the senior championship semi-finals will be decided between Killeagh and Na Piarasigh at Caherlag, while on the same day the Feile Na nGael Blitz will be held at Bishopstown and Inniscarra, commencing at 10 a.m.

On Sunday, Eire Og and Glen Rovers clash in the second semi-final at Ballinora and this will be preceded by the final of the 1987 U-16 Championship between Bishopstown and Aghabullogue.

On Wednesday, the Cork seniors play Clare in the first round of the Munster Championship

at a Clare venue.

The Cork minor team shows one change from the side which defeated Tipperary in the first round. Catherine Monahan (Glen Rovers) comes into the side at centre-field in place of clubmate Patricia Murphy. The following is the team:

Aisling O'Leary, Susan Fahy, Clare Murphy, Una Murphy, Blaitin Keating, Hilda Kenneally, Catherine Monahan, Imelda Leahy, Edel Ryan, Eithne Duggan, Lyn Dunlea, Fiona O'Driscoll.

In the senior championship, tomorrow night, Killeagh and Na Piarasigh clash at Caherlag and victory here could be in doubt up to the final whistle, even though, on recent form, the East Cork girls will probably start as slight favourites.

They are a strong all-round side and, if players like Ann Leahy, Marion Sweeney, Mary Spillane,

Patsy Keniry and Betty Joyce turn it on, then Na Piarasigh, despite the efforts of Irene O'Leary, Jean Paula Kent, Evelyn Healy and Catherine Martin, will probably have to give way.

The outcome of the second semi-final on Sunday, between Eire Og and Glen Rovers, will be eagerly awaited, as both these sides have had many a close encounter in the past. On present form, it is difficult to see the Glen girls being halted. Glen are a very talented side, full of determination and running and it is a combination of these factors that makes them such a difficult side to overcome.

They are strong in all sectors and in a position to call on such marvellous performers as Sandy Fitzgibbon, Val Fitzpatrick, Marie Mackey, Denise Cotter and Claire McCarthy. If these girls

play to their usual standards, they will be strongly fancied to advance to their third county final in a row, even though Eire Og girls Noelle O'Driscoll, Mary Geaney, Grainne Mackey, Kay Doherty and Marian McCarthy could have other ideas about this.

In the preceding game, Bishopstown, who have had such a successful run at underage level in recent years, clash with Aghabullogue in the final of the 1987 U-16 Championship and here Bishopstown will be fancied to do well. They have fine players in Karen Higgins, Blaitin Keating, Eithne Duggan and Clare Murphy and, on

form, will be fancied to take the honours, even though they would not want to underestimate the strength of an Aghabullogue side that can call on players of the calibre of Eileen Buckley, Patsy Walsh and Sinead Buckley.

Clubs are reminded that the Feile Na nGael Blitz, originally fixed for Saturday, June 4, has been brought forward to tomorrow. Games will be played at Inniscarra and Bishopstown, commencing at 10 a.m. The semi-finals will be played on Tuesday night at Bishopstown, with the final going ahead on Thursday night at the same venue.

## CONVINCING DEFEAT FOR CLARE

Clare were well beaten by Cork in the Munster under 16 semi-final in Cork on Saturday last. The visitors missed a couple of great goal scoring chances in the opening minutes before Cork took control and at the break were thirteen point ahead. The Leesiders continued to dominate after the break to run out worthy winners.

Clare: J. Flynn, D. O'Gorman, M. O'Reilly, (Sixmilebridge), J. Frost (Kilkishen), C. Moroney (Eire Og), M. O'Brien, A. O'Dwyer (01), (Bodyke), S. Maher, D. Killeen (Kilmaley), M. McMahon (Shannon) 1-5; M. Connors (1-0), A. M. McGrath (Scariff Ogonnelloe). Subs. A. Carrig (Shannon), for A. O'Dwyer; P. Gleeson (St. Josephs) for M. O'Reilly; D. Kelly (Shannon) for D. Killeen.



# NA PIARSAIGH RALLY FOR A DRAW

KILLEAGH 3-8 NA PIARSAIGH 3-8

NA PIARSAIGH supporters may have felt that they had won this Cork county senior camogie semi-final against Killeagh at Caberlag on Saturday night, but Eleanor Twomey, the St. Inbar's referee, had the sides level at 3-8 each at the end of the game.

It was a cracker of a tie with some fine scores and outstanding hurling, but really better control is needed to lead the spectators from the sideline.

Killeagh got off to a great start when, inside 10 seconds, they were a goal ahead. Winning the ball from the throw-in, Marion Sweeney lobbed a high ball into the Na Piarraigh

goalmouth and Patricia Fitzgibbon palmed home a goal.

Na Piarraigh had the advantage of a strong wind in the opening half, but erratic shooting saw them have seven wides to Killeagh's three and the East Cork girls went ahead by 2-6 to 1-5.

A fine free from Irene O'Leary, who had an outstanding game, saw Lorraine Kelly on hand to goal for Na Piarraigh and after 18 minutes the sides were level, when Anne Leahy struck a ground ball from 30 metres for a great goal to put Killeagh ahead again.

The Killeagh side led at the break 2-6 to 1-5.

Within five minutes of the resump-

tion, the sides were level, Jean Paula Kent pointing a free and Linda Sheehan goaling, after Cathy Walsh blocked down a good effort from Lorraine Kelly.

Killeagh missed two good chances, before Na Piarraigh took the lead with points from Jean Paula Kent and Lorraine Kelly. Entering the last ten minutes Killeagh fought back and Pat Moloney pointed a long range free, one which saw the umpires wave wide, but which was overruled by the referee, to bring Killeagh back into contention.

They equalised with an Anne Leahy point and when Patricia Fitzgibbon's goal came with eight minutes to go, it looked all over for Na Piarraigh.

Evelyn Healy, Paula Goggins, Jean Paula Kent produced a massive rally and Mary Byrne was on hand to finish off a great move with a goal to leave the sides level.

Scorers: Killeagh—P. Fitzgibbon, 2-0; A. Leahy, 1-3; P. Moloney, 0-2 frees; B. Joyce, 0-2 frees; M. Sweeney 0-1.

Na Piarraigh: L. Sheehan, M. Byrne, 1-0 each; J. P. Kent, 0-5, 0-4 frees; P. Goggins, 0-2, frees.

Killeagh—C. Buckley, C. Landers, M. Spillane, B. Landers, I. Leahy, A. M. Landers, P. Moloney, A. Leahy, B. Kelly, B. Joyce, M. Sweeney, P. Fitzgibbon. Subs: P. Keniry for B. Landers, D. Joyce for M. Sweeney.

Na Piarraigh—D. O'Shea, E. Healy; C. Martin; S. Cooney; I. O'Leary; J. P. Kent; A. O'Donovan; P. Goggins; L. Kelly; M. Byrne; L. Sheehan; S. O'Sullivan. Sub: M. Coade for A. O'Donovan. Referee: E. Twomey (St. Finbarrs).

## Holden's Glen make it to decider

Glen Rovers 1-8  
Eire Og 0-6

HOLDERS, Glen Rovers duly made it to the Cork County senior camogie championship final following this deserved victory over Eire Og in difficult conditions at Ballinora last evening.

The Glen could not be sure of victory until Claire McCarthy struck the only goal of a hard fought game one minute into injury time and they then had enough of a lead to play out the remaining four minutes.

Up to that stage, the Glen were repeatedly frustrated by the inspired goalkeeping of Marian McCarthy who, time and again, denied the champions with a series of super saves. But even she was powerless to prevent McCarthy's shot.

The Glen had the very strong wind at their backs in the first-half, but a weak attack failed to capitalise on the regular supply and their final tally of 14 wides speaks for itself. Even full-back Mary Ring got on the score sheet when her long puck out dropped near the goal, hopped once and flew over the bar.

Eire Og were four points adrift at the break 0-7 to 0-3 and clearly still in the hunt. The Glen, however, got a grip straight from the re-start and never looked like conceding the goal the losers wanted so badly. Mary Ring saw to that.

Scorers: Glen Rovers. V. Fitzpatrick (0-4, 0-3'30's, 0-1 free), C. McCarthy (1-1), S. Fitzgibbon, T. O'Callaghan, M. Ring (0-1) each.

Eire Og. N. O'Driscoll (0-5, 0-2'30's, 0-2 frees), E. Dineen (0-1).

Glen Rovers. F. McCarthy; M. Ring, D. Deane, D. Cronin, M. Mackey-Ryan, V. Fitzpatrick, S. Fitzgibbon, M. Currid, T. O'Callaghan, J. Hamill, G. McCarthy, C. McCarthy. Sub. A. Connolly for Hamill.

Eire Og. M. McCarthy; J. Shanahan, M. Reek, M. Higgins, M. Twomey, M. Barron, K. Conway, D. Callanan, N. O'Driscoll, G. Mackey, E. O'Connor, M. Geaney. Subs. C. Kelleher for Mackey and D. Holden for Reek.

Referee: M. Kearney.

Aghabullogue won the Cork U-16 league title for 1987 when they defeated Bishopstown 3-3 to 1-3 in

## MAY 1988 Galway must oust Antrim

THE National Leagues are taking shape. Dublin and Kilkenny have qualified for the semi-finals of the Senior League. Armagh and Roscommon have secured their places in the last four of the Junior League.

Two vital games will be played at Killimor on Sunday. If Galway overcome Antrim in the senior game, they will reach the semi-finals and bring Clare along with them. However, should Antrim win, a three-way play-off will be necessary to fill the remaining semi-final places.

Galway, in both senior and junior matches, are hit by examinations. Should they be able to field their first choice, a Galway win would be expected. Antrim must win this game to retain any interest in the competition.

The Galway Juniors held the All-Ireland Junior champions to a draw and should carry too much power for Wexford. A win for Galway would mean a play-off with Kildare for a semi-final spot.

The final of the Dublin Senior Championship is scheduled for Russell Park tonight. In their Millennium year both Marino and Celtic will be very keen to do well.



Celtic have won the cup many times. The experience of Marion Conroy, Una Crowley, Anne Colgan, Anne Cooper and Mairead Cronin will stand to Celtic. The fitness of Colgan must be in doubt as she picked up an injury on Sunday.

Marino contested last year's final but were disappointed with their showing. Carmel O'Byrne, Patricia Clinton, Germaine Noonan, Denise O'Leary and Gerry Henry will be very determined to do well on this occasion.

The Millennium Exhibition produced great camogie last Sunday with the players from Dublin and the Rest of Ireland entering into the spirit of the occasion.

The scoring was lower than expected. The long pitch was mainly responsible.

### FIXTURES TONIGHT

At Russell Park, 7.00 — Dublin Senior Championship Final — Marino v Celtic.

### SUNDAY

At Killimor — National Leagues — 2.00, Junior Galway v Wexford; 3.30, senior Galway v Antrim.

## Cork show their mettle after break

Cork 5-12 Clare 2-6

A great second-half performance resulted in a comfortable win for Cork over Clare in the first round of the National Senior Camogie Championship at Sixmilebridge last evening. After an evenly contested first half, the home side were well in contention when they trailed by just four points at the break.

However, favourites Cork stepped up their performance in the second period to run out convincing winners.

Ann Leahy was Cork's top scorer with 2-2 while the other scorers were Linda Mellerick 1-3, Linda O'Neill 1-2, Colette O'Mahony 0-3, Clare Cronin 1-0 and Colette McCarthy 0-2.

Clare's replies came from Catherine O'Loughlin 0-1, Liz Condron 1-1, Noelle Comyns 1-0 and Yvonne McInerney 0-1.

## FIRST MUNSTER SENIOR CAMOGIE TITLE FOR SCARIFF

Scariff Community College ..... 1-15  
St. Pats Cork ..... 0-1

SCARIFF Community College won their first Munster senior title when they had a decisive victory over St. Pats Cork in the senior league decider at Charleville last week. Scariff scored some magnificent points in the course of this game to win the honours deservedly.

Helped by an Una Kavanagh goal and points from Marie Collins and Sinead O'Brien they led by 1-6 to 0-1 at the break. The Cork side tried hard to get back into the game

after the break but Scariff held firm and then went forward to increase their lead with points from a number of players.

This was a fine win and team coach, Jacko Treacy has every reason to be happy with the side's display. They had excellent players in Una Kavanagh, Margaret Nugent, Clodagh O'Brien, Marie Collins and team captain Jillian Sexton.

★ Scariff: Ann O'Dwyer (Bodyke), Margaret Nugent (Feakle), M. McNamara (Bodyke), A. Burke (do), C. O'Brien

(do), U. Kavanagh (Scariff), J. Sexton (Bodyke), capt., A. McGrath (do), S. O'Brien (do), S. Colleran (Scariff), A. M. McGrath (O'C. Mills), M. Collins (Scariff).

Subs: T. Callinan (Feakle) for M. McNamara; J. McNamara (Bodyke) for A. McGrath; N. Minogue (Scariff), F. O'Grady (do); P. O'Brien (do); E. Hassett (Bodyke) and J. O'Callaghan (Feakle).

Scariff were forced to play the final without the injured Ann McNamara from Bodyke.



# Form suggests Dublin for decider

DUBLIN have contested the final of the National Senior League for the past five years. The 1988 draw has paired them with Galway in the semi-final of the competition and, on the form displayed in the Millennium exhibition, they should qualify for the decider once again.

The proximity of examinations is presently affecting all counties. However, with such a large panel of good players at their disposal, Dublin should be able to select a strong team, even if they have to release some of the exam-tied players.

Anne Byrne, Germaine Noonan, Carmel O'Byrne, Edel Murphy, Una Crowley, Louise Lynch, Mairead

Cronin and Michelle Donnelly should put Dublin on the road to the final. The younger Galway team have a number of players involved in examinations. If many are absent, it may place too much of a strain on Julie Glynn, Teresa Rafferty, Mary Kelly, Anne Coleman and Bridie Cunniffe.

Holders of the National Senior League title, Kilkenny entertain Clare in the second semi-final. Despite the loss of Bridie McGarry and Liz Neary in recent games, Kilkenny have been moving well and winning comfortably. They carry skill and power in all sectors and should reach yet another final.

Clare ran up a huge



score in the recent outing with Antrim. Their young talented players Catherine O'Loughlin, Catherine Molloy, Patricia O'Grady, Noeleen Quinn and Pauline O'Brien looked very good. But the opposition on Sunday belongs in a higher grade and may prove too strong.

The Ulster Junior Championship opens on Sunday with a home game for Fermanagh against Donegal. Eileen Maguire, Breige Breen, Martina Nolan and the Teague sisters will endeavour to get Fermanagh

off to a good start. Donegal depend largely on products of the colleges set-up. Ita Blake, Gerry Murphy, Mary Harold and Margaret Curran will try to extend Donegal's involvement to the second round.

Cork and Limerick will contest the final of the Munster Minor Championship in six weeks time. Limerick received a walk-over from Kerry. Cork qualified the hard way with wins over Tipperary and Clare. The line-up for the semi-finals of the Munster Junior Championship will be Kerry v Limerick and Tipperary v Clare on June 25.

Clare are at home to Cork in the first round of

the Munster Senior Championship on Wednesday night. Cork are busy with the Senior Championship presently and their players are fit. Glen Rovers have qualified for another county final but will have to await the replay of the Killelagh v Na Piarsaigh semi-final.

## FIXTURES TODAY

Munster Senior Championship — At Ennis (7.30) — Clare v Cork.

## SUNDAY

National Senior League Semi-finals — At Russell Park (3.00) — Dublin v Galway. At Lisdowney (3.15) — Kilkenny v Clare.

## DUBLIN CAMOGIE NOTES

DUBLIN'S senior and minor teams are engaged tomorrow at different venues. While their senior team plays hosts to Galway in the National League semi-final in Russell Park (3 p.m.), their under age players travel to Lisdowney to take on Kilkenny in the Leinster Championship (2 p.m.).

While accepting that fixtures can pose enormous problems for administrators it seems absurd to think that a situation like this could not have been avoided.

Nowadays all talk centres around promoting the game, particularly our younger players when something like this arises it makes one wonder where our priorities lie.

Certainly the minor team deserve all the support they can get at the moment. They had a marvellous victory over Meath away last Sunday and tomorrow's clash with Kilkenny will undoubtedly test their ability to a great degree.

However having watched them in action they have the makings of a superb team and even though they lack the necessary match practice together as year Kilkenny will have to be on their toes.

Captain Karen Bauer, Avis O'Brien, Veronica Trehy and

Clare Scanlon are all talented players and appear to have a wonderful future in the game.

## Good draws

The senior league semi-finals sees Dublin against Galway while Kilkenny entertain Clare. In their group game Dublin had two very creditable draws against Kilkenny and Cork and while their display against Wexford left a lot to be desired it nonetheless provided them with very valuable points.

Kilkenny won two and drew one of their matches. They finished the group as winner to qualify to meet Clare from group two with Dublin as runners up to meet Galway who finished winner of their group.

Dublin met Galway in last years championship and while they ran out easy winners in the end the Westerners provided them with a few anxious moments throughout the hour.

Along with Ann Cooper and Marie Connell who are doing exams, Dublin have been hard hit with injuries to Carmel O'Byrne and Ann Colgan and the unavailability of Una Crowley. There is also a doubt about the fitness of Denise O'Leary.

To try and overcome these problems the Dublin selectors have drafted Mary Keane and Joan Gormley in for their first full games of the season. Cathy Walsh goes to left corner forward while Patricia Clinton comes in at right corner back the position vacated by Cathy.

Elsewhere the team is along the normal lines with Mairead Cronin, who is having a marvellous season at full back, Carmel Gray in the left corner of defence and the centre field trio made up of Michelle Donnelly, Edel Murphy and Germaine Noonan.

Louise Lynch moves to the right corner of the attack to make way for Joan Gormley on the edge of the square with Mary Keane operating from centre forward.

Galway will not be easy. They have their own stars in Mary Kelly, Deirdre Costello, Teresa Rafferty and Anne Coleman and unless Dublin play to form they may be deprived of appearing in their sixth successive National League Final.

## TOMORROW

National Senior League — Semi-final: Dublin v Galway, Russell Park (3.00).

Leinster Minor Championship: Kilkenny v Dublin, Lisdowney (2.00).

# Camogie's quiet period

With exam time fast approaching camogie games will be at a minimum over the next week. Pick of these games will be the 1987 Junior 'B' Championship on Wednesday night between Newcestown and Bishopstown at Cloughduv while the remainder of the week will see one Junior 'A' League and a number of Under-14 League games decided.

Can Bishopstown make it a double? That is the question that should be answered on Wednesday night when they meet Newcestown in a repeat of the Junior 'B' League Final. Bishopstown took the league title in great style with a very impressive performance and on form will be fancied to add the championship but Newcestown have shown great improvement in recent times despite their short number of years in existence and on this occasion could give the city girls a much closer run.

Bishopstown will field a number of their under-16 squad who were beaten in the under-16 final on Sunday last by Aghabullogue and these girls will be very anxious to get back on the victory road. They will be hoping that players like Karen Higgins, Eithne Duggan, Blathin Keating, Clare Murphy and Moira Harrington will produce the goods and bring the Junior 'B' Championship title to Bishopstown for the second year in a row but Newcestown might have other ideas about this. They will be contesting their second final this year and all credit must go to their club for bringing them to such heights in such a short time.

They will be spearheaded on this occasion by Cork minor Hilda Kenneally and have

other fine performers. Hilda's sister Eileen Josephine O'Callaghan, Sinead O'Donovan, the Crowley sisters, these girls are sure to bring a first camogie title to a native place.

In the remaining games of the week Castlemagner should have the edge over Fanahans in the Junior 'A' League while in Under-14 League Aghabullogue will be expected to do well against Watergrasshill; Aghabullogue should come out on top against Eire Og while St. Finbarrs and Glen Rovers game promises to be a close affair.

In the same competition newly formed Delanys and Ballinacorney will battle it out; Watergrasshill should prove strong for Douglas in the final game between Douglas and Killelagh in what is for the local derby.

## FIXTURES

### Tomorrow

Junior 'A' League — St. Finbarrs v Castlemagner at St. Finbarrs (3 p.m. (referee St. Colman)).

### Tuesday, May 25

Under-14 League — Killelagh v Watergrasshill at Killelagh (7.30 (referee Watergrasshill)).

### Wednesday, June 1

Junior 'B' Championship Final 1987 — Bishopstown v Newcestown at Cloughduv (7.30 (Sheila O'Brien)). Under-14 League — Aghabullogue v Eire Og at Aghabullogue (7.30 (referee Eire Og)).

### Thursday, June 2

Under-14 League — Glen Rovers 'A' v St. Finbarrs at 7.30 (Glen Rovers). Delanys v Ballinacorney at 7.30 (Ballinacorney). Grenagh v Douglas at 7.30 (Grenagh). Eire Og v Killelagh at 7.30 (Killelagh).



The girls from Scariff Community College, Clare, who won the Munster Senior League (Intermediate A Championship) when they beat St. Patrick's of Cork in the final in Charleville.



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# Intriguing replay

BIG game of the coming week will be the replay of the Senior Championship semi-final between Na Piarsaigh and Killeagh scheduled for Caherlag on Sunday night at 7.30 while the remainder of the week will see a number of Under-14 League games decided. On Monday a seven-a-side tournament sponsored by C.P.C. Foods and hosted by Glen Rovers will take place at the Glen Field commencing at 11 o'clock.

On Sunday night next Na Piarsaigh and Killeagh replay their Senior Championship semi-final and if the first game is anything to go on, another cracker is on the cards. The drawn game was a closely contested affair with never more than a puck of a ball between the sides. On that occasion Na Piarsaigh played with great determination and looked a much faster side with players like Jean Paula Kent, Lorraine Kelly and Evelyn Healy troubling their more experienced opponents. Na Piarsaigh have other marvellous players in goal-keeper Deirdre O'Shea who is expected to be now fully recovered from her recent injury, Irene O'Leary, Mary Burns, Catherine Martin and Paula Goggins and if these girls play with the same determination then an all northside county final could be on the cards.

On the other side of the coin Killeagh will have learned a lot from the drawn game and are certain to show improvement this time out. In that game they jumped into a one goal lead within minutes and looked set for victory but as the game progressed they were forced to give way on numerous occasions to a faster Piarsaigh side. Towards the end of the game Patsy Keniry came on to the Killeagh side and her presence certainly made a big difference in the final stages. She is expected to be in the line out from the start for this

game and is certain to prove a big asset to the East Cork girls. Killeagh have other fine players in Cathy Landers, Ann Leahy, Marion Sweeney, Betty Joyce and Breda Kelly and if these girls play to form, then it could be neck and neck to the final whistle.

Monday next will be a busy day for Glen Rovers when they host a senior seven-a-side tournament sponsored by C.P.C. Foods. Senior teams from all over Munster will participate so it should be a very enjoyable day for all.

The sections are as follows:

Section 1: Killeagh, St. Finbarrs, Star Rovers.  
Section 2: Glen Rovers, Lismore, Cappawhite.  
Section 3: Sarsfields, Killarney, Sixmilebridge.  
Section 4: Eire Og, Na Piarsaigh, Cashel.  
The Senior County Final has been fixed for Saturday, June 18th at Ballinlough at 7.30. Congratulations to Killeagh who last week won the Cork area Feile Na nGael and who will now go to represent Cork in the National Finals in Offaly. Clubs are reminded that the next County Board meeting will be on Monday, June 13.

## CAMOGIE FIXTURES

Fixture for Sunday, June 5: Senior Championship Replay: Na Piarsaigh v Killeagh at Caherlag at 7.30. Ref. Eleanor Twomey.

Junior "A" League: Bishopstown v Inniscarra at Inniscarra at 12 noon. Ref. Aghabullogue.

Fixtures for Tuesday, June 7th: Under-14 League: Blackrock v Glen Rovers "A" at Glen Rovers at 7.30. Ref. Blackrock. Na Piarsaigh v Bishopstown "B" at Na Piarsaigh at 7.30. Ref. Bishopstown.

Fixtures for Wednesday, June 8: Under-14 league: Douglas v Delany at Douglas at 7.30. Ref. Delany. Watergrasshill v Castlemartyr at Castlemartyr 7.30. Ref. Watergrasshill. Sarsfields v Ballinure at Sarsfields at 7.30. Ref. Ballinure. Valley Rovers v Courcy Rovers at Valley Rovers, 7.30. Ref. Courcy Rovers. Cloughduv v Eire Og at Cloughduv at 7.30. Ref. Eire Og. Aghabullogue v Ballincollig at Aghabullogue at 7.30. Ref. Ballincollig.

# Glen pip Eire Og in final

Glen Rovers 1-6 Eire Og 2-2

COUNTY champions, Glen Rovers had a thrilling one point victory over Eire Og in the final of the Knorr sponsored Munster Camogie Sevens at the Glen Field yesterday. A late point by Claire McCarthy did the trick following a splendid second-half.

Given that it was both teams' fourth game in the space of a couple of hours, the standard of camogie was very high. The losers grabbed an early lead when Grainne Mackey scored the first of her two goals and they had two points in hand at the break, 1-0 to 0-1.

The Glen reduced the margin to a point 1-1 to 0-3 in the opening stages of the second-half, but Mackey pounced again to put more day light between the sides and the winners looked in big trouble when trailing by 2-1 to 0-3.

## GREAT SPIRIT

They showed their true spirit though when it was most needed and a goal by McCarthy shoved them ahead for the first time 1-5 to 2-1. Eire Og equalised but McCarthy had the last say with her winning point.

The Glen defeated Lismore 4-3 to 2-0 and St. Nicks 4-5 to 0-3 in their group matches to qualify for the semi-final against Sarsfields. That was another close game with the Glen winning narrowly by 1-2 to 1-1.

Eire Og overcame Na Piarsaigh 2-2 to 1-3 in their first group match and then had a comfortable 3-8 to 1-2 victory over Templederry. They defeated Killeagh 3-7 to 1-6 in their semi-final.

Glen Rovers: D. Cronin, T. O'Callaghan, V. Fitzpatrick, T. McCarthy, C. McCarthy, D. Deane, M. Mackey, T. Riordan, M. Ring, J. Hamill.

Eire Og: M. McCarthy, M. Higgins, N. O'Driscoll, M. O'Driscoll, T. Downey, G. Mackey, D. Callinan, K. Conway, M. Geaney, S. O'Brien.

Referee: M. Maher (Douglas).



Irene O'Leary, who will be in the Na Piarsaigh lineout for the replay.



The Glen Rovers team who beat Eire Og in the Senior Camogie Sevens final at Glen Rovers G.A.A. Club





Na Piarsaigh's Marion Sweeney about to strike the ball as Killeagh's Linda Sheehan comes in to tackle during the Cork senior camogie championship semi-final replay at Caherlag last evening. (Picture: Eddie O'Hare)

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## Killeagh girls sound a warning

Killeagh 3-9, Na Piarsaigh 2-6

KILLEAGH sounded a warning to Cork County senior camogie champions, Glen Rovers following a superb display at Caherlag last night where they coasted to a well deserved victory over Na Piarsaigh before a record crowd in a thrilling semi-final replay.

Na Piarsaigh, who were unlucky in the first clash, were only in the game for brief spells as Killeagh piled on the pressure, with the elder members, Betty Joyce, Cathy Landers, Pat Moloney-Linehan and Marian Sweeney in tremendous form.

Na Piarsaigh were quick to attack and inside five minutes Jean Paula Kent pointed a free. This was quickly followed by a goal from Lorraine Kelly following a high dropping ball from Evelyn Healy. It took Killeagh 15 minutes to open their account

and it was Anne Leahy who set them on the way with a point, followed by a goal from the same player who palmed the ball home following a pass from Patricia Fitzgibbon. She was on hand herself to score Killeagh's second goal a few minutes later.

Irene O'Leary pointed for Na Piarsaigh but a defensive blunder saw Pat Moloney Linehan step in quickly to capitalise on the error and score a goal. This was the tonic Killeagh needed and points from Betty Joyce and Patricia Fitzgibbon saw them ahead at the break by 3-4 to 1-3.

On the resumption, the referee was forced to change one of the sideline umpires. Na Piarsaigh hit back quickly and picked off two points, but Killeagh never relinquished their onslaught and Pat Moloney-Linehan, Betty Joyce and Anne Leahy were inspired and picked off some fine points.

Na Piarsaigh's third point in this half did not come until the 42nd minute, but Betty Joyce replied immediately from a free to put Killeagh three goals ahead with five minutes to go. Na Piarsaigh got a consolation goal in the last few minutes when Irene O'Leary goaled. In addition to O'Leary Evelyn Healy, Paula Goggin, Lorraine Healy and Linda Sheehan impressed.

Scorers for Killeagh—Anne Leahy 1-3, Pat Moloney Linehan 1-1, P. Fitzgibbon 1-1, B. Joyce 0-4.

Na Piarsaigh—Irene O'Leary 1-3, L. Kelly 1-0, J. P. Kent 1-1, Sheehan, M. Byrne, 0-1 each.

Killeagh—C. Buckley, C. Landers, M. Sweeney, D. Joyce, F. Kenniry, B. Joyce, M. Spillane, I. Leahy, S. Spillane, A. Leahy, P. Moloney Linehan, P. Fitzgibbon.

Na Piarsaigh—D. O'Shea, S. O'Sullivan, K. Martin, S. Cooney, E. Healy, J.P. Kent, A. O'Donovan, P. Goggin, I. O'Leary, M. Byrne, L. Kelly, L. Sheehan.

Ref. E. Twomey, St. Finbarrs.

## Armagh to provide a real test

ACCUMULATING ten points from five matches, Roscommon proved that they were too strong for Section 4 of the National Junior League. At Derrymacash on Sunday, they will discover the true worth of their team when they tackle Armagh in the semi-final of the competition.

Roscommon have yet to reach the final of the National Junior League, let alone win it. They opted not to participate in the competition in recent years. On their return, they were located in Section 4 in company with Fermanagh, Donegal, Offaly, Monaghan and Westmeath.

None of these counties posed a problem to Roscommon but it may be a different story when they line out against Armagh. Liam Bracken, who guided Roscommon to the 1986 Connacht Junior title is back at the helm.

The side has been dealt a



severe blow by the ligament injury to Elizabeth Lee. Elizabeth displayed outstanding form in all the games in the campaign.

Roscommon are very strong across the middle of the field where Ann Walsh, Patricia Finneran and captain Ann Marie Kelly are hurling very well. Up front Mary Gannon and Mary Grehan have been scoring consistently. Catherine Carty and Teresa Bracken are key figures in defence.

Armagh won the inaugural National Junior League title in 1980. Since then, the team has contested three national finals, two championship and one league. The Armagh players know what is required.

Tom Monaghan, who

brought Armagh to the 1985 All-Ireland Junior Final is in charge this season. In Paula Brown, Fionnuala O'Connor, Mary Farran, Julie McGuinness, Sheila Rafferty, Mary Donnelly and Brenda Jordan he has the nucleus of a fine team. The greater experience of the Armagh side may see them through to the final.

For the second time in a month Galway meet Kildare to decide which will go forward to the semi-final of the National Junior League from Section 1. The last encounter ended in a draw proving how little is between the teams. Only days away from the start of vital school examinations, the county least affected should come through.

Glen Rovers, with the help of sponsorship from Knorr, will stage a Munster Clubb 7 aside on Bank Holiday Monday. Twelve teams are committed to play, six Cork and

six from outside Cork. The visitors include Cappawhite, Cashel, Lismore, Sixmilebridge and Killarney.

Killeagh, All-Ireland Club champions in 1980, received a fright when held to a draw by the youthful Na Piarsaigh team in the semi-final of the Cork Senior Championship recently.

The sides renew acquaintance on Sunday evening.

Killeagh include a handful of wellknown names in Marion Sweeney, Anne Leahy, Mary Spillane, Cathy Landers, Betty Joyce, Patsy Keniry and Ann Marie Landers. In addition, Pat Moloney is back in action this season.

Na Piarsaigh were not over-awed by the Killeagh team sheet.

### FIXTURES

Sunday — National Junior League — At Derrymacash, 3.0 — Roscommon v Armagh. At Ballaun, 3.0 — Galway v Kildare.

Monday — Munster Club Sevens — Glen Rovers ground, 11.0.

## All square in 'B' final

Newcestown 2-3  
Bishopstown 2-3

A POINT by Eleanor Kennelly on the stroke of full time gave Newcestown a share of the spoils in a tremendously exciting 1987 Junior B Championship Final at Cloughduv last evening.

Bishopstown led by 1-2 to 1-1 at the interval and held that one point advantage until nine minutes from the end when Mary Rose Canty put Newcestown in the lead for the first time. However, three minutes later Sinead White had a goal for Bishopstown but Newcestown were back on level terms shortly afterwards.

Bishopstown looked winners when Edel Ryan scored from a thirty-two minutes from the end but then came Eleanor Kennelly's match saving point.



# Winners must improve

KILKENNY..... 2-6

WEXFORD..... 2-2

KILKENNY had a hard fight to get the better of Wexford in this exciting Leinster under-14 camogie championship game at breezy Rathnure on Tuesday of last week.

This competition is played on a double round, home and away, between Kilkenny, Wexford and Dublin. The top two teams qualify for the final. Kilkenny are seeking their fourth title on the trot.

On the evidence of this game, Kilkenny will need to get at least three more good players if they are to retain the title. After playing with the breeze, the Noresiders led by 0-6 to 1-0 at the interval.

This lead did not look enough considering the strength of the wind. Switches on the Kilkenny team which brought Bridget Mullally and Sinead Millea to midfield kept the pressure off the defence, although the pair were missed in an attack that found it hard to get scores. A great goal by Sinead Millea was a tonic for the Noresiders, and another goal by substitute Liz Fitzpatrick within a minute killed off the Slaneysiders.

Elaine Nolan did well in the winners goal. Bridget Wall was best in defence. The others in this sector, Mary Brennan, Margaret Hickey and Ann Moore played well. Orla Ryall did best at midfield. Elizabeth Dermody and Imelda Kennedy tried hard in this area, but without success. Sinead Millea and Bridget Mullally played well in the attack and at midfield. Vanessa Butler, Paula Dowling, who created a couple of great chances, and substitute Janette Sweeney and Liz Fitzpatrick tried hard.

Kilkenny: Sinead Millea (1-2); Bridget Mullally (0-4); Liz Fitzpatrick (1-0). Wexford: Marion Harris (1-0); Angela Fogarty (1-0); Jenny Fortune (0-2).

## Team

Kilkenny: Elaine Nolan (Tullagher); Mary Brennan (Lisdowney); Margaret Hickey (St. Lactans); Bridget Wall (Lisdowney); Ann Moore (Castlecomer); Elizabeth Dermody (St. Lactans); Orla Ryall (St. Brigid's); Imelda Kennedy (St. Lactans); Bridget Mullally (capt.) (Tullagher); Vanessa Butler (Thomastown); Sinead Millea (St. Brigid's); Paula Dowling (St. Lactans).

Subs: Liz Fitzpatrick (Thomastown), Janette Sweeney (Tullaroan).



Na Pairsaigh's Jean Paul Kent, racing past Killeagh's Dolores Joyce, during the Cork senior camogie championship semi-final replay at Caherlag last evening. Killeagh 3-9, Na Pairsaigh 2-6.

# Minor team looks promising

KILKENNY..... 4-5

DUBLIN..... 0-1

THE Kilkenny minor camogie team (under-16) put in an impressive second half and scored a deserved victory over Dublin in the Leinster championship at Lisdowney on Sunday to qualify for the provincial final against either Offaly or Kildare.

It's 12 years since Kilkenny won Leinster honours at this grade. Built on the successful under-14 teams of the past few years, this side looks likely to take the honours, and to do well in the all-Ireland series.

The first half gave no indication of what was to come in the second. Two early goals by Mary McGrath was the tonic the Noresiders needed, and afterwards the fight seemed to leave the city girls.

The Dubs, dominated the first half, but they faced a magnificent defence, ably marshalled by the brilliant



Esther Kennedy. Two pointed frees by Bridget Mullally gave the Noresiders an interval lead of 0-2 to 0-1, against the run of play.

## Settled

Those two early goals by Mary McGrath settled Kilkenny, and there was no way back for the Liffesiders. The winners had two more goals from Deirdre Lannon,

while Bridget Mullally shot three further points to finish with a tally of five points.

Sinead Millea deputised in goal for the unavailable Veronica Wall. So well did the defence play, that Sinead had an easy afternoon. Esther Kennedy was the best player on view. She gave a magnificent display. She had little to spare over her three co-defenders, Gillian Dillon, Bridget Barnaville and Una Murphy.

Midfield took a long time to settle. Tracey Millea did best over the hour. Geraldine Ryan turned on the style in the second half. Ashling Cullen also improved in the closing half. Bridget Mullally was always the main threat in attack, although she did not figure among the goals. Mary McGrath's two goals really shocked the losers. Deirdre Lannon took the goals in fine style. Her best one was a gem. Orla Ryall did her job well and

kept the Dublin centre-back in check.

Best for the losers were Ursula Norton, Karen Braur, Veronica Trehy, Fiona Hughes, Tanya Allen and Ann Duffy.

Kilkenny: Mary McGrath, Deirdre Lannon (2-0 each); Bridget Mullally (0-5). Dublin: Veronica Trehy (0-1).

## The Teams

Kilkenny: Sinead Millea (St.

Brigid's); Bridget Barnaville (Lisdowney); Una Murphy (Tullagher); Esther Kennedy (St. Lactans); Gillian Dillon (St. Lactans); Geraldine Ryan (St. Paul's); Ashling Cullen (Thomastown); Tracey Millea (St. Brigid's); Bridget Mullally (Tullagher); Orla

Ryall (St. Brigid's); Mary McGrath (St. Brigid's) capt.; Deirdre Lannon (Thomastown).

Dublin: M. Sheridan, U. Norton, A. O'Brien, K. Braur, B. Kearney, F. Hughes, V. Trehy, A. Doyle, C. Cassidy, T. Allen, C. Scanlon, A. Duffy.

## Camogie

## Dublin in control

DUBLIN 3-17, GALWAY 0-3

EXCEPT for a brief spell in the second quarter, Galway were overwhelmed by a faster, more clinical Dublin side in the semi-finals of the National Camogie League at Russell Park, yesterday.

The eventual score of 3-17 to 0-3 in Dublin's favour, was a fair reflection of the one-sided game. Forwards Joan Gormley and Louise Lynch on the right were particularly menacing throughout, with Lynch amassing 2 goals 3pts., and Gormley 5 pts. of Dublin's total.

In the latter stages of the game, Dublin exuded confidence with deft handpasses in midfield, where Mary Keane worked tirelessly and at the back, Mary Clinton, having forged an indomitable presence early on, gelled a solid defence.

Dublin — Ann Byrne; Mairead Cronin; Patricia Clinton; Denise O'Leary; Carmel Gray; Michele Donnelly; Edele Murphy; Germaine Noonan; Louise Lynch; Mary Keane; Cathy Walsh; Joan Gormley. Subs., Maggie O'Reilly for Michele Donnelly (32 minutes).

Galway — Ann Murray; Angela Cooney; Geraldine Heavy; Brid Stratford; Rita Coen; Theresa Rafferty; Mary Kelly; Anne Coleman; Anne Fahy; Mary Treacy; Sheila Coen; Bridie Cunniffe.

CAMOGIE National Senior League Semi-Final Kilkenny 4-13; Clare 0-8. Leinster Minor C. Semi-Final Kilkenny 4-5; Dublin 0-1.





St. Mary's on the Hill NS, Knocknaheeny, celebrate their victory over Scoil Oliver, Ballyvolane in the Cork primary schools camogie blitz at St. Finbarr's GAA Club, Togher. — (Des Barry).

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## AGHBAULLOGUE WON CAMOGIE TITLE

At Ballinora where the sides met in the county Under 16 1987 Championship final, Aghabullogue toppled favourites, Bishopstown, to take the title with the grand margin of two goals. The final scores were - Aghabullogue 3-3, Bishopstown 1-3.

### TEAMS

Aghabullogue - E. Kelleher, C. Curtin, P. Walsh, M. McSweeney, E. Buckley, C. Buckley, J. Roche, S. Buckley, J. O'Callaghan, R. Kelleher, E. Buckley and H. Moynihan.

Bishopstown - A. O'Leary, C. Murphy, E. Ryan, E. Duggan, B. Keating, M. Harrington, C. Bhattacharya, P. Horgan, S. Barry, K. Higgins, O. Higgins, G. Conlon, E. Conlon replaced C. Bhattacharya.

## CORK FEILE NA GAEL CAMOGIE

The Cork Féile Na Gael Camogie was held in Bishopstown and Inniscarra on 21st May. Eighteen teams participated.

Killeagh, Bishopstown, Eire Og and Inniscarra reached the Semi-Final Stages.

Killeagh a very strong camogie club came through on the final night beating Inniscarra. They will now go forward to represent Cork at National level on June 23rd. Bishopstown won the All Ireland Féile in 1987 and lets hope Killeagh will return the cup to its rightful place - Cork.

The Féile skills were held on Wednesday 25th May in Bishopstown.

Mary Moran, National Coach and P.R.O. judged the competition.

1st Gillian Conlon - Bishopstown

2nd Deirdre Moynihan - Bishopstown

3rd Nora O'Connell - St. Catherine's

Gillian Conlon will travel to Offaly with the Killeagh team to represent her County in the All Ireland skills competition.



St. Mary's Secondary School, Macroom, winners of the Cork County Senior Schools camogie final.