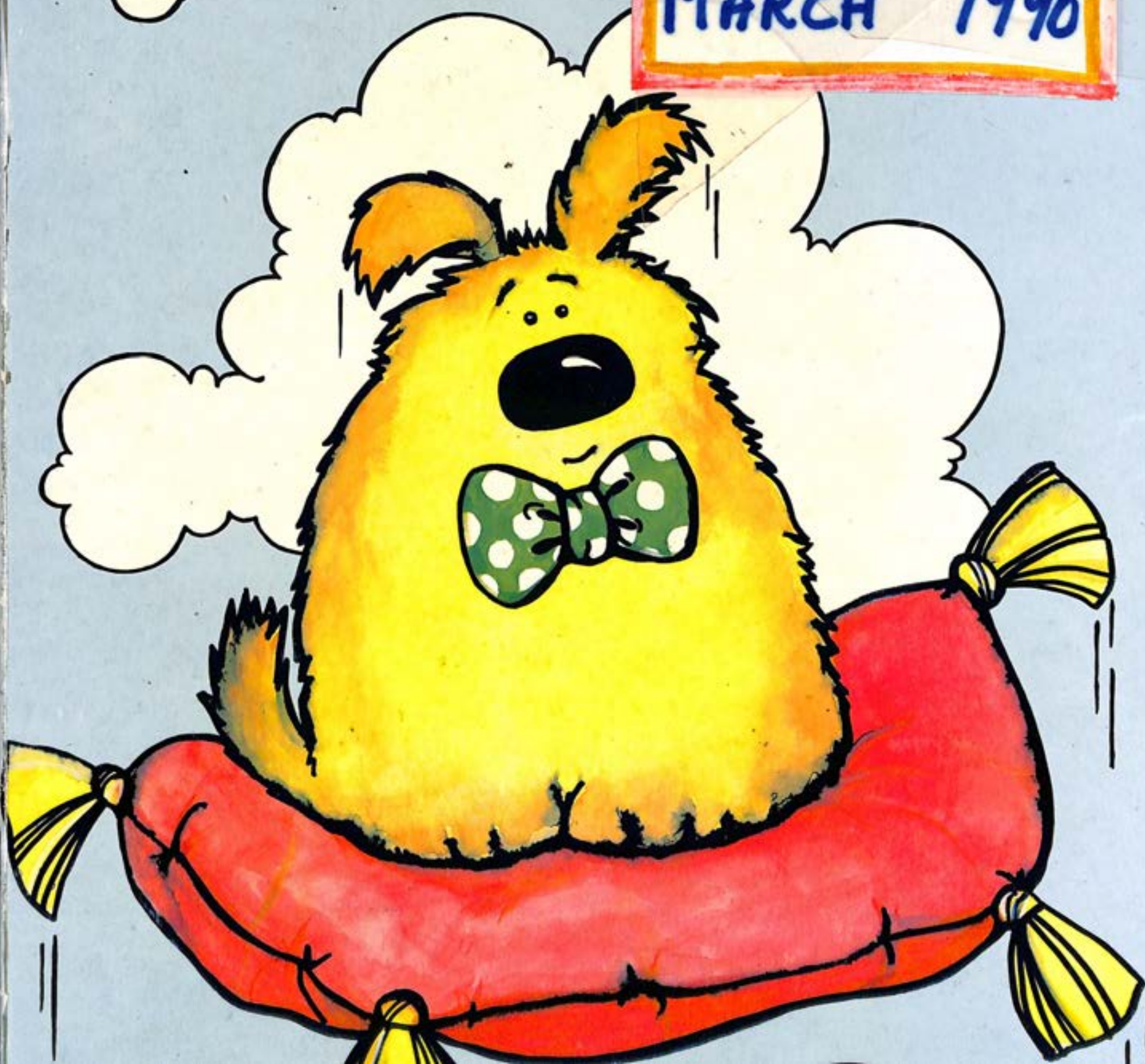


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Defending champions, Cill Chainnigh, were seeking to emulate the feats of their senior team.

Tiobraid Árann, on the other hand, were hoping to celebrate a first All-Ireland Championship win. Although having graced Páirc an Chrocaigh in the senior final on several occasions, success has eluded the county so far. The county's only inter-county All-Ireland title, the inaugural National Senior League, 1977, was won in Semple Stadium.

The opening half was played in fine style and the skills displayed were a delight to behold. Tiobraid Árann's one goal advantage, at the interval, did not reflect their dominance in terms of possession.

Cill Chainnigh, at the commencement of the second half, made some positional switches which transformed the team and was instrumental in Corn Tailteann returning to the Noreside for the second year in succession.

Sean-chairde agus sean-iomaitheoirí iad Cill Chainnigh agus Tiobraid Árann san iománaíocht. Former county hurlers had a special interest in the final. Cill Chainnigh's Pa Dillon is father of Gillian Dillon, and team captain Treacy Millea and her sister are daughters of Joe Millea, Gaelic games historian Tom Ryall is the father of Orla Ryall.

Tiobraid Árann's former star, Donie Nealon has two daughters, Nuala and Sinéad, on the side, while Ciara Burns is a daughter of Mick Burns.

Mór-bhuíochas le himreoirí óga an Chumann a thóg ár gcróithe in rith 1989.

Féile na nGael, 1989 - Mol an Óige

Your enthusiasm, fun, friendship, hospitality are some of the ingredients which make Féile na nGael such an attractive and heart-warming competition.

Níorbh eisceacht í Féile na nGael, 1989, i Laois/Uíbh Fháighe. The excellent standards in organisation were matched by the playing skills of the under-14 competitors.

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St. Lactain's from Freshford, Cill Chainnigh won the premier title by defeating the 1988 champions, Padraig Pearces of Galway by a single goal. Paula Dowling, who captains the Cill Chainnigh U-14 team, Margaret Hickey, Imelda Kennedy and Elizabeth Dermody should be seen in the ranks of the Cill Chainnigh minors before long. Pearces also had excellent performers. Sheila Reilly, Sharon Glynn, Ann Dillon, Olivia Lally and Tracy Laheen caught the eye.

Two outstanding teams, Wolfe Tones (An Clár) and O'Donovan Rossa (Ardmhacha) contested the final of Division Two. A single point shaded the verdict in favour of Wolfe Tones. Division Three proved equally close. Oran (Roscommon) edged out An Ríocht (An Dún) by 4-1 to 3-3. Lismore (Portlárige) carried off Division Four honours at the expense of Oisins of Glengarriffe (Aontroim).

The Féile Skills Competition built up into an exciting climax. Attaining higher marks than in the past few years, the prize winners were Nora O'Connell (Corcaigh).



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Five in a row for incisive Kilkenny

KILKENNY 3-10
CORK 2-6

KILKENNY made history by registering their fifth successive All-Ireland senior camogie title success, beating old rivals Cork, with considerable ease at Croke Park yesterday, reports PAI ROCHE.

CAMOGIE

A crowd of over 3,000 saw the Kilkenny girls display an edge, notably in attack, that consistently indicated the inevitable. Angela Downey, who was picking up her ninth All-Ireland medal along with her sister Ann, had serious rivals for top billing in the Kilkenny attack in Breda Cahill and Breda Holmes but outside of the Downey's contribution to the scoreboard Kilkenny attackers hit only five points.

The new-look Cork team lacked the drive and combination of an extremely well-balanced Kilkenny outfit, who were more incisive in most things they tried in attack. The final score tends to flatter Cork, who trailed 3-10 to 1-5 in the closing minutes.

Sandy Fitzgibbon, Liz Dunphy and Cathy Landers-Harnedy, in the heart of the Cork defence, tried tirelessly to resuscitate Cork's fortunes with some determined and inspiring play but the forwards were generally well contained.

With wind advantage in the first half Kilkenny were none too impressive and Angela Downey's goal was secured with a poor shot for which Marina McCarthy was unsighted.

Kilkenny's interval lead was somewhat tenuous and looked even more so when within 15 seconds of the restart, Linda Mellerick slammed home Cork's first goal, leaving only one point between the sides.

Points by Ann Downey and in rapid reply by Breda Cahill and a goal by Angela Downey, scored in spectacular fashion as she lost her skirt storming through the Cork cover, served as adequate reminders as to who were the bosses.

Not to be outdone by her sister, Ann Downey lashed home a great goal midway through the second half after a free was blocked down to put the task well outside Cork's scope.

The surprising aspect of the closing stages was that Cork's Irene O'Leary had not been introduced earlier into the attack.

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Referee: C Ni Chuiinn (Galway).

Overjoyed at scoring a brilliant goal against Cork in the All-Ireland camogie final at Croke Park yesterday, Kilkenny's Angela Downey seems totally oblivious to the fact that she has just lost her skirt. — (Photograph: Peter Thursfield)

Kilkenny catch Cork again

BY TOM HIGGINS

CORK 2-6. KILKENNY 3-10

THE Downey twins, Ann and Angela, celebrated in style at Croke Park yesterday afternoon when they helped Kilkenny win their fifth senior All-Ireland camogie title in a row. They beat Cork for the third year in succession, and in the process they each collected their ninth senior medal.

There is little doubt that Kilkenny were the better side, but Cork looked like making a match of it when they held the winners to four points at the interval after Kilkenny had played with a strong wind in the opening period.

When Linda Mellerick banged home a goal in the opening seconds of the second-half, Cork hopes were high. But they flattered to deceive as Kilkenny came out of their shell and proceeded to play some excellent camogie.

They got tremendous leadership from their captain Ann Downey, who dominated the middle of the field, and with the Kilkenny forwards getting an plentiful supply of the sliotar the Cork backs were under severe pressure from a lively Kilkenny attack for most of the second-half.

Kilkenny played with the wind in the opening half but found scores hard to come by as a resolute Cork defence gave them little scope and their star forward Angela Downey was closely marked by Liz O'Neill and got little chance to shine. In fact the winner's only led by 0-2 to 0-1 after twenty minute but then Angela Downey got free and although surrounded by three Cork player she managed to squeeze the ball home past goalkeeper Marion McCarthy for a soft goal. At the interval Kilkenny led



Cork forward Ger McCarthy handpasses to team-mate Linda Mellerick against Kilkenny in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie final at Croke Park yesterday. (Pic. Des Barry)

by 1-3 to 0-2 and a thrilling second-half looked in prospect.

But in was not to be as following Cork's opening goal the wearers of the black and amber took control and were really were rampant from then on. They tacked on two points before a long clearance from Biddy O'Sullivan in the 36th minute was collected by Angela Downey and although well policed she dropped her hurley, slipped past two defender and palmed the ball to the net past the advancing Marion McCarthy.

This left the score 2-6 to 1-2 and although Betty Joyce scored the next two points, one from a "30", for Cork, the clincher came in 52nd minute when Kilkenny were awarded a free to the right of the Cork goal. Ann Downey went for a goal, her shot was blocked down by Therese O'Callaghan but she followed up to blast home from ten metres.

Cork came back strong in the closing five minutes, and although they had a goal from Ger McCarthy and a point from Irene O'Leary, all it did was put a respectable look on the scoreboard.

For the winners Biddy O'Sullivan, Bridie McGarry and Frances Rothwell were very solid in defence while Ann Downey had a splendid game at midfield. Up front Marina Downey, Breda Cahill and Breda Holmes were outstanding.

For Cork Liz Dunphy had a splendid game at full-back, while Liz O'Neill played well at right half-back. Cork's best player was undoubtedly Sandy Fitzgibbon, who played her heart out. In a disappointing forward line Ger McCarthy and Linda Mellerick tried hard.

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TENSE JUNIOR FINAL TIED

KILDARE.....0-15
GALWAY.....2-9
KILDARE, winners of this title in 1987, and Galway, who last year succeeded them as champions, finished all square in the All-Ireland junior camogie final at Croke Park yesterday.

A late point by Catriona Finnegan earned the holders a division of the spoils after they had trailed by seven points at the interval.

Kildare had first use of a strong breeze and led by 0-9 to 0-2 at the break after a free-ridden 30 minutes. Bernie Farrelly and Miriam Malone were very accurate for the callini in white, but Galway in this half wasted no less than seven reasonable opportunities from placed shots.

Kildare maintained their advantage until the 42nd minute. By then Miriam Malone had added three points from frees while Imelda Maher (free), Carmel Duane and Aileen Murphy replied for Galway.

The western callini came right back into contention when Aileen Murphy notched their first goal and Catriona Finnegan really rocked Kildare with a similar score in the 43rd minute.

Galway were then only two points adrift and aided by the elements but a solid opposing defence, in which Claire Moloney was outstanding, denied them a further breakthrough.

GALWAY: C Callaghy, M Dolphin, E Kilkenny, I Maher (0-2), B Fahy, C Finnegan (1-1), C Curley, F Keane, C Duane (0-1), Aileen Murphy (1-1), Alice Murphy, E Hardiman (0-4). Sub: C Robinson for C Duane.

KILDARE: A Dargan, C Moloney, P Bamberg, M Treacy, T Farrelly, A Merriman, M Malone (0-6), P Keatley, M Johnson, B Farrelly (0-7), T Hanley (0-1), R Merriman (0-1). Subs: G Thornton for T Hanley, N Kerrigan for T Farrelly.

REFEREE: Anne Derham (Dublin).



● **CLEARED . . .** Kilkenny's Marina Downey gets in her stroke under pressure from Cork's Margaret Finn in the senior camogie final at Croke Park.

CORK DOWNED BY DOWNEYS!

KILKENNY.....3-10 CORK.....2-6

KILKENNY remain the undisputed queen-pins of camogie. They left nobody in Croke Park yesterday in any doubt as to their right to this title when winning their fifth successive All-Ireland senior championship and their ninth in all. Interestingly, the Downey twins, Ann and Angela, have figured prominently in every one of those victories.

Needless to report, these sisters once again left an indelible imprint on proceedings, with Ann, captaining the team from midfield, giving an exhibition of controlled, lengthy and accurate striking.

For good measure, her 45th minute goal ended this game as a contest. Her powerful free was saved by an opposing defender but she first-timed the rebound to the net, to put

Kilkenny 3-6 to 1-4 in front.

Angela, operating in the left corner of attack, has made more spectacular outings yet her two goals proved invaluable. The first in 22 minutes, was the only occasion a disciplined Cork defence was breached during the first half and then her close-range shot took a deflection before beating Marion McCarthy.

Cork faced the strong wind in that opening half and operated with an extra defender. This ploy worked like a dream until Angela Downey struck, yet when the interval arrived with the champions only four points clear, 1-3 to 0-2, the challengers appeared ideally positioned for a victory push.

Cork's expectations really soared when Linda Mellerick goaled within seconds of the resumption, but it was then Kilkenny really proved their worth.

Ann Downey (free) and Breda Cahill steadied the champions' ship with points. Then, after 36 minutes, a cheeky goal by Angela Downey left Cork wondering what had happened.

Marion McCarthy appeared in control of the situation when she came out to clear.



**GERRY
MC CARTHY
REPORTS**

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● **UNDER CONTROL . . .** Kildare's Miriam Malone in possession, about to be challenged by Galway's Carmel Duane in the junior match at Croke Park.

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● Kilkenny captain Ann Downey gets a hug from a supporter after defeating Cork in the All-Ireland camogie senior final at Croke Park yesterday. See

Galway's late point

KILDARE.....0-15
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IN the first period of this match of two halves, the only Galway player to make any impression was goal-keeper Collette Callagy as she faced a determined Kildare onslaught from the throw in.

A final point from Therese Farrelly gave Galway a draw they scarcely looked like achieving.

Scores: Kildare — Bernie Farrell and Miriam Malone (0-7), Rose Merriman (0-2). Galway — Aileen Murphy (1-1), Emer Hardiman (0-4), Catriona Finnegan (1-0), Carmel Duane (0-1).

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Kilkenny girls tops

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IT MAY have taken her a while to settle, but when Angela Downey, the Christy Ring of camogie, got going in Croke Park yesterday, Cork could only kiss their chances of a major upset goodbye.

In the early stages of the match, Liz O'Neill did an admirable job of containing the Kilkenny star but, after Angela scored an opportunistic goal from Clare Cronin's pass in the 22nd minute, there was no stopping her.

She spent most of the rest of the match an ever dangerous presence near the Cork goal, not only scoring another goal and a point herself, but making plays and forming an invaluable link in the tightly-knit Kilkenny team game.

Cork did have their chances, most notably in the early stages of the second half when from the throw-in, Betty Joyce passed to Linda Mellerick

who then scored a brilliant goal.

But despite this excellent start, the ladies in red had to wait another 13 minutes before scoring again. By that time, Kilkenny had added 1-3 to their total.

In Liz Dunphy and especially the terrier-like Sandra Fitzgibbon, Cork did have some considerable talent on view, but faced with the clockwork efficiency of the Downey sisters, Breda Cahill, Anna Whelan, Biddy O'Sullivan and Breda Holmes, their spirited challenge simply faded.

And by the time Ger McCarthy capitalised on a rare Ann Downey mistake to score a kicked goal, it was too late for the Leesiders.

Scorers: Kilkenny — Anne Downey, 1-4, Angela Downey 2-1, Breda Cahill 0-2, Breda Holmes, Marina Downey and Bridie McGarry, 0-1 each. Cork — Ger McCarthy 1-1, Linda Mellerick 1-0, Bett Joyce 0-3, Irene O'Leary 0-2.

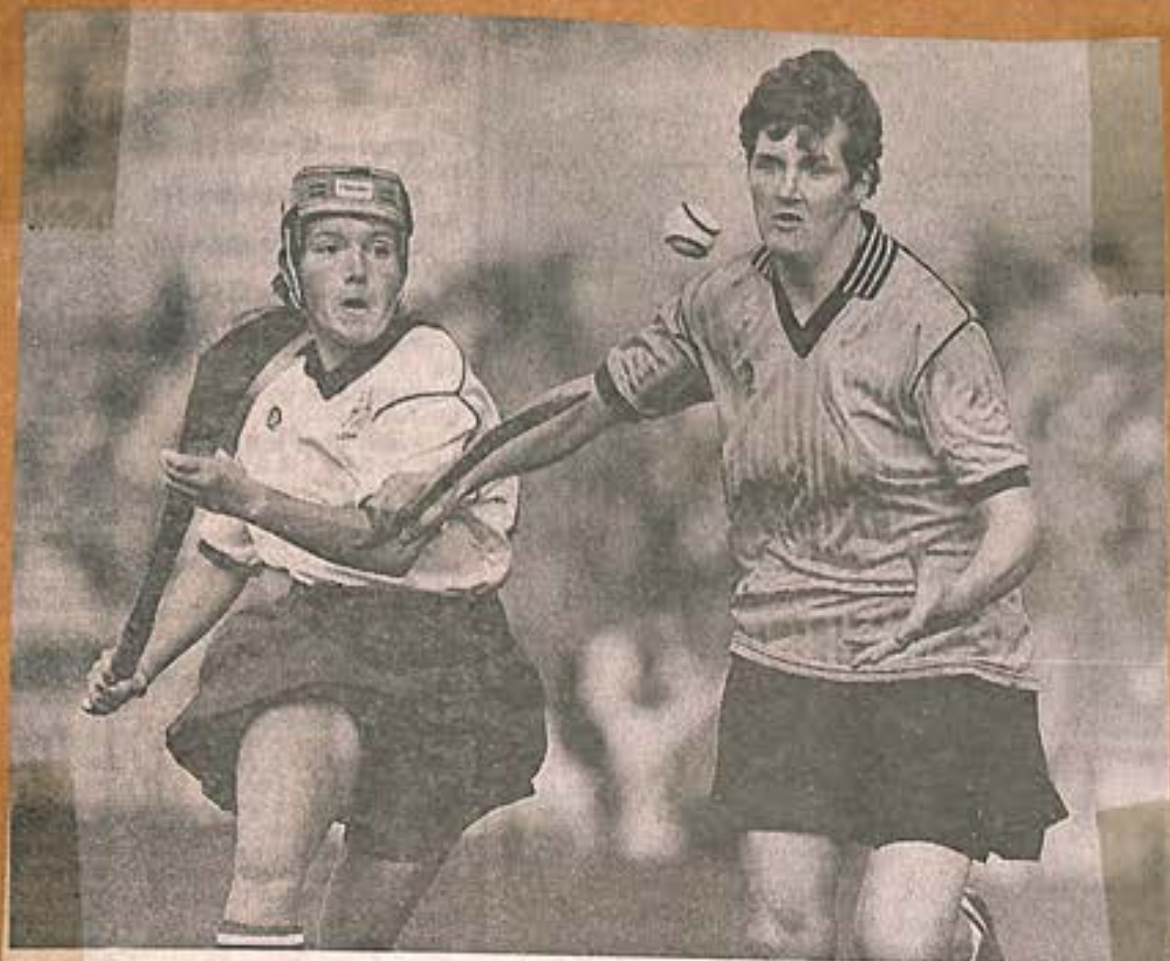
KILKENNY: M. Fitzpatrick, B. O'Sullivan, D. Malone, B. McGarry, F. Rothwell, A. Whelan, A. Downey (capt), C.

Jones, M. Downey, B. Cahill, A. Downey, B. Holmes.

CORK: M. McCarthy, L. Dunphy, L. O'Neill, C. Landers-Hernedy, M. Finn, C. Cronin, T. O'Callaghan, S. Fitzbiggon, L. Mellerick, B. Joyce, G. McCarthy, C. O'Mahony. Subs — I. O'Leary for C. O'Mahony.



CHAMPIONS . . . Kilkenny captain Ann Downey holds aloft the cup



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EYES ON THE BALL . . . not even the imminent challenge of Cork's Colette O'Mahony distracts Kilkenny's Biddy O'Sullivan as she races away on a solo run.



Cork's Margaret Finn and Kilkenny's Marina Downey in a race for possession during the All-Ireland senior camogie final at Croke Park yesterday. Cork 2-6, Kilkenny 3-10. (Picture: Des Barry)



SOLO RUN . . . Kilkenny's Biddy O'Sullivan sets off on a solo run pursued by Cork's Collette O'Mahony in the All Ireland Camogie Final at Croke Park yesterday.

Kilkenny girls make history

Kilkenny completed an historic five in-a-row of victories when they beat Cork 3-10 to 2-6 in the All-Ireland senior camogie final at Croke Park yesterday. An attendance of 3,500 watched a well-contested game in which the better finishing by the Kilkenny attack prove to be the crucial factor.

Cork, though playing against the breeze in the first half were level (two points each) after twenty minutes. Kilkenny star Angela Downey was closely watched but she broke through for a goal to put her side ahead 1-3 to 0-2 at the interval.

Cork got a great boost after only twelve seconds of the second half when Linda Mellerick scored a fine goal to reduce the margin to a single point but that only spurred Kilkenny to greater heights and Angela Downey got her side's second goal to put them well ahead again.

Whatever hope Cork held of getting back into the game was killed off by Ann Downey who cracked home Kilkenny's third goal, there was no stopping the winners after that. They had a sound defence in which Biddy O'Sullivan and Bridie McGarry were very strong while Ann Downey dominated the midfield area. All the winners forwards contributed to the victory.

Cork, kept battling away and they can thank Clare Cronin and Sandy Fitzgibbon for great work in defence while Ger McCarthy scored her side's two goals.



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THE BEST of the action at Croke Park yesterday was in the undercard, especially in the last five minutes of the Junior final.

Those last five minutes of the Galway-Kildare tie came out of schoolgirl fiction.

The girls in maroon-and-white were three points down — and three points is a big lead in camogie with so little time left.

They kept their heads and didn't go for a goal — and point by point they forged their way to a draw.

In its own way it was as fitting a result as that which came out of The Belfry.

Kildare were warm favourites — and that was rather surprising when you think of the counties' standing in hurling.

Over around Clane and Broadford and Carbury, however, the game is very strong — and this year the county went unbeaten and won twelve League and Championship matches on the trot.

Yesterday they put up a most remarkable score — no goals and 15 points.

Galway scored two goals and nine points — and the equaliser was especially memorable.

They were playing with a lively wind that blew from the Canal End; nevertheless, a point from 45 yards and far out on the right was a collector's item.

Extra time wasn't played — and it was just as well: the pace had been frenetic — and a replay is much more civilised.

The senior game had been eagerly awaited: Cork were expected to take Kilkenny to the wire.

The southern girls made a brave effort but were comprehensively outplayed.

Individually there was no palpable difference — but in teamwork Kilkenny were far superior.

THEIR PASSING, whether off hand or hurley, was a joy to behold — and it was the main factor in a famous victory.

Never was a game so clearly divided into halves: Kilkenny must wonder how they scored so little when they played with the wind in the first period.

They dominated territorially about two to one — but perpetrated a stream of wides, some from easy positions.

And when they went in for the tea, they could hardly have been optimistic.

They led by only 1-3 to 0-2 — and such was the soundness of the Cork defence and the strength of the wind that four points seemed a slender enough lead.

And when Cork scored a brilliant goal within seconds of the restart, the southern lasses seemed to be on their way.

Seidom has optimism been more rudely shattered: Kilkenny shed their faults and began to play brilliantly.

And I almost forgave the man behind me in the Hogan Stand who, at the final whistle, said: "Up Kilkenny, the home of hurling."

It was yet another triumph for Angela Downey: she has played more spectacular games — but was as effective as ever.

Angela may have lost a few yards over the proverbial fifteen but her fusion of strength and skill and intelligence and unselfishness make her just about perfect.

Her twin sister, Ann, is not as celebrated; she is the one who disdains to wear a helmet — in her own less dramatic way she is a superb player.

In the first half yesterday she could do little right; in the second half she could do nothing wrong.

And she signed off with as splendid a goal as has ever graced Croke Park.

THIS IS A marvellous Kilkenny team and if they keep together — as I suspect they will — they can set a record that could stand for a century or two.

Cork made a mighty effort and hurled to the end as if they were still contenders — but their lack of teamwork undid them.

It looked a strange Kilkenny team without Jo Dunne — and Cork looked just as strange without my old friend Mary Geaney and Mary O'Leary.

And Kilkenny looked very strange indeed as they missed so many simple chances in the opening half.

Even Angela Downey looked human; playing at left full-forward she seemed unwontedly unambitious.

Cork were playing as if they had been given their instructions by a soccer manager: they packed their defence so much that Linda Mellerick was often all on her own in the Canal half.

As the minutes sped away, it seemed that the Cork strategy was working beautifully; the defence showed infinite resource — and was also blessed with morsels of luck.

Breda Holmes, for example, is usually a brilliant golador — but midway through the first half yesterday she was put clear behind the backs but put the sliothar wide from ten yards.

And a little later when a ball flew out of a ruck, 'keeper Marion McCarthy was unsighted but her right-hand post stood in for her.

And when she made a great save a few minutes later, it seemed that it was to be Cork's day.

Then only a few minutes from the short whistle the dormant volcano called Angela Downey erupted.

She squeezed in from the left and shot from a very narrow angle; the 'keeper would probably have saved at the near post if the ball hadn't been deflected.

And yet the half-time lead gave cause for southern comfort. And the dramatic score in the 30th second of the new half evoked a little wood of red-and-white in The Cusack Stand.

Linda Mellerick had hardly touched the ball in the first half; now she got clear on the right — and fired a great shot low into the net.

Cork were now only a point behind and had sun and wind in their favour; Kilkenny, however, refused to wilt.

Ann Downey and Breda Cahill put over two fine points that seemed to transform the mental atmosphere.

SUDDENLY Kilkenny seemed to say: "The messing is over"; they raised their game so much that the twelve girls in black-and-amber in the first half might have been changelings.

Angela Downey was still struggling; not once did she attempt one of those famous runs that can make all the lights turn green.

Her second goal, however, was special — because it came when it seemed that there was no chance at all.

Again she squeezed in — from the right this time — but the ball ran to Marion McCarthy, who had come off her line.

Somehow Angela got to it and brought it up into her hand; she was tackled so heavily that she lost both skirt and hurley but kept her feet and palmed the ball into the unguarded net.

Cork's hopes were slight after that unlikely score; they vanished completely at exactly half-past four; that was in the 45th minute.

Ann Downey took a free from 30 yards and in the middle; the sliotar came back off the wall; Ann volleyed high into the net.

Cork had a late goal from Geraldine McCarthy and a point from Irene O'Leary; that made the final score 3-10 to 2-6.

Kilkenny were strong at all points — and especially in midfield where Ann Downey, Anna Whelan, and Clare Jones excelled.

Newcomer Marian Downey — no relation as far as I know — confirmed the promise she showed when she came on as a substitute in last year's final.

Frances Rothwell was outstanding in a well-organised defence — but indeed only a little more than the other four.

There could be no doubt about who was Cork's best player; Sandie Fitzgibbon has turned in many a great performance for the county — but surely none better than yesterday's.

Clare Cronin worked furiously but it was one of those days when the ball was unkind to her.

Liz Dunphy had a fine game at full-back; her best assistant was right-half-back Ellis O'Neill.

This was Kilkenny's fifth All-Ireland in a row — and the Downey twins collected their ninth medal.

It was Cork's third All-Ireland defeat in a row — but with such a young team they are justified in having hope.

I would love to see a radical change that would surely improve the game.

I cannot see why it shouldn't be fifteen-a-side and played on the full pitch.

As far as I know, Kilkenny's five-in-a-row made history; the Galway club, Mullagh, made history of a different kind.

All of their players wore the maroon yesterday; eight were on the pitch and four on the bench.

I took a special interest in Galway's centre-back, Imelda Maher — one of her kinsmen is well known to me; she had a fine game.

And I must say a special word for Caitriona Finnegan — she got that great equalising point.

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Kildare girls are forced into replay

Cill Dara 0-15
 Gaillimh 2-9
 TO Kildare, hot favourites for the All-Ireland junior camogie title in Croke Park on Sunday, the full-time whistle must have been the sweetest music they'll ever hear as they struggled to hold out against a battling Galway side which had come

back from a seven points deficit at half time to draw level with just seconds remaining.

For the first 30 minutes the Lilywhites had justified pre-match raing as, assisted by a strong breeze, they out-hurled their opponents in all parts of the field with Bernie Farrelly, captain and star of the day,

leading by example.

After Bernie and Galway free-taker Emer Hardiman had exchanged points from frees in the opening minutes, it was all one-way traffic — Miriam Malone (2) and Theresa Hanley (1) making their contribution to Kildare's half time total of nine points. With a little luck, Bernie

Farrelly could have increased her total of 0-6 but a few of her frees got caught by the breeze and were taken just wide of the posts.

The same fate befell some of the Galway efforts also and their second point came just on the call of the break.

Considering the strength of the wind into the Railway goal, a seven points lead looked adequate but by no means unassailable. However, one could not help feeling that Kildare should have managed at least one green flag during their period of dominance.

Still, there was no cause for concern in the opening minutes of the second half. Galway understandably, came more into the game and Imelda Maher and Carmel Duane, sister of Galway senior hurler,

Galway piled on the pressure in the dying moments to earn a draw with late points from Emer Hardiman and C. Finnegan (2). Miriam Malone, who gave a tremendous display over the full hour, nearly won it for Kildare with the last puck of the game but her shot, from far out, was just wide and both sides will be happy to have survived.

What of the replay? Kildare now know that there will be no 'soft' title, so, if there was any complacency there should not be next time around. They seemed to lack eagerness that marked the second half comeback of the Galway girls. Indeed, this observer got the impression that the Kildare side might have been over-disciplined as, on several occasions, they appeared to refrain from contesting a 50/50 ball which they considered to be in a colleague's 'territory.'

THE replay is fixed for October 8, possibly at Birr.

Ray, swapped points with Miriam Malone in the first few minutes. Kildare had brought in Gemma Thornton in place of Theresa Hanley at half time to add more punch to their attack, but now the pressure was on the defence and some of them were found badly lacking in pace when the Galway girls came at them.

Goalie Anna Dargan and full-back Claire Moloney did Trojan work to repel some dangerous attacks before Aideen Murphy broke through for the first goal of the hour. Miriam Malone pointed a free to steady her side but then Caitriona Finnegan broke away down the right wing to give Anna Dargan no chance at all and the score now stood Kildare 0-13 Galway 2-5.

Lead almost wiped out

Nuala Kerrigan came in for Patricia Keatley and in fairness to Kildare they refused to panic at seeing their comfortable lead almost wiped out in such a dramatic fashion.

Rose Merriman added a point, Galway's No. 5 Brid Fahy replied and then for almost ten minutes there was a ding-dong struggle with neither side able to gain the advantage. Bernie Farrelly, the only Kildare player who seemed prepared to leave her own area to forage for the ball, had the Lilywhites' last score just six minutes from time.

Kildare: A. Dargan, C. Moloney, P. Bambury, M. Treacy, T. Farrelly, A. Merriman, M. Malone (0-6), P. Keatley, M. Johnson, B. Farrelly (0-7), T. Hanley (0-1), R. Merriman (0-1). Subs.: G. Thornton for T. Hanley (HT); N. Kerrigan for P. Keatley (45 min.).



A Galway player is first to the ball during Sunday's All-Ireland junior camogie final in Croke Park.

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HISTORY FOR ACCLAIM

KILKENNY

3-10

CORK

2-6

KILKENNY, the acclaimed "super team" by the camogie hierarchy, swept to another glorious win and wrote a bit of history when they capably disposed of Cork in this open draw all-Ireland senior final at Croke Park on Sunday.

In some ways, this could be acclaimed Kilkenny's greatest hour, and not only because they completed the never before achieved National League and All-Ireland double for the third year in-a-row. Remember, this was also a championship five in-a-row.

No, this was as stern a test of character as these ladies have faced during their high-flying years. First their opponents deliberately set out to frustrate them by packing their defence during the opening half. That didn't work. Then Cork goaled within 15 seconds of the restart to leave but a point between the teams.

But that didn't shake Kilkenny's rock-like confidence either and, subsequently, when the losers were forced to open things out when backed by the wind, they were literally taken asunder. The game, and the county's 9th title, was wrapped up as early as the 44th minute when one of the jewels in this particular Kilkenny crown, **Ann Downey**, crashed home a goal to open up a 3-6 to 1-4 lead.

"This is a super team," enthused Camogie Association president **Máire Ní Cheallacháin**, before handing over the O'Duffy Cup to captain **Ann Downey**. "Cork simply had no answer to Kilkenny's powerful play."

Struggled

The losers' decision to put an extra player in defence when facing the wind made their opponents' job of breaking them down extremely difficult, and for 20 minutes Kilkenny struggled. The Noreiders applied near-constant pressure, but after shooting 11 wides they retired just 1-3 to 0-2 in front at half-time.

However, after absorbing the setback of that early Cork goal without even flinching, Kilkenny rose to magnificent heights as they pocketed another all-Ireland.

Biddy O'Sullivan was simply amazing in defence, and even after picking-up a bad head injury, played superbly. At centre-back **Bridie McGarry** was brilliant. In front of her in the middle of the park **Ann Downey** was Miss Perpetual Motion, and ran and worked everyone into the ground.

Up front, then, **Angela Downey** made space for herself at will, and always looked

dangerous, while **Marina Downey**, she of the quick turn of pace on the wing, and **Breda Cahill** enjoyed their finest hour in the county colours.

There was no doubt about it, Cork set about frustrating their opponents when facing the wind in the opening half. They pulled **Sandie Fitzgibbon** out of midfield and she took over from **Cathy Landers-Harnedy** who was the 'extra player' in defence and was given a roving commission.

Further afield, **Ger McCarthy** fell back from the attack to pick up the free **Clare Jones** in midfield, which left Kilkenny with a needless extra defender.

For 20 minutes Kilkenny attacked and attacked, but with **Landers-Harnedy** and **Liz Dunphy** in top form in the Leaside defence, and with an extra player, the challengers kept the scores at level pegging (0-2 each). Then the winners decided to post their free defender, **Deirdre Malone**, in attack, and hey presto! things began to change.

Play called back

In the 22nd minute **Anna Whelan** flighted over a sideline cut from the Hogan Stand side, and **Angela Downey** fielded well in front of goal. From the midst of a clutter of defenders, she somehow got in a shot and the ball flashed past 'keeper **Marion McCarthy** (1-2 to 0-2).

Seconds later **Breda Holmes** was put through by **Clare Jones**, but a booted effort for a goal was just wide. Then the St. Paul's attacker had a shot for a goal turned out for a '30' by the 'keeper, but this free effort was missed. In the 26th minute **Angela Downey** was fouled in front of goal 23 yards out, and her sister **Ann** duly pointed the free.

Before the break **Breda Holmes** had the ball in the Cork net again, but play was called back because she over-carried, and so the Noreiders took a lead of just 1-3 to 0-2 into the break.

Straight from the throw-in Cork goaled. **Therese O'Callaghan** won the throw-in, and when the ball was whipped up the right wing the Kilkenny defence was caught napping.

By JOHN KNOX

Pics by TOM BRETT

and **Linda Mellerick** had all the time in the world to gain possession. The Glen Rovers' star cut inside and netted to cut the deficit to 1-2 to 1-3.

This stung Kilkenny into life. Whereas **Ann Downey** had been off with her shooting in the opening moiety, she was bang-on this time, and after less than two minutes she converted a difficult free after a foul on her sister. Then **Breda Cahill** was set up for a point by **Angela Downey** and, suddenly, Kilkenny were flying because the game was much more open than it had been during the first half.

In the 35th minute **Biddy O'Sullivan** got in a great block — she received a head injury for her troubles — near midfield to win good possession which was driven upfield. **Marina Downey** won the ball and got in a shot at goal, which 'keeper **Marion McCarthy** failed to control properly. As the ball bounced off her hurley, **Angela Downey** nipped in to claim it and, although robbed of her skirt, darted through and palmed the sliothar into the empty net (2-5 to 1-2). She celebrated first, then remembered she was missing an item of clothing.

Constant charge

Poor Cork were all over the place at this stage, and when they did manage to mount an attack, they got absolutely no change out of the gifted **McGarry** or **O'Sullivan**.

Kilkenny continued their constant charge forward, and in the 37th minute they extended their lead. **Ann Downey** drove the ball from midfield up the right wing and, while in full flight, **Marina Downey** caught it as it fell to the ground over her right shoulder. In an instant she flashed it over the bar from 30 yards. The score of the match.

The losers hit back for a pair of points from **Betty Joyce**, but when Kilkenny goaled again in the 44th minute the game was won and lost. **Breda Holmes** was fouled in front of goal, and **Ann Downey** failed to lift the ball properly. She pulled on it on the ground, and like a bullet it whizzed into the net (3-6 to 1-4). The exchanges afterwards were of academic importance.

For the first time since their run began, one saw similarities between this team and Kilkenny's great hurling side of 1982 and 1983. The similarity — both could kill a team with a few minutes of brilliance. Could it be this camogie crew is getting better all the time?

Cork's best on this occasion were **Liz Dunphy** and **Clare Jones**.

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'SUPER TEAM'



Happy Captain . . . Kilkenny's captain Ann Downey hold aloft the All-Ireland Senior Camogie trophy - the O'Duffy Cup - after her team's victory over Cork at Croke Park on Sunday.

Photo: Tom Brett



First goal . . . well marshalled by Cork defenders Angela Downey grabs the ball on the run (top picture) and turns quickly to slam the ball (above) to the Cork net for Kilkenny's first goal of the match.

Uncle on Cork team

FRANCES ROTHWELL'S uncle, John, played for Cork in the early 'Seventies and was a sub. on the 1972 team which lost to Kilkenny. He won an under-21 all-Ireland with Cork in 1971 and a minor all-Ireland medal in 1969.

Won with two counties

NOELLE O'DRISCOLL, who was a substitute on the Kilkenny team, won all-Ireland senior medals with Cork in 1982 and 1983.

She won a junior all-Ireland with Cork in 1980 after playing in the 1979 junior final, when the Leesiders lost to Galway.

Dynamic twins now third

DYNAMIC twins Angela and Ann Downey won their 9th all-Ireland senior camogie medals on Sunday.

In the roll of honour, they just slipped past Cork goalkeeper Marion McCarthy who holds eight winners' medals.

Angela captained two all-Ireland winning teams, in 1977 and 1988, while her sister was skipper on Sunday.

With nine medals, the girls moved into third place in the overall honours list. Top of the lot is Kay Mills with 15 winners' medals. She is followed by Una O'Connor (13), the Downeys and

Dubliners Kay Ryder and Gerry Hughes (9).

In the blood

BREDA CAHILL is a second cousin of Bill Cahill, who played at full-forward on the 1947 Kilkenny all-Ireland winning team.

Playing beside Bill Cahill on that '47 team was Shem Downey at right corner-forward. He is father of Ann and Angela Downey.

Mary Ring, a sub. on the Cork team, is daughter of the late, great Christy Ring, who played for Cork in that 1947 final.

Connections with first final

DEIRDRE MALONE'S grandfather and grand-uncle played with Kilkenny in their early all-Ireland appearances.

Her grand-uncle, Pat Malone, played in Kilkenny's first all-Ireland final appearance in 1893. He also played in the 1895, 1897 and 1898 finals.

Her grandfather, Mike Malone, also played in the 1897 and 1898 finals. Kilkenny lost all these games.

A winning captain

CLARE JONES captained Clare to win the all-Ireland junior final in 1981.



Hurting but happy . . . Full back Biddy O'Sullivan, head bandaged and face bloodied - is congratulated by a supporter after the match.



Well marked . . . Kilkenny's full forward Breda Holmes gets her shot goalwards in spite of three Cork defenders.

What a record!

MARIAN MCCARTHY (Cork) has figured in every All-Ireland clash between Kilkenny and Cork. She was a sub. on the 1970 team. She played at midfield on the 1972 winning team.

She was also at midfield on the defeated 1974 team (Kilkenny's first all-Ireland triumph). She was goalkeeper in the 1981, 1987, 1988 and 1989 failures to Kilkenny.

She also played on the losing junior team of 1969.

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KILKENNY — All-Ireland Senior Camogie Champions 1989

Kilkenny who defeated Cork at Croke Park on Sunday to win the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship final and create a new provincial record by winning five senior national titles in-a-row. In front (from left): Breda Cahill, Marina Downey, Noreen Tierney, Angela Downey, Ann Downey (captain), Bridie McGarry, Anna Whelan, Marie Fitzpatrick. Behind: Tom Ryan (trainer), Noelle O'Driscoll, Jo Dunne, Biddie O'Sullivan, Breda Holmes, Frances Rothwell, Rita Wemyss, Deirdre Malone, Clare Jones.

(Photo: Tom Brett)

HOW THEY PLAYED

Marie Fitzpatrick — Got very little to do, and nothing of a serious nature. Won't win too many all-Ireland medals as easily as this one. (6 points).

Biddy O'Sullivan — She was terrific. Was fearless in her tackling, even after receiving a nasty head injury. Cleared her lines time and again and won possession she had no right to. (10 points).

Deirdre Malone — Never came under undue pressure. Put in an accomplished performance without having to work too hard. (7 points).

Bridie McGarry — Showed uncanny positional sense. Won 95% of the tackles she contested. Striking, rising and catching all first class. A stirring performance. (10 points).

Frances Rothwell — Was steady more than spectacular. Never set a foot wrong, and threw herself into every tackle with great determination. (7 points).

Anna Whelan — Kept things ticking over nicely in midfield. Made the first Kilkenny goal. Never dallied when in possession. (7 points).

Ann Downey — As team captain she set a tremendous work rate. Was constantly running up and down the field. Gave Kilkenny a decided edge in the middle. A great camogie player. (10 points).

Clare Jones — Was upset by Cork's early tactics, and never hit the form of which she is capable. Didn't do anything wrong, but wasn't the powerhouse she can be. (7 points).

Marina Downey — Most of the first half was gone before she settled, but she quickly made up lost ground in the second. A great

burst of speed unhinged the Cork defence a few times. Hit the best score of the match (8 points).

Breda Cahill — Was lost at full-forward during the opening half, but blossomed when moved back to centre-forward. Burst big holes through the Cork defence. Picked off nice scores. (9 points).

Angela Downey — Marked closely during the opening half, but when she lost her shadow she destroyed the opposition. Fast, cunning and, above all, skilful. Played well herself but also brought others into the game. (10 points).

Breda Holmes — Promised more than she delivered, but it was just one of those days for her. Still, she struck fear into the heart of the Cork defence, and others around her benefited. (7 points).

● The scorers

Kilkenny: Ann Downey (1-4, points frees); Angela Downey (2-1); Breda Cahill (0-3); Marina Downey, Breda Holmes (0-1 each). Cork: Ger McCarthy (1-1), Linda Mellerick (1-0), Betty Joyce (0-3, free and '30'), Irene O'Leary (0-2).

● The teams

Kilkenny: Marie Fitzpatrick (St. Brigid's), Biddy O'Sullivan (Shamrocks), Deirdre Malone (St. Brigid's), Bridie McGarry (St. Paul's), Frances Rothwell (Mooncoin), Anna Whelan (Lisdowney), Ann Downey, capt. (St. Paul's), Clare Jones (St. Paul's), Marina Downey (Lisdowney), Breda Cahill (St. Brigid's), Angela Downey (St. Paul's), Breda Holmes (St. Paul's).

Cork: Marion McCarthy, Liz Dunphy, Liz O'Neill, Cathy Landers-Harnedy, Margaret Finn, Clare Cronin, Therese O'Callaghan, Sandie Fitzgibbon, Linda Mellerick, Betty Joyce, Ger McCarthy, Colette O'Mahony. Subs.: Irene O'Leary for O'Mahony (38th minute); O'Mahony for O'Callaghan (54th minute).

Referee: Cat N Chuinn (Galway).

Finnegan point earns Galway Juniors side a late reprieve

GALWAY.....2-9
KILDARE.....0-15

WITH ten minutes gone in the second half of the All-Ireland Junior Camogie final it looked as if title holders Galway had lost their chance to retain the title they captured last year for the fourth time with a convincing victory over Limerick.

Assisted by a strong breeze in the second half Galway's first chance of a goal against a strong Kildare team came in the ninth minute of the second period when Alice Murphy sent a blazing shot inches wide with full forward Emer Hardiman unmarked on the edge of the square.

That golden opportunity seemed the end of the line

for the Galway girls who trailed by twelve points to five at that stage. Kildare were up to then faster and sharper all through as Galway struggled to find the form they produced with excellent victories over Roscommon in the Connacht final and Cork in the All-Ireland semi final.

That attack for goal provided confidence in the Galway forward line and a minute later Emer Hardiman sent a great long pass to Mullagh Club colleague Aileen Murphy who crashed the ball to the net.

Kildare captain Bernie Farrelly who was brilliant in the opening quarter came back into attack and was fouled 25 metres from the Galway goal and Miriam Malone duly pointed the free.

From the puck-out the ball

came to Emer Hardiman who had moved outfield and she sent in a high ball that substitute Claire Robinson knocked down in front of the rushing Cathriona Finnegan, who sent a blistering shot to the net giving Kildare keeper Anna Dargan no chance from close range.

Galway were within two points and were back in the game. They missed several scoring chances before Kildare's Bernie Farrelly was brought down going through on the left wing and the resulting free was pointed by Rose Merriman.

Galway's Imelda Maher and Kildare's Bernie Farrelly exchanged two great scores from play and Mullagh girl Alice Murphy brought the best out of Anna Dargan in the Kildare goal with a great shot.

The final five minutes of the game belonged to Galway. Emer Hardiman pointed a close in free after Claire Robinson was brought down and with two minutes remaining, Hardiman again pointed after great work by Imelda Maher.

With time running out C. Curley from Mullagh collected a ball in the centre and passed to the unmarked Cathriona Finnegan from Eskerhills club who sent the ball sailing over the bar for the equalising point as the game went into overtime. Miriam Malone had the final chance of the game but her shot from midfield went harmlessly wide.

This was a game that Galway will question why they were totally outclassed for so long. They scored their opening point from a free in the second minute and failed to score again until the 30th minute. Both scores coming from frees by Emer Hardiman.

During that period they missed seven scorable chances mostly from placed balls.

Galway made no attack at the Kildare goal for the first 15 minutes during which time Kildare scored five points and led by 0-9 to 0-2 at the interval.

Galway's defence showed great character in the first half where Mary Dolphin and Imelda Maher played excellent in front of goalkeeper Collette Callaghy who showed great confidence.

Straight from the throw in of the second half Galway got a great start with Imelda Maher pointing a free from 45 metres and it was quickly followed by a good point from play by Carmel Duane.

Duane was immediately substituted by Claire Robinson a decision that seemed strange at the time but the substitute made a tremendous impact on the game as it developed. Yvonne Larkin replaced Eilish Kennedy in defence and the introduction of two fresh players helped for the final twenty minutes of the game.

The many western followers who made their way to Croke Park were relieved as Galway had struggled for so long as Kildare's Bernie Farrelly and Miriam Malone dominated. But the overall performance of Imelda Maher from Davitts club made her Galway's player of the match. It is expected that the replay will be on Sunday week.

Galway: C. Callaghy, E. Kilkenny, I. Maher, B. Fahy (captain), C. Finnegan, C. Curley, F. Keane, C. Duane, Aileen Murphy, Alice Murphy, E. Hardiman, Sub. Yvonne Larkin for E. Kilkenny and Claire Robinson for C. Duane.

Kildare: A. Dargan, C. Maloney, P. Bamberg, M. Treacy, T. Farrelly, A. Merriman, M. Malone, P. Keatley, M. Johnson, B. Farrelly (captain), T. Hanley, R. Merriman.

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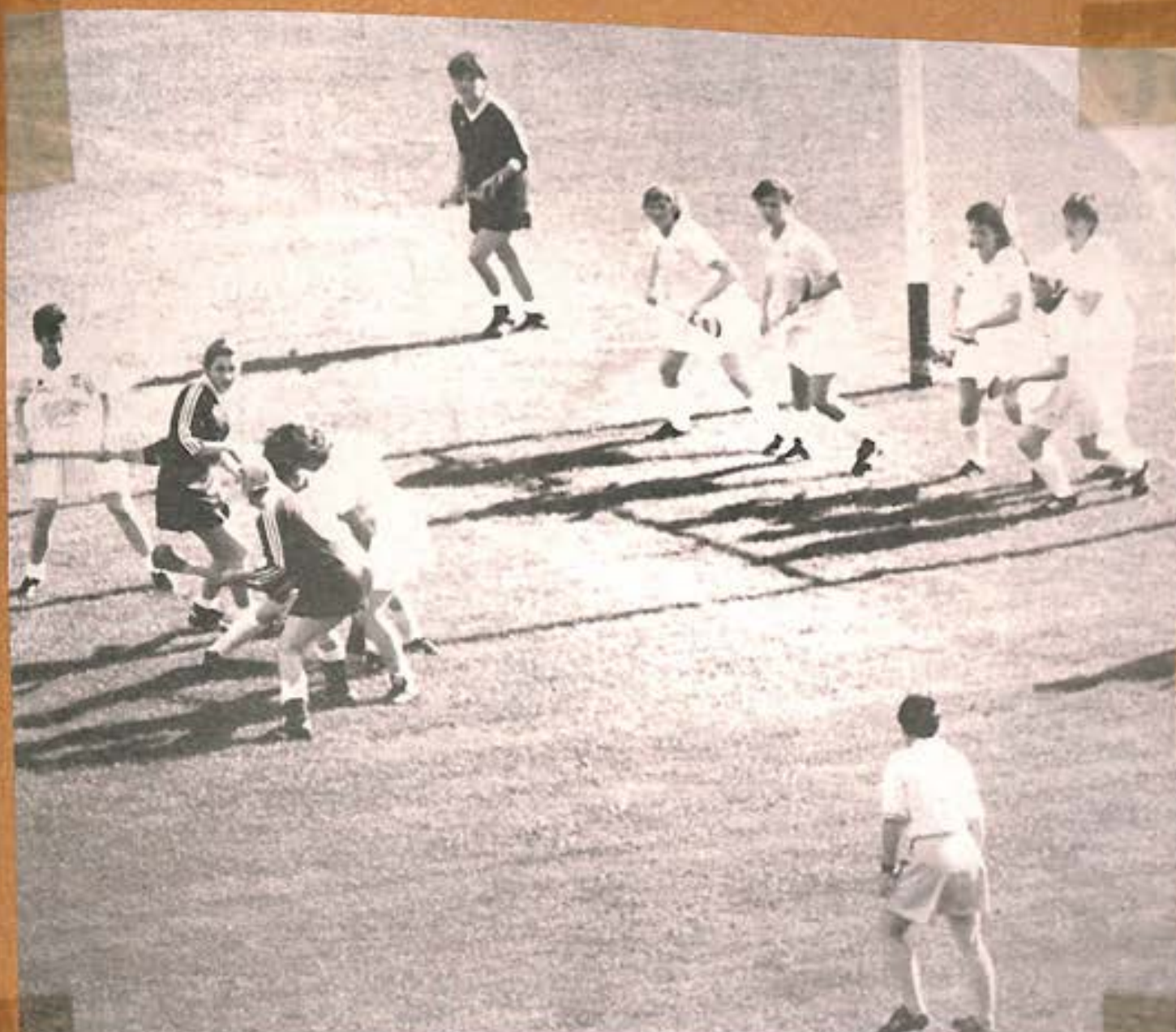
Leinster SC: St. Paul's 4-15, Rathmore 2-10.

Munster Club C: Sixmilebridge 3-11, Cashel 2-14.



Captain courageous.... surrounded by Cork forwards Kilkenny captain Ann Downey scoops for a ground ball as Anna Whelan awaits the pass.

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Kildare players line the goal as colleagues tussle with Galway opponents in Sunday's All-Ireland junior camogie final in Croke Park.

Holders Paul's look much too strong

RATHNURE, who toppled the long-standing champions, Buffer's Alley in the Wexford County Championship, face a huge task in the final of the Leinster Club Championship on Sunday. The new Wexford representatives face the might of St. Paul's, the reigning All-Ireland Club champions.

Rathnure made light of the semi-final opposition, Cumann Ui Chonaill. The new Dublin champions were short a few of the winning team. Bernie Higin, Jackie Codd, Anne Reddy



and Eileen Kehoe are excellent players, but whether Rathnure has the power in depth to challenge St. Paul's remains to be seen.

With eleven Leinster and seven All-Ireland Club titles behind them, St. Paul's have proved themselves to be a very formidable outfit time and again. On home ground and with top Kilkenny stars, Angela Downey, Breda Holmes, Ann Dow-

ney, Clare Jones and Bridie McGarry on thier side, another result in their favour is expected.

A new name will be added to the base of the Munster Club trophy following next Sunday's final. The Tipperary champions, Cashel face the Clare representatives, Sixmilebridge in a novel final pairing.

Swatragh (Derry) will challenge for the third Ulster Club title against Loughgiel (Antrim) on Sunday. Loughgiel have played in this competition previously but have yet to

take the title. If Swatragh's Sarah Ann McNicholl plays to her capabilities, it will be very difficult for Loughgiel to make headway.

FIXTURES (Sunday)

Munster Club Final — at Six-milebridge (1.0) — Sixmilebridge v Cashel.

Ulster Club Final — at Swatragh (2.30) — Swatragh v Loughgiel.

Connacht Club Final — at Athleague (1.0) — Oran v Mullagh.

Leinster Club Final — at James Stephen's, Kilkenny (1.00) — St. Paul's v Rathnure.

First-half goals send Cloughduv on the way

Cloughduv 2-10, Castlemagner 2-3

TWO goals in as many minutes in the second quarter put Cloughduv on the road to victory over in the Cork Junior "A" camogie final at Grenagh, yesterday.

Captain, Mary Walsh, and Eileen O'Sullivan scored the goals that gave Cloughduv a 2-7 to 1-1 advantage, and from there on few doubted the final result.

Justifying their tag as favourites, the more experienced Cloughduv had another point from their top player, Lynn Dunlea before half-time.

Cloughduv failed to score for the first 17 minutes after the interval, but they finished in grand style with points from Aine Murphy, Mary Walsh and Lynn Dunlea.

A goal in the last minute by Castlemagner's corner forward, Carmel Hinchion put a degree of respectability on the final score. Scorers, Cloughduv—L. Dunlea, 0-7; M. Walsh and E. O'Sullivan, 1-1; S. Dunlea, 0-1. Castlemagner—C. Sheahan, 1-2; C. Hinchion, 1-0; A. Murphy, 0-1.

Cloughduv: L. Ahern, B. O'Connor, P. Lynch, M. O'Neill, J. Dunlea, L. Dunlea, H. Lynch, S. Dunlea, M. Bradley, E. O'Sullivan, A. M. Healy, M. Walsh, Sub: U. Lee for Bradley.

Castlemagner: A. Lawlor, N. McCarthy, M. Lucey, A. O'Hanlon, L. Twomey, A. Murphy, D. Cronin, M. Seahan, G. Hinchion, C. Sheahan, T. Noonan, C. Hinchion.

Referee: J. Hamill, Glen Rovers.

Sixmilebridge best in a thriller

Sixmilebridge 3-7
Cashel 1-12

SIXMILEBRIDGE recorded their first win in the Munster Club senior camogie championship by virtue of a deserved one point success over Cashel in a thrilling final replay at Leahy Park, Cashel on Saturday.

It was a very keenly contested game, which produced a high standard of hurling from two evenly matched sides. The visitors, however, had the better of the exchanges in the opening half and despite facing a very strong breeze, led 2-3 to 0-7 at the interval.

The Bridge showed great cohesion and better teamwork with Yvonne McInerney, Mairead Twomey, Noleen Quinn, Siobhan Reidy and Geraldine O'Grady playing delightful hurling.

Cashel forwards, it must be said, got plenty of possession but poor finishing saw them miss a number of likely scores. Joan Tobin, one of Cashel's stars, sent over some lovely points while Kirsty McCluskey sent over a second-half point from the sideline and was one of the best scores seen for a long time in a camogie game.

The Clare girls were solid in defence and in Patricia O'Grady they had an outstanding goalie whose long puck-outs in both halves often landed in the Cashel goalmouth to put them under strong pressure.

While the losers can feel disappointed, they did have their chances and in fairness to the Clare girls, they deserved their first senior club title even though it was achieved by the narrowest of margins.

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Scorers for Sixmilebridge: Y. McInerney 1-6, M. Twomey 1-1, M. Lynch 1-0. Cashel: J. Delaney 1-3, J. Tobin 0-6, T. Bonner, K. Moroney and K. McCluskey 0-1 each.

Ref. B. Joyce, Killeagh.

No rest for newly crowned champions Sixmilebridge

SIXMILEBRIDGE, newly-crowned Munster senior camogie champions, return to action on this Sunday when they take on Connacht champions, Mullagh from Galway, in the All-Ireland semi-final at Sixmilebridge at 3 p.m.

The majority of the Mullagh players are regulars on the Galway senior and junior sides. Mullagh won two successive Feile na nGael camogie titles in the mid-eighties and they have a very strong outfit. With the advantage of home venue, the Munster champions will start as slight favourites and if they reproduce the form of the past two Sundays, then they should advance to the final, which will be on November 5.

Sixmilebridge 3-7
Cashel 1-12

Sixmilebridge deservedly recorded their first Provincial success when they had one point to spare over Cashel in this Provincial final replay at Leahy Park in Cashel on Saturday. As in the drawn tie on the previous Sunday, the game produced a very high standard of play with some great scores recorded by both sides.

The home side played with the aid of the breeze in the first half but it was the Bridge who were ahead at the interval when the score was 2-3 to 0-7. The winners played some tremendous camogie in that first period with Siobhan Reidy, Noleen Quinn,

Mairead Twomey, Marian Lynch, Yvonne and Ann McInerney very much to the fore.

In the second period Cashel fought back and had some excellent scores from their scorer-in-chief, Joan Tobin. However, a determined Bridge outfit held on for victory much to the delight of their huge following.

The visitors showed just one change from the drawn game with Dolores Keogh coming in at the right side of midfield for Susan O'Halloran, who emigrated during the week.

Siobhan Reidy had a tremendous game at centre back as had Noleen Quinn at midfield. The half-forward trio of team captain Mairead Twomey, Marian Lynch and Yvonne McInerney accounted for all but a point of their side's total, while full forward Ann McInerney also played a valuable role.

Sixmilebridge: Patricia O'Grady; Dolores Murphy; Linda Quinn, Siobhan Reidy, Geraldine O'Grady; Dolores Keogh, Noleen Quinn, Margaret O'Halloran; Mairead Twomey [1-1] captain, Marian Lynch [2-2], Yvonne McInerney [0-3]; Ann McInerney [0-1].

ST. PATS & SCARIFF BOW OUT

Clare's interest in the Munster Colleges camogie championship (senior) ended last week when both Scariff Community College and St. Patrick's Comprehensive School, Shannon, bowed out. Scariff failed by just two points to Macroom at Bodyke while St. Pats lost by a point to Scoil Muire, Cashel at Cashel.

The practice in relation to the appointment of referees for matches up to the semi-final stage has been that the home side appoints the person in charge. St. Patrick's had approached Mary Moran who appoints referees for the semi-finals and final, to appoint a referee for this tie as the usual Cashel referee was not acceptable to them.

Cashel argued that they should not be penalised as all other 'home' teams could appoint their own referees. Cashel's Willie Ryan was appointed (this was a change from the usual Cashel referee to whom St. Pats had specifically objected). Cashel won the provincial junior and

senior titles last year but failed in their challenge for All-Ireland honours.

Saturday's game was not without controversy with the Shannon side being awarded just one free during the course of the game. There were no goal nets and there was much annoyance over Cashel's goal with the Shannon umpire adamant that the ball had gone wide. The Cashel umpire said it was a goal and after consulting with both the referee signalled that it was a goal.

The final score was 1-5 to 2-1 with all the losers scores coming in the first half. Carmel Howard and Cathy Stenson each had a goal while Siobhan O'Driscoll accounted for the point.

Outstanding for the Shannon side were Pauline Madigan, Niamh Watson, Deirdre O'Gorman, Debbie McGettrick, Marian Costelloe, Carmel Howard and Cathy Stenson doing well.

St. Pats: J. Flynn (Six-milebridge), P. Madigan (Wolfe Tones), N. Watson (do.), D. O'Gorman, (Six-milebridge), A. O'Brien (Wolfe Tones), D. McGettrick (do.), captain, M. Costelloe (do.), S. O'Brien (do.), C. Howard (do.), S. O'Driscoll (do.), U. McInerney (do.), C. Stenson (do.).

St. Marys, Macroom 4-2
Scariff Community College 1-9

Macroom did well in the opening quarter of this tie at Bodyke and this proved decisive. Scariff staged a tremendous fight back in the second half but it wasn't enough and they had to give second best to the Cork side. It was 3-2 to 0-5 at the break for the winners.

With a couple of minutes remaining Scariff had reduced the leeway to three points. Marie Collins broke through but her powerful shot went over the bar and with it went Scariff's last chance.

Best for the Clare side were Moira McNamara, Anita Myles, Sinead O'Brien, Niamh Wiley, Aileen McGrath and Marie Collins.

Scariff: S. O'Driscoll (O'C Mills), M. McNamara (Bodyke), A. McNamara (Scariff Og), A. Myles (do.), A. McNamara (Bodyke), M. Collins (Scariff Og), A. McGrath (Bodyke), S. O'Brien (do.), N. Wiley (do.), A. O'Dwyer (do.), A. McGrath (O'C Mills), P. McNamara (Killanena).

Sub: K. Costelloe (Scariff Og) for McNamara.

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O'NEILL MEMORIAL CUP — A1
Belfast: Final — UUJ 5-1, St. Mary's
College Higher Education 0-0.

St. Patrick's hoping to turn tables on Cashel

MUNSTER Colleges senior champions Scoil Muire, Cashel, defend their title in what should be a very exciting duel with St. Patrick's Comprehensive School, Shannon. Cashel got the better of a close encounter in the opening round last year and Sinead O'Flynn, Sylvia O'Brien, Elaine Purcell and Kay Stinson will be keen to turn the tables on Cashel.

Scariff Community School and St. Marys, Macroom, represented Munster in the All-Ireland Colleges U16 Sevens last April. The majority of those players will be in action in what should be a very close tie. Lyn and Stephanie Dunlea, Mary Kelleher, Margaret Twomey and Cait Hallissey, in the colours of Macroom will meet with stiff resistance from Ann O'Dwyer, Clair O'Driscoll, Myra McNamara and Aileen McGrath.

Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis, under new coach Ray Kent, face a difficult task against St. Marys, Middleton, who look to Fiona O'Driscoll, Imelda Leahy, Sinead Cahalane and Anne O'Connor to see them through. St. Marys, Nenagh, have been drawn against Mount Mercy, Cork, who did not field in the competition last year. St. Marys field two Tipperary minors, Claire Madden and Orla Hogan, who are outstanding players.

Eight Cork girls in Munster team

BIG games on the camogie front this coming weekend will be the semi-finals of the Gael Linn Interprovincial championships. Both games are scheduled for Burren, Co. Down on Sunday and will see Munster and Ulster involved in both the senior and junior games.

On the local front, the Under-16 Championships continues with four vital ties listed; while in the Under-14 League, Éire Óg and Brian Dillons meet to decide who goes forward to meet Kilbrittain in this season's final.

The Munster senior team for Sunday is mainly dominated by Cork players with eight in all gaining places and these are goalkeeper Marian McCarthy, Liz O'Neill is named at full-back with Margaret Finn and Irene O'Leary filling the corner

back positions. Therese O'Callaghan and Sandy Fitzgibbon are named at midfield with the centre-forward position going to Betty Joyce who also captains the side. Completing the Cork line up will be Colette O'Mahony who fills one of the corner forward positions.

The Munster Junior team is also dominated by Munster Junior Champions Cork with six players in all gaining places. These are full-back Denise Cronin, wing-backs Una O'Connor and Eileen Buckley, midfielder Jean Paula Kent, centre-forward Paula Carey who captains the side and corner-forward Irene O'Keeffe. There will be joined by Mary Murphy and Niamh McMahon from Waterford, Cora Kennedy, Tipperary, Maria Collins, Clare and Limerick pair Mary Line-

han and Maisie Clifford. Clubs are reminded that all tickets for the fund-raising night at the Cork Dog Track on Monday, October 23 should be returned as soon as possible. Cork players on the Munster Junior and Senior teams are requested to be at the Opera House on Saturday next at 1 o'clock.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

GAEL LINN INTERPROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Senior: Munster v Ulster at Burren, Co. Down at 3 p.m.
Junior: Munster v Ulster at Burren, Co. Down at 1.30 p.m.

Under-16 Championship: Inniscarra v Blackrock at Blackrock at 12 noon. (Ref. Douglas); Cloughduv v Kilbrittain at Cloughduv at 3 p.m. (Ref. Aghabullogue); Bishopstown v Ballinhassig at Bishopstown at 12 noon. (Ref. Na Piarraigh); Glen Rovers 'A' v Newcestown at Glen Rovers at 12.30 p.m. (Ref. Sarsfields).

Under-14 League semi-final: Éire Óg v Brian Dillons at 3 p.m. (Ref. Cloughduv).

CAMOGIE: Gael-Linn
Interprovincial semi-finals — Senior
— Leinster 8-15, Connacht 1-2, Munster
9-10, Ulster 1-4, Junior Leinster 3-12,
Connacht 0-14, Ulster 1-12, Munster 4-2.

Midleton, Col. Mhuire share spoils

St. Mary's High School, Midleton 1-7, Coláiste Mhuire, Ennis 3-1.

A GOAL in the second minute of injury time from Antoinette Gleeson gave Coláiste Mhuire a share of the spoils in the Munster Schools Senior Camogie Championship at Midleton Community College Sports Ground yesterday.

Midleton looked as if they were through as they led by three points with time ticking away but Coláiste Mhuire moved up their midfield and centre back for a last minute onslaught where they gained a draw. Midleton got away to a great start when Cork and Fr. O'Neill's star Fiona O'Driscoll scored after 30 seconds. With play fluctuating from end to end both defences had to withstand some tremendous pressure with no further score until the 20th minute when O'Driscoll tapped over a good point.

However, Midleton were rattled within a minute when Ann Keane scored a goal for Coláiste Mhuire to leave Midleton lead at 1-1 to 1-0 at the interval.

Midleton increased their lead early in the second-half with two points from Barbara Hennessy but a point from Catherine Cahir brought more fire into the Ennis girls' play.

O'Driscoll again displayed great accuracy to keep Midleton three points ahead shortly afterwards but Mary T. McMahon had the sides level after 42 minutes when she goalied for Coláiste Mhuire.

With O'Driscoll pointing on three successive occasions, the home side took total control until Coláiste Mhuire fought back for the equalising goal in the 52nd minute.

Scorers for Midleton: F. O'Driscoll 1-5; B. Hennessy 0-2.

Ennis: A. Keane, P. Gleeson and M.T. McMahon 1-0 each; C. Cahir 0-1.

St. Mary's High School: T. Ahern, H. Walsh, C. McSweeney, I. Leahy, F. Hennessy, B. Kearney, S. Cahalane, M. Barrett, F. O'Driscoll, E. Leahy, B. Hennessy, N. Shanahan.

Coláiste Mhuire: S. Maher, M. Keane, M. O'Halloran, C. Cahir, P. Gleeson, C. Moroney, D. Moloney, S. Maher, T. Moloney, J. Howard, A. Keane, M.T. McMahon.

Referee: J. Knowles (Midleton).

Leinster's debt to Kilkenny

ANGELA DOWNEY, Marie Fitzpatrick, Anne Downey, Bridie McGarry, Breda Holmes and Biddy O'Sullivan are the backbone of the Kilkenny team which recently extended its run in the All-Ireland Senior Championship to five victories.

Similarly, these girls have performed in the colours of Leinster. Their commitment to Leinster has resulted in six titles since 1983. Against Connacht at Clane on Sunday next, Leinster set out in defence of the title. Aided by Cathy Walsh (Dublin), Stella Sinnott and Eileen Kehoe of Wexford, Leinster should have the measure of Connacht which is in reality the Galway senior team.

These Galway players gave Leinster a great game in last year's decider. But to go a step further and defeat Leinster would take a tremendous display from the young Connacht side.

Liz Dunphy, who is on holidays in the States, Clare

Camogie

Cronin, now attending college in Scotland, and Cathy Landers were not available for selection for the Munster side to meet Ulster in the senior semi-final.

Nine Cork players are supplemented by Noeleen Quinn and Siobhan Reidy of Sixmilebridge and Clare. Orla Flynn of Waterford is named as full-forward. Only Antrim are graded senior in Ulster. In the past the province has named the best 12 to play senior irrespective of their individual grades.

The Ulster v Munster junior semi-final should produce a fine match. A point separated the sides in the last two meetings. Munster have called on players from five counties. Niamh McMahon (Waterford), Cora Kennedy (Tipperary), Maisie Clifford (Limerick) and Paula

Carey (Cork) are good individuals but they will find the going tough against Ulster.

It is not surprising that Kildare players fill several places on the Leinster junior side to meet Connacht. Miriam Malone, Bernie Farrelly, Claire Moloney and Anna Dargan are certain to be called up. Esther Byrne (Wicklow), Valerie Crean (Carlow) and Ger Dunne (Dublin) add strength to the side.

As Connacht champions, many Galway players will be included. Colette Callagy, Imelda Maher, Bridget Fahy and Cora Curley did enough in the All-Ireland finals to merit inclusion. The selectors will look to Roscommon to make up the twelve.

SUNDAY'S FIXTURES

GAEL-LINN CUP SEMI-FINALS — At Burren, Co. Down — 1.30 — Junior — Ulster v Munster, 3.00 — Senior — Ulster v Munster. At Clane, Co. Kildare — 1.30 — Junior — Leinster v Connacht; 3.00 — Senior — Leinster v Connacht.

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Camogie girls going to the dogs!

Cork Camogie fans are going to the dogs - literally!

On Monday night next there will be a benefit meeting at the Cork dog track in order to raise funds for the running expenses of the Cork Camogie Board, beginning at 8 p.m.

Organisers are looking for sponsors for the different races, and also for nominators of the dogs taking part. Of course the track is all very new and elegant, an ideal venue for a sporting benefit now that it has been so smartly refurbished and extended. In keeping with this new, glossy look, the programme for Monday night includes competitions - such as one for the Best Dressed Lady and Gentleman - and a raffle with prizes from, among other companies, supporters such as Redcoats and the South of Ireland Oil Company.

It is also hoped that the Sam Maguire cup along with several members of the All-

Ireland winning team will be present. Lord Mayor Chrissie Aherne, herself a noted camogie player of old, has also been invited.

Board Treasurer Kay Dunne says that the tickets - at £2 each - are being sold through the camogie clubs, right now but they will also be available at the door.

There are 35 clubs in Cork city and county, she said, and a lot of personalities from old and modern teams will be turning up on the night. This is the Board's first association with the Greyhound Track, but she added that in the last three or four years there has been a lot of fund-raising and social activities for club members throughout the county. And Monday night is another one - and for a very good cause, as the County Board keeps all grades of camogie championship and leagues in operation in this area, along with supporting four inter-county teams.



Mary Barry, Marie Santry, Catherine O'Brien and Marian McCarthy, all St. Finbarrs Camogie Club, pictured with the Sam Maguire Cup at the Cork Camogie Benefit Meeting at the Cork Greyhound Track. (E. O'Riordan)



Pictured at the recent benefit meeting in aid of the Cork Camogie Board at the Cork Greyhound Track were:- Sheila Golden, Chairman Cork Camogie Board, Margaret Finn, Theresa O'Callaghan, Tony McCarthy, Cork Track, Betty Joyce, captain Cork Senior team, Noel Holland, Track Manager, Colette O'Mahony, Liz Dunphy

CAMOGIE
J'B'C final-Newcestown
Kilbrittain 1-5. U16C-B
Dillons 5-3, Fr. O'Neills
Bishopstown 6-4, Watergr
hill 1-3.

CAMOGIE: U-16 Cln
ra 4-2, Blackrock 4-1; C
duv 4-8, Kilbrittain 0-6
Rovers 2-3, Newcestown
14 L Semi-Final-Brian
3-2, Eire Og 1-1.

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DEFENCE SHINES AS ST. PATS ADVANCE

- St. Patricks Shannon 2-4
- St. Mary's Charleville 1-5

ST. PATRICKS Shannon scored a two point win over St. Mary's Charleville in the first round of the Munster Colleges camogie senior championship at Shannon on Saturday last. It was a game in which defences dominated with the winners backline excelling in the second half.

The winners held a one point advantage—1-4 to 1-3—at the break. Their best forward Sylvia O'Brien put them in front with a goal but Charleville quickly equalised. Midway through the half the visitors dominated but the Shannon defence excelled.

In the second half St. Pats Sylvia O'Brien and Ursula McInerney swapped places and this move resulted in the latter swinging into top gear. After good work by Debbie

McGettrick and Carmel Howard, they extended their lead with a fine goal from Cathy Stinson. The winners weren't to score after this and in the final ten minutes they had to contend with enormous pressure. This they did and held on for a deserved win.

Outstanding for the winners were Janette Flynn, Aileen O'Brien, Niamh Watson, Debbie McGettrick, the captain, Sylvia O'Brien and Martin Costelloe while Cathy Stinson, Carmel Howard and Siobhan O'Driscoll had their moments in attack.

In the quarter finals Scariff Community College will play St. Mary's Macroom; Colaiste Mhuire will take on St. Mary's Middleton while St. Patricks Shannon will play Scoil Mhuire from Cashel.

*** St. Patricks:** Janette Flynn (Sixmilebridge); Pauline Madigan (Wolfe Tones), Niamh Watson (do), Deirdre O'Gorman (Sixmilebridge), Aileen O'Brien (Wolfe Tones), Ursula McInerney (do), Debbie McGettrick (do) captain, Marian Costelloe (do), Carmel Howard (do), Siobhan O'Driscoll (do) 0-2, Sylvia O'Brien (do) 1-1, Cathy Stinson (do) 1-1.

SCARIFF ON TOP

- Scariff Community College 5-0
- St. Patricks Shannon 3-2

SCARIFF advanced in the Munster Colleges junior camogie championship when they defeated St. Patricks in a tough match at Shannon last week. Defences dominated in this game also.

For Scariff who will meet St. Mary's from Nenagh in the second round, Yvonne Hogan, Marianne Baker, Hazel Costelloe, Claire O'Driscoll, Jacqueline Kavanagh, Carol Costelloe and Eilish Doyle impressed.

For the losers Monica Riordan, Niamh Doyle, Sarah Duff, Patricia Kelly, Una Hegarty, Michelle Leahy, Deirdre O'Sullivan and Elaine Hammond had their moments. Monica Riordan had to retire before the end with a broken hand.

*** Scariff:** Y. Hogan (Bodyke), D. Costelloe (do), M. Baker (do), H. Costelloe (Scariff/Ogonnelloe), N. Clancy (do), J. Kavanagh (do), C. O'Driscoll (O'C. Mills) captain, E. Slattery (Bodyke), C. Costelloe (Scariff/Ogonnelloe), M. Baczky (Bodyke), E. Doyle (Whitegate), C. Malone (do).

Sub: O. O'Driscoll (Bodyke) for M. Baczky.

*** St. Pats:** F. Whyte (Six-milebridge), N. Doyle (Wolfe Tones), R. Callinan (Six-milebridge), D. Shanahan (Wolfe Tones), S. Duff (do), U. Hegarty (do) captain, M. Riordan (do) 1-0, P. Kelly (do), T. O'Brien (do), D. O'Sullivan (do) 1-0, E. Hammond (do), M. Leahy (do) 1-2.

Subs: E. Keane (Wolfe Tones) for O'Brien; E. Moloney (Wolfe Tones) for Riordan (inj.).



Martina O'Neill, Cloughdun, slips by Nollaig McCarthy, Castlemagner, during the Junior 'A' Camogie final at Grenagh, yesterday.

RAPHAEL'S TIPPED FOR SCHOOLS TITLE

THE ABSENCE of inter-county fixtures for the Bank Holiday weekend provides an opportunity to review the progress of the post-primary schools championships. St. Raphael's, Loughrea scored an outstanding double in the 1989 series and will be the teams to set the standard for 1990.

Connacht, Leinster and Ulster play the preliminary portion of their championships on a league basis. Therefore, it will take a little longer for trends to unfold and strong contenders to emerge.

Munster organises their championships on a knock-out basis and already some big

names have fallen by the wayside. Two former title holders, St. Mary's, Charleville and St. Patrick's, Cork have lost interest in the senior championship. Another fancied side, St. Calmin's, Shannon have also made their exit.

The stage is set for the quarter finals. Mount Mercy, Cork travel to Nenagh to tackle St. Mary's. Nenagh are having their first shot at the senior championship and have excellent players in Tipperary minors, Claire Madden and Orla Hogan.

Mount Mercy draw heavily on the local Bishopstown club which has recently won its way to the senior ranks.

The tie between Scariff Community School and St. Mary's, Macroom will be an extremely close affair. These two sides represented Munster in the All-Ireland College Under-16 Sevens. Anne O'Dwyer, Aileen McGrath, Clair O'Driscoll, Myra McNamara and Niamh Wiley of Scariff will work to curtail the threat of the Dunlea sisters.

The champions, Scoil

Mhuire, Cashel face a very tough hour from St. Patrick's, Shannon. These teams have met regularly over the past few years and the finishes have always been close. The wide open spaces of Leahy Park may suit the home side.

Colaiste Muire, Ennis have not been very prominent since the departure of Michael Meagher from the school. Ray Kent has taken over and has plans to put the school side back in the limelight. But his squad will find St. Mary's, Middleton quite a handful.

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A DOUBLE JOY DAY FOR ANN DOWNEY

BY OWEN McCANN



• Kilkenny ... All-Ireland Camogie Champions again. Back row from left: Breda Holmes, Biddy O'Sullivan, Angela Downey, Deirdre Malone, Frances Rothwell. Front Row: Marina Downey, Bridie McGarry, Marie Fitzpatrick, Ann Downey, Anna Whelan, Breda Cahill, Clare Jones.

Ann Downey celebrated her debut as an All-Ireland final captain in senior camogie with one of her best-ever performances when leading Kilkenny to victory over Cork for a fifth title in succession.

The gifted St. Paul's player was in unbeatable form at midfield. She worked tirelessly from first to final whistle, showed artistry and skill all through, and proved an excellent sharpshooter as well as she contributed a noteworthy 1-4.

An outstanding individual showing, and one of the tops in any branch of Gaelic Games over the past year.

Kilkenny's 3-10 to 2-6 win earned Ann her ninth All-Ireland senior medal. Her twin sister, Angela, was as usual another of Kilkenny's leading players. She, too, had a capital game in attack and shared the scoring limelight with her sister, hitting 2-1.

The match completed a remarkable double for the Downey sisters, as Angela led Kilkenny to their All-Ireland senior title wins of 1977 and 1988.

Angela also won her ninth All-Ireland senior medal this season,

and the Kilkenny pair are the only players outside of Dublin with this total of medals in a rankings list headed by Kathleen Mills with 15 between 1942 and 1961. Next comes Una O'Connor, 13 between 1953 and 1966, and Gerry Hughes and Kay Ryder jointly held third place on nine medals until they were joined this season by the Downey twins.

The present Kilkenny team must rank as one of the outstanding selections of all time. Granted, the Noreiders have still some way to go to equal Dublin's record-making run of ten titles in succession from 1957 to 1966.



• Ann Downey ... Kilkenny Captain.

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Nevertheless, the Noreiders have still established a great sequence of wins in their own right. In addition, the success story is given an added dimension by the fact that Kilkenny have won four National League titles in the same period. That helps to further underscore the high qualities of the team.

There was no National League when Dublin were blazing such a fine trail in the championship, the competition having only been launched in 1977. So, there is no comparable guide here, but when we combine League and championship wins for Kilkenny it adds up to nine national crowns since 1985. And, that compares more than favourably with the Dublin run of the 'Fifties and 'Sixties.

Yes, indeed, this Kilkenny team is something extra special.

Every member of the side that lined out against Cork at Croke Park in September was an All-Ireland senior medalist at the time. Cork have not won the championship since 1983 when their goalkeeper was Marion McCarthy, who won her eight All-Ireland senior medal in the final triumph over Dublin.

Marion's hopes of adding to that tally were dashed by

Kilkenny in the finals of 1987, 1988 and 1989.

THIRD POSITION

Kilkenny have jumped to third position in the All-Ireland title winning chart as a result of their latest unbeaten run. They won their first championship as comparatively recently as 1974 and now have nine crowns.

Dublin have managed just one solitary win since 1966 — that was in 1984. Their total is 26 and they are followed by Cork with 14. Antrim 6 titles, and Wexford with three complete the rankings.

This has been a good year in general for camogie in Kilkenny. At press time St. Paul's, powered by a good quota of the county senior team, had won the Leinster senior championship for the fourth time, and advanced as well to the All-Ireland summit against Mullagh, of Galway.

St. Paul's have won the club championship for the past two years.

One way and another, then, the second half of the 'eighties have belong to Kilkenny.

FIXTURES FOR 1990

The National Junior League for

1989-90 has already commenced but the counter-part at senior will not get under way until the end of March. Once again the competition will be run off in two groups, with Kilkenny and Cork in the same section. They will be joined by Galway.

Antrim, Dublin, Clare and Wexford will compete in the other group, and the league final has been fixed for June 10.

The All-Ireland senior open-draw championship will commence in July. The final is scheduled for September 23.

Incidentally, it is an indication of how camogie is advancing nationwide that as many as twenty four counties, representing all four provinces, are competing for the National Junior League title.



• Liz O'Neill (Cork) ... bids to block Angela Downey's shot at goal.



• Cork ... All-Ireland Senior Camogie Finalists. Back Row from Left: Therese O'Callaghan, Liz O'Neill, Cathy Landers-Harnedy, Betty Joyce, Colette O'Mahony. Front Row: Margaret Finn, Clare Cronin, Liz Dunphy, Linda Mellerick, Ger McCarthy, Sandie Fitzgibbon, Marion McCarthy.

1

Caitlín Ní Chadhain
(Kathleen Coen)

2

Áine Bugler
(Anne Bugler)

3

Éilís Nic Giolla Chainnigh
(Eilís Kilkenny)

4

Maire Dhoilfin
(Mary Dolphin)

5

Brid Ní Fhathaigh
(Brigid Fahy)

6

Muireann Ní Chinnéide
(Madge Kennedy)

7

Cora Nic Thoirealaigh
(Cora Curley)

8

Triona Dhoilfin
(Triona Dolphin)

9

Eimhear Ní Argadáin
(Emer Hardiman)

10

Aideen Ní Mhurchú
(Aideen Murphy)

11

Ailís Ní Mhurchú
(Alice Murphy)

12

Imelda Nic Oibín
(Imelda Hobbins)Ionadaithe

13. Cairméal Ní Dhuáin (Carmel Duane)
 14. Clár Nic Roibín (Clair Robinson)
 15. Gearóidín Ní Fhathaigh (Geraldine Fahy)
 16. Padraigín Mhistéil (Patricia Mitchell)

NA CLUICHÍ

An Mullach 2-06

Droichead Abhann Uí 3-02
gCearnaigh

An Ghaillimh

An Clár

LEATH-CHEANNAIS

Naomh Pól 5-06

Cill Chainnigh

An Suaitreach 1-11

Doire

R É I T E O I R

ÉILÍS NÍ SHEOSAIG

CORCAIGH

1

Máire Ní Leathlobhair
(Maria Lawlor)

2

Cearúilín Nic Thomáis
(Caroline Holmes)

3

Eibhlín Nic Thomáis
(Helen Holmes)

4

Brid Mhic Fhearraigh
(Bridie McGarry)

5

Caitriona Ní Náraigh
(Catherine Neary)

6

Clár Nic Sheoin
(Clare Jones)

7

Áine Ní Dhúnaigh
(Ann Downey)

8

Gearóidín Ní Rhiain
(Geraldine Ryan)

9

Brid Ní Rhiain
(Breda Ryan)

10

Brid Nic Thomáis
(Breda Holmes)

11

Aingeal Ní Dhúnaigh
(Angela Downey)

12

Noelle Ní Dhrisceoil
(Noelle O'Driscoll)Ionadaithe

13. Miriam Ní Aolain (Miriam Holland)
 14. Siorcha Ní Ruiséil (Sarah Russell)
 15. Ciara Nic Thomáis (Ciara Holmes)
 16. Síle Fry (Julie Fry)

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Mullagh set to face Kilkenny giants

MULLAGH'S claim to fame beyond the boundaries of County Galway rest with two National Feile na nGael Division One titles in 1985 and 1986.

Now four years on, many of those players seek further fame for their club when they tackle St. Paul's, Kilkenny in the final of the All-Ireland Club Championship at Nowlan Park.

To assess the teams by what they have achieved to date would indicate that they stand poles apart. Earlier this season, Mullagh captured the Galway Senior Championship title for the first time.

They scored a one point win over Sixmilebridge in the semi-final. Now they face players who have been perched on the top rung of the camogie ladder for many seasons.



St. Paul's are an honour laden outfit. Four of the team, Bridie McGarry, Anne Downey, Breda Holmes and Angela Downey are B & I Award winners.

SUNDAY
All-Ireland Club Championship final
At Nowlan Park, St. Paul's v Mullagh (2.30).
National Junior League
At Silverpark (3.00) Dublin v Limerick
At Cork (3.00) Cork v Kildare
At Newtowncunningham (1.30) Donegal v Fermanagh
At Roscommon (2.30) Roscommon v Waterford.

Big test for Mullagh

THE All-Ireland club championship final at Nowlan Park next Sunday could be subtitled "the Masters v the Novices". St. Paul's, Kilkenny, eight times holders of the title, play Mullagh (Galway).

Twelve months ago, many of the Mullagh players went along to support their county colleagues, Glenamaddy in the All-Ireland final against St. Paul's. How many of them could have dreamt that they would be in a similar position now? Mullagh won the Galway title for the first time some months ago and proceeded to oust Oran (Roscommon) in the Connacht final.

On the other hand, St. Paul's are a multi talented outfit. Seven of the team hold All-Ireland senior medals ranging from nine medals downwards. All of them have a couple of club championship awards. Their stars are the top performers in the game.

FIXTURES — Sunday: All-Ireland Club Championship Final at Nowlan Park, Kilkenny (2.30) — St. Paul's (Kilkenny) v Mullagh (Galway); National Junior League, at Silverpark (2.45) — Dublin v Limerick; At Cork (2.45) — Cork v Kildare; At Newtowncunningham (1.30) — Donegal v Fermanagh; At Roscommon Town (2.30) — Roscommon v Waterford.

Downey in superb form

St Paul's 6-10
Mullagh 4-2

WITH Anne Downey in commanding form at mid-field, St Paul's (Kilkenny) romped to a big but hard-earned win over Mullagh (Galway) in a top class All-Ireland Senior Camogie Club final at Nowlan Park, Kilkenny yesterday.

Downey, who scored six points, turned in a superb performance for St Paul's who got off to an excellent start when Breda Holmes and Angela Downey shot early goals to them to an interval lead of 3-5 to 1-1.

The second half was a see-saw affair with Mullagh putting in determined efforts to pull the match out of the fire.

The looked like mounting a comeback during the third quarter but then a goal from former Cork player Noelle O'Driscoll finished them off and put St Paul's into a commanding 5-7 to 3-2 lead.

Scorers: St. Paul's — B. Holmes 3-1, Angela Downey 2-3, Anne Downey 0-6, N. O'Driscoll 1-0.

Mullagh: L. Hobbins 3-0, M. Kennedy 1-1, E. Hardimann 0-1.

Finneran the Bishopstown ace

Stories: Peter Gleeson

Bishopstown 4-7, Brian Dillons 3-2.

THE free-taking expertise of Roscommon senior player, Patricia Finneran, paved the way for a surprising victory by Bishopstown over Brian Dillons in the Cork Intermediate camogie final at Ballinlough yesterday.

The experience gained by Brian Dillons at intermediate level, following their win in the Junior "A" final two years ago, was expected to give them the edge. But they had no answer to Finneran who scored 2-5 of her side's tally — all but a goal registered from placed balls.

In winning, Bishopstown displayed tremendous improvement since their victory in the Junior final 12 months ago. Struggling against the strong wind in the first-half they trailed by 2-2 to 1-4 after Liz O'Sullivan and Gillian Ryan scored goals for Brian Dillons and Finneran had one for the winners.

A second goal by Edel Ryan in the 6th minute of the second-half put Bishopstown 2-5 to 2-2 ahead.

Further goals came from Finneran and Edel Ryan. The only score Brian Dillons could manage in the second-half came in the last minute when Liz O'Sullivan got her second goal.

Outstanding performers for the winners were Finneran, Edel Ryan, Deirdre Cremin and Liz O'Neill. Best for Brian Dillons were Karen Mellerick, Gayle Fleming, Gillian Ryan and Liz O'Sullivan.

Scorers: Bishopstown — P. Finneran, 2-5; E. Ryan, 2-0; D. Cremin, 0-2; Brian Dillons — E. O'Sullivan, 2-0; G. Ryan, 1-1; G. Fleming, 0-1.

Bishopstown: B. Power, C. Murphy, A. Creed, S. Casey, L. Towler, L. O'Neill, L. Walsh, S. Morley, P. Finneran, E. Ryan, D. Cremin, B. Desmond. Subs: E. Beckley for C. Murphy; K. Higgins for B. Desmond.
Brian Dillons: M. Murphy, S. Coughlan, C. Murphy, S. Fahey, K. Mellerick, G. Fleming, G. Ryan, F. Coughlan, N. O'Garter, L. Fleming, E. O'Sullivan, H. Barry.
Referee: M. Carney, Sarsfields.

Newcestown 5-4, St. Fanahan's 5-2.

A LAST minute goal by Yvonne Cahalane clinched a two-point victory for Newcestown in the Cork Junior "B" League camogie final over unlucky St. Fanahan's at Ballinlough yesterday.

After leading up to the 20th minute of the second-half, the West Cork team were rattled when a two-goal blitz in as many minutes put St. Fanahan's 5-2 to 4-3 ahead. But these scores by Kay Nolan and Mairead Lee were not enough to clinch it for the Mitchelstown side, who were defending their title.

Newcestown, who got the better of these same opponents in the championship semi-final last week, came storming back. Cahalane's goal, and a point by Hilda Kenneally made sure that the title changed hands.

Had St. Fanahan's made use of the wind

advantage in the first-half they could have won. But at half-time they trailed 2-1 to 3-2. Yet they never let their opponents off the hook throughout the second-half and indeed the West team, led by Mary Rose Cauty, Una Crowley and Hilda Kenneally were fortunate to win.

The losers had their best players in Tina O'Brien, Kay Nolan, Jean Dawson and Elaine O'Donnell.

Scorers: Newcestown — U. Crowley 2-0; C. Wilson, E. Kenneally and Y. Cahalane 1-0 each; H. Kenneally 0-3; M. B. Cauty 0-1. St. Fanahan's — J. Dawson 2-0; K. Nolan 1-1; E. Coffey and M. Lee 1-0 each; E. O'Donnell 0-1.

Newcestown: C. Donovan, M. Crowley, J. O'Callaghan, M. Lordan, J. Wilson, M. B. Cauty, M. Cauty, Y. Cahalane, E. Kenneally, U. Crowley, C. Wilson, H. Kenneally. Sub: S. O'Donovan for Wilson.

St. Fanahan's: E. Boyd, D. Lemasney, M. Twomey, B. Cahalane, N. Dawson, T. O'Brien, K. Lane, E. O'Donnell, K. Nolan, J. Dawson, S. O'Brien, E. Coffey. Sub: M. Lee for S. O'Brien.

Referee: M. Byrne (Na Piarsaigh).

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Cork take on All-Ireland champions

Defeat for Cork

KILDARE 3-7
CORK 2-6

ALL Ireland champions Kildare opened their junior league campaign with a four points victory over Cork at Ballymacoda yesterday, but they had to fight every inch of the way for their win.

Miriam Malone, Melanie Treacy, Marion Johnson and Bernie Farrelly however were in sparkling form for Kildare.

They opened the scoring with a point but Cork however took the game to their opponents and after 14 minutes led by 0-3 to 0-2. Six minutes later Paula Carey had a good goal for Cork but straight from the puck out Bernie Farrelly whose darting runs was the feature of the Kildare play replied with a magnificent goal.

Cork led at the break by 1-5 to 1-3. Kildare took control in the mid-field sector early in the second half putting the Cork defence under severe pressure. They held firm for the opening ten minutes where all Kildare could show was a brace of points. Cork were lucky to have an excellent goal-keeper in Maria O'Brien as time after time she was forced to make some great saves. She had little hope however when Marian Johnson got the ball some ten meters out and her low shot sneaked inside the upright for a goal.

Cork introduced Fiona O'Driscoll and Lillian Zinchant into their attack and suddenly their forward line moved will. With five minutes to go a deflection off Marian Johnson saw Kildare increase their score and lead by 3-6 to 1-6.

Fiona O'Driscoll goalied for Cork but Miriam Malone tacked on another point for Kildare and with it Cork's last chance.

Scorers—Kildare—M. Johnson 2-0; B. Farrelly 1-3; M. Malone 0-3; A. Merriman 0-1.

—Cork—P. Carey 1-3; G. P. Kent 0-2; F. O'Driscoll 1-0; L. O'Keefe 0-1.

KILDARE—A. Dargan, C. O'Mahony, T. Farrelly, G. Dwyer, M. Treacy, K. Brennan, M. Malone, A. Merriman, M. Johnson, B. Farrelly, T. Heatley, I. Hanley Subs. R. Mannion for Heatley, M. Healy for Merriman.

CORK—M. O'Brien, E. Healy, D. Cronin, U. O'Connor, D. McCarthy, L. Maher, J. P. Kent, J. Dunlea, P. Carey, I. O'Keefe, V. Twomey, L. O'Sullivan. Subs. M. Currids for Dunlea, L. Zinchant for O'Sullivan, F. O'Driscoll for V. Twomey.

FOCUS this coming weekend on the camogie front will be on the National Junior League game between Cork and Kildare. This game was postponed two weeks ago due to a bereavement in the Kildare camp and is now scheduled to go ahead on Sunday evening next at Fr. O'Neill's pitch in Ballymacoda.

On the local front Cloughdub and Brian Dillons meet in the under-16 Championship semi-final and in the only other game listed, Eire Og and St. Fannahans will be in action in the under-18 Championship.

The Cork Junior team face a tough opening round in the National League on Sunday next when they take on recently crowned All-Ireland champions Kildare. The Cork selectors have decided to make no change in the team that they selected for the original fixture.

In the remaining games of the weekend, Cloughdub and Brian Dillons will battle it out at Cloughdub to decide who goes forward to meet

Bishopstown in the under-16 Championship final on November 26 and here it is difficult to see the homside being halted.

In the only other game listed, Eire Og should prove too strong for St. Fannahans, when they clash in the under-18 Championship at Mitchelstown.

Members of the Cork Junior panel are requested to be at St. Patrick's Church on Sunday next at 12.30 where transport will be provided for the Cork v Kildare match.

FIXTURES

National Junior League — Cork v Kildare at Ballymacoda at 2.30.

Under-16 Championship semi-final — Cloughdub v Brian Dillons at Cloughdub at 2.30 (Referee: Aghabullogue)

Under-18 Championship — Eire Og v St. Fannahans at St. Fannahans at 12 noon.



Members of the victorious Bishopstown team who defeated Brian Dillons in the Cork County Intermediate Camogie Championship final on Sunday. Included are Neil White (trainer) and Liz O'Neill (captain).

This Week

50 Years Ago

ST. URSULA'S (Blackrock, Cork), qualified for the final of the Cork Schools Camogie Championship as a result of their 2-0 to 1-0 win over St. Mary's of Cove in the semi-final at the UCC Grounds. The teams were — St. Ursula's: M. Twohig, S. Kelleher, M. Hayes, A. McGinn, P. Streets, N. Kelleher, H. Dempsey, N. Cummins, I. M. McNamara, N. O'Leary (capt.), P. Carey, P. McCarthy. St. Mary's: M. Walsh, M. Lenihan, M. O'Kane, S. O'Regan, M. Flynn, M. Olden, P. Fitzgerald, K. Goodwin (capt.), B. Frahill, K. Wilson, M. Leahy, N. Twomey.

THIS WEEK

50 YEARS AGO

OLD ALOYSIANS won their ninth Cork County Senior Camogie Championship title as a result of their hard-earned 4-2 to 4-0 win over Glen Rovers in the final at Church Road, Cork, where the teams lined out as follows: Old AIs

— L. Coughlan, B. Walsh, E. Aherne, E. Keating, S. O'Sullivan, Tess O'Sullivan, B. Carroll, N. McCurtain, E. Hogan (captain), M. Lyons, A. Lane, M. Fitzgerald; sub: C. Cotter. Glen Rovers — S. Cahill, B. Lucey, Nora O'Brien, Nancy O'Brien (captain), K. O'Donovan, Siobhan O'Brien, M. R. Fitzpatrick, N. Deane, B. Lucey, M. Jones, B. Buckley, E. Dunne; sub: M. F. Kelleher.

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SHEILA TO FORE IN CAMOGIE

Sheila Morgan, holder of four All-Ireland senior camogie medals, takes over as President of the All-Ireland Post Primary Schools Council on Saturday. The former Cork star replaces Sr. Mairead (Keady) who has completed her term of office.

Sheila comes from a strong GAA background. Her late father, Michael Dunne served as Chairman of the Mid-Cork Board for many years. Her brothers Noel and Teddy were prominent hurlers and footballers. She is married to Noel Morgan who won an All-Ireland Club Championship medal with Nemo Rangers and is a sister-in-law of Billy Morgan, who coached the Cork football team to All-Ireland success.

A past pupil of St. Mary's, Macroom, she returned to her old school on graduation at U.C.C. and coached the camogie teams. Her knowledge of the game and the teacher's view of colleges camogie will be an asset to the Council.

All-Ireland Post Primary camogie has come of age. Twenty one championships have been decided and the competitions are firmly established. St. Raphaels, Loughrea has been the most successful school. Others to make a significant impact were Presentation, Athenry, Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, Presentation, Kilkenny and Maryfield College.

Munster Colleges Council has tabled a motion to place an age list of under 18 on July 1 on the All-Ireland senior championship. The practice of students repeating the Leaving Certificate or remaining on in school to attend a commercial or computer course has given rise to this request.

A second Munster motion seeks to bring the age limit for the All-Ireland Sevens in line with the date for the junior championship. Kathleen O'Duffy (vice-president); Lily Spence (treasurer) and May Moran (secretary) are unopposed and will be returned for a further term of office.

The AGM of the All-Ireland Post Primary Schools Council arranged for Croke Park on Saturday (20) will hear reports from the provinces on the progress of the current championships. The mild weather has facilitated excellent progress so far.

Morgan new president

THE All-Ireland Post Primary Schools Council has come of age. Twenty-one years of championships have been completed. The standard of play has exceeded expectations and the benefits of colleges camogie have been reaped by clubs and counties all over the country.

Great teams and outstanding individuals have graced the colleges fields. Pride of place must go to St. Raphaels, Loughrea, with five senior and four junior All-Ireland titles. Others worthy of mention include Presentation, Athenry, Scoil Mhuire, Cashel; Presentation, Kilkenny and Maryfield College.



Sr. Mairead (Keady) steps down as president of the council at the annual meeting at Croke Park on Saturday. She is replaced by Sheila Morgan who is perhaps better known under her maiden name Sheila Dunne.

Sheila was part of Cork's great revival in the early seventies and has four All-Ireland senior medals to show for her efforts. She figured prominently with UCC winning Ashbourne Cup medals and representing the Combined Universities.

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Ann Downey's great year

With the major inter-county and inter-club competitions having all now been won and lost for another season, camogie followers can look back on a campaign that was a successful one over many areas, and liberally sprinkled as well with bright highlights.

Once again Kilkenny swept the boards. The Noreiders retained the National League and All-Kilkenny open-draw crowns, and St. Paul's brought the All-Ireland club title to Kilkenny for the third year in succession.

It was another great season, in fact, for Leinster. The East, with Kilkenny stars very much to the fore, won the Gael-Linn inter-provincial senior title for the seventh year in a row.

Individual highlights must go to Ann Downey, who, with her sister, Angela, ranks among the all-time greats of the national women's game.

Ann was very prominent in the National League final win over Cork in June, but she really excelled when leading Kilkenny for the first time to victory in an All-Ireland senior final. Her purposeful general play at midfield, leadership and finishing technique — she scored 1-4 — made her a brilliant star of the win over Cork. A true captain's role if ever there was one.

Nor is that the complete story. Ann was a tremendous form again in helping St. Paul's to their national club final win over Mullagh, of Galway. She was a commanding figure at midfield, and once more proved very target-conscious, rifling over six valuable points.

And, she saw out the campaign in fine style as well with another first class showing when helping Leinster to their Gael-Linn Cup title defence against Munster in the final.

Camogie - National League (Junior)

KILDARE 3 - 7

CORK 2 - 6

All-Ireland Junior Camogie Champions Kildare were pinned to their collars to gain full national league points over Cork when the sides met at Fr. O'Neill's pitch in Ballymacoda on Sunday 19th November. The champions played against the gale force wind in the first half and were behind by 2 points at the break.

Cork captain, Paula Carey, opened the scoring with a point from play to which Miriam Malone replied for Kildare. Cork were ahead with a Jean Hart point followed by a Paula Carey goal. Bernie Farrelly scored a Kildare goal to keep them in contention going into the break. Kildare added further points from Marie Johnson (1), Bernie Farrelly (2), and Miriam Malone (2). Jean Kent and Paula Carey pointed for Cork to leave Kildare 2 points in front when Marie Johnson rocked the Cork net with a superb goal. She added

to this with another after 3 minutes. Irene O'Keeffe scored a Cork point and was unlucky not to have goaled and with 3 minutes remaining substitute Fiona O'Driscoll goaled for Cork.

A feature of the game was the superb play of Kildare Captain, 17 year old Bernie Farrelly. Her superb skill and hurling ability gave the Cork defence a nightmare. She is certainly a name to watch out for in the future. To their credit Cork tried their all and the half time inclusion at centre field of Mary Currie helped to give

them more of an edge here. Una O'Connor, Evelyn Healy and goalie Marie O'Brien gave good displays for a young Cork team. The All-Ireland champions trained by former Limerick inter-county hurler Pat Herbert were best served by Bernie Farrelly, Teresa Farrelly and Marie Johnson and on the day their extra fitness just gave them the edge over a lively Cork team. The pitch was in excellent condition especially after such bad weather and the Fr. O'Neill's club must be congratulated on the venue.

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St. Mary's through to final

St. Mary's, Middleton 3-4
St. Mary's, Macroom 0-4
ST. MARY'S, MIDDLETON
are through to the Munster
Colleges senior camogie
final following a nine
point victory over St.
Mary's, Macroom at Mid-
leton yesterday.

Powered by Lynn Dunlea,
Mary Twomey and
Stephanie Dunlea, Mac-
room dominated the early
exchanges and while they
took an early lead from a
Dunlea '30 it was Middleton
who took command with
Fiona O'Driscoll scoring a
great goal in the 15th
minute.

Dunlea gave a polished
display at midfield in the
opening half, yet despite
this superiority they trailed
2-2 to 0-2 after 20 minutes.
Barbara Hennessy getting
Middleton's second goal
after being put through by
O'Driscoll.

Middleton, despite their
lead, had to weather a
number of attacks. Here the
home side's defence excel-
led, especially Frances
Hennessy, Imelda Leahy
and 'keeper, Teresa Ahern.
Just before the break
Dunlea picked off a third
point from a '30 to leave
Middleton 2-2 to 0-3 ahead at
the interval.

On the resumption Mac-
room were rocked on their
heels in the third minute
when following an attack
Elizabeth Kearney was on
hand to get Middleton's third
goal.

With Sinead Cahalane
coming to grips in the
midfield sector, Middleton
took complete control with
O'Driscoll rampant in
attack and the entire side
moving superbly. Dunlea
got a fourth point from play
but she lacked the support
needed for victory. A point
each from Cahalane and
O'Driscoll gave Middleton a
comfortable victory.

Scorers for Middleton: Fio-
na O'Driscoll 1-2 (0-1 free),
Elizabeth Kearney 1-0, Bar-
bara Hennessy 1-0, Denise
Hayes, Sinead Cahalane 0-1
each.

Scorers for Macroom:
Lynn Dunlea 0-4 (0-3 frees),
MIDDLETON: T. Ahern,
F. Hennessy, C.
McSweeney, H. Walsh, I.
Leahy, B. Kearney, S.
Cahalane, D. Hayes, E.
Leahy, F. O'Driscoll, M.
Barrett, B. Hennessy, Sub.
M. Moore for B. Kearney, A.
Herlihy for H. Walsh, M.
Flavin for E. Lee.

MACROOM: M. Carey, M.
Twomey, M. O'Neill, B.
O'Connor, L. Dunlea, M.
Kelleher, J. Conlon, E.
O'Sullivan, C. Curtin, C.
Buckley, S. Dunlea, M.
Twomey, Sub. C. Herlihy
for J. Conlon.

Referee: J. Knowles,
Ballintotia.



St. Mary's High School Camogie team, Middleton who defeated St. Mary's, Macroom in the semi-final of the Munster Senior Schools Camogie Championship, at Middleton.

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U-18s dominate

THE Under-18 Championship dominates the camogie scene this coming weekend with three games down for decision. In the first of these Na Piarasigh play Fr. O'Neills at Na Piarasigh, Ballincollig are at home to Killeagh, while Eire Og make the long journey to Mitchelstown to play St. Fanahans.

Fr. O'Neills journey to the city should be worthwhile on Sunday next when they will be fancied to account for Na Piarasigh in the first round of the Under-18 Championship. The Ballymacoda side will be spearheaded by Cork Junior Fiona O'Driscoll and Denise Hayes, and on form these girls should prove too strong for a young Na Piarasigh side.

At Ballincollig the home side play Killeagh and here again the East Cork girls will be expected to come out on top. They have very experienced players in Imelda Leahy, the Kirby sisters and Therese Gould and on form it is

difficult to see them being halted by a Ballincollig side who will be looking to their ace player Elaine Barry-Murphy to carry them through.

In the final game Eire Og make the long journey to Mitchelstown to play St. Fanahans and in this game the Mid Cork side should have too much experience for the home side.

FIXTURES FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

UNDER-18 CHAMPIONSHIP

Na Piarasigh v Fr. O'Neills at Na Piarasigh at 12 noon. (Referee: Delany).

Ballincollig v Killeagh at Ballincollig at 12 noon. (Referee: Bishopstown).

Eire Og v St. Fanahans at St. Fanahans at 12 noon. (Referee: Fermoy).

Bishopstown and Cloughduv clash

WITH the Christmas break fast approaching, there is only one camogie game listed for the coming weekend and that is the clash of Bishopstown and Cloughduv in the Under 18 Championship which is scheduled for Bishopstown on Sunday morning.

There should be plenty of keen rivalry between these sides when they meet to decide who goes forward to the semi-final of the U-18 Championship. The sides met in the U-16 final recently when Cloughduv came out on top so no doubt Bishopstown will be very anxious to gain revenge.

On form, Bishopstown will probably be slightly favoured. They had a decisive victory in the first round over Blackrock and looked in fine shape. They have fine players in Karen Higgins, Chiatra Backitari, Elaine O'Connor, Aisling O'Leary, Eithne Duggan and Edel Ryan and if these girls produce the goods they should be there at the end.

On the other side of the coin, Cloughduv seem to be on a winning note this year. They have already won the Junior and U-16 championships and no doubt would dearly love to add the U-18 title to their collection.

They will be spearheaded by the Dunlea sisters Jackie, Lyn and Stephanie and have other fine players in Karen O'Donoghue and Martina O'Neill.

If these girls play to form they could be in there with a real chance.

At the recent convention the following selectors were elected for the coming year. Junior: Sheila Golden, Inniscarra; Lily O'Sullivan, Ballincollig; Pat Kirby, Killeagh.

Under-18: Mrs. Barry, Brian Dillons; Margaret Finn, Fr. O'Neills; Joan Geggias, Na Piarasigh; Evelyn Mahon, Bishopstown.

Under-16: Mary Moran, St. Finbarrs; Mary Maher, Douglas; Kay Dunne, Ballincollig; Mary Kennefick, Fr. O'Neills.

Fixtures: Sunday, Under-18 Championship: Bishopstown v Cloughduv at Bishopstown at 12 noon. Ref. Mary Maher.

Cork camogie keeps 'women only' rule

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Report: Peter Gleeson

MEN are not wanted as administrators or team selectors in the Cork County Camogie Board. This was the clear message which emerged yesterday at the board's convention where a motion calling for the integration of men was rejected by over half the delegates.

Bishopstown delegate Ann O'Connor proposed a motion on behalf of her club, that called for the deletion of Bye-Law 23 which states "that delegates and representatives on all committees and witnesses at objections be women."

Ms O'Connor pointed out that men were allowed to coach camogie teams, administrate at club level, and do much of the physical work involved in maintaining and preparing pitches. With the approach of the 90s, it was time to allow men to become delegates to board meetings and county team selectors.

But vice chairman, Marie Kearney (Sarsfields), said she was against the motion. She said the game of camogie was started in 1913 by women, for women. The founders had the skill and commitment to manage their own affairs and believed that the only way to run the game was to manage it themselves.

The present administrative structure had given women the confidence to speak up at meetings. "We all know that men can take over, maybe because they have stronger voices than we have. I go to meetings where men are present and I feel they are very egotistical. I would like the camogie board to continue as it is."

Her sentiments were greeted with a resounding applause by delegates who voted by 30 votes to 14 against the Bishopstown motion.

Referring to the fact that no nominations had

been received for a county camogie secretary, outgoing chairman, Sheila Golden, said that if delegates allowed a man to take the job it "would throw back the association on what it had been striving to get away from."

National president and Inniscarra delegate, Máire Ní Cheallacáin, said the Cork board should be very proud of its record. There were only a few areas in the country where boards were run entirely by women.



Pictured at the Cork County Camogie competition which was held at Pairc Uí Chaoimh, from left: Marian Fleming, Ballinhassig and Liz Twomey, Castlemagner. —(Picture: Dan Linehan)



Pictured at the Cork County Camogie Convention which was held at Pairc Uí Chaoimh. From left: Sheila Golden, Chairperson; Lillian O'Sullivan, Reg.; Kay Dunne, Treasurer; Marie Kearney, Vice-Chairperson and Rose Desmond, Secretary. (Picture: Dan Linehan)

Board faces crisis

By Peter Gleeson

CORK County Camogie Board will face dissolution if it fails to elect a secretary early in the New Year. President, Nora Newman told delegates at the annual convention held in Pairc Uí Chaoimh yesterday.

The warning came after clubs failed to nominate a candidate, despite eleven hour pleas from Ms Newman. The vacancy has been created as the outgoing secretary, Rosemary Desmond, decided not to run for another term.

In her address to the packed convention Ms Newman said clubs were not playing as many games as she would have liked.

Part of the problem was the poor attendance at board meetings where games fixtures are made. Officers had found themselves preaching to representatives from three or four clubs out of the 34 in the county. It was time to enforce the rules to bring about a solution to this problem.

Outgoing secretary Rosemary Desmond, said the apathy shown by some clubs in relation to attendance at meetings was frightening.

Ms Desmond also called for a players fund to be established in Cork so that inter-county teams would be responsible for their own fund raising and expenditure. Outgoing chairman, Sheila Golden despaired that the county had not won an All-Ireland at any grade in 1989. She also revealed that the senior panel had accepted invitations to travel to New York in 1990 to play Kilkenny in a repeat of last year's All-Ireland final.

Officers elected: Chairman, Sile Golden, Inniscarra; vice chairman, M. Kearney, Sarsfields; treasurer, K. Dunne, Ballincollig; Registrar, L. O. Sullivan, do; PRO and fixtures secretary, M. Newman-McCarthy, Glen Rovers.

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Liz Dunphy and Celine McCarthy, members of the Sarsfield camogie team, winners of the Cork County Senior Camogie Championship, at Sarsfield G.A.A. Club Dinner in the John Barleycorn Hotel, Glanmire.

Camogie Greats - Liz Dunphy Sarsfields

July 16th 1989 saw a dream come true for Cork senior player Liz Dunphy, when her club Sarsfield defeated Glen Rovers to win their first Senior Camogie Championship. Liz started playing Camogie with Sarsfield's at the tender age of 12 and 2 years later won an Intermediate Championship medal when Sarsfield beat Eire Og in 1979 and moved up to senior ranks. Liz attended St. Patrick's School and under the guidance of trainer John Ring played a major role in helping them win the All-Ireland Senior Colleges trophy in 1981. Liz has played for Cork

at all levels, minor in '80 and '81, won Munster U. 18 and graduated to junior ranks in 1982. Cork lost that All-Ireland final by a single heart breaking point, but Liz played a pivotal role at centre back when Cork gained revenge the following year and beat Dublin. '83 saw Liz also winning a Gael Linn Junior medal.

Since 1983 Liz has been a regular member of Cork senior panel. In this period she has won 2 National League medals and played in the last 3 All-Ireland Finals.

Despite her huge commitment to Cork Senior Camogie, Liz is

first and foremost a club person. Her commitment to her club can be gauged by the fact that she combines acting as club secretary, under-age trainer and senior player at centre back. Liz is a great, unassuming person commanding great respect within her club and throughout the county with her range of skills and commitment to the game of camogie. She will be a worthy and inspiring captain for Cork in 1990 and under her leadership the O'Duffy cup should return from the Nore to its rightful home on the Lee.

Refereeing - An Unenviable Task

BETTY JOYCE - REFEREE & PLAYER

"Proper guidance and dedicated training are essential and urgently needed for camogie to achieve and maintain the highest possible standards".

So says Betty Joyce, captain of this year's Cork Senior Team and well-known inter-county referee. Her philosophy on the game has resulted in her being one of the most respected referees in the country.

From a very early age Betty developed a great love for camogie. As far back as she can remember all she wanted to do was "puck a ball". Her determination and commitment to the game has been all worthwhile. Her passion for camogie is still as strong as ever and she believes the hours of hard training has reaped its rewards.

She was 15 years of age when she first became a member of Killeagh Camogie Club. During that period the Killeagh team went from strength to strength and Betty maintains that 1980 was one of the most glorious years of her playing career. That year, her native Killeagh beat Buffers Alley of Wexford to win the All-Ireland Club Championship. In addition to this remarkable achievement, Betty captained Cork to win the All-Ireland Junior Title and Munster to win the Gael Linn Inter Provincial Title.

In the normal course of events Betty should have looked forward to further success on the playing fields. However, fate dealt a cruel blow when she received a serious knee injury in 1982. However, she refused to allow this to curtail her involvement in the game and encouraged by Mary Moran (National P.R.C. and Coach) and Phyllis Breslin (Dublin) she turned her much needed resources to refereeing. Seven years later she is regarded as the country's top referee and is very much in demand. She has taken charge of matches in every grade and to date she has refereed 2 All-Ireland Colleges finals, 2 All-Ireland Minor finals, 2 All-Ireland Club finals and numerous Championship and Inter-Provincial games. Her greatest achievement came in 1986 when she refereed the All-Ireland Senior final between Kilkenny and Dublin.

This season has proved hectic for Betty. She has proved, that not alone can you be a team member, you can also be a competent referee. Having captained Cork in this year's All-Ireland Final, she went out the following Sunday to referee the Munster Club Championship semi-final.

Betty defined the role of the referee as a "chosen person" capable of honesty and responsibility. She also stressed that a good referee must be interested and confident in his/her position and must have the ability to protect and control the 24 players on the field. "You must also leave the pitch with a feeling of great satisfaction at a job well done". Betty has certainly lived up to her own ideas as this is shown by the respect which players show her both on and off the field. Hopefully she will continue in this capacity for many years to come.



The newly formed Delany's under 14 camogie team (top) and bottom the under 16 team.

Left to right (top) front row: Debra Healy, Sonya Hackett, Carmel Healy, Dawn Collins, Marie McElhinney, Una Moynihan, Georgina O'Connell, Elain Collins, Jane Healy. Back row left to right: Jemma Devine, Sarah Maher, Eimear O'Riordan, Christine Healy, Paula Whitehouse, Carolyne O'Sullivan, Niamh O'Sullivan, Jean O'Sullivan, Siobhan Furlong, Debra Burke.

Bottom photo: front row, left to right: Christine Healy, Margaret Evans, Mary Devine, Yvonne Collins, Eimear O'Riordan, Yvonne Hackett, Marie McElhinney.

Back row, left to right: Mary McAuliffe, Rosemary O'Sullivan, Carolyne O'Sullivan, Debra Healy, Sarah Maher, Una Moynihan, Geraldine Burke.

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Ann Brady, captain Sarsfields camogie team, and Liz Dunphy, secretary, pictured at Sarsfields Camogie and GAA Club's dinner in John Barleycorn.

Bishopstown Win Their First Intermediate Championship



Members of the Bishopstown camogie team with trainer, Neil White, celebrate their victory over Brian Dillons in the Intermediate Championship.

BISHOPSTOWN WIN FIRST INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE

One of the most eagerly awaited games in the Cork Camogie calendar for 1989 was the Intermediate Championship final between Brian Dillons and Bishopstown. The forecast from day one, after the championship draws had been made was that eventually Dillons and "the Town" would win through and contest the final.

In the Junior A Final of 1987, Brian Dillons had a goal to spare over Bishopstown but failed to win the Intermediate Championship the following year. In the 1989 Intermediate League, Dillons again came out on top with a merited one point victory over "the Town". Bishopstown had won the Junior A Final in 1988 and so we were to witness a neck and neck struggle to see which club would make it to the Senior ranks for 1990.

As was par for the course all through 1989, the weather was kind on

October 15th when these evenly matched sides came face to face in Ballinlough's well manicured ground. Brian Dillons were on a high, and firm favourites due to their semi-final victory over famed Glen Rovers, whilst Bishopstown were decidedly fortunate to escape with a 1 point win over Ballinora in their semi-final.

Dillons took advantage of the wind to notch their first score, but the western city side replied also with a pointed free from their Roscommon county player Patricia Finneran. Playing the better

Bishopstown carried the game to their opponents and opened up a lead of 1 - 4 to 0 - 2 nearing the short whistle. However in the twinkling of an eye Dillons jumped into the lead with a brace of goals from Liz O'Sullivan and Gillian Ryan.

Finneran had Bishopstown on level terms directly from the throw-in and then combined with Edel Ryan for a major. Bishopstown, now wind assisted, totally eclipsed Dillons with sterling displays from Ann Creed, Liz Towler and Sheena Morley and the scores

kept mounting. Another goal from Finneran, two great points by Deirdre Cremin and a second goal for Edel Ryan ensured that the Championship would be heading westwards for the 1st time in that club's history. Dillons, to their eternal credit never gave up and were rewarded with a well taken goal in the final minute from Liz O'Sullivan.

The full Bishopstown line-out were stars on the day, none more so than their younger players Claire Murphy and Edel Ryan, but overall it was the strength in depth and the penetration by Patricia Finneran who scored 2 - 5 out of a total of 4 - 7 that carried the day for Bishopstown. Final score: Bishopstown 4 - 7; Brian Dillons 3 - 2.

Wartime memory

— Northern adventure

by Noreen
Wrenne

It was February, 1945. The world was groaning under the savagery and devastation of a bloody, global war, the effects of which were felt in the South of Ireland only in rationing and blackouts. But at University College, Cork, even those inconveniences were ignored in favour of the all-absorbing topic of the Ashbourne Cup Camogie Competition.

UCC had won it in Galway the previous year, but now in 1945 it was scheduled for Belfast. The President of UCC Dr. Alfred O'Rahilly was reluctant to grant permission to the team to travel over the Border into a dangerous war zone. Eventually, after a good deal of persuasion, he agreed, and the team, subs, and trainer set off joyfully on the long and arduous journey, on a train which seemed to be powered by turf.

We stayed in Dublin overnight, and I discovered that a number of the girls had brought provisions with them, notably butter and milk, as these existed in the North only in synthetic form. The following day saw us crossing the Border into another world, a grey and sparse landscape. The first station at which the train stopped was deserted except for soldiers, standing, as it were, on guard. One of our team, the fast and courageous half-forward stepped out to investigate, and she was immediately approached by two enormously tall Canadian soldiers. They questioned her about her camogie stick, and one of them after a look into the carriage full of women, asked her whether the stick was a "stocking-

stretcher"! She had trouble explaining its true purpose.

After that, the weekend is a series of vignettes in my memory. Corkman, Liam O'Neill, who had played soccer for Cork, and had transferred to Belfast Celtic, became our guide and mentor through unknown territory.

He suffered agonies, the evening we returned to our hotel via the Shankill Road, singing "The Boys Who Beat The Black and Tans" at our loudest on the upper deck of the bus. We certainly would not do it today, and it is a comment on the complete ignorance of the Ulster situation which obtained in the South at that time.

We were staying at the Grand Central Hotel, a huge edifice in the centre of the city. It was only afterwards that we discovered that its enormous basement was packed with munitions. In fact, we were sleeping over an arsenal. Every morning the newspaper the *Northern Whig* was delivered under each bedroom door. The walls of the dining area were decorated

with murals containing all the flags of the Allies and at the tables uniformed men were the main customers.

The majority of these were bearded naval men, who, we were told, were submarine commanders! The food included powdered eggs and horsemeat which was tough and stringy. One of our group had a paper-wrapped pound of butter on her table and, one thing for sure, she never lacked company during her meals.

One night during our stay, we were entertained at a Céili in a hall presumably in the Nationalist area. I have two abiding recollections of this occasion. One was the dances — all of them Irish traditional, and many of which we had never even heard of before. "The High-Cauled Cap" was one such, which one unfortunate Belfast man had to haul me through, mostly with my mouth open! The second memory was of what he said when I breathlessly commented on the "total Céili" aspect of the night. At home, I told him, we always had a few old time waltzes on the

programme, as well! "Well, he said, "in our situation here, we have to be completely dedicated — or we just would not survive." He had been in jail three times, he told me . . . but did not elaborate. I never learned his name, but often I think of him, and wonder where he is now, 45 years on.

For the second year in succession, our team were victorious, and came home triumphantly bearing the Cup and individual medals properly inscribed. The latter were brooches displaying the arms of the four provinces of Ireland. The scene of the actual presentation of the trophies has faded from my memory, but was most probably held in Queen's University. One outstanding impression I retain is of the warm hospitality shown to all the visitors by the host committee. One name comes to my mind in this regard, that of Nancy McAllister from the Glens of Antrim who, with her brother Malcolm (when we could understand what they were saying) truly personified the word "welcome" in capital letters.



The successful U.C.C. camogie team of 1945, with Derry Beckett (trainer).

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U.C.C. Camogie Club

- 76 Golden Years

This proud history began early in 1913 when the first University Camogie Club in the country was founded in U.C.C. Not only is U.C.C. the oldest University Club, it is also the oldest existing club in Cork. The beginnings of the club was tied up with the Irish Ireland Movement as it was founded by the lady members of the Gaelic Club within the College.

The Club participated in the first Ashbourne Cup of 1915 and won the Championship in 1919. In 1915 St. Aloysius, took up the game mainly through the efforts of Molly Riordan who herself played Camogie with U.C.C. In 1918 Molly's husband, Professor Merriman of U.C.C. presented the Merriman Cup for the Cork Schools Championship and this competition has been eagerly contested ever since. U.C.C. kept the Cork flag flying proudly winning 9 Ashbourne titles between 1919 and 1931 including the Club's first 6 in a row between 1922 and 1928.

In 1932 U.C.C. won the Ashbourne Cup for the 10th time. However 1936 proved to be one of the most successful years for U.C.C. winning both the Ashbourne Cup and the Cork Senior Championship. Lil Kirby who captained the U.C.C. team also led Cork to All-Ireland success in 1940. In fact Lil won 6 All-Ireland medals with Cork and also reached the highest office of the Association when she was elected President in 1942.

The emergency had an effect on all aspects of Cumann Camogaíochta, especially travel. The only nationwide competition which kept the players from various counties in contact was the Ashbourne Cup. However in 1943 travel restrictions became too difficult and for the first and only time in its history the Ashbourne Championship was not held. U.C.C. retained the Ashbourne title in the following two years and also continued to participate in the Cork Senior Championship. The esteem in which the Ashbourne Championship and Colleges Camogie was held by the Cork followers is highlighted by the fact that in 1945 the Cronin family (Sean Cronin was Lord Mayor of Cork) presented the Cronin Cup for competition between Cork and the combined Universities.

U.C.C. won the Ashbourne Cup in 1951 but failed to gain the honour again until 1956. During this period U.C.D. and U.C.G. dominated the Competition while U.C.C. had a long barren spell on the Camogie fields. However, the College Administrators kept the Club's flag flying proudly. In 1944 Ide Bean Uí She was elected Chairperson of the Cork County Board - a position she held for 5 years. Ide was a staunch and loyal member of U.C.C. for many years and the Club's development can be attributed to her dedication and loyalty. In 1952 Ide

Bean Uí She was elected President of the Cork County Board - a position which she held up to her death in March 1986.

1965 ended a long barren spell for U.C.C. when the coveted Ashbourne Cup returned to the Lee. 1967 saw another title for U.C.C.

1972 was the beginning of a second Ashbourne 6 in a row feat for U.C.C. The players involved were, yet again, instrumental in Cork's All-Ireland success of that period. In 1973 Cally Riordan became the first player to win two All-Ireland medals on the same day and also won Ashbourne glory. Pat Maloney won a B & I Award in 1978 while Rosie Hennessey, Liz Garvan and Val O'Dwyer were some of the finest players to field with both U.C.C. and Cork. In 1974 U.C.C. represented Cork in the Munster Club Championship (County Champions, Imokilly were ineligible to participate). They won the Competition but went down to Oranmore in the All-Ireland Semi-Final.

U.C.D. have dominated the Ashbourne in the 1980s but excellent performances from U.C.C. players such as Noelle O'Driscoll, Anne Delaney and Angela Higgins have produced many memorable matches between the two Colleges. U.C.C. did win the Ashbourne Cup in a comprehensive manner in 1985 with a team which included B & I winner Clare Cronin and inter-county players Anne-Marie Landers and Patsy Keniry. Ashbourne '88 marked another chapter in the history of the Club when U.C.C. hosted the Championship. Today players and administrators are very much aware of the Club's proud past and will strive to maintain the U.C.C. tradition in the future.



Emer Ní Argadáin (An Ghailimh) á leanúint ag Denise Ní Chróinin agus Eighlín Ní Éolal (Corcaigh).

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LIZ O'NEILL

One Of Corks Finest

Sunday 24th September, 1989 was a very significant day for Cork camogie players as they took to the field against the might of Kilkenny in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Final. It was also a very historic day for Bishopstown Camogie Club as one of its members, Liz O'Neill was selected to play right wing back on the famed Angela Downey of Kilkenny. It was a very proud moment for the club's supporters to see Liz march behind the Artane Boys Band and was the culmination of years of hard and dedicated training.

Liz first began playing camogie at the age of twelve when she was encouraged to join the local Bishopstown club. The latter was very much geared towards underage players and Liz's skills quickly came to the fore. It is interesting to note that she began her playing career in goal under the guidance of Pat Murray. Indeed Liz played in goal when Bishopstown won their first Cork Feile Title in 1980. She played in the All-Ireland final of that competition when Bishopstown lost to the Galway Champions. Indeed many of that team formed the basis of this year's Intermediate Championship winning

team moved up the ranks and played a significant role in the club's success at underage level. Her versatility

as a player was shown when she moved out the field from goal and made an immediate impact. Inter-county recognition was also realised when she won a Munster Minor Championship medal with Cork in 1982. She was quickly promoted to the Junior ranks in 1986. Her commitment to Bishopstown was shown when she was elected Chairperson of the club in 1987 the youngest the club ever had. 1987 also saw Bishopstown lose its first Junior A Championship Final against arch rivals Brian Dillons. However, in typical fashion Liz gave a display which gained her promotion to the Cork Senior Panel - the first Bishopstown player to do so. She was also selected to play on the Munster Inter-Provincial team the same year. 1988 saw Bishopstown winning the

Junior A League and Championship double with Liz making a huge contribution to the club's success. Liz was also introduced as a sub late in the 1988 All-Ireland Senior Final. However, she really made her mark in this years decider when she gave an outstanding performance while marking Angela Downey. However, the disappointment of that match was quickly dispelled when she, yet again, made a huge contribution to Bishopstown's historic win in the 1989 Intermediate Championship Final. It was indeed fitting that she should captain the side and accept the cup on behalf of the club she has helped develop and expand. No doubt success in the All-Ireland arena is just around the corner for her.

Where Would We Be Without Her?

CAMOGIE - NORA NEWMAN

At their convention of 1987, the Cork County Camogie Board elected Nora Newman from the Glen Rovers club to the position of Hon. President. Nora has given a lifetime of service to camogie both as a player and as an administrator. She has served Glen Rovers as

the O'Duffy Cup back to Cork. As an administrator Nora has served as Vice-Chairman of the Cork Board until she retired in 1976. In her involvement with her club Glen Rovers Nora is to be seen playing an active part in all their activities, be it U-14 or Senior. Camogie seems to be a way of life to Nora Newman and she has given many years of unselfish work to fostering and promoting camogie within her club and county. It is only a fitting tribute to her that she be honoured with the Presidency. Club Vice-Chairman Ann Delaney-O'Donovan speaks highly of Nora and said, "Nora is a very active member of our club. As chairman, she is second to none. We are very proud to have had her honoured with the position of President of Cork. It is a tribute to her dedication to her club and county and we in Glen Rovers know she deserves the honour".



their Chairman for the past 26 years and it is a tribute to her dedication to 'The Glen' that she has held office for such a time. Nora played senior camogie with Glen Rovers and is the holder of 2 Senior County Championship medals won in 1950 and '51. Her sister Nancy also played on the teams. Nora also served as a Cork selector for many years and was a member of the selection team in 1969 when Cork bridged a 24 year gap to bring

Outside of camogie, Nora is a busy housewife, mother of 5, and grandmother to Kelly, David and Barry. All her family are actively interested in sport with their involvement in either camogie, G.A.A. and soccer. Nora certainly runs a very active and busy household.

A year to remember

FOR Ann Downey, Bernie Farrelly, Bridget Mullally and Triona Dolphin, 1989 was a year to remember. Ann Downey led by example as Kilkenny swept the boards.

In addition to leading Kilkenny to an All-Ireland and National League double, Ann figured prominently in St. Pauls win in the All-Ireland Club Championship. She also starred for Leinster in the Gael-Linn Cup.

Kildare played 16 competitive matches in 1989 and completed their programme without a defeat. Young Bernie Farrelly, who has blossomed into a fine player, had an excellent for the Lilywhites.

Like Ann Downey, Bernie, who must be a frontrunner for the Junior Player of the Year award,



also led her county to an All-Ireland and National League double.

A personal tally of 6-7 in the All-Ireland Minor final wrote the name of Bridget Mullally into the record books. At half-time at Thurles, Kilkenny and Tipperary were locked together. Kilkenny moved Bridget to full forward where her strength, control and powerful shooting left Tipperary helpless.

Triona Dolphin, already an established senior inter-county player, was a tower of strength at centre-back for the St. Raphaels, Loughrea, senior team which captured Corn Scelge for the fifth time.

St. Raphaels also collected the All-Ireland Colleges junior title with a side which contained several up and coming stars.

U.C.G. won the Ashbourne Cup defeating old rivals U.C.D. in a keenly contested final. Queens had reason to celebrate when they won the C.C.I.A. League for the first time. Mary Immaculate (Limerick) proved best in the Purcell Cup.

- 1989 CHAMPIONS**
 All-Ireland Senior — Kilkenny;
 Junior — Kildare; Minor — Kilkenny;
 National Senior League — Kilkenny;
 Junior League — Kildare;
 Gael-Linn Senior — Leinster; Junior — Ulster;
 All-Ireland Colleges Senior and Junior — St. Raphaels;
 All-Ireland Club Champions — St. Pauls (Kilkenny);
 Ashbourne Cup — U.C.G.;
 C.C.I.A. League — Queens;
 Purcell Cup — Mary Immaculate;
 Felle na nGael — St. Lachtans (Kilkenny);
 Kilmacud Sevens — Butler's Alley (Wexford).

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Kilkenny the 'lions' in camogie yet again

THE 1989 camogie season has come to a close with the majority of the trophies in the same resting place as they were in 1988. The year proved to be another great triumph for Kilkenny, who collected the lion's share of the titles.

Ann Downey led Kilkenny to a great championship and league double. The team made a poor start to the season but recovered in style to thrash Cork in the National League final.

Kilkenny were at their best in the championship. Clare, Dublin and Cork fell in turn as the champions powered to their fifth consecutive title. Ann Downey, Marie Fitzpatrick, Angela Downey, Biddy O'Sullivan and Bridie McGarry reached great heights during the season.

Many of the same players helped St. Paul's to retain the All-Ireland Club Championship. Untroubled in Leinster, St. Paul's fought off the attentions of Swatragh (Derry) and Mullagh (Galway) before taking the cup back to Kilkenny.

● 1989 Champions: All-Ireland Senior — Kilkenny; Junior — Kildare; Minor — Kilkenny.
National Senior League — Kilkenny; Junior League — Kildare.
All-Ireland Club Championship — St. Paul's.
Gael-Linn Senior — Leinster; Junior — Ulster.
All-Ireland Colleges Senior and Junior — St. Raphael's.
Ashbourne Cup — U.C.G.; C.C.I.A. League — Queen's; Felle na nGael — St. Lachtan's (Kilkenny); Kilmarod Sevens — Baffer's Alley.

VALLEY ROVERS CAMOGIE CLUB

Back in the late 40s/early 50s a camogie team was in existence in the Ballinacurra area of Innishannon Parish. Known as the Shamrock Maids, the team competed in the Mid Cork Championship and also played matches against West Cork teams such as St. Marys, Ballineen, Bantry and Clonakilty. The Mid-Cork teams which the Shamrock Maids played during those years were Shournagh, Ballinore and St. Helens. Some of the players of that era, which readers may remember were Nan and Agnes Murphy, Theresa Carroll, Mairead Murphy and Joan Crowley.

About five years ago, the seeds of camogie were sown, when the late Jerry O'Sullivan of Glen Rovers and Jimmy Brohan of Blackrock came to Innishannon under the auspices of County G.A.A. Board coaching scheme. Their brief was to coach the under age hurlers of the Valley Rovers Club, but a number of girls also joined in and from there on the revitalisation of camogie amongst a new generation began.

A meeting was organised in February of 1987 at which an officer board was elected: Chairperson Mary Bugler; Secretary/Treasurer Margaret McCarthy. It was decided to enter teams in the Championships Leagues at U-14, U-16 and U-18 levels. A meeting with the then chairperson of the Cork County Camogie Board, Miriam Higgins, helped the officers in gaining the necessary advice with general administration, insurance etc.

It was agreed that the club would be registered as Valley Rovers and would play in the green and white colours.

Training sessions commenced immediately in the local G.A.A. grounds under Mary Crowley and Deirdre Callanan.

Early competition included the club's entry into Felle na nGael '87 - in which it won its section. Since then success in both league and championship has been relatively good. Challenge games also, have helped in the formation of a greater team spirit and it is hoped that in the near future, a good junior side will represent the club.

Indeed the officers and committee are now fully committed to the cause and promotion of camogie in the parish. They are delighted to announce that Don Looney, who captained Valley Rovers to county success in 1988 and '89 has agreed to train and coach the girls, and knowing Don's spirit and commitment, Valley Rovers Camogie Club should soon be in the forefront of success. Since its foundation, the club has always got the help and co-operation of the local G.A.A. when required, and hopes that bond will remain in the

years ahead. It also acknowledges the financial help of the parishioners at the annual church gate collections and the sponsorship received from local business.

While the inter-schools blitz was a great success and helped to interest parents in their daughters' involvement in camogie, nevertheless a greater commitment by all would help immensely in sharing the responsibility of club affairs.

To their colleagues at County Board level, the officers of Valley Rovers find it difficult to understand why so many games have to be played so late in the year when the weather conditions are not suitable, while during the months of July and August competition it is at a minimum.

Overall the club is happy that camogie in Innishannon is steadily growing in interest, and the prospects for its future success lie in the dedication and co-operation of players and parents together with the officers and coaches.

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THE CAMOGIE SCENE



• Linda Mellerick racing goalwards in the All-Ireland Final pursued by Ann Downey and Clare Jones (Kilkenny).



• Angela Downey (Kilkenny) robs Cork goalkeeper, Marion McCarthy of possession in the All-Ireland Final.

By Mary Moran

AS ten teams knuckled down to serious preparation for the Cork Senior Championship, talk of prospective winners was rife. Many fancied Glen Rovers to wrest the title from Killeagh. Nobody outside the Riverstown/Glanmire area gave Sarsfields a realistic chance.

But the club which was formed in 1969 and worked its way up to the senior ranks by 1980 had other ideas. With the guidance of coach, Vincent Barry, the girls set out to give it a real go. A disorganised Avondhu team presented no problems in the opening round.

The sheer commitment of the Sarsfields players thwarted the best efforts of the Killeagh girls. A very tight Sarsfields defence gave nothing away and the team was full value for its seven point win.

Glen Rovers, who were dramatically caught by Killeagh in the 1988 final, were expected to make amends and capture their sixteenth title. The never-say-die attitude of the Sarsfields players upset the favourites. Their superior fitness and resolute frame of mind won the day.

Amid scenes of great excitement and joy, Anne Brady carried the Science Cup to Riverstown for the first time. Heroines of the successful campaign included Liz Dunphy, Lilian Zinkant, Eileen Noonan, Anne Brady and Lily and Val Twomey. Essentially, it was a team victory and one which must give great hope to clubs like Na Piarsaig and St. Finbarrs.

In terms of trophies won, the 1989 inter-county season was very poor. Two Munster titles was the meagre return for the effort put in by players and officials. With only one survivor from the 1988 team, the minors were no match for an accomplished Tipperary side. The under eighteens were caught by Clare in the Munster final.

The seniors started the season with Anne Leahy, Mary Geaney, Anne O'Donovan and Noelle O'Driscoll missing from the panel. In the National League, they scored full points in their section. This included a win over Kilkenny who were without scoring ace, Angela Downey.

Clare were no match in the League semi-final. With Angela Downey back in action, Cork were overwhelmed by a goal rush in the National League final. Kilkenny placed young Marina Downey at full-forward. She operated far from goal taking Cork's Liz Dunphy with her. This ploy created open space in front of goal for Angela Downey and Breda Holmes to race into

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* The Cork Senior team which contested the 1989 All-Ireland Final against Kilkenny. Back: Therese O'Callaghan, Liz O'Neill, Cathy Landers-Harnedy, Betty Joyce (Capt.), and Colette O'Mahony. Front: Margaret Finn, Clare Cronin, Liz Dunphy, Linda Mellerick, Ger McCarthy, Sandie Fitzgibbon and Marion McCarthy.

and shoot past an unprotected Marion McCarthy.

Cork received a bye in the opening round of the senior championship and travelled to play Wexford in the semi-final. Cork's performance was patchy. Wasteful use of possession by Wexford helped Cork to reach the final.

Training was stepped up and hope rekindled as the final approached. Cork deployed an extra player in defence to curtail Kilkenny when facing the wind in the opening half. The manoeuvre had limited success. Winning is based on being able to register more scores than the opposition. The Cork attack was less than adequate.

Kilkenny and Angela Downey cannot go on forever. The showing of the younger members of the Cork team notably Liz O'Neill, Therese O'Callaghan and Margaret Finn suggests that they will be ready to take over when the opportunity presents itself.

The Cork Juniors had their moments, both good and bad, in a tough Munster campaign. Soft scores conceded to Galway in the All-Ireland semi-final proved costly. To finish on a bright note, young Nora O'Connell from St. Catherine's, Conna, displayed style and verve in defeating all-comers to win the National Feile na nGael Skills Competition.



* Nora O'Connell (St. Catherine's, 1989, National Feile Skills Champion.

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Focus On Éire Óg Camogie Club

Naomh Eoin Camogie Club formed in 1966 (now Eire Og) was the "brainchild" of Noreen Lucey and Eileen Ahern. Eire Og are now one of the most successful clubs in Cork. The field, Senior, Intermediate, Junior B, Under 18, Under 16 and Under 14 teams, and are the only club to have taken the Senior Co. Cup past the greyhound track since Muskerry in 1933. Success is hard to come by and it was a long hard road to obtain Senior honours. A lot of hard work had to be put into training administration etc. The club had no success in 1966, '67 and '68.

In 1971 they appointed Con Malone trainer and coach and it was through his tireless efforts that the club reached the great heights in future years. That year they won their first medals defeating Aghabullogue in the final of a Tournament.

Nancy O'Driscoll captained the first Cork team to win a Junior Munster and All-Ireland Championship. Mairin McCarthy Reck was also on the team.

On the 20th October, 1974 they won their first Junior Championship defeating Killeagh in the final on the score of 9 goals and 3 points to 1 goal 2 points.

The club added the Junior League title to the Championship win. In 1975 Eire Og once again returned to the Intermediate grade and reached the Co. Final losing to Cloyne by 1 point. The club promoted once again to Intermediate grade in 1976 won the Intermediate Championship by beating Watergrasshill, Blarney and Killeagh in the final.

The under-16 team captained by Sheila O'Brien brought home the Minor trophy, with 10 year old Teresa Murray scoring the winning goal two minutes from the end against Na Piarasighs. The club opted to go Senior in 1977 and in their first year in this grade Marian McCarthy Reck led them to County Honours.

In 1978 after a very exciting and close final against Killeagh the club won their second Senior title, led by Nancy

O'Driscoll. Eire Og completed a Championship treble when they won the Junior A and Under 18 titles also.

Nancy O'Driscoll captained the Cork Senior team that won the All-Ireland. Marian McCarthy Reck, Mary Geaney, Kay Doherty, Margo Twomey and Eileen Kavanagh won their first Senior All-Ireland medals along with Nancy.

In 1979 Eire Og set their sights on a Senior 3 in a row and achieved their goal. They defeated old rivals Killeagh in the final on the score of 3 goals 6 points to 1 goal and 4 points.

The club also reached the Intermediate Final but lost to Sarsfields. Eire Og won the Cork Senior, and Intermediate 7-a-side Competitions organised to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Association. Twins Claire and Teresa Kelleher won All-Ireland Minor medals with Cork. Eileen Kavanagh captained the Cork Junior team who lost the All-Ireland final to Galway. In 1980 Eire Og bowed out of the Senior Championship at the quarter final stage. Mary Geaney captained the Cork team that won the All-Ireland Championship after a replay with Limerick.

Marian McCarthy goalkeeper received the B & I Line 'Camogie Player of the Year Award' and Cork Sports Star Award. Marian captained Munster to win the

Gael Linn Competition after a lapse of 14 years. Mary Geaney after captaining Cork to their

All-Ireland win won the Jury's award for the month of September.

Eire Og in 1981 were defeated by Killeagh in the Co. Final. Eire Og dominated and made a clean sweep of underage Camogie in mid-Cork. Rose Malone was elected Chairman of of Munster Council.

In 1982 Eire Og won the Munster Senior League and were unlucky not to win back the Senior County Championship. Killeagh defeated them by 1 point in the final.

In 1983 Eire Og shocked Killeagh in the Semi-Final defeating them by 4 goals 6 points to 6 points, but alas lost the final to a youthful Glen Rovers side. Margo Twomey Captained the Munster Junior team winners of the Gael Linn Competition. Eire Og retained the Munster Seniro League. Cork won the All-Ireland title with Claire Kelleher known as 'Little Chip' scoring the winning goal on the stroke of full time.

In 1984 Glen Rovers defeated Eire Og in the Semi-Final of the Championship. However the club won their third Munster Senior League and the Pan Celtic Competition in Killarney. In 1985 the club won back the Senior title captained by Noelle O'Driscoll. Most Camogie enthusiasts

rated Killeagh who were trained and coached by Father Bertie Troy, as favourites, but Eire Og had other ideas and on a

July evening in Riverstown Eire Og put their name on the cup for the 4th time. Danny

Murphy well known for his great ability to train athletes helped Con Malone with the physical side of the training and had the girls in great order. Eire Og went on to win the Munster Senior League and Championship. In the All-Ireland Club Semi-Final they were defeated by 1 goal 6 points to 3 goals 2 points by Crumlin (Dublin) who went on to win the title.

The under-16 Minor team also won the Championship when they defeated near neighbours Aghabullogue in the final played in Cloughduv.

In 1986 Miriam Higgins was elected Chairman of the Cork Co. Board. The Senior team after a replay with Glen Rovers went out of the Championship. The minors retained their title when they defeated a fancied Inniscarra side in Ballincollig. The team was captained by Sandy Webster whose grandfather played for Eire Og Hurling Club in bygone days.

Marian McCarthy scored a goal from a puck out in the National League final and captained Cork to a fine victory over Dublin. Marian won a Jury's Award for the month of May. Joan Shannon won her second West Cork All Star Award. Claire O'Regan captained the Cork minor team and along with Una Murphy and Suzanne O'Brien won Munster Championship medals.

1987 saw Eire Og win yet another Intermediate Championship, when they defeated St. Finbarrs in a very exciting Final.

1988 the Junior B team brought success by winning the Championship at the hands of Newcestown.

1989 - with many of our senior team calling it a day after giving many years of loyal service we had to field an almost completely new team. We lost to St. Finbarrs in the second round of the Championship having defeated Muskerry in the first round. It was the turn of our under 14 team to hit the headlines and they won the Cork Feile Na nGael Competition and represented their County in the National Finals and reached the semi-finals but were defeated by a good Kilkenny side. It was a proud moment for our captain Julie Bradley when she stepped forward to be introduced to the President of Ireland Dr. P. Hillery.

The biggest problem facing Eire Og Camogie Club entering the ninties is the securing of a pitch for training and for playing games. Hopefully, Eire Og Hurling and Football Club will honour their agreement to provide a pitch where the skills of our National Games can be fostered and developed among the girls.

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No national title but ..



Linda Mellerick played well with Cork and the Glen during 1989.

THERE were some notable achievements both on and off the field on the camogie front this past year but the biggest disappointment must surely be the failure of our county teams to bring a national title to the Leeside for the third year in a row.

The Cork senior team, while they recorded a good victory over Wexford in the All-Ireland semi-final once again bowed out to arch rivals Kilkenny in the final. A lot of hard work was put in both by the coach, Con Malone, and selectors in the preparation of this team and hopes were high that the Cork girls might just do it on this occasion but on the day, while they played with great determination, were forced to give way to their more superior opponents.

The biggest disappointment of the season was, without doubt, the failure of the Cork junior team to reach the All-Ireland final. They came through the Munster campaign with fine victories over Limerick and Waterford and were very much fancied to overcome Galway in the All-Ireland semi-final but on the day they had no answer to a more determined Galway side.

Similar disappointments were expressed by both the Cork minor and under-18 teams. The minors were defeated by a fine Tipperary side in the first round, while the under-18s were just pipped by Clare in the Munster final.

At club level we had some notable achievements and pride of place must surely go to Sarsfields who against all the odds took the Cork Senior Championship for the first time ever at the expense of favourites Glen Rovers.

Intermediate honours went to Bishopstown and this, indeed, was just reward for the hard work they put in at underage level in recent years. They will field at senior level for the first time ever in the coming season.

Cloughduv completed their most successful year ever by taking the Junior 'A' and under-16 championship titles while Newcestown tasted victory for the first time ever with victories both in the Junior 'B' championship and League.

Brian Dillons, defeated by Bishopstown in the Intermediate final, received some consolation when they took the under-14 League title at the expense of Kilbrittain, while the Cork Feile na nGael competition was won by Eire Og. The Feile Na nGael skills competition was won by Nora O'Connell from St. Catherines, who later went on to take the national title.

Glen Rovers, disappointed with their performance in the Cork senior final, did not end up with a bare cupboard at the end of the season. They won the senior League



The Cork camogie team lost out to arch rivals Kilkenny in the All-Ireland.

earlier in the year and later added the Cork Senior Tournament and the Isle of Man Tournament, while

St. Finbarr's took the honours in the senior section at the Pan Celtic Festival in Killarney.

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DUBLIN camogie, which reached such great heights and achieved such enormous successes in the fifties and sixties, has really plummeted throughout the last decade and as we approach the nineteen nineties, drastic measures need to be invoked to restore the pride that once was the hallmark of what used to be the premier county in the camogie world.

The stark reality of the situation is that Dublin have only managed to collect one All-Ireland senior title since 1966 and that was when they defeated Tipperary in the 1984 decider. Since then, they have reached Croke Park on two other occasions only to fall to the present kingpins Kilkenny.

Nobody can argue that the destiny of Dublin camogie is very much in the balance at the moment and unless there is a complete rethink on the part of all those interested in restoring some semblance of pride into the county, Dublin will continue to struggle for some time to come. The statistics speak for themselves and during the past few months it has been very painful to watch as first the minors, juniors and finally the seniors all fell by the wayside in their feeble attempts to gain honours.

The manner of these defeats has been all the more harder to accept as in each case the margin of victory has been of disastrous proportions. One must ask the question of where does Dublin go from here? Has the time come when Dublin's manner of selecting their players should change?

In most of today's field games the overall responsibility is allotted to one individual who then selects the personnel he or she feels could do the right job, thereby ensuring complete unison from the outset. At present Dublin's method of choosing their selectors is by way of clubs nominating three people of their choice for each team.

APATHY

Fair enough, but over the past number of years as often as not there has been no contest due to the apathy shown by clubs in failing to complete nomination forms or else by some of those nominated withdrawing from the

contest on the day. This often results in a situation whereby only three names remain and they are then automatically chosen for that season.

Another disturbing facet of the present Dublin set-up is that Colleges camogie is not at its strongest at present. If Dublin are to plan ahead and surely that is what is needed right now, they must look to their younger players, for therein lies the hopes of tomorrow.

Camogie seems to be very much the bridesmaid sport in a lot of colleges at the moment where Hockey, Basketball, Soccer and Netball seem to take preference.

Dublin's aim should be to leave no stone unturned in their bid to achieve the ultimate in our national game. With few exceptions, the past two decades have been embarrassing for a county that has produced some of the greatest

Local Camogie Action

WHILE this season has been a disaster from a county point of view, nothing will take away from the achievements of the clubs who managed to win league and championship honours in the past twelve months. With more than half of U.C.D.'s senior team of the previous season transferring over to Cumann Ui Chonaill the race for honours was speeded up as the northside based club had never achieved success at this level before and they pinned their hopes on the acquisition of these stalwarts.

In the early stages of the league they failed to make an impact as they fell victims to Marino and Na Fianna in quick succession. Gradually though, they found their confidence and by the time the championships came round they were a force to be reckoned with. They brushed aside all their challengers in the early rounds and with Cumann advancing from the other side of the draw, the stage was set for a final confrontation between two evenly matched sides.

Cumann Ui Chonaill looked set for an easy victory when they went into a five point lead within minutes of the opening. Joan Gormely and Marie Connell were causing havoc to the Crumlin defence and only some superb goalkeeping by Anne Byrne kept Crumlin's hopes alive. Despite this great start Cumann Ui Chonaill lost the initiative and inexplicably allowed the southsiders back into the game. Cathy Walsh and Barbara Redmond made some telling contributions and it was perhaps fitting that the game should end in a draw.

The replay was fixed for three weeks later and this time it was Crumlin who threatened to run away with the game. However, just when they seemed to have the game well in hand they conceded an easy goal and from then on the result was always in the balance. However, Cumann Ui Chonaill got on top when Marie Connell put three fifteen yard frees to the back of the Crumlin net to help her team to a historic first championship title.

Crumlin gained some consolation from their season when they beat Marino in the Senior 'A' league final. For Cumann Ui Chonaill this was a sweet victory but they were soon to face the harsh realities when they came up against Wexford champions Rathnure in the Leinster club championship. Their trip to the Wexford venue turned out to be something of a disaster when they felt the full brunt of a thirty four points defeat.

This coupled with the very poor performances of our county teams only endorses the sad plight that Dublin camogie finds itself in at the present moment. While Cumann Ui Chonaill rightly and deservedly basked in their triumph one wonders at the overall standard pertaining now in the capital.

In the Senior 'B' grade surprise packet Kilmacud Crokes gained promotion to the premier league by virtue of their success over a much more fancied An Caisleain side in the championship final. The Kilmacud Crokes club were on a hiding to nothing before this game but sheer guts and determination saw them pull through.

CRISIS

By
**RITA
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players ever to grace the game. Immediately one recalls Kathleen Mills, Sophia Brack, Annette Corrigan, Una O'Connor, Judy Doyle, Alice Hussey and Kathleen Coady. Individual skills seem to be lacking in present day players.

NO BREAK

Dublin's playing season does not allow for its county players to get a well

deserved break. The season commences in September and goes right through till late June or early July! With Junior leagues now starting in November and senior leagues in March or April some players can find themselves involved for almost a full year without a break. Surely the time has come for clubs to have a change of heart with regard to this problem?

Year after year motions are put

forward asking for this to be altered but it always seems to meet with the same negative response. Some county boards throughout the country do not commence competitions until March and this allows their players to come back refreshed after their winter break!

Perhaps Dublin should consider withdrawing from the junior league for a year or two in order to put their whole energies into recapturing a senior championship. At present some personnel and players seem to place a lot more importance on achieving success at the lower level rather than the top. Maybe they feel that Dublin would have a better chance of winning a junior title as opposed to a senior title! But statistics have shown that this is not the case.

Finally, one must not always blame selectors for the failures of their charges. It is easy to do this. Senior, junior and minor selectors over the years have given a lot of their free time to trying to ensure success for the county. That they have failed to do so is something they have to live with. It isn't easy for them to realise that all their hard work comes to nothing.

But we should always remember that a team is only as good as the players. No one can turn a bad team into a good one. Our standards must improve. A lot of positive thinking and dedication is needed to improve the appalling setbacks suffered by all of our county teams this year.

One must not forget the players. They too must play their parts for their county's cause. Nothing short of total commitment will suffice to succeed and sacrifices may have to be made.

Tradition is very strong in camogie circles and it is ironic that in this period of deep depression Dublin, still remains the most honours-laden county in the history of our association. There is much to admire about our national games. There is no greater joy than the face of a player who has just won an All-Ireland medal! Dublin has waited too long to see those joyous faces!

Their progress in the Senior 'A' ranks will be watched with some interest.

For An Caisleain it turned out to be a very disappointing evening. They went into this game as the favourites but nothing went right for them on the night and they were unfortunate that they had to field without many of their players, who had been injured in the run up to this final. They still had the League final to look forward to where their opponents were Celtic. Again even though Celtic had beaten them well in an earlier league tie, the Walkinstown girls were expected to take the honours.

UNIQUE FEAT

However more heartbreak was to come to them as they struggled to get the vital scores and Celtic in the end were lucky to end the game two points in front. This win means that Celtic must field two separate teams in the Senior 'A' grade next season, a feat never before achieved by any club. Again Celtic like Kilmacud Crokes, justifiably celebrated their triumph but perhaps a stay for another year in the lower ranks would put less of a burden on these teams, who will undoubtedly struggle to find their feet in the much more competitive and serious competition of the higher ranks.

On this note, congratulations to the Clanna Gael Club, who have opted themselves for Senior 'A' next season. They have the ambition that they can compete at this level and it can only improve the standard of some of their very skillful young players.

St. Mark's from Tallaght won the league and championship in the Intermediate 'A' division, while Portobello brought off the double by capturing both titles in the Intermediate 'B' section. St. Maur's from Rush inscribed their name on the Junior 'A' championship trophy while Round Towers from Clondalkin were the winners of the league in the same grade. Round Towers again made a name for themselves by coveting the Junior 'B' championship with Whitehall Gaels deservedly running out as winners of this league.

Yet another club brought off a double when Ballyboden St. Enda's won the league and championship in the Junior 'C' division and with this club also doing very well in the under age competitions, their future looks bright indeed.

As another season gets underway one can only hope that Dublin's fortunes will change for the better. With such a vast number of players playing the game in the capital, it is nothing short of amazing that county titles are a rarity these days. But while I believe that the overall standard has certainly gone down, Dublin can and must get back to the heights they reached in their former glorious years.

Nothing succeeds like success and no stone should be left unturned in our attempts to achieve the respect and admiration that Dublin teams held in days gone by.

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YEAR OF NO GLORY!

THE biggest disappointment of the past year in camogie circles must surely be the failure of Cork teams to bring a National title to the Lee. At club level we had some memorable games and none more so than the senior championship final between Glen Rovers and Sarsfields.

With a victory over Wexford in the All-Ireland semi-final, the Cork senior team once again paved the way for another clash with old rivals Kilkenny in the All-Ireland final. While on the day Cork gave a very spirited performance, they still had no answer to the overall class and determination of the Kilkenny girls.

The Cork Junior team was probably the biggest disappointment of the season. In the Munster campaign they recorded fine victories over Limerick and Waterford and hopes were high that

Cork would be represented in both the junior and senior finals in Croke Park.

But this was not to be. In a game they should never have lost, they bowed out narrowly to Galway in the All-Ireland semi-final.

The Cork minor team had no answer to a fine Tipperary side in the first round of the Munster Championship while the Cork U-18 team were pipped by Clare in the Munster final.

At club level the most memorable game of 1989 must surely be the Senior Championship final between Glen Rovers and Sarsfields. Glen were highly fancied to take the honours but on the day they had no answer to the sheer determination of the Sars girls who, amidst tears of joy, took the title to Glanmire for the first time.

However, Glen Rovers did receive some consolation when they

took the Senior League and Tournament titles.

Bishopstown reaped the rewards for their efforts at underage level in recent years when they had a fine victory over Brian Dillons in the Intermediate Championship final.

At Junior level the honours went to Cloughduv and recently they completed their most successful year ever when they added the U-16 championship title with a decisive victory over Bishopstown.

It was also a memorable year for Newcestown as they experienced their first success ever by taking both the Junior 'B' Championship and League titles at the expense of Grenagh and St. Fannahans.

The U-14 League title went to Brian Dillons after a very closely contested game with Kilbrittain while Eire Og won the Cork Area Feile na nGael final. Nora

O'Connell from St. Catherine's was our representative in the Feile na nGael skills competition and she certainly did us proud by bringing the National title to Cork.

St. Finbarrs were not without their success either when they won the Senior competition at the Pan Celtic Festival in Killarney and later in the year the Killeagh Tournament.

Appreciation

Sr. Bonaventure
St. Maries of the Isle,
Cork.
Died December 17, 1989

IN 1919 a young, slight built undergraduate and her camogie-playing companion were practising on the college hurling pitch in UCC in preparation for the inter-varsity tournament. Approached by the captain of the hurling team they were requested to give way on the pitch. The young undergraduate, her name was Maggie McKenna, said no, the camogie team had rights to the time on the pitch.

The chaplain was called, and finally, President Merriman. The answer was the same "no", admittedly with bowed heads. Eventually the two students (both afterwards became reverend mothers of their respective religious communities) went down into the city of Cork and, armed with a solicitor's advice, they won their case with college's governing body.

With the passing of "Bona", Sr. Bonaventure McKenna, an era of education in Cork city has come to an end. The legacy is enormous.

Thousands of "Aloysians", many scattered throughout the globe will be mourning the passing of this delightful but powerful personality who led them out into a world widened by true learning.

Bonaventure McKenna entered the Mercy Order of St. Maries of the Isle soon after graduating in French, English and Irish with first class honours.

She was a true daughter of mercy, dedicated to the education of the young women of Cork city. She soon established high academic standards in St. Aloysius secondary school and, on becoming principal, continued to build a centre of excellence. Sport, singing, drama, debate, music, art — all were soon an integral part of the curriculum. She led her teaching staff towards the same objectives as her own and the loyalty she won became legendary.

The emerging middle-class of Cork city in post-Independence Ireland owe a lot to "Bona". She was able to receive the many hundreds who came to the convent in April this year to mark the 150 years of St. Maries of the Isle, her mind as bright as ever despite her 92 years.

"Bona" was truly a woman of this century much beloved and herself loving, perhaps her greatest gift of all.

Beannacht Dé le na hanam.

E. MacC P.

Downey player of the decade

THE 'Eighties proved the decade of Kilkenny in senior inter-county camogie. The success story started early when Liz Neary led the Noreiders superbly from full-back to the 1981 All-Ireland senior title, and reached a dazzling peak last September with a fifth national championship senior crown in succession, and the sixth of the decade.

The golden era was fashioned by an extremely gifted company of players, and has provided a host of golden memories as well. Memories ranging from the brilliance in defence of Liz Neary and Bridie McGarry when skipping the 1981 and 1985 final winning teams, the excellent and consistent goalkeeping of Marie Fitzpatrick, the polished play of Clare Jones in midfield, and the high standard play all through of Ann Downey, and her brilliant showing when she joined the ranks of All-Ireland title winning captains last September when she led Kilkenny from the centre.

Nevertheless, one name still stands out prominently from the rest over the decade — Angela Downey. Admittedly, Kilkenny's great run was far from a one player's show, but even so, it is true to say that Angela Downey still contributed most to the winning sequence.

She was in tremendous

form, and time and again inspired Kilkenny with her dashing and expert play in attack, and superb finishing in match after match. In All-Ireland senior finals alone in the past decade she scored a superb 7-22, and that is excellent finishing over a series of top games of the season.

During the decade, in which she brought her tally of All-Ireland senior medals to nine, Downey also captained Kilkenny to the title for the second time — she was team leader in 1977 — and won Gradam Tailte, the sport's annual superstars competition, three years in succession.

In addition, she won National League medals with Kilkenny, enjoyed much success with Leinster in the Gael-Linn interprovincial series, and with St. Paul's in the All-Ireland club championship.

She can point, in fact, to every major national honour on the field of play, and also ranks as the sport's last Texaco Award winner — a distinction earned in 1986.

Now firmly acknowledged as one of the outstanding personalities of this or any other era in camogie, Angela Downey, then, has undoubtedly the credentials to rank as Camogie's Player of the 1980s.

Deaths

McKENNA (Cork) — On December 17, 1989, at the Convent of Mercy, St. Marie's of the Isle, Cork, Sr. M. Bonaventure, R.I.P. Very deeply regretted by her community, sister, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends. Removal on this (Monday) evening at 7.30 p.m. to the Convent Chapel, St. Marie's of the Isle. Requiem Mass on tomorrow (Tuesday) at 2 p.m. in Convent Chapel. Funeral afterwards to St. Finbarr's Cemetery.



ANGELA DOWNEY
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● ANGELA and Anne Downey's involvement with the Kilkenny Camogie squad brought them to the forefront of Irish sport. Leading by example, they inspired Kilkenny to yet another success in this year's decider, their ninth All-Ireland success and has received numerous awards for her contribution to the game, including a Texaco award.

MARY MORAN'S CAMOGIE COLUMN

KILKENNY CAPTURE THEIR FOURTH CHAMPIONSHIP/LEAGUE DOUBLE IN FIVE YEARS

1989 was a wonderful year for Kilkenny camogie. With the exception of the junior grade, the county swept the boards. The senior players won every competition available to them.

They stretched their winning sequence in the All-Ireland Senior Championship to five titles. Angela Downey climbed to third place on the list of All-Ireland medal holders with nine senior medals. Only the legendary Kathleen Mills and Una O'Connor lie ahead. Kilkenny captured their fourth championship/league double in five years.

Many of the same players won the All-Ireland Club Championship in the colours of St. Paul's. Displaying great appetite for the game, they lined out with Leinster and won the Gael-Linn Cup with something to spare.

A few years ago, other counties envisaged that Kilkenny's success would end with the break up of the present team. The county's junior and minor teams failed to make any real impact. Now that has changed. The performances of the minor team in taking the 1988 and 1989 All-Ireland titles indicates that another group of talented players is on the way up.

The Kilkenny senior side is a very effective and efficient unit. They are highly motivated and competitive. There is great pride in what has been achieved and a hunger to add to it. Success breeds confidence. The Kilkenny girls have great belief in themselves.

They are aided by shrewd sideline mentors who recognise any weakness quickly and react without delay. It is to their advantage that the panel contains a number of players who can perform well in several positions.



• Ann Downey, who captained Kilkenny to their fifth successive All-Ireland senior title.

In Marie Fitzpatrick, Bridie McGarry, Breda Holmes, Biddy O'Sullivan and Claire Jones, Kilkenny have excellent players. But it is two players of exceptional ability, Angela and Ann Downey, which creates the divide between Kilkenny and other counties.

When a team is doing really well, it is easy to introduce newcomers and allow them the time and opportunity to settle. Frances Rothwell, Breda Cahill and Marina Downey knew that the girls around them would take res-

ponsibility for winning the match. They had only to cope with the chores of their immediate position. Consequently, they were given the chance to develop their talent. Now they are making a positive contribution to the team.

Is it good for the game that a particular county should dominate the major titles? A similar situation pertained in the fifties and sixties when Dublin reigned supreme. Other counties felt that they had no chance and became disheartened. When Dublin's grip was broken, the remaining counties took heart. Within a short few years, Antrim, Wexford, Cork and Kilkenny won the O'Duffy Cup.

Cork are the nearest team to Kilkenny at the moment. They have a good panel of players but lack an inspirational figure to lift the team. Greater confidence in going for scores and a return to more direct play would improve their performance.

A worrying factor for Cork is the poor showing of their minor and school sides. Basketball is the popular game in Cork and has had its effect on traditional school and club teams. This season's minors would rate poorly against the sides of the seventies. Increasingly young players try a number of sports without spending sufficient time to perfect the skills of any of them.

On the day, Dublin suffered a humiliating defeat at the hands of Kilkenny in the championship. They are capable of putting up a much better show. They need to regain their belief in themselves. Wexford and Galway have potential and are overdue a break. 1989 belongs to Kilkenny but 1990 will be a new ball game.

New look for camogie final

THERE will be a "new look" to the All-Ireland open-draw senior camogie championship final this year. Kilkenny, who were the dominant power in the sport in the second half of the 'eighties, and Cork contested the last three deciders, but if they are to meet this season it will be at the semi-finals stage.

Seven counties will compete for the title. Kilkenny, champions for the fifth year in succession last September, start their defence against Clare, while Cork and Galway have been drawn in another first round tie. The winners meet in a semi-final, and even at this early stage the odds must be firmly on a Kilkenny-Cork showdown.

Dublin, like Cork, have found Kilkenny a bogey side. They lost the finals of 1985 and 1986 to the Noreiders, and also went out in each of the last three championships to Kilkenny.

The Dubs have been paired in the opening round with Antrim, who have not appeared in a final since 1979, when they were successful. The winners have a semi-final with Wexford, who have a bye to the last four.

However, before the championship opens on July 1 there will be plenty of opportunities to evaluate the hopes of the contenders, as the same seven counties will compete for the National League title. This series starts on March 25, and interestingly enough Kilkenny and Cork will have an early meeting.

They will meet on April 22, and the clash will revive memories not only of last year's All-Ireland final, but also of the League summit last June at Nowlan Park. The counties provided an exciting game with the Noreiders somewhat flattered by their eleven points winning margin.

The League will, as usual, be run off in two groups. Kilkenny, Cork and Galway will compete in Section 1, and with such a small quota of teams, each game will assume the importance of a knockout tie. The other group features Antrim, Dublin, Clare, and Wexford. The final between the group winners is fixed for June 10.

The National Junior League, which started in October, but has been in recess for the winter break, will resume on March 11, and the final is scheduled for July 8.

Other dates for the new diary are Feile na nGael (June 24), the All-Ireland minor final (July 29) and the All-Ireland junior quarter-final featuring London and the Leinster champions (August 12).

Camogie stars for historic U.S. trip

THE LACK of an international dimension to Camogie has been seen as a drawback to its development.

Now, the news that the Young Irelanders Club, New York plan to stage a replay of the 1989 All-Ireland Senior Final in New York as part of their 30th Anniversary celebrations has been warmly received.

Hurlers and footballers have been rewarded with trips to the States and Australia as well as holidays in the sun. The girls, who put as much into their game, tend to be passed over when the goodies are handed out.

It is appropriate that Kilkenny and Cork should be the sides to make the historic trip. The top teams of the decade, they captured nine of the last ten All-Ireland Senior titles between them.

These players have the skill and flair to stage an impressive exhibition and show off camogie at its best.

Ard Choiste has given its blessing to the venture



and the planning phase is in full swing. With a number of teachers in the Kilkenny camp, an early summer date had to be ruled out.

At the moment, October dates seem likely. Four matches are envisaged. The travelling teams will play North American Selections.

Visits to London and other British destinations have been made by several clubs and counties in recent years and the Isle of Man Tournaments at Easter time is established on the camogie calendar.

Camogie teams have toured America before but only to play friendly matches. Thurles, Queens and Maryfield College are among the sides which have already crossed the Atlantic.

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St. Patrick's, Shannon, beaten finalists in the Clare junior camogie tournament, back, l. to r.: Anita Feighery, Deirdre Joyce, Sinead Keary, Kellie Cullen, Deirdre Shanahan, Patricia Kelly, Elaine Hammond, Niamh Doyle, Sarah Duff, Deirdre O'Sullivan, Sinead O'Connor. Front: Sharon Cunningham, Una Hegarty, capt., Samantha Willets, Michelle Leahy, Tina O'Brien, Fiona White, Rebecca Callinan, Elaine Moloney, Patricia Moloney, Malread Riordan. Missing from pic., Monica Riordan and Claire McAllen.



Sinead O'Brien (left) presents the Ettie O'Brien Memorial Shield to Scariff Community College captain Claire O'Driscoll after last week's final. On the right is Flan O'Brien.



Scariff Community College, winners of the Ettie O'Brien Memorial Shield for Clare post primary schools junior camogie. Back: Hazel Costelloe, Eilish Doyle, Nollaig Clancy, Donna Costelloe, Elaine Slattery, Claire Malone. Front: Carol Costelloe, Marianne Baker, Jackie Kavanagh, Michelle Paczy, Claire O'Driscoll capt., Marian O'Grady.

New faces abound after conventions

THE recent spate of county conventions has thrown up many new faces to camogie administration. A number of the newcomers are active players thus ensuring that no generation gap exists between the County Board officers and those who enjoy the game.

Antrim is a typical example. For years the county affairs have been looked after by very experienced and capable officers. Now youth is given its head. The key officers, Catherine McAllister and Mary Lundy are well-known members of the county senior team.

The fortunes of the county teams have been disappointing recently. These girls have plenty of ideas as to how to get the county up and going again. They deserve the support of the clubs in their efforts.

There has been major change in Wicklow. Catherine Byrne has been elected to the chair and another newcomer, Majella Whelan will act as secretary. Caroline Dunne, the former Meath secretary is back in her old job. She defeated Paddy Brady



in a vote and will link up with Bridget Kearney to organise the county.

A father and daughter hold the key positions in Louth. Long-serving Peter Hoey is the County Chairman and his daughter, Bernadette Kirk is the secretary. Peter is nominated for the post of Leinster Cathaoirleach which becomes vacant as P. J. Fulham steps down.

Nuala Colhoun takes the chair in the Down County Board. She will have the experienced Helen McAleavy as secretary.

Sunday — Munster Convention at Fitzgerald Stadium, Killarney, 3.00. Leinster C.C.D. Finals at Mount Temple, Co. Westmeath, 2.30.

'Young blood' comes out to close the gap

THE 1990 camogie season opens with several new faces filling vital positions in the County Boards. Antrim, who have had an experienced team of officers for many years, introduce newcomers to the key roles.

Catherine McAllister and Mary Lundy, members of the Antrim senior team, have come forward to take responsibility. Obviously in tune with the thinking of the players, they are full of ideas as to how to revive the county's fortunes on the playing fields and deserve the support of the clubs.

Two other inter-county players to step forward to lead their County Boards are Geraldine Duffy (Monaghan) and Bernie O'Dea (Limerick). This injection of young blood eliminated a generation gap between players and officials.

In Louth, there is the interesting combination of a father and daughter in the crucial posts. Peter Hoey chairs the County Board while his daughter Bernadette Kirk records the minutes in her role of secretary. Peter, who has given many years of service to Louth, is nominated for the position of Leinster Cathaoirleach.

Wicklow County Board will have a new look about it. Catherine Byrne will guide affairs from the

chair. Newcomer Majella Whelan was elected as secretary. In Meath, former secretary Caroline Dunne defeated Paddy Brady on a vote, and returns to the Board which is lead by Bridget Kearney.

Nuala Colhoun takes the chair at the Down County Board. She will be pleased to have the experienced secretary, Helen McAleavy to guide her in the early days. Cavan also have a change of leadership. Hughie Murphy, who has been active in camogie circles for many a day, fills the demanding role.

The main officials continue in Dublin, Kilkenny, Wexford, Kildare and Carlow, giving stability to the County Boards. Sheila Golden (Cork), Miriam O'Callaghan (Offaly) and Marion McStay (Armagh) were all returned to serve for another term as leaders of their counties.

At a time when GAAs is flourishing in the GAA, it is surprising that the CCD is losing support in many parts of the country. Ulster were leading in the promotion of CCD for many years. Only Down have organised a competition, and their members will contest the All-Ireland finals.

FIXTURES — Sunday, Jan. 31 — Munster Convention, Fitzgerald Stadium, Killarney (3.00). Leinster C.C.D. Finals, Mount Temple, Co. Westmeath (2.30).

U.C.G. defend 'Ashbourne'

A high point of the camogie season is invariably the Universities' senior championship for the Ashbourne Cup, and the latest renewal, starting on Saturday with four quarter-finals, promise entertaining and very competitive fare.

At this juncture it is a little early to start speculating on the likely distinction of the trophy this season, but much interest must inevitably centre on the performances next week of U.C.G. and U.C.D. in particular.

Galway won their first title in ten years when they beat Dublin, who were striving for their fourth in succession, in last February's final. They will be anxious to keep on the winning trail when they visit Coleraine for their opening defence, and should do just that.

Dublin have by far the best record of any university in the competition.

They have Queen's Belfast as visitors in their opening engagement, and the odds are that the Dublin side will report progress.

Maynooth will host the semi-finals and final over the weekend of February 10-11, and will be extra keen as a result to be involved in those matches. They look to have a testing assignment when they entertain U.U. Jordanstown, but with a home advantage may well ensure a playing presence in the concluding stages.

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CAMOGIE — Ashbourne Cup quarter-finals — UCD 4-6, Queens 0-8; UCC w.o., Trinity scr. Dublin Senior League — Na Fianna 5-5, Celtic 'B' 0-0, Puncell Cup final — Waterford 3-3, Marino Institute nil.

Convention time again in camogie

CLUB delegates will convene at Páirc Uí Chaoimh on Sunday for the annual convention of Cumann Camogaíochta Chontae Chorcaí, and because of this there is only one game listed, and that is the replay of the U-14 League final between Kilbrittain and Brian Dillons, which is scheduled for Carrigrohoid on Sunday morning at 11 a.m.

Last Sunday Kilbrittain were only minutes away from taking their first ever title. They had the lead for most of the game and looked destined for victory, but Dillons fought back and scored the equalising goal with just minutes remaining.

At Convention outgoing chairperson, Sile Golden from Inniscarra, vice-chairperson, Marie Kearney, Sarsfields; registrar, Lily O'Sullivan from Ballincollig, and Mary Newman-McCarthy from Glen Rovers will be returned unopposed, but disappointingly there are no nominations for the positions of secretary, treasurer and fixtures secretary. These are vital positions without whom the County Board could not continue, so clubs are earnestly requested to discuss this situation before Convention.

There are four nominations for senior selectors, Rose Malone (Eire Og), Sheila Spillane (Kil-

leagh), Ann Delaney (Glen Rovers) and Mary O'Leary (Watergrasshill, from which two will be chosen to be joined by a representative from the county champions Sarsfields.

Four people, Lily O'Sullivan (Ballincollig), Pat Kirby (Killeagh), Sile Golden (Inniscarra) and Joan Goggins (Na Piarasigh), will battle it out for the three junior selector places, and they will be joined by a representative from the Intermediate champions Bishopstown, and the junior champions Cloughduv.

There are six minor selector nominations, Mary Moran (St. Finbarr's), Mary Maher (Douglas), Nuala Dunlea (Cloughduv), Kay Dunne (Ballincollig), Sile O'Brien (Eire Og) and Mary Kennefick (Fr. O'Neill's), of which four will be chosen to join a representative from the county champions Cloughduv.

Nora Cronin (Glen Rovers), Mrs. Barry (Brian Dillons), Evelyn Mahon (Bishopstown), Joan Goggins (Na Piarasigh), Josie Knowles (Midleton), and Margaret Finn, are in contention for four U-18 selection committee places, and they will be joined by a rep. from the county champions.

Fixture—Sunday: U-14 League final, Kilbrittain v Brian Dillons at Carrigrohoid, 11 a.m.



UCC compete in the Ashbourne Cup preliminary round on Saturday when they play Trinity College at 2 p.m. in the Mardyke, under the guidance of Pat Heffernan. This side is captained by a Limerick girl Mary Roche and includes such established players as Valerie Twomey, Paula Carey and Teresa Walshe. The panel also includes some fine newcomers, Trisha Murphy, Una Horgan and Niamh O'Connell. Pictured above is the squad. — (Picture: Eddie O'Hare)

Wanted secretary

By Peter Gleeson
THE Cork County Camogie Board has been lumbered with a major problem over the last two months due to its failure to elect a secretary. One official has warned that the board cannot continue to operate in such a situation.

At the annual convention late last year, nobody was willing to put themselves forward for the post being vacated by Bishopstown's Rosemary Desmond. Ms Desmond explained that she had to opt out after a year in the post because of commitments to her studies. A

number of nominations was made by delegates from various clubs but no one was willing to put themselves forward. Proposed candidates cited the duties of the post as too demanding and time consuming as reasons for their reticence.

Board president Nora Newman warned at the time that the board could not operate without a secretary. It was decided to adjourn the matter to the first board meeting of the new year, in order to give clubs time to take stock of the seriousness of the situation, and in the hope that willing

candidates would put themselves forward.

Alas, that meeting was held earlier this week, but again nobody came forward. Meanwhile, board chairperson Sheila Golden told the *Echo* that nomination forms have now been sent out to all the clubs around the city and county in a bid to fill the post. She hoped that clubs would have completed forms returned so that a secretary could be appointed by the next board meeting on February 5th.

Ms Golden was optimistic

that the post would be filled. "We just inquired about the matter at last Monday's board meeting, but nobody had any word."

Yet I think there is one person who just might take it. One delegate did say that she knew somebody who might consider the position, but she did not disclose any name.

Ms Golden added: "I don't think we would be without a secretary." The possibility of an existing officer taking the post was an option that might have to be considered, she said.

Camogie club's new officers

At the recent agm of Cumann Camogaiochta, Bhaile an Easpaig, a very representative turnout elected Ann O'Connor as chairperson.

A dedicated supporter and committee worker for a good number of years, it was no surprise, to have Ann chosen as chairperson, because of the lady's previous years of commitment.

Pat Murray, a long-serving stalwart, who also serves on Cork Corporation, will no doubt put his educated mind and experience to work with telling effect as the new club secretary.

Irene Higgins, who more than anyone else, promotes all aspects of

camogie had the honour of being elected as club president.

This will be an historic year for the cumann as it will be their first year in the senior grades, and to lead the girls into that arena, the large attendance elected Liz Towler, by unanimous decision, as club captain.

In accepting the honour, Liz made a very motivating speech, calling on all her colleagues to prepare themselves for the higher levels of skill and fitness that are to be expected at senior level.

It was the best year yet in the collection of club membership fees and thanks were afforded to Pat Ryan and Sean Murphy for

their great work.

The new chairperson, Ms. O'Connor commented on the high cost of hurleys, allied to the poor quality of some of the sticks and recalled the occasions that six or

eight hurleys were irreparably damaged during a single game.

With regards to the VAT payment on hurley prices, the chairperson urged the Minister for Finance to provide for the exclusion of this tax in the forthcoming budget.

The Bishopstown GAA were thanked for their tremendous help in facilitating the camogie club at all times and Seamus O'Rinn, cathaoirleach responded accordingly, and made



Committee members photographed at the AGM of Bishopstown Camogie Club.

the point that all camogie clubs should get the fullest co-operation from the GAA at County Board and parish levels.

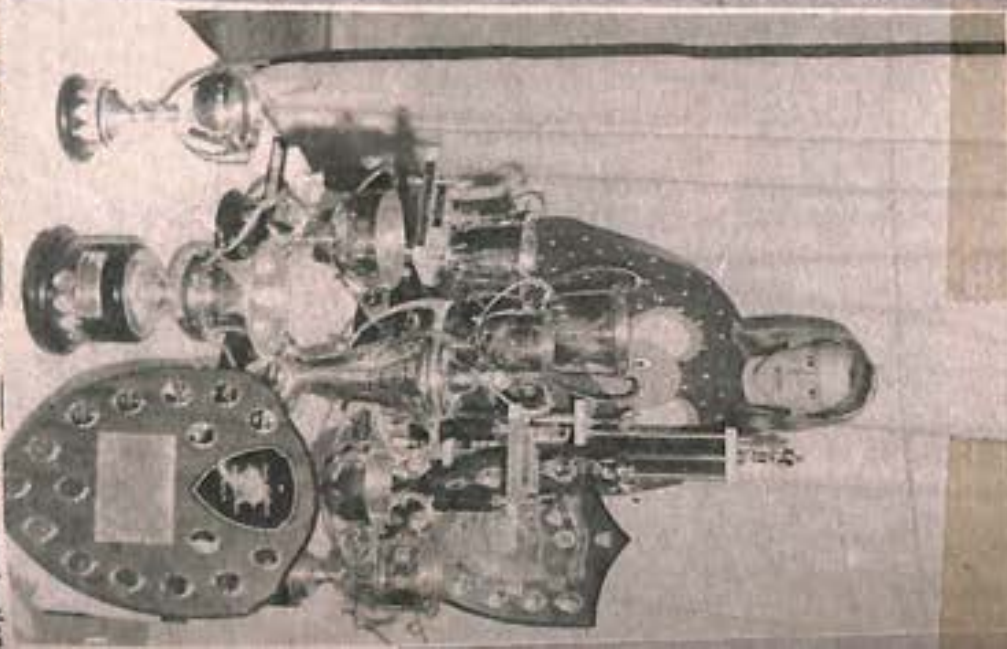
The development of camogie at the four local national schools was emphasised as being of major importance for the future and the club will give its fullest co-operation to this investment.

The treasurer, Teresa Geary presented a healthy balance sheet and commented that the club had got its spending in order and should ensure that income would more than adequately meet expenditure for 1990.



Rose Desmond, Teresa Geary and Evelyn Mahon, pictured at Bishopstown Camogie Club's AGM with trophies won during the year.

Mary O'Connor who had the unique distinction of winning an U12 Hurling County Medal, pictured with cups won by Killeagh Juvenile G.A.A. Club during the year.



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First time out for St. Mary's

THERE are a number of interesting clashes listed on the camogie front this coming weekend, the pick of which should be the Munster Senior Colleges Final on Saturday between St. Mary's, Midleton and Scoil Mhuire, Cashel.

At club level Eire Og and Aghabullogue clash in the Under-18 Championship at Owens, while in the same competition Inniscarra and Fr. O'Neills will be in action at Ballymacoda. In the remaining games of the weekend Sars and Na Piarasigh clash in the Senior League, Brian Dillons and Blackrock will be in action in the Intermediate League, while at Bishopstown St. Finbarrs play the home side in the Under-16 League.

What a great day it will be for the pupils of St. Mary's School, Midleton, on Saturday next when they contest their first ever senior final against Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, at the Midleton GAA Grounds. Despite their short time in existence they have made great strides and no doubt they have reached this final truly on merit.

Having had fine victories over St. Calmins, Shannon, Scoil Mhuire, Ennis, and St. Mary's, Macroom. Undoubtedly on Saturday they will be up against it as they face a Cashel side who will be fielding no fewer than six of the Tipperary minor team which won the Munster Championship last season and they are also the current holders of the title. Cashel will be powered by such fine players as Helen O'Leary, Jovita Delaney, Roisin Nash, Angela Ryan, Neasa O'Dwyer and Marita Tobin and these girls could make things very difficult for the Cork side, but Midleton are not short of talent either. They will be captained by well known Cork and Fr. O'Neills player Fiona O'Driscoll and have other fine performers in Imelda Leahy, Sinead Cahalane, Ann O'Connor, Denise Hayes and Frances Hennessy and if these girls play to their usual form they could just pull it off.

At club level there are two interesting games listed in the Under-18 Championship. In the first game Eire Og are home to Aghabullogue and here the home side could find the going tough. Aghabullogue

appear to be a strong all round side with very experienced performers in Eileen Buckley, Julie Roche and Josie O'Callaghan and on form these girls should have the edge on an Eire Og side that will be looking to players like goalkeeper Helena Kieley, Julie Bradley, Carol O'Callaghan and Norma Spillane to carry them through.

In the second game Inniscarra travel to Ballymacoda to play Fr. O'Neills and here we could have a close encounter in store. Both sides appear to be fairly evenly matched, but on form the home side could just edge it. They have very experienced performers in Fiona O'Driscoll, Denise Hayes and Frances Hennessy and if Saturday's final with Midleton will have no effect on them they could advance at the expense of an Inniscarra side that will be looking to players like Maria O'Brien, Fiona O'Driscoll, Margaret O'Donovan and Ger O'Sullivan, to carry them through.

FIXTURES

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Munster Senior Colleges Final, St. Mary's High School, Midleton v Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, at Midleton GAA Grounds at 2 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4 UNDER-18 CHAMPIONSHIP

Eire Og v Aghabullogue at Eire Og at 12 noon. (Referee: Newcestown).

Inniscarra v Fr. O'Neills at Fr. O'Neills at 2 p.m. (Referee: Josie Knowles).

Senior League '89: Sarsfields v Na Piarasigh at Sarsfields at 12 noon. (Referee: Eleanor Hackett).

Intermediate League '89: Brian Dillons v Blackrock at Brian Dillons at 2 p.m. (Referee: Ballinure).

Under-16 League '89: Bishopstown v St. Finbarrs at Bishopstown at 12 noon. (Referee: St. Finbarrs).



L - R: Sharon O'Sullivan, Marion Moore

Battle on for Munster title

PICK of the games on the camogie front this weekend will be the Munster Colleges senior final between St. Mary's High School, Midleton and Scoil Mhuire, Cashel.

At Cork club level the under-18 championship continues with two games, while there is also a senior and intermediate league game for decision.

On Saturday, St. Mary's School, Midleton will strive to make history when they contest their first ever senior final. They face a tough challenge from Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, the current champions.

But already Midleton have beaten St. Calmins (Shannon), Colaiste Muire (Ennis) and St. Mary's (Macroom). They played with great spirit and determination and if they can repeat

this commitment they have a real chance.

They are captained by Fr. O'Neills and Cork Junior player Fiona O'Driscoll and have other fine performers in Imelda Leahy, Ann O'Connor, Sinead Cahalane, Marion Moore, Denise Hayes and Frances Hennessy.

Scoil Mhuire field no fewer than six of the Tipperary minor team which won the Munster championship last season and include such fine performers as Helen O'Leary, Jovita Delaney, Roisin Nash, Angela Ryan, Neasa O'Dwyer and Marita Tobin.

So with so much talent on view we should have a classic encounter at Midleton GAA grounds.

There are two interesting ties listed in the Cork under-18 championship. In the first

game Eire Og are at home to near neighbours Aghabullogue, while Fr. O'Neills make the journey to Ballymacoda to play Fr. O'Neills.

Sars will be expected to overcome Na Piarasigh in the senior league, while Brian Dillons should have the edge on Blackrock in the intermediate league.

FIXTURES

Saturday: Munster Senior Colleges Final — St. Mary's High School, Midleton v Scoil Mhuire, Cashel at Midleton GAA Grounds, 2 p.m.

Sunday: Under-18 Championship — Eire Og v Aghabullogue at Eire Og, noon. Inniscarra v Fr. O'Neills at Fr. O'Neills, 2 p.m.

Senior League '89: Sarsfields v Na Piarasigh at Sarsfields, noon.

Intermediate League '89: Brian Dillons v Blackrock at Brian Dillons, 2 p.m.

Under-16 League '89: Bishopstown v St. Finbarrs at Bishopstown, noon.

WATERFORD HOPES ARE HIGH

THE days when the teacher training colleges could regard the Purcell Cup as their property seem to be numbered. A few years ago, the competition was broadened to include the Regional Technical colleges. The newcomers made little impact in the initial years.

The performances and results returned by Waterford RTC have not gone unnoticed. A merited win over holders Mary Immaculate, Limerick has raised expectancy of a breakthrough at the finals which will be staged at Marino over the weekend.

Under the guidance of

U.C.D. graduate Sheila O'Donoghue, Waterford RTC have made steady progress. They reached the final of the 1989 Purcell Cup competition. Their preparation for tomorrow's semi-final against Dublin City University has been thorough. They are travelling to win.

Thomond College, who have won this trophy on a number of occasions, tackle St. Marys Belfast in the second semi-final. It would be no surprise to see the two Munster sides contest the final. The hosts, Marino play Mary Immaculate in the Purcell Plate.

A big turnout is expected in Midleton tomorrow for the attractive pairing of Scoil Mhuire, Cashel and St. Marys, Midleton in the final of the Munster Colleges Senior Championship. Cashel are old hands at this level. They are the holders of the Dripsey Cup and captured the All Ireland crown in 1977 and 1979.

St. Raphaels, Loughrea, the top College side of the decade, seems set for further honours. The County Galway school has qualified for the Connacht senior and junior finals in a fortnight's time.

In an all-Loughrea senior final, St. Raphaels will play the local Vocational School. The junior final is expected to be very keen. St. Cuans, Castleblakeney challenge champions St. Raphaels and are not inhibited by the prospect.

FIXTURES

Tomorrow: Purcell Cup semi-finals at Marino, Dublin — (1.30). Thomond College v St. Marys, Belfast. (2.00) Waterford RTC v Dublin City University. Munster Colleges Senior Final — at Midleton G.A.A. Grounds (2.00) — St. Marys, Midleton v Scoil Mhuire, Cashel. Sunday — Purcell Cup Final at Marino (2.30) — Purcell Plate at Marino (1.30) — Mary Immaculate v Marino.

Players' Profiles

Name: Ann O'Connor
Address: Knocknaskagh, Killeagh
Age: 15
Schools Attended: Killeagh N.S.
Camogie Club: Killeagh
Age when you started playing camogie: 8
Camogie Achievements: Captained the U14 Feile na nGael '88. Won Munster in first year, was on the Cork Minor Team
Other sporting achievements: None
Other interests: Walking, cycling, reading, listening to music.
Future ambitions: To win an All-Ireland medal
Favourite Musical Group: U2
Person you would like to meet most: Neil Diamond

Name: Frances Hennessy
Address: Bally Butler, Ladysbridge
Schools attended: Killeagh N.S.
Camogie Club: Fr. O'Neill's
Age when you started playing camogie: 9
Camogie Achievements: Member of Fr. O'Neill's Intermediate Team who won the County Midleton Intermediate Team '86, Cork Minor Team.
Other interests: Hockey, Basketball
Future ambitions: To win an All-Ireland medal
Favourite Musical group: Chris De Burgh
Person you would most like to meet: Teddy McCarthy

Name: Belinda Kearney
Address: 29 Tim Daly's Terrace, Midleton
Age: 14
Schools attended: Midleton N.S.
Camogie Club: Midleton
Age when you started Playing camogie: 11
Camogie achievements: George Harrington Cup
Other sporting achievements: Running
Other interests: Soccer, Dogs, Swimming
Future ambitions: Win the All-Ireland
Favourite musical group: Bon Jovi
Person you would like to meet most: Jon Bon Jovi

Name: Darina Kearney
Address: 29 Tim Daly's Terrace, Midleton
Age: 16
Schools attended: St. Bridge's Primary School, Midleton
Camogie Club: Midleton
Age when you started playing camogie: 10
Camogie achievements: Gaelic week '89
Other sporting achievements: Running, Basketball
Other interests: Basketball, soccer, swimming, cycling
Future ambitions: To win the All-Ireland
Favourite Musical group: Bon Jovi
Person you would like to meet most: Johnny Dapp

Name: Theresa Hennessy
Address: 12, Tom Clarke's Terrace, Midleton
Age: 15
Schools attended: St. Bridge's Primary School
Camogie Club: Midleton
Age when you started playing camogie: 12

Camogie achievements: Gaelic week in Midleton and the George Harrington cup against Youghal
Other sporting achievements: Running with Midleton
Other interests: Art, Swimming, Soccer
Future ambitions: To win the All-Ireland and Munster Finals
Favourite Musical group: Bon Jovi
Person you would like to meet most: Jon Bon Jovi

Name: Imelda Leahy
Address: Killeagh, Killeagh
Age: 17
Schools Attended: Inch N.S.
Camogie Club: Killeagh
Age when you started playing camogie: 9
Camogie achievements: Munster Club senior medal with Killeagh 1988, both junior and senior club county medals with Killeagh, Intermediate trophy with school 1986. Two Munster minor medals with Cork 1987, 1988. All-Ireland runners up minor medal 1987 with Cork, Member of Cork U18 1989.
Other Sporting achievements: Medals and trophies in both track and field events at County, Munster and All-Ireland Championships.
Other interests: Volleyball, squash, swimming, athletics.
Future ambitions: To captain Cork to an All-Ireland senior final and win Munster and All-Ireland medals with my school.
Favourite musical group: Neil Diamond and Band
Person you would like to meet most: Zola Budd

Name: Theresa Ahern
Address: 10 Castleredmond, Midleton
Age: 15
Schools attended: St. Bridge's Primary School
Camogie Club: Midleton
Age when you started playing camogie: 11
Camogie achievements: Gaelic week 1989 Midleton, George Harrington Cup against Youghal.
Other Sporting Achievements: Competed successfully in Tae-Kwon-do
Other interests: Tae-Kwon-do, Cycling
Future Ambition: To win the Munster final
Favourite Musical Group: New Kids on the Block
Person you would most like to meet: Jack Charlton

Players' Profiles

Name: Marie Flavin
Address: Garryvoe
Age: 15
Schools Attended: Killeagh N.S.
Camogie Club: Fr. O'Neill's
Age when you started playing camogie: 7
Camogie achievements: 1st year Munster camogie Munster Colleges medal.
Other sporting achievements: U12-U14 East Cork champion in badminton.
Other interests: Badminton, soccer, tennis
Future ambitions: Garda, Secretary, Computer Engineer
Favourite musical group: Gun's 'n' Rose's, The Quirboys
Person you would like to meet most: Tony Casciano

Name: Marion Moore
Address: Glounthaune
Age: 16
Schools attended: Sacred Heart School, Glounthaune
Camogie Club: Sarsfields, Riverstown
Age when you started playing camogie: 12
Camogie achievements: Senior County championship medal, captain of St. Mary's junior team last year.
Other sporting achievements: Tennis Medal and hockey plaque
Other interests: Soccer, Hockey
Future ambitions: Bean Garda
Favourite Musical group: Erasure
Person you would like to meet most: Paul McGrath

Name: Niamh Shanahan
Address: Ballymacoda
Age: 15
Schools attended: Killeagh Primary school, Presentation Convent, Crosshaven
Camogie Club: Fr. O'Neill's
Age when you started playing camogie: 7
Camogie achievements: Munster Junior Plate 1988, Best Junior camogie player of the year, Crosshaven '86/87
Other Sporting achievements: Competed successfully in running and swimming
Other interests: Football, Music and going out
Future ambitions: To win the All-Ireland
Favourite musical Group: AC/DC
Person you would like to meet most: Bryan Adams

Name: Evelyn Leahy
Address: Killeagh, Killeagh
Age: 13
Schools attended: Inch N.S.
Age when you started playing camogie: 6
Camogie Achievements: U14 County '88, Feile Gael runners up, U12 schools county "school" junior U15 runners up '89.
Other sporting achievements: Runners up U12 hurling with Killeagh, Willie Ryan Winners '88 U12 (boys)
Other interests: Basketball, Volleyball, soccer, snooker, gymnastics, swimming
Future ambitions: To win Munster senior school final
Favourite Musical Group: New Kids on the block
Person you would like to meet most: Jack Charlton.

St. Mary's (red and navy) have named the following starting line-up for Saturday (clubs in brackets):

Teresa Ahern (Midleton), Francis Hennessy (Fr. O'Neill's), Carol McSweeney (Midleton), Helen Walsh (Killeagh), Imelda Leahy (Killeagh), Denise Hayes (Fr. O'Neill's), Barbara Hennessy (Midleton), Sinead Cahalane (Killeagh), Fiona O'Driscoll (Fr. O'Neill's), Marie Barrett (Killeagh), Ann O'Connor (Killeagh), Evelyn Leahy (Killeagh).

Presentation Convent, Cashel Panel (gold top, navy trim, navy skirt):
Carol Dunne, Roisin Nash, Sinead McGrath, Marita Tobin, Evonne O'Dwyer, Angela Ryan (captain), Sinead Ryan, Siobhan O'Sullivan, Aine Rothwell, Jovita Delaney, Helen O'Leary, Neasa O'Dwyer, Marie Barron, Sylvia Ryan, Miriam Hayden, Tracy Bargary, Caroline Graham, Geraldine Kelly.

Best Wishes and Every Success to St. Mary's High School Camogie team from

**FR. O'NEILL'S
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Members of St. Mary's High School, Midleton Camogie team who play Scoil Mhuire Cashel in the Munster Colleges final on Sunday week.

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Name: Carol McSwaney
Address: 10 Tim Daly's Terrace,
Midleton
Age: 15
Schools Attended: St. Bridget's
Primary School
Other sporting Achievements:
Running
Camogie Achievements: George
Harrington Cup medal, Gaelic Week
'89 Midleton.
Camogie Club: Midleton
Other Interests: Swimming, Soccer,
Cycling
Future Ambitions: To win the
Munster and All-Ireland Final
Favourite Musical Group: Bon Jovi
Person you would like to meet most:
Jon Bon Jovi

Name: Edal Hennessy
Age: 15
Address: 12 Tim Clarke's Terrace,
Midleton
Schools Attended: Bridget's
Primary School
Camogie Club: Midleton
Age when you started playing
camogie: 11
Camogie achievements: The George
Harrington cup against Youghal,
Gaelic week '89
Other sporting achievements:
Running
Other Interests: Art, Swimming, Pop
Music, Cycling Soccer
Future ambitions: To win the All-
Ireland
Favourite Musical Group: Bon Jovi
Person you would like to meet most:
Jon Bon Jovi

Name: Ashling Hennessy
Age: 15
Address: 15, Tim Daly's Terrace,
Midleton
Schools Attended: St. Bridget's
Primary School
Camogie Club: Midleton
Age when you started playing
camogie: 11
Camogie Achievements: Won medal
during Gaelic Week in Midleton, Won
George Harrington cup against
Youghal
Other sporting achievements:
Running
Other Interests: Swimming, Cycling,
Art, Soccer
Future ambitions: To Win an All-
Ireland Camogie medal
Favourite Musical group: Bon Jovi
Person you would like to meet most:
Johnny Depp

Name: Fiona O' Driscoll
Address: Knockadoon, Ballymacoda
Age: 17
Schools Attended: Kilsredan N.S.
Camogie Club: Fr. O'Neil's
Age when you started playing
camogie: 9
Camogie Achievements: Runner-up in
All Ireland Féile na nGael skills
competition '86, County Junior Medal
1985; county Intermediate Medal
1986; 3 Munster Minor Medals 1986;
1987; 1988 (captain); Runner-up
medal in All-Ireland Final (Minor)
1988; Munster Junior Medal 1989;
Gael Linn Medal with Munster Junior
Team in 1988. Member of Cork U18
Team 1988 and 1989. Intermediate
Colleges Medal 1986.
Other Sporting Achievements: St.
Mary's High School Sport's person of
the Year 1989, MVP Award in
County C Basketball Final 1990.
Other Interests: Collecting match
programmes, swimming, reading,
soccer, badminton.
Future Ambitions: To win an All-
Ireland Medal
Favourite Musical Group: Brian
Adams
Person you would like to meet most:
Mother Teresa

Name: Denise Hayes
Address: Dromada Beg,
Ladysbridge
Age: 16
Schools Attended: Kilsredan N.S.
Camogie Club: Fr. O'Neil's
Age when you started playing
camogie: 8
Camogie Achievements: Captain of
first year Munster Colleges team -
winners. Cork Minor camogie panel
1988.
Other sporting achievements:
Badminton, Soccer
Other Interests: Jogging, Cycling,
Swimming
Future Ambitions: To win an All-
Ireland medal
Favourite Musical Group: Bon Jovi

Name: Maevie Fitzgerald
Address: "Mill View" Cork Road,
Midleton
Age: 17
Schools Attended: St. Bridget's
Primary School
Camogie Club: Midleton
Age when started playing camogie:
15
Camogie achievements: None, Yet
Other sporting achievements:
Orienteering, Soccer, Squash,
Running, Basketball
Other Interests: Swimming, Cycling,
Music, Hockey
Future ambitions: To win the Munster
senior championship
Favourite Musical Group: Bon Jovi
Person you would like to meet most:
Bob Geldof

Name: Olivia Barry
Address: Loughaderna, Midleton
Age: 15
Schools Attended: St. Bridget's
Primary School
Camogie Club: Midleton
Age when you started playing
camogie: 13
Camogie Achievements: Gaelic week
'89, Youghal cup
Other sporting achievements:
Munster Junior "B" in St. Mary's
Camogie team '89
Other Interests: Swimming, Cycling,
Volleyball
Future ambitions: To win the Munster
and All-Ireland title
Favourite musical group: Wet Wet
Wet
Person you would like to meet most:
Jack Charlton

Name: Barbara Hennessy
Address: 13, Roches Terrace,
Midleton
Age: 15
Schools Attended: St. Bridget's
Primary
Camogie Club: Midleton
Age when you started playing
camogie: 9

Camogie achievements: Winners of
Munster Colleges 1st year camogie
Other Sporting achievements:
Medals for running, soccer and
trophies for tennis
Other Interests: Soccer, Speech and
Drama, Music
Future Ambitions: To win the All-
Ireland
Favourite Musical Group: Van
Morrison
Person you would like to meet most:
Marti Pello

Name: Marie Barrett
Address: 15 Joseph Morrissey Place,
Castlemartyr
Age: 15
Schools Attended: St. Joseph's
N.S., Castlemartyr
Camogie Club: Kilslesh Club
Age when you started playing
camogie: 10
Camogie Achievements: 2 County and
2 Munster medals. Captain of junior
team '89
Other sporting achievements:
Volleyball
Other Interests: Volleyball, swimming
Future ambitions: To win Munster
Favourite Musical group: New Kids on
the Block
Person you would like to meet most:
Tina Turner

Name: Sandra Horgan
Address: 85, Riversfield Est.,
Midleton, Co. Cork
Age: 15
Schools Attended: St. Bridget's
Primary
Camogie Club: None
Age when you started playing
camogie: 10
Camogie Achievements: None
Other sporting achievements: Brown
belt in Karate
Other Interests: G.A.A., Horror
Films, Irish dancing, Reading
Future ambitions: To win an All-
Ireland Schools' medal
Favourite Musical Group: Sinead O'
Connor
Person you would like to meet most:
Sinead O' Connor

Name: Sharon O'Sullivan
Address: 2, Elsinore Heights,
Midleton
Age: 15
Schools Attended: Galway, Youghal
and Midleton
Camogie Club: Midleton
Age when you started playing
camogie: 12
Camogie achievements: In Midleton
was won the George Harrington Cup
'89, St. Mary's won the junior "B"
Munster, Colleges



L - R: Ann O' Connor, Marie Barrett, Niamh Shanahan, and Sinead Cahalane.



L - R: Denise Hayes, Helen Walsh and Olivia Barry.

Players' Profiles

Name: Sinead Cahalane
Address: Main Street, Castlemartyr
Age: 15
Schools Attended: St. Fergal's
N.S., Kilslesh
Camogie Club: Kilslesh Club
Age when you started playing
camogie: 9
Camogie achievements: 2 County and
2 Munster. A Cork Minor.
Other sporting Achievements:
Cross-Country running, Volleyball
Other Interests: Volleyball,
Swimming
Future Ambitions: To win an All-
Ireland
Favourite Musical Group: New Kids
on the Block
Person you would like to meet most:
Marti Pello

Name: Brenda Cashman
Address: Upper Aghada, Midleton
Age: 16
Camogie Club: None
Age when you started playing
camogie: 11
Camogie Achievements: None
Other sporting Achievements: Life
saving standard in Swimming,
Munster squad in tennis
Other Interests: T.V., reading,
tennis, swimming, cycling
Further Ambition: To win an All-
Ireland schools medal
Favourite Musical Group: Sinead O'
Connor
Person to Meet: Tracy Chapman

Other Sporting Achievements:
Medals for running, trophies for
tennis at a sports' camp.
Other Interests: Cycling, Walking,
Reading and Writing
Future ambitions: I would like to pla
for Cork
Favourite Musical Group: Bon Jovi
Person you would like to meet most
Jon Bon Jovi

Name: Helen Walsh
Address: 5 Kelly's Terrace, Kilslesh
Age: 16
Schools Attended: Kilslesh N.S.
Camogie Club: Kilslesh
Age when you started playing
camogie: 9
Camogie achievements: Member of
winning team in U14 county and
Munster finals, member of U14 team
All-Ireland Finalist runners-up, U18,
U 16 County medals member of
Munster and County colleges team
1987.
Other sporting achievements: No
other really
Other Interests: Music, horses, sport
of all kinds.
Future Ambitions: To win an All-
Ireland Final
Favourite Musical Group: Bon Jovi
Person you would like to meet most:
Jon Bon Jovi

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L - R: Fiona O' Driscoll, Frances Hennessy, Imelda Leahy, Maeve Fitzgerald.



L - R: Barbara Hennessy, Marie Flavin, Evelyn Leahy, and Theresa Ahern.



St. Mary's High School, Midleton, forward Evelyn Leahy does well to beat two defenders and lob Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, goalkeeper Carol Dunne only to see her effort go marginally wide in the Munster Colleges senior camogie final at Midleton. (Picture: Denis Minihane)

Opportunist goals pave way for Cashel victory

SCOIL MHUIRE, CASHEL 3-9, ST. MARY'S, MIDLETON 1-4

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The game produced an abundance of good camogie, but Cashel, powered by the brilliance of Yvonne O'Dwyer, Sinead Ryan, Siobhan Ryan and Aine Rathwell, had more determination about their play.

Fiona O'Driscoll opened the scoring with a point for St. Mary's from a free. Cashel then struck with a Yvonne O'Dwyer equaliser, before Neasa O'Dwyer put the Tipperary girls ahead after 11 minutes with another point.

Five minutes from the break, Neasa O'Dwyer availed of some slackness in the Midleton defence to

hammer home a goal and two minutes later Aine Rathwell was in to snap up Tipperary's second goal to give them a two-goal lead at the interval.

On the restart, Fiona O'Driscoll raised Midleton hopes with a point from a free, but shortly after Jovita Delaney struck over two quick points for Cashel. Angela Ryan added another brace and this seemed to knock the heart out of the Midleton girls.

Imelda Leahy then goaled for Midleton, but Neasa O'Dwyer immediately pointed for Cashel and just for good measure Helen O'Leary had the visitors third goal.

Scorers — Cashel: Neasa O'Dwyer 1-3, Helen O'Leary 1-0, Aine Rathwell 1-0, Angela Ryan 0-3, Jovita Delaney 0-2, Yvonne O'Dwyer 0-1.

Midleton: Fiona O'Driscoll 0-4, Imelda Leahy 1-0. Scoil Mhuire: C. Dunne, R. Nash, S. McGrath, M. Tobin, Y. O'Dwyer, A. Rathwell, S. Ryan, S. O'Sullivan, J. Delaney, N. O'Dwyer, H. O'Leary.

St. Mary's: T. Aherne, F. Hennessy, C. Sweeney, H. Walsh, I. Leahy, D. Hayes, B. Hennessy, S. Cahalane, F. O'Driscoll, E. Leahy, A. O'Connor, M. Barrett. Subs: M. Moore for B. Hennessy. Referee: B. Stokes (Limerick).

ST. MARY'S CELEBRATE

"It is easy to celebrate if you win, but to celebrate when you lose is a real sign of sportsmanship," said Sister Nuala, Principal St. Mary's High School, at a function held in Sherwood House Hotel, Midleton after the Munster Schools Senior Camogie Final, where St. Mary's were beaten by Munster Champions, Scoil Mhuire, Cashel.

She also paid tribute to the P.E. teachers and coaches of the camogie and basketball clubs in the school but both however lost in the final run-in for honours.

Sister Nuala paid tribute to Kay Murphy, Ger Hallissey, in Basketball; Julie Ring, Gerri Kirby, Betty Joyce, Josie Knowles all associated with the camogie club.

Shelia Morgan, President of the National Schools Camogie Association spoke of the final saying it was a very sporting contest. "Midleton got the breaks when beating Macroom on their way to the final, but it was Cashel's turn to get them at a crucial time yesterday," said the President. She told the 190 guests that there was a Munster title winning team in St. Mary's. "I hope to be in a position to present the cup to you while in office," said Shelia Morgan.

Mary Moran, Hon Secretary, of the Munster Council of the Schools Camogie, stated that the sportsmanship displayed by Midleton the final was something special. She selected Frances Hennessy, the dynamic corner back, as the Midleton player of the game, who received a magnificent Cork Crystal Glass suitably engraved from the sponsor Marguerite Gleeson, Proprietor of the Final Touch, Midleton.

Fr. Michael Lomasney, the popular curate told the team to continue their work and in the not too distant future, possibly a number would be representing U.C.C. in the Ashbourne Cup.

The event was organised by the Parents Council of St. Mary's and Kevin Brosnan, Chairman, told the guests that the council felt the function should be held.

Guests included the Chairman of the Midleton GAA Mr. Pat Horgan, and Mrs. Horgan, Mr. Sean Hennessy, Retired Chairman East Cork GAA Board and Mrs. Hennessy Mrs. Joan Deasy, President PPU.

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Brave Midleton Performance

Report and Pictures by Fr. Liam Kelleher

**Scoil Mhuire,
Cashel, 3-9
St. Mary's,
Midleton, 1-4**

They say fortune favours the brave, but try telling that to the camogie girls of St. Mary's High School who saw their cherished ambition of winning the Munster Senior crown for the first time evaporate long before the final whistle sounded in front of a huge gathering of home support at Clonmult Memorial Park on Saturday last.

Cashel came to Midleton as holders with a great reputation but for the first fifteen minutes of this absorbing contest they looked anything but champions as Midleton gave their all to cause an upset. Indeed, looking back the game was lost by Midleton in the first fifteen minutes rather than won by Cashel during that period. Cashel looked unsettled in the opening exchanges and Midleton did not punish them to the extent that they should have in this period of the game. A pointed free by Fiona O'Driscoll after Midleton had missed a few opening chances, gave them the tonic they needed and with Imelda Leahy dominating the centre back position the Midleton forwards got plenty of chances to build up a winning lead. The youngest player on the field, Evelyn Leahy, won some good possession out on the wing and a few lovely crosses caused all kinds of confusion in the Cashel defence. Ann O'Connor and Marie Barrett were most unlucky not to have put at least one of them away.

Coped Admirably

The defence, with Frances Hennessy outstanding, coped admirably with everything that came their way for the first fifteen minutes but after that the walls came tumbling down. Cashel began to get on top at midfield. Yvonne O'Dwyer began to get the measure of an up to then outstanding Fiona O'Driscoll. Despite the best efforts of Imelda Leahy at centre back, she was unable to stem the tide coming from midfield since her colleagues Denise Hayes, Barbara Hennessy and Sinead Cahalane had lost the grip they had held in that vital sector of the field and that really was

where it all started. Midleton were never again able to gain control there. The direct result was that the Cashel forwards saw a lot more of the ball and the full back line of Carol McSweeney, Frances Hennessy and Helen Walsh were put under a lot of pressure as was keeper Therese Ahern. The game was really won by Cashel in the five minutes before the break. First it was Nessa O'Dwyer who latched on to a loose ball and literally walked the ball into the net giving the keeper no chance. Worse was to follow two minutes later as Aine Rathwell ran through unchallenged to get the better of an unprotected Therese Ahern to chalk up another goal. Cashel were really rampant at this stage and in one of the best moves of the game they were denied a third goal just before the break by an outstanding save. The short whistle sounded with the Midleton girls two goals in arrears and left them pondering as they retired to the dressing room, what might have been, if they had taken the early chances that came their way.

Mountain to Climb

St. Mary's returned to the field knowing that they had a mountain to climb and an early point from a free by Fiona O'Driscoll gave them a glimmer of hope. But Cashel's most experienced forward, Jovita Delaney, who had a quiet first half quickly replied with two points. Midleton in one of their infrequent attacks got the ball up the right wing to Evelyn Leahy. Courageously she took on the Cashel defence on her own and after a great run saw her keeper-beating, hand pass slide on the wrong side of the post. A goal at that stage may have inspired a rally by Midleton and the goal they long sought by her sister Imelda Leahy five minutes from time came too late to have any impact in saving the game for the homesters. In the meantime the Cashel girls grew in confidence and they really gave a great exhibition of all that is best in camogie skills. Angela Ryan tacked on two more points. Nessa O'Dwyer responded immediately to Imelda Leahy's goal with a fine point while Helen O'Leary completed Cashel's day of joy just before the end.

Where Now?

One must feel nothing but sympathy for St. Mary's who trained very hard for this final and fought bravely throughout the game for the honour of their school and none more bravely than Denise Hayes who entered the fray having suffered a broken nose. One must have a little sympathy as well for inspiring captain Fiona O'Driscoll, Frances Hennessy and Imelda Leahy who have contributed enormously to the sport in the school and did not end up with senior championship medals. There must be hope for the future as Midleton had a fine squad of 25 on view on Saturday and most of them will be back in the school again next year. In these days of specialized training it is very difficult to win a major championship. I know that full well. The first year Charleville won the Munster and All-Ireland Junior camogie titles they trained for seventy-three days in a row, including Christmas Day, and often twice a day. The year before they had lost the Munster final to Ennis and again modern day trends indicate that you lose one before you win one. If Midleton believe in themselves and that maxim then they will be back next year to set the record straight. Let's not end by reflecting what might have been but rather look forward in confidence to what can be.

Scorers: Cashel - Nessa O'Dwyer 1-3, Aine Rathwell 1-0, Helen O'Leary 1-0, Angela Ryan 0-3, Jovita Delaney 0-2, Yvonne O'Dwyer 0-1.

Midleton - Fiona O'Driscoll 0-4, Imelda Leahy 1-0.

Scoil Mhuire - C. Dunne, R. Walsh, S. McGrath, M. Tobin, Y. O'Dwyer, A. Rathwell, S. Ryan, S. O'Sullivan, J. Delaney, N. O'Dwyer, H. O'Leary.

St. Mary's High School - T. Aherne, C. McSweeney, F. Hennessy, H. Walsh, I. Leahy, D. Hayes, B. Hennessy, S. Cahalane, E. Leahy, F. O'Driscoll, A. O'Connor, M. Barret. Sub used: M. Moore. Referee Brid Stokes, Limerick, had little difficulty in controlling a very clean and sporting encounter. Despite the inclement weather Midleton G.A.A. club must be complimented on the fine state of the pitch. Many thanks to the ladies' committee for the very welcome 'cuppa' before the game which was very much appreciated.

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Scoil Mhuire, Cashel (left) who defeated St. Mary's High School, Midleton, in the Munster Colleges senior camogie final at Midleton on Saturday.



St. Mary's High School, Midleton, supporters cheering on their side in the Munster Colleges senior camogie final against Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, at Midleton.

(Picture: Denis Minihaue)



final at Midleton on Saturday.

— (Denis Minihaue)

Midleton Lose Out In Camogie Final

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the Munster Schools Senior Camogie final. Midleton stayed with the Munster title holders for the opening 19 minutes, but once Cashel edged ahead, the homesters were fighting an uphill battle.

Fiona O'Driscoll opened the scoring with a point from a free, missed on another occasion before Cashel struck with an Evonne O'Dwyer point. Nessa O'Dwyer put the Tipperary girls ahead after 11 minutes. With five minutes to the break, Nessa O'Dwyer availed of some slackness in the Midleton defence and suddenly Cashel had opened a gap, followed immediately by another point from O'Dwyer. With two minutes to the break, Anne Rockwell was in to snap up Tipperary's second goal thus giving them a two goal lead 2-3 to 0-3.

Midleton came back strongly early in the second half, yet Fina O'Driscoll missed a good chance from a free. O'Driscoll pointed a free for Midleton and it looked as if the Cork girls were to fight back. However, two quick points for Cashel with Angela Ryan adding another brace seemed to knock the Midleton girls off their stride.

Imelda Leahy switched from centre back to mid-field, let Mikseton back and moving into attack she was there to goal for Midleton. Nessa O'Dwyer increased Cashel's lead with a point and for good measure. Helen O'Leary had the visitors' third goal to give them a chance of going all the way in the All-Ireland championship.



St. Mary's High School, Midleton defender Imelda Leahy, about to strike the ball clear as Scoil Mhuire, Cashel's Jovita Delaney rushes in during the Munster College's senior camogie final at Midleton.
—(Picture: Denis Minihane)



Scoil Mhuire, Cashel's, Neasa O'Dwyer (left) scoring an easy first goal against St. Mary's High School Theresa Aherne in the Munster Colleges' senior camogie final at Midleton.

Kilkenny bid for 4th title

THE Ashbourne Cup for the Universities' senior championship, which is due to conclude at Maynooth today, has as usual helped to usher in the new campaign in camogie. However, followers still have some weeks yet to wait for the opening games of the inter-county programme.

The National Junior League, which commenced back in October, will resume on March 11, but the opening games in the senior counterpart will not be played until the end of next month.

Since the National Senior League was launched in 1977 Kilkenny alone have won three titles in succession. They earned that record last year, and hope to go one better in the coming series.

The Noreiders proved such a mighty power in the last decade — five All-Ireland senior crowns on the trot, and six League titles throughout the 'Eighties — that it would be a brave person who would at this early stage oppose them in their latest bid.

Kilkenny will compete in a group of only three counties initially with old rivals Cork and Galway. Antrim, Dublin, Clare and Wexford will compete in the other section, and the group winners will meet for the title.

As well as striving to maintain their dominance of the League and All-Ireland crowns this year, Kilkenny will help to usher in a new era for the sport. They are to travel with Cork to New York to play an exhibition senior game, probably at Gaelic Park, as part of the 30th anniversary celebrations of the Young Irelanders Club there.

The actual date for the match has still to be worked out, but it is probable that the game will be played towards the end of October. Whatever about that, this is a welcome break-through for the sport, and one that is bound to provide an added spur for the Kilkenny and Cork girls.

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Geraldine Kirby, Betty Joyce and Julia Ring, camogie coaches with St. Mary's High School, Midleton, who received awards at St. Mary's High School dinner in Sherwood House Hotel.



Frances Hennessy, St. Mary's High School camogie player, who got the player of the match award in the final of the Munster Colleges Senior Camogie, accepts her award from Margaret Gleason, Final Touch. Also in picture is Sister Nuala, principal at St. Mary's High School and Mary Moran, secretary, Munster Colleges. The presentation took place at Sherwood House Hotel.



(right) Aine Rathwell scoring the second goal despite the efforts of goalkeeper (Pictures: Denis Minihaue)

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UCC girls bid to dethrone champ

WEATHER permitting, there should be plenty of exciting action on the camogie scene this weekend, with a number of vital games down for decision.

U.C.C. travel to Maynooth tomorrow to play last year's winners U.C.G. in the semi-final of the Ashbourne Cup. These sides met in the corresponding round last season, but the Galway

side have lost some of their key players since, so U.C.C. should be in with a better chance this time. The Cork girls have trained exceptionally hard this year under coach Tim Cummins and if players like Mary Roche, Paula Carey, Valerie Twomey, Tricia Noonan and Patricia Murphy play to form, they could be in with a real change. The winners play

the winners of Sunday's U.C.D. - Maynooth semi-final.

The rivalry and excitement of Colleges Camogie is always something special and tomorrow's Munster Colleges Junior final between St. Mary's, Macroom and Scariff Community College promises to be no exception. Macroom will be contesting their second final while

the Clare girls will be making their debut in the decider. Macroom won the title in 1988 but were defeated in the All-Ireland final, so obviously they will be very anxious to go one better this season.

They will be spearheaded by Stephanie Dunlea, Martina O'Neill, Eileen Bradley, Mary Kelleher and

Margaret Twomey, and these girls could make things very difficult for a Clare side who will be looking to players like Claire O'Driscoll, Eilish Doyle, and Nollaig Clancy to carry them through.

At club level, top of the bill will be the clash of Cloughduv and Fr. O'Neill's in the Under 18 championship semi-final. Cloughduv will probably

be slightly favoured to advance having shown fine form of late in winning the Under 16 championship. The Dunlea sisters, Lyn, Stephanie and Jackie, Martina O'Neill and Karen O'Donoghue will be expected to see them through against a Fr. O'Neill's side that can call on the experienced Fiona O'Driscoll, Frances Hennessy and Denise Hayes.

ASHBOURNE CUP IS WIDE OPEN

MAYNOOTH UNIVERSITY host what is expected to be one of the most open Ashbourne Cup series for many years. The absence of big names from the respective panels makes the job of predicting likely winners very difficult.

U.C.D. dominated the competition in the eighties but the stars of those victories have graduated from Belfield. U.C.D. are paired with Maynooth in the semi-final. A few years ago, the Dublin side would be expected to coast through such a fixture. But not any more. Indeed, U.C.D. could only manage to defeat their rivals by one point in their league meeting.

On home ground, Maynooth will pull out all the stops to reverse that decision. Led by Marie Kenneally, and strongly supported by Margaret O'Keefe, Sarah Russell and Statis Knowles, the Kildare college expects to do well.

The holders of the Ashbourne Cup, U.C.G., face a difficult test against U.C.C. Some of the prominent members of last year's winning squad have finished college. Galway are still a formidable side and look to Carmel Coyne, Anne Lenihan, Jackie Ryan, Cathy Hannigan and Ann Marie Naughton to retain the cup. But a young, eager Cork side will not concede easily.

Scariff Community School and St. Mary's, Macroom, promise a very exciting Munster colleges junior final at Whitegate. Scariff brought home the Munster colleges first year cup last year. The

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majority of that team has progressed to the junior team. Claire O'Driscoll, Eilish Doyle, Nollaig Clancy, Clare Malone and Carole Costelloe hope to make it a winning championship debut for Scariff.

St. Mary's, Macroom, won the junior championship in 1988. They qualified for the final as a result of good victories over Bandon, Crosshaven, St. Patrick's and Colaiste Muire. Stephanie Dunlea, Mary Kelleher, Margaret Twomey, Martina O'Neill and Eileen Bradley are expected to shine for Macroom.

Leinster colleges junior champions St. Brigids, Callan, have qualified for the 1990 final, where they will meet Donaghies Community School. Callan had a particularly close call from F.C.J. Bunclody in the semi-final. Leinster hope to be in a position to stage both senior and junior finals on February 17.

The Ulster colleges championships are not as far advanced. St. Louis, Kilkeel, St. Columba's, Kilkeel, and Loreto, Letterkenny, have booked semi-final spots but await the winners of other quarter-final matches.

FIXTURES

TOMORROW: Ashbourne Cup semi-finals: At Maynooth (2.30) - Maynooth v U.C.D.; U.C.G. v U.C.C. Munster Colleges Junior Final at Whitegate, Co. Clare (2.0). Scariff Community College v St. Mary's, Macroom.

SUNDAY: Ashbourne Cup final - at Maynooth (2.30).

Cork girl the toast of UCG

UCG 3-1 UCD 0-6
ALTHOUGH UCC suffered defeat in the Ashbourne Cup semi-final on Saturday at the hands of Galway, the eventual winners, there was some consolation for Cork folk in that Ann Linehan from Kanturk had all UCG's scores in yesterday's decider against UCD.

UCD, with the wind in their favour, led 0-4 to 0-1 at the interval, but on resuming, Linehan, with a good supply of the ball from defence and midfield, notched the winning scores in the second-half.

Scorers for UCD: J. Tobin 0-4, N. Ryan and A. Harrington 0-1 each.

UCG 2-1 UCC 0-1
WITH the ball often sticking in the mud, the two goals scored by Galway's Evelyn Cooley in the first-half of the semi-final combined with a point from Linehan, left the Cork students with a mammoth task in the second-half.

However, with great spirit they mounted attack after attack in the second-half but a combination of a tight Galway defence and ever worsening conditions denied them the vital scores.

Paula Carey had Cork's only score in the first-half.

Details: Ashbourne Cup semi-finals: UCG 2-1 UCC 0-1; UCD 2-6 Maynooth 0-3. Shield final: Queens University 1-5 UUC 1-4.

Scariff win first title

Scariff Comm. College 2-1 St. Mary's, Macroom 1-2
SCARIFF captured the Munster Colleges Junior (U-15) camogie title for the first time when they defeated St. Mary's, Macroom in an evenly contested final at Whitegate on Saturday. Despite the heavy rainfall of recent weeks, the pitch was in good condition, but the blustery conditions made things difficult for the players.

A good start proved vital for the home side, who scored their total of 2-1 in the opening ten minutes, with Carol Costelloe accounting for all three scores. In the second quarter, Macroom had two points from Stephanie Dunlea and Martina O'Neill and this left the score at half-time at 2-1 to 0-2.

Macroom piled on the pressure after the break and were rewarded with a Geraldine Lyons goal. This proved to be the final score.

SCARIFF: E. Doyle, D. Costelloe, M. O'Grady, C. O'Driscoll, N. Clancy, E. Slattery, H. Costelloe, J. Kavanagh, C. Costelloe, M. Pacey, C. Malone, M. Baker.

MACROOM: M. Corkery, E. Henchion, S. McCarthy, C. O'Regan, S. Dunlea, M. O'Neill, M. Kelleher, K. O'Donoghue, M. Twomey, G. Lyons, C. Dilworth, E. Bradley.

Referee B. O'Dea (Limerick).

Junior Panel Resume Training

The Clare junior camogie side will continue training on this Sunday for the match against Cavan on March 25. The following players are asked to be at St. Flannans College at 12 noon: M. O'Halloran, P. Gleeson, C. McNamara, St. Josephs; A. Keane, M. Mescall, Kilnamona; S. Maher, Kilmaley, F. Kinsella, M. Martin, A. M. Ryan, Parteen; B. Ryan, Ennistymon; C. Tobin, C. Moroney, F. White, M. Gormley, J. Malone, Eire Og; M. Flynn, E. Whelan, Smith O'Briens; D. Keogh, M. Cusack, M. A. McNerney, L. Quinn, C. Chapman, D. O'Gorman, B. O'Halloran, Sixmellbridge; C. Lally, D. Kelly, D. McGettrick, J. Meehan, D.

McDonagh, Wolfe Tones; A. McGrath, Kilkishen; S. O'Brien, M. McNamara, A. O'Dwyer, C. O'Driscoll, Boydke; M. Collins, Scariff; Ogonnellloe, C. O'Dea, P. Roughan, Ruan/Cusacks; M. McMahon, C. Hally, M. Crowe, R. Real, Truagh. The county under 16 side will have their first outing on May 16 and the following are asked to attend with the juniors at St. Flannans on Sunday. A. Starr, E. Doyle, Whitegate; H. and C. Costelloe, N. Clancy, C. Moloney, Eire Og; B. Lally, E. McDade, M. Costelloe, E. Purcell, C. Stencil, Wolfe Tones, E. McCormack, S. Ryan, M. Grogan, Newmarket.

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AT MAYNOOTH - U.C.D. 2-6; Maynooth 0-3; U.C.G. 2-1, U.C.C. 0-1.

SHIELD COMPETITION
Q.U.B. 3-0; U.U.J. 0-2; U.U.C. 5-11; Trinity 0-1.
Shield final (today) - Queens v U.U.C. (12.30). Ashbourne final - U.C.D. v U.C.G. (2.45).

LEINSTER SENIOR COLLEGES CAMOGIE FINAL
Presentation Convent, Kilkenny 4-3 (G. Dillon 3-1, S. Dermody 1-0, O. Ryall 0-2). Callant 0-2 (S. Millea 0-1, T. Millea 0-1).

School 'celebrates' despite losing

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"IT is easy to celebrate if you win, but to celebrate when you lose is a real sign of sportsmanship," said Sister Nuala, Principal St. Mary's High School, at a function held in Sherwood House Hotel, Midleton, after the Munster Schools' Senior Camogie Final, in which St. Mary's were beaten by Munster champions, Scoil Mhuire, Cashel.

Sister Nuala went on to say that the school will get another chance. She also stated that the town of Midleton is a great town and one they should be proud of.

She paid tribute to the P.E. teachers and coaches of the Camogie Club and Basketball Club in the school, both, however, losing in the final run in for honours.

Sister Nuala complimented the business people of Midleton and further afield for their generosity. She also said that the volume of good wishes in their bid for Munster honours was unbelievable, with a

'phone call from Switzerland and many parts of Ireland, while Gerri Kirby, one of the trainers of the squad, received a 'phone call from Anne Leahy, in South America, who was instrumental in getting camogie going in the school.

Sister Nuala paid tribute to Kay Murphy, Ger Hallissey in basketball; Julie Ring, Gerri Kirby, Betty Joyce, Josie Knowles, all associated with the camogie.

Sheila Morgan, President of the National Schools Camogie Association, spoke of the final saying it was a very sporting contest.

"Midleton got the breaks when beating Macroom on their way to the final, but it was Cashel's turn to get them at a crucial time," said the President. She told the 190 guests that there was a Munster title winning team in St. Mary's.

"I hope to be in a position to present the Cup to you while in office," said Sheila Morgan.

Mary Moran, Hon. Secretary of the Munster Council of the Schools' Camogie Board, stated that the sportsmanship in Midleton at the final was something special. She selected Frances Hennessey, the dynamic corner back, as the Midleton Player of the Game, who received a magnificent Cork Crystal Glass suitably engraved from the sponsor Marguerite Gleeson, proprietor of the Final Touch, Midleton.

Mary Moran told the huge selection of young ladies from St. Mary's present that camogie in school was a special time and the friendships made last down through the years.

She also said that it was a pleasure to attend a game where St. Mary's were playing, as their sportsmanship was a credit to the school.

Fr. Michael Lomasney, the popular curate and chaplain to the school, stated that Midleton lost, but made many friends. He told the team to

continue and in the not-too-distant future possibly a number would be representing U.C.C. in the Ashbourne Cup.

The event was organised by the Parents' Council of St. Mary's and Kevin Brosnan, chairman, told the guests that the Council felt the function should be held. He had with his fellow committee members to make a presentation to each player in both basketball and camogie, thus every member of the two sides returned home with a coloured framed picture of their teams.

There was also a presentation from the players to the various coaches, a feat the basketball players also performed.

In addition to those mentioned other guests included the chairman of Midleton G.A.A., Mr. Pat Horgan and Mrs. Horgan, Mr. Seán Hennessey retired chairman East Cork Board G.A.A. and Mrs. Hennessey, and Mrs. Joan Deasy, president P.P.U.

Cloughduv
trounce
Bishopstown

Cloughduv 4-6,
Bishopstown 0-2.

CLOUGHDUV scored an emphatic victory over Bishopstown in the final of the Under-16 Camogie Championship at Inishannon yesterday.

The winners, who led by 2-2 to 0-0 at the interval, piled on the pressure in the second-half and thanks to some excellent free taking by Lyn Dunlea who finished with a total of 3-5, all from frees, they had the game wrapped up well before the end.

Bishopstown's only two scores came free "30's" by goalkeeper Aine White who moved outfield in the second-half.

In addition to Lyn Dunlea, Eileen O'Sullivan had a goal and Claire Hennessey a point for Cloughduv.

In the preceding Under-14 League final Brian Dillons and Kilbrittain finished level at 2-0 each.



Brian Dillons, winners of the Cork County U-14 Camogie League. Front from left: Julie Aherne, Stephanie Fahy, Deirdre Murphy, Alison Dilworth, Valerie O'Mahony (Captain); Christine O'Mahony, Jill Hannon, Elaine Morey. Back: John Mulcahy (chairman); Deirdre Dineen, Claire O'Donovan, Marguerite O'Riordan, Aoife Crowley, Naomh O'Regan, Louise Fleming, Donna Fahy, Catherine Barrett and Aileen Barry (coach).

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U-18 semi-final is top clash

THE PRESENT weather conditions gave played havoc with fixtures over the last few weeks, but hopefully the coming weekend will show improvement enough to allow the fixtures for next Sunday to go ahead. Pick of these games will be the Under-18 Championship semi-final between Cloughduv and Fr. O'Neill's which is scheduled for Cloughduv at 3 o'clock; while in the only two other games listed Eire Og play Glen Rovers in the Senior League at Ovens; while in the same competition St. Finbarrs and Na Piar-saigh will be in opposition at Togher.

Over the weekend also, the All-Ireland finals of the CCD competitions will be held in St. Xavier's Hall in Dublin.

The clash of Cloughduv and Fr. O'Neill's in the Under-18 Championship semi-final promises to be an entertaining game

with Cloughduv probably starting as strong favourites to advance. Undoubtedly the Mid Cork club have had their best season ever.

They have already won the Junior "A" Championship and Under-16 Championship and are very much fancied to take eventual honours in the Under-18 Championship.

They are a strong all round side spearheaded by such marvellous performers as the Dunlea sisters Jackie, Stephanie and Lyn, Martina O'Neill and Karen O'Donoghue and if these girls play to their usual form it is difficult to see them being halted, but I am sure Fr. O'Neill's will have other ideas about this.

They too are a strong and determined side and the fact that a number of their players were involved with Midleton School team up to a few weeks ago will certainly

have helped their preparation.

They have fine performers in Cork Junior Fiona O'Driscoll, Denise Hayes and Frances Hennessy and these girls could certainly make life very difficult for Cloughduv.

In the remaining games Glen will be fancied to take the points at the expense of Eire Og; while in the same competition there should be very little between Na Piar-saigh and St. Finbarrs.

Grenagh and Aghabullogue are our representatives in the CCD Finals which will be held in St. Xavier's Hall in Dublin on Sunday. Grenagh will contest the quiz and instrumental music; while Aghabullogue are our representatives in the novelty act and recitation, so best wishes go to all these contestants.

In another interesting

game on Saturday the Combined Universities play the Combined Colleges at the College farm at 2 o'clock.

Best wishes for a speed recovery go to Uachtarán, Cumann Camogaíochta na nGael, Máire Ní Cheallacháin, from Dripsey who is presently in hospital. "Tá súil againn go mbheidh to ar fónamh arís gan mhoill" a Mháire.

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Under-18 Championship Semi-Final: Fr. O'Neill's v Cloughduv at Cloughduv at 3 p.m. (Referee: Newcestown).

SENIOR LEAGUE

Eire Og v Glen Rovers at Ovens at 12.15. (Referee: Inniscarra).

St. Finbarrs v Na Piar-saigh at St. Finbarrs at 12 noon. (Referee: Brian Dillons).

ST. CUANS TO BREAK RAPHAELS RECORD

ST. RAPHAELS, Loughrea have not lost a match in the Connacht Colleges Camogie Championships since 1983, but St. Cuans, Castleblakeney plan to put an end to that record when they face the champions in the Connacht junior final at Ballinasloe today.

The St. Cuans team is built around the Pearse side which won Feile na nGael, Division One in 1988. Sharon Glynn, Tracy Laheen, Sheila Reilly and Anne Dillon have progressed well since the Feile days and will make St. Raphaels work very hard for victory.

While a number of the St. Raphaels winning side of last season are now over age, they retain goal-scoring ace, Clare Lynch, Deirdre Hardiman, Fiona Stratford and Olivia Broderick. Their ability to make very good use of their resources leaves St. Raphaels a tough assignment for any opposition.

Bad weather has caused delays in the Ulster Colleges Championships. The senior and junior semi-finals are planned for Saturday. Further snow at the weekend has left the venues doubtful.

In the senior championship, St. Patrick's, Maghera, the 1989 junior champions, meet St. Mary's, Magherafelt. In the second semi-final, St. Louis, Kilkeel face Loreto, Letterkenny. St. Columbas, Kilkeel clash with St. Mary's, Clady and Loreto, Letterkenny play St. Patrick's, Maghera in the junior semi-finals. The Ulster finals are fixed for February 24.

Presentation, Kilkenny, winners of the inaugural All-Ireland Colleges Championship in 1969 recently won the Leinster senior title.

TODAY — Connacht Colleges Junior Final — At Ballinasloe (2.00) — St. Cuans, Castleblakeney v St. Raphaels, Loughrea.

SATURDAY — Ulster Colleges semi-finals — (venue to be arranged) — Senior — St. Patrick's, Maghera v St. Mary's, Magherafelt; St. Louis, Kilkeel v Loreto, Letterkenny. Junior — St. Columbas, Kilkeel v St. Mary's, Clady; St. Patrick's, Maghera v Loreto, Letterkenny.

Congratulations go this week to the Grenagh and Aghabullogue clubs who last weekend took four titles at the Munster Finals of the CCD Competitions held in Thurles. Aghabullogue won the Recitation and Novelty Act, while Grenagh were successful in the Quiz and Instrumental Music.

The County Board are pleased to announce this week that the position of County Secretary has now been filled and will be taken up by Pat Durrante who is a member of the Grenagh Club.

Raphaels to reign supreme

ST. RAPHAELS, Loughrea have been the kingpins in the Connacht Colleges Camogie Championships since 1983. The school with the winning touch has qualified for both senior and junior finals again this season.

The pendulum would seem to swing in their favour in the senior final scheduled for this day week. They face a Vocational, Loughrea side which contains a number of their own past pupils including Cora Curley, Ger Fahy and Eileen Finn. With the Hardiman's Keanes, Imelda Maher and the pick of their 1989 winning junior team available, St. Raphaels are expected to reach another All-Ireland semi-final.

However, this may not be the case in the junior grade. Opponents, St. Cuans, Castleblakeney plan to topple the champions and have reason to think that this feat is within their capabilities.

St. Cuans draw heavily on the



Pearse club team which won Feile na nGael, Division One in 1988. Young players like Sharon Glynn, Tracey Laheen, Sheila Reilly and Anne Dillon have matured considerably since their Feile days.

St. Raphaels have lost a number to the age barrier but field Clare Lynch, Deirdre Hardiman, Olivia Broderick and Fiona Stratford.

The Ulster Colleges Council have been unable to adhere to the fixture list due to bad weather. Their semi-finals are listed for next Saturday but late last night they were still experiencing difficulty in finding a venue.

In the Senior Championship,

last year's Junior champions, St. Patrick's, Maghera play St. Mary's, Magherafelt. Loreto, Letterkenny face St. Louis, Kilkeel in the second senior semi-final. Letterkenny also contest the junior semi-finals where they will take the field against Maghera. While St. Columbas, Kilkeel meet St. Mary's, Clady.

TODAY

Connacht Colleges Junior Final: At Ballinasloe 2.00: St. Cuans, Castleblakeney v St. Raphaels, Loughrea.

SATURDAY

Ulster Colleges Championship semi-finals (venue to be confirmed). Senior: St. Patrick's, Maghera v St. Mary's, Magherafelt; St. Louis, Kilkeel v Loreto, Letterkenny.

Junior: St. Columbas, Kilkeel v St. Mary's, Clady; St. Patrick's, Maghera v Loreto, Letterkenny.

SCARIFF ARE MUNSTER JUNIOR CHAMPIONS

■ Scariff Community College 2-1
■ St. Mary's Macroom 1-2

SCARIFF Community College made history at Whitegate on Saturday when they won the Munster Colleges junior camogie (u-15) title for the first time by beating St. Mary's Macroom. Blustery conditions made matters extremely difficult for the players but full marks to the Whitegate club who had the pitch in great condition.

The East Clare side, coached by Jack Treacy, got off to a great start and Carol Costelloe scored all of her team's three scores in the first ten minutes. St. Mary's fought back a little in the second quarter and scored two points to leave the score at 2-1 to 0-2 at the interval.

In the third quarter the Cork side piled on the pressure and reduced the lead with

a fine goal. However try as they did, they were unable to breach a superb Scariff defence after this. Its fair to say that Macroom exerted tremendous pressure on Scariff in the third quarter but they found that the winners were in great form.

Scariff were unlucky not to have increased their lead following a couple of quick breakaways. At the final whistle they were deserving winners of their first Provincial championship title.

It was really a team effort with all twelve girls playing well. Carl Costelloe's feat of accounting for all her team's scores will be remembered as will the excellent form of the defence throughout and especially in the second half.

As a result of this win Scariff are through to the All-Ireland semi-final in which they will have home advantage against the Ulster champions.

After the game the trophy was presented by Mary Moran, secretary of the Munster Colleges Council.

★ Scariff: Eilish Doyle; Donna Costelloe, Marian O'Grady, Claire O'Driscoll (captain), Nollaig Clancy, Elaine Slattery, Hazel Costelloe, Julie Kavanagh, Carol Costelloe, Michelle Paczy, Claire Malone, Marian Baker.

Subs: Sinead Wiley, Olive O'Driscoll, Mary Tuohy, Yvonne Hogan, Sinead McNamara, Ann Marie Starr.

Surprises galore in Ulster Cup

THE Ulster Colleges senior semi-finals threw up surprises last Saturday leaving the unexpected pairing of Loreto, Letterkenny and St. Patrick's High School, Maghera to contest the final on Saturday.

Dogged determination won the day for Loreto, Letterkenny against St. Louis, Kilkeel who fielded the better camogie players. St. Mary's, Magherafelt had indicated early in the competition that they had the makings of champions. However, they were stopped in their tracks by Maghera.

Maghera are chasing their third senior title in four years. Their junior side

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reached the All-Ireland last April but surprisingly few of these players have progressed to the senior side.

It will be left to Roisin McCluskey, Mary McGrellis and Helen Mulholland to inspire the lesser known Maghera girls to rise to the occasion.

Loreto, Letterkenny have been out of the winners' enclosure for the past few years. Former Kilkenny star, Ann Carroll has a well drilled outfit ready to challenge seriously for another Ulster title. She is looking to Sharon Tourish, Monica Bradley, Karen Duncan and Joan Barron to set the pace.

In the junior final, play will be extremely keen. St. Columba's, Kilkeel and St. Patrick's, Maghera contested the 1989 Ulster under fourteen final which Maghera won by a very narrow margin. The majority of these players will renew acquaintance on Saturday with the outcome very much in doubt.

Leinster Colleges Council have dispensed with the problems arising from a junior semi-final and the way is clear for the final on Saturday between the holders, St. Brigid's, Callan and Donahies Community School. The experience of the Callan girls may give them the edge.

Peter Hoey, the long serving Louth official, is the new cathaoirleach of Leinster Council. He pipped Dublin's Phyllis Breslin on a casting vote. Offaly's Miriam O'Callaghan will join Peter at Ard Chomhairle meetings as the new Leinster delegate.

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SATURDAY

Ulster Colleges Finals (venue to be confirmed) — Senior — St. Patrick's, Maghera v Loreto, Letterkenny. Junior — St. Columba's, Kilkeel v St. Patrick's, Maghera. Leinster Colleges Junior Final — St. Brigid's, Callan v Donahies Community School.

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●Breda Dunlea - Lady Captain East Cork G.C..

From camogie to golf captaincy ...

A former All-Ireland camogie star is the new lady captain at East Cork. Breda Dunlea (nee Reid), who has just taken up the position, is the holder of seven national medals and was the Dublin team captain on one of these great occasions in 1959.

She recalled to me over the weekend that in that last All-Ireland triumph she interrupted her honeymoon — she had married A.O.H. Cork soccer player Jim Dunlea — to lead the Dublin team to victory. It was a rare occurrence to cut short a honeymoon in those days.

Breda hung up the camogie boots soon afterwards and moved to Cork but sadly her husband died some eight years ago. Around this time she was persuaded to take up golf by East Cork member Margaret Wright and she has never looked back.

She was pleasantly surprised to be invited to assume the vice-captaincy by Claire Guerin in 1989 and is now looking forward to a most successful term in the hot seat.

President; Mary Ross is Vice-President; Mary Hegarty, wife of local

Mary Moran,
Secretary of
Munster
College
Council
presenting the
Munster Cup
to Captain
Claire
O'Driscoll.



Historic Camogie Trip To America

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Cork and Kilkenny off to US

FOR the first time a Cork camogie team will travel to New York in October on the invitation of the Young Ireland Camogie Club. The American club has invited both the Cork and Kilkenny senior teams and a repeat of the 1989 All-Ireland senior final is planned as part of their 30th anniversary celebrations.

The idea has been warmly welcomed by the players. It is a great boost to the game as, all too often, the girls are forgotten when tours are planned.

The Cork players have formed a committee under the chairmanship of County chairperson Sheila Golden, to raise the finance to fund the trip. A number of fundraising ventures are already underway. One of these is to publish a souvenir commemorative brochure. This attractive magazine will go on sale nationwide within the camogie circles. It is also intended to distribute the brochure within the Irish community in New York.

Other ventures include a fashion show, which will be held in the Bishopstown GAA Club on Wednesday, April 11 and in the very near future it is intended to hold a draw, details of which will be announced later.



Linda Mellerick a key figure in Cork's line out.

A unique occasion in the annals of Cumann Camogaiachta Na nGael will take place next October when the two top teams in the country travel to New York. The Cork and Kilkenny senior camogie teams have accepted an invitation from the Young Ireland Camogie Club, New York to travel to the United States between the 9th and 24th of October 1990.

The trip is as a result of the Young Ireland Club's 30th Anniversary celebrations. The club has been to the forefront of American camogie for many years. Indeed, the game is extremely strong in both New York and Boston. Immigration has been a strong influence on its development and many Irish girls find it comforting to find that their traditional game is played so far away from home.

Competition is of a high standard as organised championship and league matches are played on a regular basis.

The American Camogie Board has paid host to many visiting Irish teams in the past. Queens University, Belfast, Thurles, Naomh Aoife Dublin and Maryfield College have sent their camogie teams across the Atlantic. However, next October will be the first time that two inter-county camogie teams will play competitively in the States. There will be four matches played during the two weeks. Cork and Kilkenny will play each other twice and the Young Ireland Club will play both county teams once. The idea of having two county camogie teams as opposed to G.A.A. teams in New York has resulted in a great deal

of interest being generated among the Irish community in the States. In fact, it is envisaged that Gaelic Park will host all of the matches.

There is an equal degree of excitement in both Cork and Kilkenny and many fund-raising activities are underway in both counties. A fund-raising committee mainly consisting of players has been set up in Cork. One of their ventures will be the publication of an attractive commemorative magazine dealing with all aspects of camogie in Cork, both past and present. This magazine will be on sale throughout the country and will also be distributed among the Irish community in New York. There will also be a draw to help finance the trip and support for this would be appreciated by all concerned.

KILKENNY CLEAN UP IN AWARDS

IT WAS another "Kilkenny Day" at the B&I lunch in Dublin yesterday which honoured the outstanding personalities of two sports in 1989. Twin sisters, Angela and Ann Downey, both of whom were outstanding in Kilkenny's All-Ireland victory became joint winners of the B&I "Camogie Player of the Year" award, and Michael Walsh, the dominating personality of his sport last year was named as the B&I "Handballer of the Year".

This marked the second time that the Downey sisters were honoured together in the camogie award. The first was in 1986, but Angela Downey, of course, was also the B&I winner in 1977 and 1985. Michael Walsh was also a previous winner of the handball award in 1985 and 1988.

Angela and Ann were on the Kilkenny team which won its first All-Ireland title in 1974, and have been involved with the county at senior level ever since. By winning their ninth title last September, they have now joined Jerry Hughes and Kay Ryder of Dublin in third place in the all-time list of All-Ireland Senior medal-holders.

Last year, in addition to helping Kilkenny to the county's fifth All-Ireland title in succession, Angela and Ann also played major roles in the success of their club St Paul's, which took the All-Ireland Club Championship for the third year in a row.

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DOUBLE TAKE... Twins Angela and Ann Downey take possession of their 'Camogie Player of the Year Award' from Mr. Donal O'Meara, Manager, Southern Region, B&I Line. Also pictured is Michael 'Duxie' Walsh, B&I 'Handballer of the Year'.



KILKENNY PREVAIL... Kilkenny dominated the B & I GAA awards yesterday when both the camogie and handball honours went to the county. The Downey sisters, Angela and Ann (above), were joint winners of the camogie award, while Michael "Duxie" Walsh won the handball section. It was the second joint award for the Downeys and Angela's fourth award.

Deadly Downeys and 'Ducksie' sweep awards

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The presentations to the Downey sisters and to Michael Walsh were made by Donal O'Meara, manager Southern region, B+I Line.

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Last year, in addition to

various tournaments, he won the all-Ireland singles in 40 x 20 and 60 x 30 and also shared in the all-Ireland doubles championship in both events.

He won the American open under-23 championship, and became the first to win all under-age titles in the U.S. championships.

The complete list of B+I handball winners since 1975 is — 1975 — Pat Kirby (Clare), 1976 — Pat Kirby (Clare), 1977 — Pat Kirby (Clare), 1978 — Dick Lyng (Wexford), 1979 — Pat McGarry (Limerick), 1980 — Billy Burke (Kilkenny), 1981 — Tony Ryan (Tipperary), 1982 — Dick Lyng (Wexford), 1983 — Peadar McGee (Mayo), 1984 — Tom O'Rourke (Kildare), 1985 — Michael Walsh (Kilkenny), 1986 — joint winners, Tom Quish and John Quish (Limerick), 1987 — Michael Walsh (Roscommon), 1988 — Michael Walsh (Kilkenny), 1989 — Michael Walsh (Kilkenny).

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Last year was another outstanding one for him. In addition to his victories in helping Kilkenny to their fifth all-Ireland in succession, Angela and Ann played major roles in the success of their club, St. Paul's, which took the all-Ireland club championship



The best around!... Kilkenny provided the best camogie players and handballers around during 1989 and they were honoured by B+I this week. Pictured with their "Player of the year" awards were (from left) Michael 'Ducksie' Walsh (handball) and the Downey twins: Ann (middle) and Angela, who shared the camogie honours.

for the third year in-a-row.

Ann, who captained Kilkenny in 1989, is also the chairperson of the St. Paul's club. She has also represented Ireland in squash.

Angela is, in her spare time, deeply involved with the coaching and training of her

school team, Thomastown vocational school, which is now doing extremely well in colleges' competitions.

The complete list of the camogie awards which began in 1975, is: 1975 — Bridget Doyle (Wexford), 1976 — Bridie Martin (Kilkenny), 1977

— Angela Downey (Kilkenny), 1978 — Pat Moloney (Cork), 1979 — Mairead MacAtamney (Antrim), 1980 — Marion McCarthy (Cork), 1981 — Liz Neary (Kilkenny), 1982 — Mary O'Leary (Cork) — 1983 — Clare Cronin (Cork), 1984 — Yvonne Redmond (Dublin), 1985 — Angela Downey (Kilkenny), 1986 — joint awards to Angela and Ann Downey (Kilkenny), 1987 — Breda Holmes (Kilkenny), 1988 — Biddy O'Sullivan (Kilkenny), 1989 — joint awards to Angela and Ann Downey (Kilkenny).

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Junior Camogie Panel Munster Junior Champions - Ettie O'Brien Tournament winners, All Ireland semi-finalists.
Back Row Left to Right: H. Costelloe, Y. Hogan, S. McNamara, M. O'Grady, E. Doyle, C. Malone, C. Costelloe, O. O'Driscoll, M. Tuohy, S. Wiley. Front Row: M. Baker, D. Costelloe, N. Clancy, C. O'Driscoll (Capt.), E. Slattery, M. Paczy, J. Kavanagh, A. Starr.