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Dynamic New Secretary for Camogie Association

It would not be strictly correct to describe Seamus MacGiolla Fhinnéan, who is the new General Secretary of the Camogie Association, as a man in a woman's world. Men have contributed over the years to the advancement of the national women's game, and many are still actively involved in the sport.

But MacGiolla Fhinnéan is the first man to fill this vitally important administration post in the Camogie Association's long history. He came to his new position after a spell with Conradh na Gaeilge as a Tímlíe Ogras engaged in the task of setting up youth clubs that conduct their affairs through Irish all over the north.

Seamus knows the north well. He was born in Leitrim, in County Down, and attended the New University of Ulster at Coleraine. It was there that he became involved in camogie at national level by preparing the UUU teams for the Ashbourne Cup, the Universities' senior camogie championship.

The new General Secretary is a native Irish speaker, and is convinced that the Irish language can play a vital role in camogie. One of the best features of camogie he has found since he took up his post is the spirit of co-operation and helpfulness to be found among players and officials throughout the country.

The man who is now chief executive of an organisation that has 60,000 members, tells me he has two main aims for the short-term. One is the promotion of camogie in the schools, and the other the development of Gradam Tailte competition, which was launched only last year.

"Although camogie is making steady progress in the schools, some counties still have no primary schools leagues. I would like to see primary and secondary schools leagues in all counties, as these are invaluable in paving the way for the game's development at senior club and inter-county level", says the new official.

MacGiolla Fhinnéan also stresses that he is prepared to visit counties and do

what he can to help advance the cause of schools' leagues.

Gradam Tailte is a day of sporting competition involving the camogie player of the year from each county.

The main aims of the competition are to provide a 32-county individual awards scheme for players, to promote the game generally and to attract greater publicity for camogie.

The competition is decided on a points system over seven disciplines, or exercises, and the initial event last May was a big success.

The General Secretary is enthusiastic about the potential Gradam Tailte has for the promotion of camogie.

"The event helps to generate new interest in the game, and gives greater recognition to individual players and their skills. The indications already are that this year's promotion, fixed for

Mary O'Leary (centre) "Camogie Player of the Year" pictured at a special presentation lunch in Dublin with (left to right) Mr Seamus MacGiolla Fhinnéan, Camogie Association; Mr Victor Williams, sales co-ordination manager, B+I Line, who presented the award; Mrs Mary Fennelly, President, Camogie Association; Mr Liam Mulvihill, G.A.A.

June 11, will be even more successful than the initial presentation".

There will be a stronger emphasis this year than last in Gradam Tailte on camogie skills. Two of the disciplines, as compared with one last year, will feature camogie skills, and both will be compulsory.

The County Down native was only days in his new post when he was involved with another new event in the camogie calendar — the first ever National Camogie Day. That was back in October, and MacGiolla Fhinnéan has analysed in the meantime the impact the inaugural event had on the sport. He expressed encouragement from his findings.

"I visited many counties in the weeks following National Camogie Day, and I found great enthusiasm for the promotion. In a number of counties the day was a festival event, much on the lines of hurling's national Feile na nGael festival for youth.

"I can see National Camogie Day becoming one of the best events in the camogie calendar".

On the inter-county fixtures scene, there are many who argue that the open drawn championship for the All Ireland title drags out over too long a period each year, and leaves too long a break between some games. The opening matches this year will be in early June, but the final will not be until mid-September.

I raised this point with the General Secretary. He had a ready answer:

"I agree that at times teams can be faced with long delays between games, but our system enables followers to see the maximum number of matches possible each season. I think this is a good thing".

Attendances at the All Ireland senior finals for some years past have been down very much on the crowds that flocked to the deciders of the sixties and early seventies. This has led in some quarters to calls for playing the finals at venues outside of headquarters.

MacGiolla Fhinnéan has not much sympathy for such calls.

"Croke Park gives any game a status and prestige that is not equalled at any other venue. Then, while attendances have been down of late on earlier finals, there still remains a great atmosphere at our deciders".

I asked the new official if he had any views as to steps needed to boost attendances.

"It is difficult to say, but I believe that the main thrust in this regard must come from the counties themselves, and the senior and junior finalists in particular.

"Three special buses travelled from Down for last year's senior and junior finals, even though the county was not represented in either game.

"I think then that the counties in general, and the finalists in particular could do much to encourage school players to travel on All Ireland day, especially as special concessions are available for school teams".

Seamus MacGiolla Fhinnéan is enjoying the challenge of his new job as Camogie's General Secretary. He is a young man with flair, vision and the dedication necessary to put plans and blueprints into the type of action to ensure that the Camogie Association makes even more spectacular progress. So, this new era that has opened up for the organisation with the new appointment is one of promise and excitement.



"TWO all-Ireland tickets are the only perks attached to my job", smiles Camogie Board President, Mary Fennelly.

Installed in office in March for a three year term, Mary found the going very tough at first. Along with familiarising herself with the new role, she was also forced to fill the gap when Jo Golden, general secretary, decided to return to teaching when her contract expired.

And despite plenty of notice from the Association's girl Friday, the inevitable delay in filling the post heaped a huge second helping of



By Breda Wall

Underage camogie players are "out of this world", she says, largely due to girls starting to play younger.

Hurling pitch

She predicts that senior players will be using a full hurling pitch in a few years time, in view of the increasing strength of players and the changing pattern of play from the traditional down-the-wings style, to the picking off of points outfield. But she is not in favour of increasing the number of players from the present 12, as this would make it more difficult for a club to be able to field a team. Has she experienced any conflict of

FEW PERKS FOR BUSY MARY

work onto Mary's plate.

Basically the President's work involves chairing Central Council meetings, representing the Association at functions and attending games. And added to this in the busiest months of August and September was all the administrative work of the Camogie Board, normally the task of the general secretary.

In spite of the tough start, she has plenty to look forward to. For the highlight of her term of office will be the G.A.A. centenary year in 1984, when she will join with G.A.A. President, Kilkennyman Paddy Buggy, in celebrating 100 glorious years of Gaelic sport.

Nursery school

A nursery school for her work was Mary's six-year service as secretary of Kilkenny Co. Board. But she admits she found it a "very big step" from county secretary to national President - her only previous experience of the big time was serving as a national sub-committee member.

As far as the Presidency is concerned, behind every good woman is another good woman. This was Jo Golden, who was responsible for making the Association develop camogie in line with other sports, mindful of the competition from other sports which were siphoning off players. Her crusading campaign to organise, glamorise and publicise camogie is now firmly in Mary Fennelly's hands and is a responsibility she takes very seriously.

"The sporting world is a very

competitive market", she commented. "And we have to sell our ideas and traditions if we are to survive. This year our main projects are a Superstars competition, in Dublin for county camogie players, and a National Camogie Day on October 10".

The present image of the game, Mary feels, will neither attract nor even hold young players. But she is confident the Association will get that vital breath of life from the Jo Golden inspired development play



● MARY FENNELLY

which includes administration, coaching, finances, facilities, running of competitions and publicity.

She is delighted as far as the standard of play is concerned.

interests so far between her home county and her national position?

"Well, I resigned my position as county secretary when I was elected President as I thought it impossible theoretically to hold both posts", the pretty Stoneyford lady replied. "Where there is any issue involving any counties, including Kilkenny, I have to be broadminded and look at all sides of the story. But, of course, I can never forget my roots".

This year has meant a lot of adjustment for Mary, three times all-Ireland medal winner and now in her mid-thirties. Along with her daunting new Presidential role, certainly no mere figurehead position, she also changed jobs. From secretary to a firm of architects in Dublin, she is now a secretary in Callan Wood Ltd., formerly Avonree buildings, and now producing a new type of fuel from waste sawdust.

She has little spare time. I met her in the Clubhouse hotel on a Thursday night, after a week of helping to recruit new staff for her new employers, and spending her nights catching up on camogie administration. Despite getting a bit of golf to relax, she was obviously feeling the pinch. But speaking of the game, its present state and its future, the jaded expression was gradually replaced by an intensely happy one.

"Often I get frustrated with the circus of meetings and functions", she admitted. "But when I see young girls enjoying themselves out on the field it makes it all worthwhile".



Cork Co. Camogie Board officers pictured with the trophies for the winners of the 'Ceol, Caint agus Damhsa' competition at Coachford. From left are: Lillie O'Sullivan, registrar; Mary Maher, secretary; Mairead O'Sullivan, treasurer and Maire Ni Ceallacain, chairperson.

THE HOBBY OF A LIFETIME FOR JO

GETTING to know someone in every corner of Ireland was one of the happy spin-offs of Kilkenny-born Jo Golden's seven years as general secretary of the National Camogie Association.

One of the drawbacks was constant fixtures, meetings and functions to attend, making her timetable too cluttered to fit in with the regular bachelor girl's lifestyle.

For the first five years as secretary, she fitted in the enormous amount of work after her daytime job as teacher in the all-Irish Scoil Mhuire in Dublin.

A Department of Education grant enabled the Association to appoint a full-time officer in 1980. Jo got the nod after she was given two years' leave of absence from her teaching post.

The post was that of general secretary cum development officer. The secretaryship entailed arranging the over 100 inter-county fixtures throughout the year, arranging meetings, sending out notices, and a huge volume of other work.

Jo approached her new task of Development Officer very methodically. She drew up a very pragmatic development scheme which outlined short range and long-term plans.

Getting the grant for a full-time officer was

considered a major breakthrough for Camogie, the Cinderella of most sports. An office was also provided in Croke Park as a permanent base for the Association.

There was also an additional £5,000 grant from Cospóir to promote the game. This enabled the Board to run various publicity-seeking events, notably this year's National Camogie Day.

EFFICIENT

Publicity was one of the major priorities for the efficient secretary. At first it was a case of begging for space in the daily newspapers. Jo is happy to report that rather than her hounding the press each week, she now gets regular phone calls from reporters. This is giving increasing recognition to the sport and some of its fine players.

Another of her priorities was to promote the game at primary school level. It was felt if the sport became rooted at this level, people would carry on playing during secondary school and into their working life.

Another of her aims was to organise the fund-raising better as camogie has not the attendance levels that are the major source of income for hurling. Her efforts raised a considerable sum, and she is remaining on as a member of the central finance committee.

The game itself has



• JO GOLDEN

developed immensely throughout the country. For many years camogie was confined to a few strong counties - Cork, Kilkenny, Wexford and Dublin - but up and coming counties have made their presence felt.

"There are now 11 counties with only a puck of the ball between them", asserted ex-secretary Jo. "And not only that, but the game has become much tougher and it is only a matter of time before the pitch is extended to the full length of the hurling field".

DISAPPOINTING

A disappointment to her is the small number of members who support the All-Ireland camogie final in Croke Park. After football and hurling finals, camogie is the fourth final in a row and most people have little money to spare for yet another trip to Dublin.

But it's a vicious circle. R.T.E. will not give live coverage of the event until there are up to 20,000 people present at the final.

Jo has worked hand-in-hand with Mary Fennelly, another Kilkenny woman and now President of the Camogie Association.

"I couldn't praise Mary high enough", she says. "She has all the right ideas, has ability and energy, is a great mixer and projects a great image for the Association".

Jo maintains a keen interest in her native county. She played with Kilkenny, but it was before their glory days.

Self-pronounced as being able to hurl before she could walk, she captained St. Paul's camogie team in Kilkenny city. She also won camogie honours with U.C.D. and won Gael Linn medals. A native of Dominic street, her teacher-mother and seven generations Kilkenny, Mary O'Sullivan still lives there. Jo is now a maths teacher.

A source of great pride to her is how the game has caught on in Kilkenny. The number of clubs has jumped from five in the late 'Sixties to 20 this year, and there are 16 teams taking part in the recently-formed primary schools' competition.

Still very much involved in the game, Jo is serving on finance, history and administrative sub-committees. And an involvement that started from when she could walk is likely to extend to a life-long commitment.

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This Week. 50 YEARS AGO

Scoil Ita scored a 6-0 to 0-1 win over St. Finbarrs when they met in the Cork City Junior Camogie League at Douglas. The teams were:-

Scoil Ita:- S.MacMarchghamh, E.Barry, B.Coleman, E.O'Sullivan, B.Cronin (Capt), M.NiMurcada, E.NiSeachtain, H.Kelleher, M.Barry, P.Curtin, L. O'Leary, M.Dwyer.

St. Finbarrs:- A.Meanev, B.Bracken, J.O'Brien, C.Couch, M.Doolan, J.Barrett (Capt), R.Sheehan, M.Crowley, N.Murphy, P.Walsh, S.Leonard, P.Crowley.

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CHAMPIONS UPSTAGED BY CORK

THE HURLERS may have had the championship all their own way, but there was little joy for the ladies who had to swallow the bitter pill of defeat inflicted by Cork in the camogie championship semi-final replay.

After an amazing rally to earn a 1-14 to 3-8 draw, Kilkenny's exit in the replay was very disappointing, especially when a gruelling 20 minutes of extra time gave the girls a third chance to win.

But the tougher and fitter Leesiders stole the show by 7-8 to 3-13 and went on to become All-Ireland champions, beating Dublin in the final.

Kilkenny's exit from the championship, having earlier disposed of Clare in the quarter-final, did not constitute a severe blow to camogie in the county, as the hurling win permeated the ladies' ranks and created greater interest in the game. Also, the national Camogie Association made a greater drive than ever to uplift the image of the game and make it more attractive and to recruit more players.

The first national camogie day on October 10 proved an immense success. Seven-a-side tournaments were

organised in St. Kieran's College and the day's activities were rounded off with an enjoyable social, Oiche Gaelach, in the Village Club.

TURNOVER OF PLAYERS

This year saw a good turnover of players on the county team. Two familiar faces missing were retired players Helena McCormick - now mum-to-be - and Peggy Muldowney, both of whom made an immense contribution to camogie throughout their careers.

Exciting new additions to the panel were Rita Wemyss (Bennettsbridge) and Chrissy Walsh (The Rower - Inistioge). Rita held her place throughout the semi-final replay, and fittingly for her first full game for the county, played cautiously and made no mistakes.

Chrissy Walsh came on towards the end of the game and was very courageous outfield. If she maintains this standard of play, she should earn her place on the team next year.

Again to the forefront of camogie this year were the Downey sisters, Angela and Ann. Defender Ann made a marvellous contribution to the 1982 campaign and looked the most improved player on the team.

Meanwhile, Angela continued in high-scoring fashion while Bridie McGarry gave some fine displays of really stylish hurling. Ann Holden was the pick of the bunch in the semi-final replay.

Former double All-Ireland winner Mary Canavan also made a return to the county camogie panel this year, but her experience was not availed of during the championship.

DISAPPOINTED

Although Kilkenny were bitterly disappointed by their performance this year, the emergence of Cork as champions was good for the game on a national level. The Noresiders proved the bogie for Cork in the sides' five meetings before the drawn semi-final and morale in Cork was beginning to flag.

Another unlucky loss might have been a serious setback for the game in Cork, a county which boasts the greatest number of clubs and players and where the sport is most organised.

As for Kilkenny, with the existing hard core of young and extremely talented players and new "finds" every year, the black and ambers could claim their fifth All-Ireland title next year.



● Biddy O'Sullivan



● Margaret Farrell



● Bridie McGarry



● Ann Holden

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ANN DOWNEY St. Paul's

Defender Ann has won four All-Ireland senior camogie medals with Kilkenny, although still in her early twenties. She has helped St.

Paul's to countless local and national successes. She is daughter of former All-Ireland senior hurling medal winner Shem Downey. She is

also active in the administrative side of the game. She is a clerk with Lenehan's, fruit importers.



Louth Captain Vivienne Kelly holds up the cup after her team's victory over Cork in the All-Ireland Junior Camogie Final at Croke Park.

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Louth v Cork ... in action during the All-Ireland Junior Camogie Final at Croke Park.

A GOOD YEAR FOR CAMOGIE

by Mary Murphy

Tá Máire Ní Fhionnalaigh tar éis bliain go leith a chaitheamh mar uachtarán ar Cumann Camogachta na nGael. Is oiriúnach an t-am é anois iarraidh uirthi céard a thuairim faoin chumann anois, agus faoin fhorbairt atá ag leanadh ar aghaidh.

First of all, Mary outlined her aims on assuming office in 1981. Firstly, she wished to see Camogie in every parish in the country; secondly, she hoped for an elevation of the status of the game in the public eye, to be achieved by greater publicity — the public are not generally aware that our association is the largest women's sporting organisation in the country, with a membership of 60,000. Thirdly, an improvement in the quality of administration is necessary — an elimination of the informal approach all too common at especially club level, where success is left to hinge on the goodwill of all, rather than resulting also from a planned approach to activities. A greater attendance at the existing administration courses could play a large part in this improvement. Higher levels of coaching right down to club level are needed to ensure proper playing of the game at every level. In fact, many would see a more systematic approach to both admin-



Mary Murphy.

istration and coaching as being the key factor in the attraction of young players to the game — and the potential has never been as great as in this age of increasing leisure time and increased participation by women in sport.

The establishment of a full time post, that of development officer, for the first time two years ago, the President considers to be a milestone in the progress of the Association. Joe Golden filled the post for the first two years. On her return to the teaching profession this Autumn, Seamus Mac Giolla Fhinnéin, a county Down man, shouldered the challenge. This post, as well as making the task of organising and development a priority, has formalised a long co-existence with the G.A.A. — the office of the Development Officer is at G.A.A. headquarters in Corke Park. It has also, thus, given the Camogie Association a geographical base. The Development grant from the Department of Education has facilitated the financing of the post.

Prior to her acting as Uachtarán, Mary Fennelly was a supporter of the role of neutral venues for All-Ireland semi-finals at club and intercounty level. The practice for all had been a home venue for one team based on the luck of the draw. Now more actively involved in the arrangements for such venues, Mary feels that the proposition

will not be really practical until camogie is well established in every part of the country — at present the Club Championship is played on this basis and poses great problems for organisers. On the question of choice of venues for the All-Ireland Camogie Finals, Senior and Junior, many suggest that a venue half-way between the participating counties would help increase the low attendances — for example Thurles for a Cork Kilkenny Final. Mary concedes that this might increase attendances, but feels that the first consideration must be the players, for whom there is nothing to equal Croke Park.

A major concern of the President is what she sees as an increasing roughness in the game at senior intercounty level — she wonders whether an extended pitch might not be the solution, possibly playing the full hurling pitch instead of the present 120x75 yards. The consequent creation of space would allow more open play. A trial year, maybe 1984, the year of the G.A.A. Centenary, when the Senior Championship could be played on the full pitch, would help answer the question.

An event which each year provided almost 2,000 under-14 players with what will be for many the sporting experience of their lives is Feile na nGael. As always, the Division 1 Camogie Final was a thriller with Marino from Dublin making it two in a row when

they pipped Cork representatives, St. Finbarr's, in the closing stages — a sweet victory on home territory. To me, the suprising feature of the Dublin Féile was the fact that not all Camogie playing counties could be accommodated; clubs with under 12 and under 13 teams who may not have an under-14 squad as such must be encouraged to participate — for the hosts as much as the visitors have such a lot to achieve and enjoy from participating.

I will conclude with a brief review of one of the novel developments of this past year. Thanks to the enthusiasm and hard work of the National Director at the time, Joe Golden, the Association introduced on May 30th "Gradam Tailte". This is a "Superstars" type competition where one top Camogie player from each county takes part in a series of athletic, camogie skills and novelty events. Gradam Tailte, which took place in St. Patrick's Training College in Drumcondra, produced some excellent competition, excitement and entertainment. At the end of the day, Antrim representative Josephine McClements came out on top. This competition, supported by Cospoir, is to become an annual event in the Camogie Calendar, and is surely among the most innovative and successful ventures undertaken by Cummann Camogaiochta na nGael.

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DUBLIN ALL-IRELAND SENIOR CAMOGIE RUNNERS-UP

Cork All-Ireland Senior Camogie Champions.



THE DOWN CAMOGIE SCENE 1982

Camogie was first played in Navan in County Meath in 1904 and today it continues to flourish. Down may not have won any major trophies in 1982 but perhaps the introduction of several new teams into the recently formed Novice league has boosted the promotion of camogie in the county.

THE SENIOR CAMOGIE TEAM:

The Senior Camogie team once again met Antrim in the Ulster Championship Final. Down travelled to their neighbours and were lucky to come away with a draw. Antrim had to go to Fontenoy Park in Leitrim for the replay where they proved the stronger team and narrowly defeated the Mourne cailini by a single point. The score at the final whistle was 1.5 to 1.4.

Antrim also provided the opposition in the final of the Maguire Cup at Portaferry. They were worthy winners and collected the trophy which had been won by Down in the previous year. Down also made an early exit from the All-Ireland Championship, when they travelled to Wexford town and lost to a strong home team.



Mairin Nic Artain

DOWN JUNIOR TEAM:

The Down Junior team went out of the Ulster Championships when they were beaten by Cavan at Attical.

MINOR TEAM:

In the county minor championship, Fermanagh failed to field and a young Down side went through to the next round to meet a fancied Armagh team whose experience proved too strong for Down.

Many of the Down team are eligible to play in the minor grade next year and perhaps we can look forward to an All-Ireland trophy coming to the Mourne County in 1983.



MAGHERADROLL — DOWN U-14 CAMOGIE LEAGUE AND CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS, 1982

Standing: (L. to R.)—C. Harvey (Manager); E. Rice; A. Domican; B. Donnelly; M. Smyth; P. Boyd; F. Megoran; K. Marner; L. Ritchie (Ass. Manager)
Kneeling: (L. to R.)—D. McKee; B. Hanna; A. Brennan (Capt.); F. Rice; S. Rice.
Missing: D. McConville, A. M. Morgan, Y. McCartan and N. Trimble.

INTER COUNTY LEAGUES:

Down participated in the Senior League and met Kilkenny, Dublin, Antrim and Galway. Down travelled to Antrim and Galway and beat both teams. Dublin and Kilkenny proved home opposition was a big advantage and the Leinster teams collected the points on both occasions. In the Junior league, Down were only able to beat Kilkenny, while Galway's, Antrim's and Dublin's experience, dedication and determination proved too strong.

In the Minor league, Down reached the Ulster final. As in the Senior championship, next door neighbour rivals, Antrim were the opposition, and travelled to Portaferry. In this final, Down gave a disappointing performance and Antrim added

Congratulations this year must go to Mrs. Belle O'Loughlin who was elected Ulster chairperson, and Miss Helen Lambe (Newry), who was elected Ulster secretary. These two ladies also did Down proud this year at the All-Ireland camogie final. Belle refereed the senior final between Cork and Dublin and Helen carried out the duties of lineswoman.

In this year's All-Ireland Senior final Cork collected the O'Duffy Cup by narrowly defeating Dublin by a point. In the Junior final, Louth, the smallest county, defeated Cork, the largest county, by a single point. The result was 1.6 to 1.5.

CAMOGIE DEVELOPMENT OFFICER:

Seamus McAleenan from the Leitrim Fontenoy's has been appointed development officer of the camogie association in Ireland. Seamus is an honours graduate of N.U.U. and has played hurling and football for Leitrim Fontenoy's. He is not new to camogie affairs as he was treasurer of the New University camogie club and trained at the beginning of October.

DOWN COUNTY COMMITTEE:

President:	Rev. A. Davies
Chairwoman:	Rosaleen McCartan (Leitrim)
Vice-Chairwomen:	Helen Lambe (Newry)
Secretary:	Mrs. Vera McGahan (Newry)
Assistant Secretary:	Mrs. Sheila McCartan (Lower Mourne)
Treasurer:	Mrs. Rosemary Young (Lower Mourne)
Registrar:	Mrs. Nuala Colhoun (Ben Dearg)
P.R.O.:	Rev. A. Davies

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School of Commerce camogie team, winners of the Schools Championship 1956.

It is not often that any player lines out at full back in an All-Ireland senior final, scores two goals to ensure the team of a draw, and then captains the side to success in the replay. That rare achievement was carved out by Liz Neary, of Kilkenny, in camogie in 1981.

Liz has been one of the game's outstanding defenders in recent years, and she was at full back as Kilkenny lined up to challenge Cork at Croke Park for the 1981 title. The Noreiders trailed by six points with only eight minutes of the final remaining, and in changes made by officials at that stage, Miss Neary was switched to full forward.

Within a minute she had grabbed a goal, and as the game came to a close she was again on the target to score another goal and so do much to earn Kilkenny a well-merited draw. Liz Neary was back at full back for the replay, and her quality play in that role and her leadership as captain made her a bright star of a memorable win for Kilkenny.

Liz was a member of the Kilkenny side that ended an era in senior camogie by beating Dublin in a Leinster senior championship tie at Parnell Park, Dublin in 1968. That 2-3 to 1-3 win by Kilkenny earned them the proud distinction of being the first team to beat Dublin in the provincial championship in 32 years. Despite that great breakthrough, Kilkenny had to wait for a couple of seasons more for an All-Ireland final appearance, as they lost in the 1968 provincial decider to Wexford by a surprisingly big margin 1-3 to 8-3.

Liz Neary has won All-Ireland medals in three separate grades. She began her

LIZ NEARY — A STAR IN DEFENCE AND ATTACK

camogie career with Presentation Convent, Kilkenny, and won two All-Ireland Colleges' medals.

On the club scene she was a bright star in a great era for St. Paul's, Kilkenny, between 1968 and 1977, during which the Noreiders won six All-Ireland crowns.

When Kilkenny took the All-Ireland senior inter-county title for the first time in 1974 by beating Cork in a wonderful replay, Liz Neary was a commanding figure at half back. She was also in the county's remaining O'Duffy Cup (All-Ireland title) winning teams of 1976, 1977 and 1981.

In addition she has got among the National League medals with Kilkenny, and has helped Leinster as well to the interprovincial championship for the Gael-Linn Cup.

After her great contribution to the last title win by Kilkenny, Liz Neary received a further tribute to her trem-

endous skills and consistent play with her selection as the B + I Camogie Star of the Year for 1981.

She became the fourth Kilkenny player to collect that trophy. Helena O'Neill, a brilliant star of the county's drawn game with Cork in the 1974 final, was the first honoured. Bridie Martin brought the title back to Kilkenny in 1976, and Angela Downey was the winner in 1977.

Subsequently, she collected another honour with selection as the Camogie award winner in the Kilkenny Sports Stars of 1981.

All in all, then, a memorable campaign for Liz Neary, and one that provided further evidence that she must rank as one of the outstanding performers in the history of the game.

FROM CROKE PARK TO BANGLADESH

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Pat with the All-Ireland trophy, and (right) with her husband Eamon.

PAT LENIHAN who last September captained Cork to a memorable All-Ireland victory over Dublin is this morning on the last leg of a long journey to Bangladesh.

With her husband, Eamonn, Pat has opted to work as a Concern relief volunteer for two years in one of the most poverty-stricken countries in the world.

Into a country less than twice the size of Ireland, 90 million people are crammed, the overwhelming majority of whom struggle from day to day to keep alive.

Bangladesh regularly suffers from famines, its infant mortality is among the highest in the world, it is without any social welfare systems and even at their best the State's health and educational services cannot cope with the enormity of the country's problems.

Only volunteer workers stand between millions of Bangladeshi and hunger, disease and death.

Pat, a qualified social worker, will be running work programmes for women in Dacca, the capital of Bangladesh.

Concern sees the organisation of craft industries which generate small but critical incomes for the women of the country as a crucial element in relief and development strategy. Pat expects a few hundred women to be involved in the work programmes to be organised by her.

Eamonn, who is a BA, H Dip Ed graduate of UCC, will work as an administrative assistant to Limerick-born Fr. Jack Finucane who leads the Concern effort in the country.

Volunteer work in the Third World has been something about which Pat Lenihan has thought since she was at school.

"I went through the usual tentative enquiries which many people go through but put it to one side. I think I always found excuses to stay at home. However, when I discovered that Eamonn was

also interested in this type of work, then I began to think in earnest about going and I'm glad that we have been given the opportunity."

The Lenihans' motivation is a desire to help, to use their skills for the benefit of those who need help at its most basic.

"We are not under any illusions about the extent of the problems there or of the deprivation which will face us. We have spoken to a number of people who have already worked there and have been briefed by Concern, obviously. Still, I expect that any briefing will not prepare us totally for what the country and the deprivation is like," Pat says.

Despite the difficulties which are ahead Pat is anxious to get there and to start work. She expects the experiences of the months ahead to be tough, yet personally developing and fulfilling.

She leaves behind a sports career which places

her among the greatest camogie players ever to play for Cork. Winning her first senior All-Ireland medal in 1970, Pat now holds seven All-Ireland medals and one senior All-Ireland club medal which she won with Killeagh, trained by husband Eamonn in recent years.

Her greatest personal triumph came in last September's All-Ireland final against Dublin when she captained the Cork team in an inspirational fashion. In that game Pat had to go off with a severe leg injury in the first half, but she returned courageously and prompted Cork to a fantastic last-minute victory.

Pat accepts that she has played her last game for Cork, but hopes to resume playing at club level when she returns from Bangladesh in two years time. She admits that she will miss the sporting scene and her friends in camogie.

"Camogie is a marvellous game but suffers from a lack of development. A proper marketing job needs to be done by someone to really get the game to the stage of development it should be at. We get a lot of support from the GAA, but I think that the Camogie Board and the GAA should be able to achieve more publicity for the game than is the case at present."

"I would really like to see major camogie games being played prior to senior championship hurling or football games. The crowds and the atmosphere would give a new dimension to the game and help us reach many thousands of people who would never otherwise see a camogie match."

Perhaps, when she returns, some of what she hopes for the game will have happened. In the meantime her thoughts and energies will be spent on more serious, vastly different, matters.

Ashbourne Cup to be hosted by U.C.G.

THE 68th Ashbourne Cup series is scheduled University College, Galway, on February 12 and The seven universities are back this season with return of Dublin University.

As is customary the hosts get a bye to the semi-finals which are arranged for February 12. This week three preliminary rounds will be played to be ready for the semi-finals.

University College Dublin, the winners for the past three seasons conceded their home venue and agreed to travel to Phillipstown (2.00) Co. Louth, to play New University of Ulster Coleraine.

The holders, who have practically the same team as last year, are favourites to advance to the semi final against Queens Belfast or Trinity who meet in the second quarter final at Santry (2.30).

Queens have been performing well in the league in their Northern zone and may prove too good for reorganised Trinity. In the third game U.C.C. travel to Maynooth (2.30) to play the local College.

Cork, are, always a force and should advance to oppose Galway in the semi final.

WEATHER KIND

The weatherman was again kind to the colleges competitions last Saturday. First round matches resulted in victories for Presentation Kilkenny over Carnew and Thomastown over Wicklow Vocation in the senior Championship for the Stuart Cup.

The quarter finals are scheduled for Saturday when Blessington entertain Bunclody. Thomastown are at home to St John of God Dublin and Mercy Enniscorthy travel to Presentation Kilkenny.

Presentation Castlecomer are through to the final of the Junior Championship in

which they will meet winners of the second final between Maryfield Banagher which is due to be played at Maryfield Saturday.

Maryfield, holders of Leinster title and the Ireland Cup will start favourites in the tie Banagher who have done well in their zone and the quarter-final against Ross may prove to be a prize packet.

St. Joseph's, Tulla, qualified for the Munster Senior and Junior finals the Senior grade they St. Patrick's, Cork, February 5, and Northsensation, Cork, in the final on February 12.

Eight schools have reached quarter finals of the Senior Junior Ulster Championship. The Senior grade: Letterkenny, Carrigrohane, Carrigrohane, Carrigrohane, Carrigrohane, Carrigrohane, Carrigrohane, Carrigrohane.

All teachers are invited to attend the Junior Course on February 23. For details apply to the University of Ulster, Carrigrohane.

LEINSTER CONVENTION

The Leinster Convention in Dublin last Saturday was attended and the meeting was a success. The day was devoted to the discussion of the current situation in the province and the role of the colleges in the future.

For the first time in memory O'Leary, vice-chairman of the Leinster Convention, was present. He was very active in the convention and is a prominent figure in the colleges.

All the remaining officers returned unopposed to the convention. Chairman — Mrs. K. J. (Dublin), Secretary — Mrs. M. Woods (Kilkenny), Treasurer — Mrs. S. J. (Dublin), Delegate to Ard Chomhairle — P. Breslin (Dublin).

Hectic Day For Camogie People

IT will be a hectic day for camogie people at Rathkeale on Sunday next but not on the playing fields. At the local Community Centre, the Munster Convention will be held (beginning at 2.30 p.m.) while in the same centre the Munster finals of the C.C.D. competitions will also be held with a starting time of 3 p.m.

There is only one game listed for Sunday, the re-arranged Junior B Championship semi-final between Cloughduv and Fr. Matthews, which had to be postponed last Sunday.

Four of the five positions on the Munster Council are filled before Sunday's convention, as chairperson Rose O'Leary (Eire Og, Cork), vice-chairperson Brid Stokes (Limerick), secretary Eithne Neville (Limerick) and treasurer Mary Casey (Eire Og,

Cork) have been returned unopposed.

But there will be a contest for the position of Registrar, where the outgoing Maureen Devoren (Clare) has opposition from Ann Meaney (Limerick) and Maureen O'Shea (Clare).

Motions for convention include looking for an earlier running off of the under-18 Munster championship, and a neutral venue for all senior championship games. Earlier dates for championships and neutral venues always figure at conventions, but they are not always feasible and it will be interesting to see how delegates to Munster Council will deal with these motions on Sunday.

The C.C.D. competitions have reached the Munster finals stage and there will

be keen interest in these on Sunday.

The Cork area finals held in Coachford recently were highly entertaining and with the standard improving each year the Munster finals should be keenly contested.

The Cork area winners who will represent the county on Sunday are Mary O'Callaghan, of Ballincollig (instrumental music); Gobnait Ni Cruaiocht (Ballincollig) (solo singing and recitation); St. Fan-shans (Ceili and set dancing); Eire Og (ballad group); Na Piarasigh (comedy act) and Old Aloysians, question time).

There is only one game listed for Sunday. This is a fixture which had to be postponed on Sunday last and is the Junior B Championship semi-final in which Cloughduv meet Fr. Matthews at Rochestown.

Ashbourne Cup time at UCG

GALWAY UNIVERSITY Camogie club are the hosts for the Ashbourne Cup — the Inter-varsity Camogie competition — this weekend.

The semi-finals will be played on Saturday at Dangan, with U.C.G. playing U.C.C. at 1.30 and U.C.D. meeting Queens at 3.0. The final with the quarter-final losers Shield Final will be staged on Sunday at the same venue.

Holders, University College Dublin are opposed by Queen's University and University College Cork play the hosts in the semi-finals.

In the quarter-finals played two weeks ago, Dublin advanced at the expense of New University of Ulster, Coleraine. Cork qualified when they defeated Maynooth while Queens eliminated Trinity College.

Dublin have won the Cup 30 times, Cork 24 and Galway 13. Queens are competing for their fiftieth year and are hoping for a first victory.

The champions, U.C.D. have practically the same team as beat Cork narrowly in last year's decider. They can call on three of Dublin's senior all-Ireland team, Edel Murphy, Grainne Bourke and Joan Gormley as well as Joan Shiels, Germaine Noonan and Mairead Berein from the Dublin Junior panel and Helena Broderick (Laois) and Gerry Murphy (Donegal) who is this year's captain.

Queens who oppose the champions had a great boost at the beginning of the season when they won the Freshers' seven-a-side. They also have on their side the

Camogie by Taobh Line

Dublin Senior goalie, Yvonne Redmond, Tresa Allen, the Down senior star Patricia McAlister a sister of Ann and Rita, former stars of Queen's teams.

In the second semi-final Cork who have a very strong team have two all-Ireland senior medal holders in Angela Higgins and Noelle O'Driscoll, junior Cork player Anne Marie Landers, Imelda Cronin and Joan Riordan.

But Galway are always hard to defeat, especially at home. They have very strong forwards in Paula Carr (Galway) Liz Condon (Clare) and Mairead Coyle (Roscommon).

Eleanor O'Leary the team's most experienced player, is a native of Wexford and won Ashbourne medals in 1978 and 1979. Isabel Magee a Galway junior is a daughter of a former Ashbourne player with the Dublin College Eithne Conway. Isabel plays in defence.

The final will be played on Sunday and will be preceded by the Losers' Shield final, in which the quarter final losers participate. Trinity play Maynooth on Saturday and the winners play N.U.U. on Sunday.

Another name is inscribed on the Connacht Senior Championship Cup. St. Cuan's, Castleblakney, defeated the champions, St. Raphaels, Loughrea, in the final last week-end.

St. Patricks Cork all-Ire-

land champions in 1981, regained the Munster senior title last Saturday when they defeated St. Josephs, Tuilla, who lost their third Munster title in a row.

However, they are still in the Junior decider and their opponents at Cork tomorrow are North Presentation Convent.

In Leinster, the champions St. John of God, Kilmore qualified for the final once again when they defeated F.C.J. Buncloody last Saturday.

Maryfield College advanced to the semi-final when they defeated Scoil Iosa, Kilcock.

They play Presentation Kilkenny in the semi-final at Maryfield (3.0) on Saturday. The finals (senior and junior) will be played at Croke Park on February 26.

Big Weekend On Universities Front

THIS weekend is the big one in the Universities calendar with the Ashbourne Cup due to be played, in Galway.

And on the home front it will be a big weekend too for Fr. Matthews and Glen Rovers who meet in the final of the Junior B Championship at Ballinure on Sunday.

It is five years since UCC won the Ashbourne Cup and on tomorrow Saturday they meet UCG in this year's semi-final. The home venue will be a big help to the Galway girls, and Cork can expect a tough encounter but they have a very strong panel with a number of Cork players, including Noelle O'Driscoll, Angela Higgins, Ann Marie Landers, Imelda Cronin, Joan O'Riordan and Margaret Murphy and they should be able to field a very strong side.

In the second semi-final UCD the holders for the last two seasons take on Queens University, Belfast and here the Dubliners must be expected to have it pretty much their own way, especially when one considers the strength of their panel which includes such top class performers as Grainne Burke, Joan Shiels, Edel Murphy, Joan Gormley, and Germaine Noonan.

However, Queens have one marvellous player in the Dublin senior goalie, Yvonne Redmond who is fielding with the Northern University tomorrow and must be a great asset. But even so it is difficult to see Dublin losing here.

Should Cork overcome Galway on Sunday and UCD defeat Queens as expected then there should be yet another exciting encounter between the Cork and Dublin Universities, in the decider on Sunday and here again Cork would have their work cut out for them as UCD chase their third successive title.

UCC panel for Ashbourne: G. O'Connell, C. Murphy, M. Fitzpatrick, U. O'Connor, A. Duggan (J. Riordan, N. Delaney, Margaret Murphy, Mary Murphy, J. Healy, N. O'Driscoll, A. M. Landers, M. O'Sullivan, A. Higgins, I. Cronin, M. Flaherty, E. Goode, E. Noonan.

Fr. Matthews, playing in their first year of competitive camogie, since their return to the ranks, have reached the final of the Junior 'B' Championship in which they meet Glen Rovers at Ballinure on Sunday.

No doubt, Glen who can call on six of the St. Patrick's School team, and who have excellent young players in Rose Mackey, who captains the side, Mary Currid, Regina Scutts, Ann Loneran and Margo Cronin, will be favourite to take the title. This Glen team is only the second string in the club so many of the players are on the verge of senior camogie and already have plenty of experience.

However, Fr. Matthews deserve great credit for their performance in get-

ting to the decider and under the guidance of their marvellous captain Ger Ring, they will not give up the chance of their first trophy without a fight. They too have a number of very good players including Helen O'Leary, Monica Moynihan, Frances Power, Liz O'Sullivan and Olive Morris, and although they must start as underdogs the Glen would do well to treat them with respect, as they have been training very hard for this game.

The remainder of Sunday's fixtures are all in the Under-18 championship and there are some very intriguing pairings. At Killeagh, the home side will play host to Inniscarra; Bishopstown meet Douglas at Bishopstown; Coachford will be the venue for the Aghabullogue v St. Fanahan's clash; Blackrock will be at home to Watergrasshill, and Na Piarasigh travel to meet Nemo.

On the colleges front it is Munster Junior final day on Sunday with Cork's North Presentation due to meet St. Joseph's, Tuilla at Our Lady's Hospital Grounds, on tomorrow.

However, North Presentation have the advantage of a home venue and with a fine tradition in the school over the last few years they will be very hard to beat and could join fellow Cork school St. Patrick's in the All-Ireland semi-finals.

FIXTURES

Saturday: At Our Lady's Hospital — MJC final, North Presentation (Cork) v St. Joseph's, Tuilla 1 p.m. At Pearse Stadium, Galway: Ashbourne Cup semi-finals 2 p.m. UCC v UCG 3 p.m.; UCD v OUB.

Sunday: At Pearse Stadium, Ashbourne Cup final 3 p.m.

At Ballinure: JBC final Glen Rovers v Fr. Matthews 3 p.m. (Ref. Na Piarasigh).

U-18 C: At Killeagh — Killeagh v Inniscarra 3 p.m. (Ref. Fr. O'Neill's).

At Bishopstown: Bishopstown v Douglas 3 p.m. (Ref. St. Finbarr's).

At Coachford: Aghabullogue v St. Fanahan's 3 p.m.; At Blackrock, Blackrock v Watergrasshill 12 noon (Ref. Douglas); At Nemo: Nemo Rangers v Na Piarasigh 3 p.m. (Ref. Old Aloysians).

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It's U.C.D. v. U.C.C.

U.C.C.D. 4-18
Queen's University 1-0
U.C.D. the holders, qualified for the final of the Ashbourne Cup when they had an easy victory over Queen's Belfast in Galway. Leading 4-5 to 1-0 at half-time UCD maintained the pressure to the end.

Scorers, UCD, J. Gormley (4-1), E. Murphy (1-7), M. Bergin (1-3), Queens, T. McLoughlin (1-0).

U.C.C. 14, U.C.G. 1-1
UNIVERSITY College of Cork had to fight all the way against a determined University College, Galway side in the second semi-final. After leading 6-4 to 0-1 at half-time Cork pulled ahead in the second half but Galway, the hosts, fought determinedly before conceding defeat.

Scorers Cork, N. O'Driscoll (1-2), Higgins (0-3), N. Delaney (0-1), Galway, L. Conner (1-1).

The Cuthbert Shield Semi-final — Trinity College 2-2 (P. Keogh 0-2, A. Baxter 1-0, S. Turley 1-0), Maynooth 0-0.

Munster talent

Limerick clubs won seven of the eight titles at the Munster finals of the Camogie CCD talent competitions in Rathkeale yesterday.

The only title to elude Limerick was in Question Time which was won by Old Aloysians, Cork.

The winners go forward to the All-Ireland finals in Dublin on March 5.

Results: Figure dancing: Crecora; instrumental music: Bruff; recitation: Ballyshahill; question time: Old Aloysians.

Novelty act: Fernagh-Kilmeedy; solo singing: Bruff; ballad group: Ballyshahill; set dancing: Crokes-Killmany.

Clubs from Cork, Limerick, Clare and Tipperary took part in the finals.

U.C.D. make it four in a row

U.C.D. 2-3
U.C.C. 1-7

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, Dublin, captured their fourth Ashbourne Cup in a row when they had a one point advantage over U.C.C. after a tense and exciting final at Galway yesterday.

Cork's orlie O'Driscoll was unlucky not to snatch the title in the closing minutes when she failed to real but it was a victory well deserved by the Dublin girls.

U.C.D. had a slow start to their game, and Noelle O'Driscoll had taken two good points before they found their form with a Joan Gormley goal, Tania Turley followed with a fine goal but Cork's Anne Marie Landers, Una O'Connor, and Imelda Cronin threatened the slight superiority of the Dublin girls.

Points from Edel Murphy, and Germaine Noonan left U.C.D. with a lead of 2-2 to 0-3 at half-time. Noelle O'Driscoll kept the

Camogie

U.C.C. side in contention with three points.

CORK COME BACK

U.C.D. were under real pressure from the Cork forwards Joan Riordan and Norman Delaney, and it was Norma who struck a fine shot past Joan Shiels for Cork's first goal. This left U.C.D. trying to hold on to a lead of one point.

Helena Broderick and Elizabeth Lowe shone in defence for University College, Dublin, and combined well to hold off fierce pressure from the determined Cork girls.

A tense closing period saw Cork striving to clinch the title, but the efforts of Mary Murphy, and Anne Marie Landers for Cork just could not overcome the speed and determination of Shiels.

Foley and Gerry Murphy of U.C.D.

Scorers — U.C.D. — T. Turley (1-0), J. Gormley (1-1), E. Murphy (0-3), G. Noonan (0-1), Cork — N. O'Driscoll (0-6), N. Delaney (1-0), A. Higgins (0-1).

U.C.D. — E. Noonan, C. Murphy, M. Fitzpatrick, M. Murphy, I. Cronin, J. Riordan, A. Higgins, U. O'Connor, M. O'Sullivan, N. Delaney, A. M. Landers, N. O'Driscoll, M. Murphy.

U.C.D. — M. Bergin, H. Broderick, G. Burke, S. Foley, J. Gormley, J. Horan, D. E. Lowe, E. Murphy, G. Murphy, U. Noonan, J. Shiels, T. Turley. Subs: B. McCarthy for J. Horan.

DUCHRACH SHIELD FINAL

Trinity 4-4, New University of Ulster 0-1. Scorers Trinity (E. Keogh 1-3, S. Turley 1-0, M. Wallace 1-0, A. Baxter 1-0), New University of Ulster (R. Sepree 0-1).

Purcell Cup under glare of spotlight

THE THIRD LEVEL Colleges gather at Mary Immaculate Training College, Limerick, this weekend to play the semi-finals and final of the Purcell Cup. The hosts, Mary Immaculate, got a bye to the semi-finals and they play Cork Regional Tech. at 12.0.

In the second semi-final, Regional Tech., Athlone, meet Carysfort Training College (2.0). Both games are in the hosts' ground on Saturday, and the final will be played on Sunday.

Carysfort College who had to play in the Preliminary Round, had the longest road of the four Colleges to travel before reaching Saturday's semi-final.

They defeated St. Patrick's Training College, Drumcondra, and St. Mary's, Belfast, who had knocked out Ulster Polytechnic in the Preliminary Round.

Cork Regional advanced from their tie with Thomond-N.I.H.E. and Athlone Regional at the expense of Marino Training College.

The long-established Colleges in the Ashbourne Cup competition have reached the semi-finals of this competition which will be hosted by University College, Galway on February 12 and 13.

DECISIVE WINS

Last Saturday, the three quarter-finals resulted in decisive victories for University Colleges Dublin and Cork and for Queen's University, Belfast.

The Dublin Students, who have won the Cup for the past three seasons, defeated New University of Ulster, Coleraine. Cork knocked out Maynooth and Queen's eliminated Trinity.

The semi-final pairings are: U.C.D. v Q.U.B. and U.C.C. v U.C.G. who, as is customary for the hosts, had a bye to the semi-finals. The final will be played on the following day.

In the Leinster Colleges games, Maryfield College, the holders, defeated Banagher to reach the Junior final in which they oppose Presentation Convent, Castlecomer.

The Senior Championship progresses. Holders St. John of God, Kilmore defeated Thomastown Vocational after a close tie to reach the semi-final against F.C.J. Buncloody who knocked out Blessington Vocational.

Presentation Kilkenny who defeated Mercy Eniscorthy last Saturday, will not know their semi-finals until next Saturday when Scoil Iosa play Maryfield College in the quarter-final. The semi-final is fixed for February 12.

Quigley (Roscommon), Delegate to Ard Chloiste, Mrs. A. Naughton (Roscommon).

The Munster Officers are: Chairman, Miss R. O'Leary (Cork), Vice-Chair — Miss B. Stokes (Limerick), Sec-

retary, Miss E. Neville (Limerick), Treasurer, Mrs. M. Casey (Cork), Registrar, Mrs. A. Meaney.

The All-Ireland Finals of Ceol Caint agus Damhsa are arranged for March 5. All Provincial winners will be available shortly.

CAMOGIE

Leinster Senior Colleges — Semi-final — St. John of God, Kilmore 3-1; F.C.J. Buncloody 1-1. Kilmore — V. O'Connor 1-1; A. Cooper 1-0; A. Kelly 1-0. Leinster Senior Colleges quarter final — Maryfield College 11-6; Scoil Iosa, Kilcock 3-0.

Limerick side have Power

MARY IMMACULATE COLLEGE, LIMERICK 1-4; CARYSFORT COLLEGE 1-1.

MARY Immaculate College had a narrow victory in the Purcell Cup at Limerick yesterday. With a lead of 0-3 to 0-1 at half time, Marie Power added a further goal and a point in the second half. Noreen Burke goalied for Carysfort, but the Limerick girls held onto their three point lead to the finish.

Scorers — Mary Immaculate — Marie Power (1-4). Carysfort — Noreen Burke (1-0). Breeda Holmes (0-1). Losers' final — St. Patrick's, Drumcondra 11-3; Marino Training College 0-0.

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Final Should Be A Classic

ST. FINBARRS and Blackrock, two newcomers to the intermediate scene, will contest the Cork intermediate championship final at Ballinora on Sunday next.

On the same day the junior B championship semi-finals will also be decided, with Courcey Rovers and Glen Rovers in competition at Ballinspittle and Cloughduv and Fr. Mathews meeting at Rochestown.

St. Finbarrs won both junior league and championship last season, which won them their place in the higher grade. Then the Cork Board upgraded Blackrock to intermediate in their annual grading review. So the stage is set for what should be a marvellous game of camogie.

Both teams have well-known players in their side, with the Barrs in a position to call on Marie O'Sullivan,

Miriam McCarthy, Stephanie Curtin, Fionula Broderick and Mary Walsh, while Blackrock, although a very young side, have fine players in Michelle Barry, Clare Ronan and Joan Hyde.

St. Finbarrs: Marie O'Sullivan, Martha Henchion, Louise Cosgrave (captain), Marian McCarthy, Valerie O'Mahony, Colleen O'Leary, Mary Christie, Fionula Broderick, Mary Ann Horgan, Mary Walsh, Christine Hickey, Stephanie Curtin, Patrice Houlihan, Ann Christie, Ann Collins, Noeleen O'Brien, Johanna Clarke, Miriam Crowley, Dolores Duffy.

Blackrock: Michelle Barry, Ursula Lyons, Ber Maher, Una O'Connor, Geraldine Cashman, Ber Cashman, Aileen Cashman, Teresa Ahern, Mary Whelton, Patricia Darcy, Joan Hyde, Judy Deasy, Frances Deasy, Claire Ronan, Chris Lyons, Colette Murphy, Helen Jordan, Bridget O'Connor, Theresa Keane, Catherine Healy.



Miriam Crowley about to score St. Finbarr's first goal against Blackrock in the Cork Co. Intermediate Camogie Championship Final at Ballinora

DOUBLE DATE

St. Cuan's, Castleblaney have reached the Junior and Senior finals in the West. They oppose Loughrea, the holders in the Senior grade and Mercy Roscommon in the Junior.

Loreto, Letterkenny have still an interest in both grades in the Ulster Competitions. Last Saturday they defeated Armagh in the Senior Championship and Clady in the Junior to reach the semi-finals.

The Munster Senior Final is due on Saturday next when St. Patrick's Cork, the 1981 winners of Corn Scelig meet St. Josephs, Tulla, whose junior side are in the provincial final against North Presentation Cork.

The decider will be played at Tulla (2.30). The home side depend on Noreen Quinn, Carmel McGrath, Martha O'Donoghue, Deirdre Crowe, Tina O'Connell, and Caroline Carmody.

The St. Pats stars are Liz Dunphy, Regina Scott, Linda Melerick, Kathleen O'Keeffe, Mary Murphy and Brid O'Sullivan.

CONVENTIONS

Two of the three Provincial Conventions were completed on Sunday. Munster and Connacht were well attended but Ulster had to be postponed because of the heavy snow fall in the Armagh region, which was the venue for the Convention.

The Connacht Officers for 1983 are: Chairman, Miss Marion Collins (Roscommon), Vice-Chairman, Mr. J. Healy (Mayo), Secretary, Mrs. J. Beattie (Galway), Asst. Sec. Mr. M. Kennedy (Galway), Treasurer, Miss M.

St. Patrick's Carry The County Banner

ST. PATRICK'S, Cork once again carry the county banner in the Munster Senior Colleges Championship and on Saturday next they will be hoping to take the provincial title at the expense of St. Joseph's, Tulla.

On Sunday camogie gets back to business in earnest in Cork with a long list of fixtures including a senior tournament and under-16 championship ties.

On their way to the Munster colleges final, St. Patrick's defeated their arch rivals St. Patrick's, Shannon and De La Salle Hospital and tomorrow (Saturday) they take on St.

Joseph's, Tulla in the decider.

The sides had two epic battles in the Munster Junior final last season with St. Patrick's emerging victorious in the replay. So with many of the juniors on both sides now figuring in the senior side, the stage must be set for another classic encounter between the sides.

On their journey to the big game St. Joseph's accounted for Nenagh and North Presentation and with excellent players in Noreen Quinn, who captains the side; Carmel McGrath, Martha O'Donoghue, Deirdre Crowe, Carolen Carmody

and Tina O'Connell they will be very difficult to beat. Incidentally Tina O'Connell won an All-Ireland medal last season with St. Patrick's, Shannon but changed schools since then.

St. Patrick's, under the guidance of John Ring, have been Cork's top college for a number of years now and like the Tulla girls, they will be very hard to beat. They have a marvellous fighting spirit and with top players in Liz Dunphy, Regina Scouts, Linda Mellerick, Kathleen O'Keefe, Breda O'Sullivan and Mary Murphy they could have a slight edge. But they will have to battle all the way for that Munster crown and a place in the All-Ireland semi-finals.

Three games in the Cork Senior Club Tournament will be played over the weekend and there will be keen interest in all the ties.

Senior County Championship finalists of 1982, Killeagh and Na Piar-saigh will clash again on Sunday at Killeagh. The East Cork girls were the winners in the "county" and no doubt will be fancied to repeat that victory. However, they will be without Cork captain Pat Lenihan who is at present in Bangladesh and she will be missed.

However, they still have a star-studded line up who should give the youthful Na Piar-saigh girls a great deal of trouble. However, the latter are gaining more experience with every outing and they will be very keen to give a good account of themselves against such tough opposition.

New seniors Aghabullogue will have a tough introduction to the senior ranks in Eire Og who are always determined and talented and must be fancied to win here.

In the third game in the competition there should be a fine clash between Glen Rovers and Watergrasshill. If the latter can find their best form, which seems to have eluded them for some time now, they could give Glen Rovers a run for it. But if they don't then Glen Rovers must be fancied to advance.

There are five under-16 Championship ties listed, with Eire Og and Douglas clashing tomorrow while Sunday's four pairings will be: Watergrasshill v Nemo Rangers; Aghabullogue v Blackrock; Killeagh v Youghal and Brian Dillons v Ballincollig.

Saturday, at Tulla, 2.30 p.m., Munster S.C. final — St. Patrick's (Cork) v St. Joseph's (Tulla) 2.30 p.m. (Ref. Brid Stokes, Limerick). At Douglas, under-16 Championship — Eire Og v Douglas 3.15 p.m. (Ref. Blackrock).

Sunday, Cork SCT at Ballinure — Glen Rovers v Watergrasshill 3 p.m. (Ref. UCC). At Coachford — Aghabullogue v Eire Og 12 noon (Ref. Inniscarra); At Killeagh — Killeagh v Na Piar-saigh 3 p.m. (Ref. Youghal). U-16 C at Glen-ville — Watergrasshill v Nemo Rangers 12 noon (Ref. Sarsfields); at Coachford — Aghabullogue v Blackrock 3 p.m. (Ref. Cloughduv); at Killeagh — Killeagh v Youghal 12 noon (Ref. Fr. O'Neill's); at Tank Field — Brian Dillons v Ballincollig 3 p.m. (Ref. Old Aloysians).

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Blackrock's Michelle Barry, getting the ball away despite the marking of St. Finbarr's players in the Cork Co. Intermediate Camogie Championship final at Ballinora, Co. Cork.

ST. PATRICK'S REGAIN TITLE

St. Patrick's, Cork 2-1
St. Joseph's, Tulla 1-1

ST. PATRICK'S, Cork, regained the Munster Colleges Senior camogie title which they last held in 1981, when they scored a one goal victory over St. Joseph's, Tulla at the Clonsilla side's venue on Saturday.

The game was played in bitterly cold conditions and indeed it was a credit to both teams that they managed to produce some great passages of play.

The winners were the more skilful side and had slightly the better of matters throughout. However, they did not assert their superiority on the scoreboard until the final 10 minutes when the Tulla girls, obviously lacking in experience, faded against the stiffer opposition. Goals from Elizabeth Dunphy and Linda Mellerick were the decisive scores for the Cork school. Less than two minutes from the finish Carmel McGrath had a great goal for the Clare girls but it was too late and St. Pats deservedly advanced to the All-Ireland final.

For the winners Mary Murphy, Audrey Lenihan, Regina Scouts, Mary Currid, Elizabeth Dunphy and Elizabeth O'Sullivan were always to the fore. St. Joseph's, competing in the competition for the very first time, gave a creditable performance and with the majority of the side available again next year they must have high hopes for the future. They had their best players in Tina O'Connell, Sharon March, Noreen Quinn, Carmel McGrath, Patricia Torpey and Caroline Carmody.

Scorers: St. Pats — E. Dunphy, L. Mellerick, one goal each; M. Currid one point.

Clare scorers — C. McGrath 1-1. Teams: St. Pats — F. McCarthy, D. Dean, M. Murphy, A. Lenihan, C. Reidy, R. Scouts, M. Currid, E. Dunphy (Capt.), A. Lomeneghan, L. Mellerick, E. O'Sullivan, B. O'Sullivan.

St. Joseph's — Patricia Torpey, S. March, M. O'Halloran, N. Quinn (Capt.), T. O'Connell, D. Crowe, C. Cooney, M. O'Donoghue, C. McGrath, A. Murnane, Pauline Turbey, M. Slatery. Sub: C. Carmody for Pauline Turbey. Referee: B. Woulfe, Limerick.

Barrs take first Intermediate title

ST. FINBARRS 4-4; BLACKROCK 2-1

LAST year's Junior league and championship camogie winners, St. Finbarrs, won their first Intermediate title at Ballinora, Co. Cork, yesterday, when they scored a comfortable win over Blackrock.

The Barrs won principally because they had two gifted players in Miriam Crowley and Mary Walsh in attack and this deadly duo shared all the goals. Stylish Fionnuala Broderick in midfield set the Barrs on the victory road with a superbly struck point from a free in the opening minutes; but the champions were rocked back on their heels when Blackrock had a goal from Joan Hyde after only two minutes play. Judy Deasy increased the Rockies' lead with a point after four minutes before Miriam Crowley goaled for St. Finbarrs in the 20th minute to level the game.

Fionnuala Broderick had another point for St. Finbarrs — before Mary Walsh and Blackrock's Theresa Keane exchanged first half goals, giving the Barrs a 2-2 to 2-1 interval lead.

After the restart St. Finbarrs exerted more pressure. Broderick added another point from a free, Miriam Crowley goaled and suddenly the Barrs were ahead 3-3 to 2-1 and the game was slipping away from Blackrock. Miss Broderick had another point before Mary Walsh, one of the St. Finbarrs'

most experienced players, wrapped it up with another goal towards the end.

Scorers for St. Finbarrs: M. Crowley (2-0), M. Walsh (2-0), F. Broderick (0-4, all frees). Blackrock: J. Hyde (1-0), T. Keane (1-0) and J. Deasy (0-1).

St. Finbarrs: M. O'Sullivan, M. Henchion, L. Crossgrove (capt.), M. McCarthy, V. O'Mahony, M. Christy, F. Broderick, C. O'Leary,

M. A. Horgan, M. Crowley, C. Hickey, M. Walsh. Sub: Stephanie Curtin for Christine Hickey (second half).

Blackrock: F. Deasy, G. Cashman, U. Lyons, B. Maher, U. O'Connell, C. Lyons, C. Ronan, J. Deasy, J. Hyde, H. Jordan, C. Murphy, T. Keane. Sub: Michelle Barry for Geraldine Cashman (second half).

Referee: Mary Maher (Douglas).

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Abundance Of Fixtures

THERE will be plenty of activity on the camogie front again this weekend. Most of the fixtures cancelled two weeks ago have been refixed for Sunday, including the two Senior Club Tournament semi-finals. And in addition the two Junior All-Ireland colleges semi-finals will be staged tomorrow (Saturday).

North Presentation, Cork, have a long journey to Roscommon for their All-Ireland junior colleges semi-final on tomorrow (Saturday) in which they meet Mercy Roscommon. The home side have won this title before but although North Presentation have taken the premier title they have never won the junior crown. They did however contest the first final back in 1973.

The Mercy girls are reported to be very strong and have excellent players in Bridget Dervin, Elizabeth Lee, Mary Gannon and Pat O'Connor and with a home venue the Cork girls can expect a tough task.

However, in recent years North Pres have shown marvellous fighting spirit and with grand young players in Jean Paula Kent, Evelyn Healy, Catherine Martin, Debbie Sweeney and Mary McCarthy, they will not give up the chance of an All-Ireland place easily.

FIXTURES

Saturday: All-Ireland junior colleges semi-finals at Roscommon: Mercy, Roscommon v North Presentation, Cork, 12 noon. At Kilrea, Derry: St.

Paul's Kilrea v Maryfield College, Dublin, 1 p.m.

Sunday: Under-16 'C' at Inniscarra: Inniscarra v Glen Rovers (Ref. Aghabullogue) 3 p.m. At Blackrock: Brian Dillons v Blackrock, 12 noon (Ref. Douglas). S.C.T. semi-finals at Glenville: Killeagh v Watergrasshill, 12.30 (Ref. U.C.C.). At Riverstown: Eire Og v Sarsfields, 3.30 p.m. (Ref. Na Piarasigh). Under-18 'C' Aghabullogue v Fr. O'Neills at Killeagh, 3.30 p.m. (Ref. Killeagh). J.A.L. at St. Finbarr's: St. Finbarr's v Nemo Rangers, 12 noon (Ref. Bishinstown).



North Presentation, Cork who defeated St. Joseph's, Tulla, Co. Clare in the Munster Colleges junior camogie final at Our Lady's Hospital grounds, Cork, on Saturday.



North Presentation, Cork captain Debbie Sweeney gets the better of her St. Joseph's, Tulla opponent Bernie Moroney in the Munster Colleges junior camogie final.

North Pres take title

North Presentation, Cork 4-2

St. Joseph's, Tulla 1-0

IN superb style North Presentation, Cork were crowned Munster colleges junior camogie champions at Our Lady's Hospital Grounds on Saturday when they fashioned a comprehensive final victory over the unluckiest school in the province, St. Joseph's of Tulla.

As the girls of the North Presentation dished up a most appetising camogie menu St. Joseph's were tasting defeat in this particular competition for the third year in succession.

With their full forward line of Agnes Skillington, Ger O'Donovan and Linda Murphy in goal scoring mood, they shared their side's four goals between them with Miss O'Donovan grabbing two, North Presentation proved themselves to be the superior team on the day.

St. Joseph's, with a goal

from team captain Caroline Carmody, remained in contention up to the interval break when they trailed by just one point.

But then came a great three goal blitz from the North Presentation front-runners and although St. Joseph's fought bravely to the end there was no disputing the Cork girls' right to reign.

Impressive for North Presentation in this sweet triumph were Evelyn Healy, Gene Paula Kent and Ger O'Donovan, while Tina O'Connell, Grainne Crowe and Caroline Carmody were St. Joseph's most illustrious performers.

Scorers: North Presentation G. O'Donovan 2-0, A. Skillington 1-0, L. Murphy 1-0, E. Healy and G. Kent 0-1 each. St. Joseph's C. Carmody 1-0.

Teams: North Presentation — S. Dalton, D. O'Leary, V. Butterworth, C. Martin, D. McSweeney, E. Healy, M. McCarthy, C. Buckley, G. Kent, A. Skillington, G. O'Donovan, L. Murphy, Sub. C. Birmingham for D. O'Leary.

St. Joseph's — B. Reidy, G. Rochford, M. O'Halloran, M. Gail-

foyle, T. O'Connor, G. Lavin, P. McInerney, P. Forster, E. Martin, M. Twomey, N. Breen, C. Carmody. Referee: Miss Mary Moran.



Agnes Skillington of North Presentation, Cork, trying to lift the ball as St. Joseph's, Tulla, defender Monica O'Halloran comes in to challenge during the Munster Colleges junior camogie final.

League form hard to assess

By Taobh Line

INTER-COUNTY Camogie gets under way on Sunday next with the resumption of the National Leagues. Eight games in all are down for the decision.

The senior and Junior League champions, Kilkenny and Dublin and the junior all-Ireland champions Louth will be in action.

Kilkenny travel to Oranmore, where they play Galway juniors (2.0) and seniors (3.0).

Dublin are away to Louth in both grades at Philips-town also at 2.0 and 3.0 and in the remaining senior grade tie, Down are hosts to Antrim.

In the junior category, Westmeath entertain Meath at Turin. Laois travel to meet Wicklow at Aughrim and Derry are at home to Roscommon at Maghera, all at 2.30.

Counties find it hard to get organised after the winter recess and players respond slowly to training sessions at this stage in the year, so form for Sunday's game is hard to access.

Down and Antrim, at Attical (2.30), are usually well matched so the points could go either way. Dublin, who are active in the home competitions are expected to be too strong for junior all-Ireland champions Louth, now in the senior grade.

The Dublin junior panel also has many skilled players, who are likely to gain the points from Louth who have a completely new selection.

VERY FIT

The Kilkenny-Galway games could end in two points for each. In the senior grade, Kilkenny if they can field the majority of their senior panel, should take the honours, while, Galway, who were very strong in the junior grade last year and whose players involved in schools' competitions are very fit just now, may surprise Kilkenny.

Westmeath, who performed well in last season's league campaign, may be too good for Meath. Wicklow, at home to Laois at Aughrim, are also expected to collect the points, while Derry, at Maghera, have a decided advantage over Roscommon, as they can call on experienced players like Sarah Anne Quinn and Brigid McLaughlin.

University College, Dublin, won the Ashbourne Cup for the fourth year in a row and for the thirty-first time in all when they just pipped Cork by one point in the inter-varsity championship at Galway last weekend.

Trinity College, who were doubtful starters early in the season, surprised Maynooth in the semi-final and New University of Ulster, Coleraine in the final of An Duthracht, the Losers' Shield.

The Combined Universities and Combined Colleges' teams for Corn Uí Maolagáin are now selected. They are:

Combined Universities — M. Coyle (U.C.G.), M. Naughton (U.C.G.), M. Murphy (U.C.C.), H. Broderick (U.C.D.), G. Burke (U.C.D.), A. Higgins (U.C.C.), A. M. Lardner (U.C.C.), I. Cronin (U.C.C.), N. Delaney (U.C.C.), E. Murphy (U.C.D.), T. Turley (U.C.D.), J. Gormley (U.C.D.), Subs — L. Lowe (U.C.D.), E. Keogh (U.C.D.).

Combined Colleges — M. Gailly (M.I.), S. Egan (Carysfort), F. Broderick (Cork R.T.C.), A. Gailly (M.I.), F. Ward, C. Higgins (Cork R.T.C.), B. Holmes (Carysfort), M. Power (M.I.), A. Gleeson (Carysfort), D. Dillon (Carysfort), A. Sheehy (M.I.), L. Linnett (Cork R.T.C.), Subs — M. Brennan (Carysfort), A. M. Hogan, R. O'Brien (Cork R.T.C.), M. Hourigan, C. Drury (M.I.), E. O'Mahony.

Maryfield College, Dublin, last year's junior cup winners, qualified for the Leinster semi-final against winners St. John of God, Kilmore, to make it an all-Dublin final again.

It is fixed for Croke Park on February 26. The curtain-raiser, the junior final, is between Maryfield and Castlecomer.

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IN BOTH Ulster and Leinster, the Senior and Junior Colleges Camogie finals were played on Saturday. In Leinster, Maryfield College, Dublin, were contesting both finals, while up north Loreto Convent, Letterkenny, were attempting to bring back the unique double to the Donegal town. However, neither school managed to achieve success in both grades, with Maryfield winning only the Junior title, and Letterkenny the Ulster Senior title.

The Leinster finals were played at Croke Park and Maryfield, last year's All-Ireland champions in this grade, faced Presentation Convent, Castlecomer, in the Junior final. Although only one point up at half-time, the Dublin girls proved too good for their kilkenny rivals and ran out comfortable winners by 4-4 to 1-0.

BIG SURPRISE

The big surprise of the day came in the Senior (final), Maryfield having defeated their neighbours, Kilmore Road, by a large margin earlier in the season, went into this game as favourites, but the Kilmore girls, with full forward Ann Cooper in tremendous form, applied themselves to their task, with determination. Having led by 2-1 to 1-3 at half-time, they added a further goal in the second and emerged deserving winners by 3-3 to 1-4.

National Senior League — Cork, 3-4; Clare, 0-4; Limerick, 6-3; Tipperary, 0-4.

National Junior League — Limerick, 1-3; Tipperary, 0-3; Armagh, 1-2; Monaghan, 1-0.

Busy Sunday For Camogie Enthusiasts

THERE will be plenty of activity on the camogie front again on Sunday with two Under-18 Championships, two Intermediate, two Junior 'A' and one under 14 League games down for decision.

St. Finbarr's, now promoted to senior ranks, can still field their top side on Sunday as their Intermediate League clash with Blackrock is in the 1982 campaign.

So they will be able to call on Marie O'Sullivan and Stephanie Curtin for this game and these two should lead them to success. But Blackrock with that fine young player Joan Hyde in the side, will not give up the points without a struggle.

In the second Intermediate League tie the 1981 holders Eire Og with Ann O'Leary, and Marian Wreck, should be too strong for Youghal.

In the Under-18 Championship it should be close between Bishopstown and Sarsfields while there should be another great game between Glen Rovers and Killeagh.

In the Junior A League Douglas could have too much power for visitors Ballinora, while there should be a very keen encounter between Nemo Rangers and Brian Dillons.

In the only under-14 game listed Blackrock will probably be fancied against Watergrasshill in this league tie.

The senior championship draw has been made and it gives new seniors St. Finbarr's the toughest opposition they could possibly get — three times champions — Killeagh. In the other preliminary ties Eire Og meet Aghabullogue, Muskerry have a tough one in Glen Rovers and UCC will be up against Watergrasshill.

The full draw is: preliminary round — (a) Killeagh v St. Finbarr's; (b) Eire Og v Aghabullogue; (c) Muskerry v Glen Rovers; (d) UCC v Watergrasshill; First round proper — (e) Avondu v winners (d); (f) Winners (c) v Na Piarsaigh; (g) Sarsfields v winners (a); (h) Imokilly v winners (b). semi-finals: Winners (f) v winners (e) and winners (g) v winners (h).

Fixtures (all on Sunday) — L.L. at Blackrock, Blackrock v St. Finbarr's 3.15 p.m. (Ref. Watergrasshill); Eire Og v Youghal at Ovens 3 p.m. (Ref. Ballinora); U-18, at Bishopstown, Bishopstown v Sarsfields at Riverstown 12.30; at Killeagh, Killeagh v Glen Rovers 3 p.m. (Ref. Fr. O'Neill's); J.A.L. at Douglas, Douglas v Ballinora 12.00 (Ref. Blackrock); at Brian Dillons, Brian Dillons v Nemo Rangers 3 p.m. (Ref. Na Piarsaigh); U-14 at Blackrock, Watergrasshill v Blackrock 2 p.m. (Ref. Watergrasshill).

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National Senior League — Kilkenny 3-5 (A. Downey 2-5, B. Weymes 1-0); Louth 0-3 (N. Maguire 0-3); Wexford 3-5 (B. Higgins 2-2, D. Guinan 1-0, E. Walsh 0-3); Tipperary 1-5 (M. Quigley 1-1, J. English 1-1, A. Ralph 0-3).

National Junior League — Kilkenny 12-6; Louth 0; Wexford 2-3; Tipperary 0-1.

All Ireland Colleges Senior Semi final — St. Patrick's, Cork 4-3; (L. Mellerick 3-0, E. O'Sullivan 1-1, E. Duthy 0-2). St. Eunan's, Galway 0-3 (B. Kenny 0-3).

Dublin Club Results — Senior A — Commagh Uí Connail 2-3; Na Fianna 3-0. Senior B — Na Fianna 1-2; Austin Sticks 0-4. Marino 5-2; Leixlip 3-1. Cuala 4-1; U.C.D. 1-0. Inter A — Presentation 2-1; St. Anne's 0; Kilmore 0-3; Crumlin 1-0.

Kilkenny to best Down

SENIOR title holders Kilkenny commence their National League programme on Sunday when they entertain Down at Shipton. In fact, it will be a double headed fixture with the junior strings from each county also in action. The games will be at 2.0 and 3.0.

In all seven Senior and Junior games will be played at five venues on Sunday.

Kilkenny's first round game was cancelled two weeks ago because of the snow, so they will be anxious to start with a win.

If the Noreiders are at full strength they should have the power to do just that in the senior game but the junior encounter between these two sides is expected to be very close.

Dublin are at home to Galway in both grades at Russell Park the starting times again being 2-0 and 3-0.

The Metropolitans have collected two points in each grade from Louth while this is the Westerners first outing. Dublin were well held by the Louth defence in a game in which they scored eleven points, but no goals.

FINE FORM

Vivienne Kelly, the A.I.B. Junior All-star of 1982 was in fine form as usual in the Louth goal. Yet the Duhliners would need to be more penetrating in attack if they are to emerge on top on Sunday.

The junior clash between holders Dublin and Galway should be a very close affair. The Galway girls were just pipped by eventual champions Louth in the All-Ireland semi-final last August. Disappointed then they will be very keen to impress in this their first outing since.

Dublin on the other hand, looked very impressive

against Louth, so the visitors will need to be at their best if they are to match the Dubs.

Donegal made history last Sunday when they won their first junior league points. They defeated Tyrone last year's All-Ireland league finalists in a close game at Eglis. Their clash with Derry at Carnadonagh (2.30) on Sunday is eagerly awaited in Letterkenny, where enthusiasm is at a peak, following the victory in the Ulster Senior School's Cup by Loreto Convent, last Saturday.

TOO STRONG

Offaly entertain Wicklow at Tullamore (2.30). Carlow proved too strong for the Midlanders last Sunday, but home venue should make a difference to this young Offaly side. It is Wicklow's first engagement this season, so form in the Garden County is not easily assessed.

The junior semi-finals of the All-Ireland Post-Primary Schools will be played on Saturday. Champions, Maryfield, who retained their Leinster title last Saturday when defeating Presentation, Castlecomer, travel to Kilrea, Derry, to play the local St. Paul's School.

Kilrea are Ulster Junior Champions for the first time, but they were under 13 and under 14 Ulster winners in 1981 and '82, so they have plenty of experience. It is scheduled for 1.00 and should be a top-class contest.

Munster champions North Presentation, Corw, travel to Roscommon Town (12.00) to play the Mercy Convent. In their respective provinces they were worthy winners, defeating St. Joseph's, Tulla and St. Cuan's, Castleblakeney decisively, in the finals.

Also down on the Camogie programme for Saturday are the C.C.I.A. League semi-finals. The four Ashbourne Cup semi-finalists have reached this stage, but the pairings are different. Holders of that competition University College, Dublin, travel to Cork for one semi-final at the Mardyke, and University College, Galway, and Queen's University play at Belfast.

Both games should be close but the Cork-Dublin clash, should provide greater interest after their hectic game in the Ashbourne Cup final.

The Winter Social Programme, Ceol, Caint and Damhsa All-Ireland finals are arranged for Colaiste Mhuire, Parnell Square, Dublin, on Saturday next, 6.15. Nine counties are represented in the eight competitions.

Some counties take a greater interest in this type of activity and this is reflected in the list of competitors. Down, Limerick, Galway and Westmeath have members in several of the competitions. The other counties competing are Dublin, Wexford, Derry, Roscommon and Cork.

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Cork must be favourites

CORK MAKE
GOOD START

THE Senior and Junior National Leagues continue with two senior and junior games down for decision on Sunday next.

All-Ireland Champions, Cork, who have not yet won this title, are at home to Clare at St. Finbarr's (3.0).

The early games in the competitions, after the winter lay-off, are hard to assess and victory often goes to the side, who has prepared more for the game.

The more experienced Cork girls are favourites to take the points from Clare, who nevertheless will not give up easily, and are sure to put up a spirited performance.

BOTH GRADES

Limerick entertain Tipperary at Knockainey (1.00 and 2.30) in both grades. The Shannonsiders, who have 15 clubs to choose from as compared with nine for Tipperary, have the advantage on their side.

In previous years, games between these two counties have always been very close and it is expected that Sunday's games will follow previous patterns.

Carlow, who won out the season's competition, are at Southern zone in last

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By Taobh Line

home to Offaly at Myshall at Carrickmore and Croke Park respectively.

Offaly have three more clubs since this time last year, so they are bound to provide stiff opposition.

Tyrone, who reached the All-Ireland Junior League Final last season, play Donegal at Eglis (3.00).

Donegal, who have only one club, Letterkenny, affiliated, put up some fine performances last season, and with Loreto College in both Ulster schools Finals, enthusiasm is at its peak in Letterkenny.

MONAGHAN TEAM

Armagh travel to Gavan Duffy Park, Monaghan (2.30) to play the Monaghan team in junior grade. Armagh have been very strong in this competition since its inauguration in 1980 when they were the winners.

Armagh, who have 18 clubs as compared to 11 for Monaghan, should collect the points.

Both Ulster and Leinster Schools Councils have arranged their senior and junior finals for tomorrow

title in a row, are a clever side and a very keen contest is expected with Kilrea who have been under-13 and under-14 Ulster Champions for the past two years.

In the West, Roscommon Mercy Convent have regained the Connacht Junior title. They defeated St. Cuans, Castleblakeney, on Tuesday last, and are due to play North Presentation Cork, at Roscommon on March 5.

St. Cuans, who are the senior Connacht Champions will play another Cork school, St. Patrick's, in the All-Ireland semi-final on March 17.

STIFF GAME

Presentation, Castlecomer, provide the opposition in junior grade. They have a stiff game in front of them against fancied Maryfield on Saturday next.

In the Ulster Senior final Loreto, Letterkenny oppose St. Mary's Clady and are opposed by St. Paul's, Kilrea, in the junior grade.

St. Mary's, who contested last year's final, are a strong side, and, with the experience of a final behind them, will give Letterkenny, who are in their first senior final, a close run.

Letterkenny, who are going for their third junior

title in a row, are a clever side and a very keen contest is expected with Kilrea who have been under-13 and under-14 Ulster Champions for the past two years.

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The Ulster and Leinster winners will be in the second All-Ireland semi-finals.

Queens qualified for the C.C.I.A. League semi-final when they defeated Polytechnic in a play-off for the Ulster zone winners last Saturday. Their opponents in the All-Ireland semi-final are University College Galway.

In the second semi-final, University College, Dublin will play University College, Cork, which will be a repeat of the Ashbourne Cup final, which was played in Galway recently.

Cork 4-5 Clare 0-4
CORK made a successful start to their National League campaign at St. Finbarr's Grounds yesterday, when they had an impressive 4-5 to 0-4 win over Clare in their first round tie.

Playing with the wind in the first half, Clare played their best camogie and although Cork were first to score with a goal from Val Fitzpatrick after ten minutes, the losers looked good at this stage scoring four fine points — three from Clare Jones and one from Liz Condon.

However, Cork replied with two further minors from Mary O'Leary and Val Fitzpatrick, to leave them ahead at the interval, but only by a single point.

However, after the interval it was a different story for the winners as they came into their own. Two quick goals from Mary O'Leary and Marian Sweeney soon put the issue beyond doubt and although Clare did try hard to stay in contention, they had no real answer to the scoring power of Cork, who added three beautiful points from Ger McCarthy and a goal from Patsy Keniry.

Camogie: Cork Open League Campaign And ...

Selectors Keep Faith In Championship Panel

CORK have never won the National League and with so many All-Ireland crowns to their credit they are determined this season to make an all-out effort to take this elusive title.

On Sunday they open their League campaign when they meet Clare in St. Finbarr's Grounds, and with each point vital in this closely-contested competition, a win on Sunday is vital to their chances of victory.

On Saturday there are two Under 14 League ties listed with Watergrasshill taking on Blackrock at Glenville and Na Piarasigh at home to Bishopstown. And on Sunday St. Finbarr's play host to Killeagh in the Under 16 championship.

It is no great surprise that the new Cork selectors have retained faith in the All-Ireland winning championship panel, with the exception of Pat Lenihan, the Cork captain, who is now retired from inter-county camogie. Into the panel in Pat's place comes young Patsy Keniry, a Killeagh clubmate of Pat, who played very well all last season. But although the panel is left unchanged, switches abound in the actual team for Sunday.

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The defence is the only sector left untouched with Marian McCarthy again between the posts, Eileen Dineen at full back and Miriam Higgins, Catherine Langers and Martha Kearney making up the half back line.

The centrefield section sees the return of Liz Lynch to the side, where she joins Clare Cronin and Sandy Fitzgibbon, who did so well when she came on as a reserve in last year's semi-final clash against Kilkenny.

Ger McCarthy is surprisingly relegated to the substitute's bench, and in fact the attack is the sector which has suffered most from changes. Mary Geaney, who missed the All-Ireland final is not available for the National League, because of other commitments, and with Pat Lenihan also out, the selectors had to do a lot of switching around.

Marian Sweeney has been named at full forward, an unusual position for her, while Noelle O'Driscoll switches from full forward to the left corner berth and Mary O'Leary and Val Fitzpatrick complete the line-up.

at corner and half back respectively.

On paper and with a home venue, Cork should be good enough to take full points from a Clare side which has been struggling at senior level in the last number of years. However, their successful junior players of a few years ago are now reaching maturity and Cork would do well to remember that they were lucky to come away from Clare last year with the two points. And if Maureen Davouren, Lourda Fox and Mary Casey strike top form and combine well with the newcomers then it could be a tough one indeed at St. Finbarr's.

As a curtain-raiser to the inter-county game, St. Finbarr's meet Killeagh in the Under 16 championship and both of these clubs have paid great attention to their underage players it should be an excellent game with victory at all times in the balance.

There should be good games too in the Under 14 League on Saturday with Watergrasshill taking on Blackrock at Glenville and Bishopstown away to Na Piarasigh.

Finally a message from the County Board to all



Eileen Dineen at full back for Cork on Sunday.

clubs wishing to participate in the Féile na nGael or the Pan Celtic Festival in Killybegs. The closing date for entries for the Féile is March 2, and clubs interested should contact the Co. Secretary immediately to ensure they are entered in these competitions.

FIXTURES

Tomorrow (Saturday) — Under 14 League, at Glenville: Watergrasshill v Blackrock, 3 p.m. (Ref. Blackrock); at Na Piarasigh: Na Piarasigh v Bishopstown, 3 p.m. (Ref. Bishopstown).
Sunday — At St. Finbarr's: Under 16, Killeagh v St. Finbarr's, 1.45 p.m. National S. L. Cork v Clare, 3 p.m. (Ref. Mary Conway, Kilkenny.)

Close margin for Down

Camogie

DOWN, 0-4; ANTRIM, 1-0

DOWN won this opening Camogie Senior League game against neighbours Antrim yesterday in poor weather conditions. In a very low scoring game they emerged with just a single point winning margin. Antrim were leading by one goal to one point at half-time but Down fought back and added three points in the second half to give them a hard earned victory.

Scorers — Down — M. McCarthy (0-2), G. Allen (0-1), B. McGreevey (0-1); Antrim — P. McAllister (0-1).

DUBLIN, 0-11; LOUTH, 0-1

DUBLIN defeated Louth, newcomers to the senior ranks this year, also in the opening round at Philipstown, yesterday. Although Dublin were clearly a better side they failed to turn their superiority into scores due mainly to a

brilliant display from Louth's goalie Vivian Kelly, who brought off many fine saves. Were it not for her Dublin's winning margin would have been much greater.

Scorers — Dublin — M. Conboy (0-4), A. Colgan (0-2), L. Murphy (0-2), B. Toner (0-1), A. Cronin (0-1), M. Mearns (0-2); Louth — A. Carril (0-1).

National Junior League — Westmeath, 4-4; Sligo, 2-1; J. Drummond 1-1, A. Nígha 0-5, R. Brennan 1-0; Naith, 2-1; D. Donnelly 1-0, P. Dwyer 1-0, K. Donnelly (0-3); Dublin, 11-0; Louth, no score; Dublin (0-1), Sligo 4-2, C. O'Beirne 2-2, N. Fleming 2-4, J. Holden 1-0, A. Carril 0-1.

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Points Vital To Cork And Wexford

CORK play their second National Senior League tie on Sunday next when they meet Wexford at Rathnure. On the same day an Intermediate League, a Junior 'A' League and two Under 16 championship ties will also be decided.

The Cork senior selectors continue to make changes in the League team. This time they bring Angela Higgins back into the team while Patsy Keniry who came on as a substitute in their first tie against Clare two weeks ago retains her position. Eileen Dineen and Martha Kearney who were both unavailable for the last outing are back for Sunday and Ger McCarthy, who came in as one of the replacements last time, is retained but on Sunday will play at corner forward. In order to facilitate these changes Liz Lynch, Sandy Fitzgibbon, and Noelle O'Driscoll have been relegated to the substitutes. Cork can expect the toughest game of their section on Sunday. Wexford are always a difficult team to beat and with the advantage of a home venue, and marvellous players in Elsie and Dorothy Walsh, Kathleen Tonks, Monica Butler, the Cork girls can expect to fight all the way for the points. And as the dropping of even a single point can mean losing their chance of

this elusive title, Cork will need to be at their very best on Sunday.

It will not be enough for them to put on a top class second half performance as they did in their tie against Clare, as a repeat of their first half performance in that game would almost certainly mean defeat at the hands of the powerful Wexford.

Cork: M. McCarthy, E. Dineen, M. Higgins, C. Landers, M. Kearney, C. Cronin, P. Keniry, A. Higgins, M. O'Leary, M. Sweeney, G. McCarthy, V. Fitzpatrick. Subs: N. O'Driscoll, C. Kelleher, L. Lynch, S. Fitzgibbon.

In the only Intermediate League game listed, St. Finbarrs will probably be too good for Youghal while in the Junior 'A' League it could be close between Ballincollig and Nemo Rangers. In the two Under 16 championship ties listed Watergrasshill could find it tough against Bishops-town, while it should be close between Eire Og and Glen Rovers.

On Sunday next, there will be a unique service of prayer when six religious and almost twenty sporting bodies will come together for an inter-denominational Prayer Service for sportsmen and sports-women at St. Mary's Popes Quay.

Mary Moran, our National PRO and former President is a member of the Organising Committee for this and everyone is welcome to attend.

The main address will be given by Con Murphy, former GAA President. Lessons will be read by Clr. Gerald Y. Goldberg (Cork Community Games), Alan Houghton (Tennis) and Noel Murphy (Rugby) and the Prayers of Intercession will be read by George Bennett (Athletics), Cathy Dunne (Paralympics), Jimmy Barry Murphy (GAA), Ann Heskin (Golf), Reg Treacy (Hockey), Angela McHugh (school-girl) and Donal O Murchu (schoolboy).

The collection will be in aid of the Cork Branch of the Irish Wheelchair Association.

FIXTURES

Sunday at Rathnure, Co. Wexford: NSL Cork v Wexford, 2 p.m. (ref. Kilkenny); at Bishopstown: U16 Championship, Bishopstown v Watergrasshill, 3 p.m. (ref. St. Finbarrs); at Ovens: U16 Championship, Eire Og v Glen Rovers, 3 p.m. (ref. Inniscarra); at Ballincollig: JAL, Ballincollig v Nemo Rangers, 3 p.m. (ref. Aghabullogue); at Youghal: IL, St. Finbarrs v Youghal, 3 p.m. (ref. Killeagh).

Wexford in fine fettle

WEXFORD, 1-3; CORK, 0-4

WEXFORD CAMOGIE TEAM launched their national camogie league campaign at Rathnure yesterday and won a morale boosting victory over reigning All-Ireland senior champions Cork. Having shared the scoring in a closely contested first half (1-1 to 2-4) they had the only two points of the second period to win by 1-3 to 0-4.

This was Cork's first setback since their great win of last September. Wexford showed a nice blend of youth and experience and they must do very well in this competition.

Geraldine Wynn was outstanding in defence especially when Cork had wind advantage in the first half. Elsie Walsh took her scoring chances very well, while young Jackie Codd was prominent for the winners. Cork's best were Clair Kelleher, Geraldine McCarthy and Noelle Driscoll.

Scorers: Wexford — G. O'Leary (1-0); E. Walsh (0-3). Cork — G. McCarthy (0-2), N. Driscoll, M. O'Leary (0-1) each.

Wexford — K. Tonks, A. Butler, S. Sinnott, G. Wynn, T. Fitzhenry, C. Farrington, E. Walsh, O. Mahony, G. O'Leary, J. Codd, B. Higgins, A. Reddy. Sub — D. Guinan for G. O'Leary.

Cork — M. McCarthy, L. Lynch, M. Higgins, C. Kelleher, C. Landers, G. McCarthy, S. Fitzgibbon, A. Higgins, M. Sweeney, N. Driscoll, V. Fitzpatrick, M. O'Leary.

U.C.C. 3-5; U.C.C. 1-2

U.C.C. had a surprise victory over U.C.C., the holders in the final of the Higher Institute League at Galway on Saturday. U.C.C. were favourites having won twice already this year and having beaten Ashbourne champions U.C.D. in the semi-finals. But Galway were a far more determined and contested every ball with a spirit that the Cork girls failed to match.

Able marshalled by Mairead Coyle, at centre back, Galway led by 1-1 to a point at half time. Although Cork's Angela Higgins, playing at centre field in the second half, tried to stem the tide Galway increased their lead with two further goals. They continued

to pressurise Cork until the final whistle and fully deserved their victory.

Scorers — Galway — M. Coyle (1-2), P. Carr (1-1), J. McKee (1-0), C. O'Connor (0-1), E. O'Leary (0-1).

Cork — N. O'Driscoll (1-1), A. Higgins (0-1).

ST. JOHN OF GODS ARTANE

LORETO LETTERKENNY 4-0

A FINE second half display from Artane earned them a place in the All-Ireland Colleges final at Mobhi Road. The less experienced Letterkenny girls played tenaciously throughout and with their good defensive work in the first half held the Dublin girls scoreless. Fidelma Hillery at full back for Letterkenny, was particularly impressive.

Anne Cooper however, put Artane on the road to victory with a fine goal on the restart. Veronica O'Connor then scored twice, as Artane edged further ahead and, with Caroline Doyle and Annette Kelly very sound in defence, Artane went from strength to strength. Emer McDonagh, Marie Crawford, and Brid Raftery tried hard to counter attack for Letterkenny, but they had no answer for the strength of the Dublin girls.

Scorers for St. John of Gods — C. O'Connor (2-0), A. Cooper (1-0), E. Delaney (0-1).

OTHER RESULTS

N.I. 2, westmeath 3-1, Armagh 4-0, Meath 2-4, Monaghan 0-1.

Leinster Colleges Senior B — Mercy New Ross 4-1, Assumption, Walsinstown 2-1.

Dublin Senior A League — Crumlin 5-8, Cummann ul Connail 2-0, Celto 8-5, Erins lute 0-0, U.C.D. 6-8, Marino 3-3, Woodville 6-2, Phoenix 2-3.

Inter A — Naomh Aoife 1-1, Kilmore 0-1, Presentation 4-2, Phoenix 0-1, Round Towers 2-1, Naomh Bred 0-0.

Junior — Leixlip 1-1, Craobh Chiarain 1-0, Lucan 4-0, Dunsdale 1-0, Round Towers 2-1, St. Annes, 0.

Camogie

KILLEAGH V. EIRE OG AGAIN

Killeagh 3-10, Watergrasshill 2-6.

KILLEAGH had a convincing win in this Cork County Senior Camogie Club Tournament semi-final played at Glenville yesterday. The winners got off to a flying start with a goal and a point from Ann-Marie Landers in the second and third minute and when Patsy Keniry added a further goal in the sixth minute they were well in command. Watergrasshill came into the game after Marie Farrell goalied in the 10th minute but found themselves trailing 3-5 to 1-3 at the interval.

For Killeagh Patsy Keniry, Kathleen Costigan, Catherine and Ann Marie Landers and Patricia Fitzgibbons were best while Marion O'Leary, Mairead O'Callaghan, Claire and Angela Higgins and Mary O'Leary tried hardest.

Scorers: Killeagh: P. Keniry, 1-7; A. M. Landers 1-1; P. Fitzgibbon 1-0; C. Landers 0-2. Watergrasshill: M. O'Leary 1-5; M. Farrell 1-0; H. O'Callaghan 0-1.

Killeagh: K. Costigan, M. Spillane, M. O'Donovan, B. Landers, C. Landers, A. M. Landers, S. Spillane, B. Kieby, P. Keniry, M. Sweeney, A. Leahy, P. Fitzgibbon, Subs: H. Kelly for M. Spillane, V. Motherway for S. Spillane, M. Keniry for M. Sweeney.

Watergrasshill: A. Barry, N. O'Riordan, M. O'Leary, D. O'Flaherty, M. O'Callaghan, H. O'Callaghan, C. Higgins, D.

Fenton, M. O'Leary, M. Farrell, A. Higgins, F. McCarthy. Sub: H. Sheehan for P. McCarthy.

Referee: Margaret Murphy (UCC).

Eire Og 4-9, Sarsfields 0-1.

NOELLE O'DRISCOLL was the hero for Eire Og in the second semi-final at Riverstown yesterday where she scored 2-6.

Sarsfield had some fine individual players and matched their opponents for most of the opening half, but failed to score while Noelle O'Driscoll had 1-1 of her side's half-time score (1-2 to 0-0). A quick goal from Mary Geaney early in the second half knocked the steam out of Sarsfield and O'Driscoll assisted by Mary Geaney and substitutes Grainne Mackey and Mary O'Donovan tore the Sarsfield side to shreds.

Scorers for the winners: N. O'Driscoll 2-6, M. Geaney 1-1, G. Mackey 1-1, M. O'Donovan 0-1. Sarsfield: L. Zinkant 0-1.

Eire Og — M. McCarthy, M. Beck, E. Dineen, C. Kelleher, J. Shannon, M. Higgins, M. Twomey, M. O'Sullivan, N. O'Driscoll, S. Murphy, M. Geaney, P. O'Reilly. Subs: G. Mackey for M. Geaney and M. O'Donovan for P. O'Reilly.

Sarsfields — E. Barry, M. Kearney, L. Twomey, G. Barry, E. Noonan, M. Brady, L. Dunphy, A. Brady, L. Zinkant, J. O'Regan, S. Barry, B. Egan.

Referee: Bridget Newman (Na Piarasigh).



A St. Patrick's player winning possession from St. Cuan's defenders during the All-Ireland Colleges Camogie Championship semi-final at Paire Uí Chaoimh Cork, yesterday.

St. Patrick's' day !

St. Patrick's (Cork) 4-3
St. Cuan's (Galway) 0-3

A SPECTACULAR display carried the young ladies of St. Patrick's school in Cork to a most impressive and comprehensive triumph over St. Cuan's of Galway in the semi-final of the All-Ireland colleges senior camogie championship at Paire Uí Chaoimh yesterday.

Inspired by brilliant performances from midfielders Elizabeth Dunphy, Mary Currid and Regina Scuttis, St. Patrick's, after a hesitant beginning, turned on the style and a hat-trick of goals from Linda Mellerick steered them into the All-Ireland final.

STIFF BREEZE

Playing against the stiff breeze, St. Patrick's found themselves three points in arrears after the opening minutes. St. Cuan's, with the stylish Brenda Kenny playing magnificently, threatened omi-

nously. But then the glittering talents of St. Patrick's rose to the surface and they proceeded to outclass their opponents.

Miss Mellerick's first goal, just before half-time, boosted their confidence enormously and they dominated the second half proceedings to their hearts' content. They struck seconds after the interval with a goal from Elizabeth O'Sullivan and with Linda Mellerick completing her hat-trick, they took a giant step closer to the title they won for the first time two years ago.

Scorers: St. Patrick's: L. Mellerick 3-0, E. O'Sullivan 1-1, E. Dunphy 0-2.

St. Cuan's: B. Kenny 0-3.
St. Patrick's: F. McCarthy, M. Murphy, D. Deane, A. Linehan, E. Dunphy, M. Currid, R. Scuttis, K. O'Keefe, E. O'Sullivan, L. Mellerick, A. Loneragan, B. O'Sullivan, Sub: C. Reidy for O'Sullivan.

St. Cuan's: A. Leher, M. Murphy, D. Madden, B. Kenny, M. Carrig, M. Kennedy, B. O'Reilly, M. O'Dowd, J. Duffy, S. Coen, C. Duffy, M. Kennedy, Subs: C. Kennedy for Madden, C. Broderick for O'Reilly.

Referee: M. Cassack (Kildare).

Kilkenny Are Tops

By AGNES HOURIGAN

WITH more than half the National senior and junior Camogie league games played the stronger counties are already occupying the top positions.

In Zone A Kilkenny, the holders, and Dublin have each played two matches and both have full points.

Down have four points from three matches. They beat Antrim and Galway but lost to Kilkenny. Antrim lost one game but they beat Louth by only one point. Galway, who have played two games, and Louth, who have played three, have no points to date.

Zone B comprises five counties. Limerick and Wexford, who have played two games each, are unbeaten. Cork defeated Clare but lost to Wexford while Tipperary and Clare have been on the losing side each time.

Zone A would appear to rest on the Dublin-Kilkenny clash which is arranged for April 17. Cork who were surprisingly defeated by Wexford, could still come back into contention in their zone if they manage to

defeat Limerick who must overcome Wexford to make a play-off possible. Wexford seem to have the best chance here as Limerick always have difficulty against Cork.

The National Junior League comprises five zones, three of which are junior counties' first teams and two of which are the senior counties' second teams. Last year was the first year that the 'B' teams of the senior counties were allowed to enter and Dublin became the third winners. Armagh (1980) and Cavan (1981) had previously taken the honour.

Zone C which comprises Derry, Tyrone, Donegal and Roscommon, has been won out by Derry with full points.

Leaders

In Zone D, Westmeath are the leaders. They defeated Armagh, Monaghan and Meath. Kildare are having a very disappointing run with no points from two games.

In Zone E, Carlow are the pacesetters. They have beaten Offaly and Laois and are due to play Wicklow next. In Wicklow's only game thus far they went down to Offaly but Offaly had lost to Carlow.

In Zone A the Dublin v. Down game on April 24 could decide the winners as Galway and Louth have lost both the games in which they were involved.

The situation in Zone B is unclear. Wexford and Clare are unbeaten after one game each. Limerick lost to Clare but beat Tipperary while Tipp are pointless after two outings.

SENIOR LEAGUE

ZONE A					
	P	W	D	L	Pts
Dublin	2	2	0	0	4
Kilkenny	2	2	0	0	4
Down	3	2	0	1	4
Antrim	2	1	0	1	2
Galway	2	0	0	2	0
Louth	3	0	0	3	0

ZONE B					
	P	W	D	L	Pts
Limerick	2	2	0	0	4
Wexford	2	2	0	0	4
Cork	2	1	0	1	2
Clare	2	0	0	2	0
Tipperary	2	0	0	2	0

KILLEAGH ARE TOPS AGAIN

Killeagh 0-9;
Eire Og 1-5

MUNSTER champions Killeagh added the Cork county camogie senior tournament shield to their side-board, when they edged to a one point victory over Eire Og in an uninspiring final at Paire Uí Chaoimh yesterday.

Much was expected of this clash between the great rivals. Unfortunately, however, the talents of both sides lay dormant, and although there was a galaxy of inter-county stars on duty, few glittered.

Killeagh with Patsy Keniry in fine shooting form, she accounted for five of her side's total, looked to be in control at the interval. Despite conceding a goal after five minutes, struck to the net by Noelle O'Driscoll, and having played against the stiff breeze, the reigning provincial champions led by 0-5 to 1-1 at half-time.

However, they had to withstand a spirited second half resurgence by Eire Og, which almost brought a triumphant reward.

With six minutes remaining Noelle O'Driscoll levelled the scores with a point from a free, but Killeagh's best player on the day, Patsy Keniry, shot over the all-important score a minute later.

Scorers—Killeagh: P. Keniry 0-5 (0-2 from frees), M. Sweeney 0-2, B. Landers and A. M. Landers 0-1 each. Eire Og: N. O'Driscoll 1-1.

(0-2 from frees), C. Kelleher 0-1.
Killeagh—K. Costine, M. O'Donovan, M. Spillane, B. Landers, C. Landers, A. M. Landers, S. Spillane, B. Kirby, P. Keniry, P. Fitzgibbon, M. Sweeney, A. Leahy, Sub: V. Motherway for Fitzgibbon.

Eire Og: M. McCarthy, J. Shanahan, C. Kelleher, M. Higgins, M. O'Donovan, E. Dineen, M. Twomey, M. O'Sullivan, E. Dineen, M. Geaney, A. O'Keefe, N. O'Driscoll, Sub: S. Murphy for O'Donovan, A. O'Leary for O'Keefe, P. Reilly for Twomey. Referee: M. Maher (Ballylough).

Armagh set to advance

THE SENIOR National League is now more than half way and the Junior League is even more advanced. The big news from last week's programme was the defeat of the All-Ireland Champions Cork, who went down to Wexford.

Armagh look certain to win out the Kildare, Monaghan, Westmeath, Meath, Junior zone, as they have full points from their games with the first three mentioned and are favourites to take the points from Meath. Derry are Zone winners in their section.

A big programme is again listed for Sunday next with three senior and six junior games scheduled.

Louth are at home to the holders, Kilkenny, in senior grade and the latter should not take that encounter lightly as the Wee County girls, although they have not collected any points to date, have been performing very well in the top grade for their first season. Their star goalie Vivienne Kelly is a powerful asset to her side.

NEW TEAM

Kilkenny should be able to take the points from 'ho Louth Juniors, who, because of the Junior All-Ireland victory, have to find a completely new team.

Both Down and Galway, lost their last senior games, but Down have two points from their victory over Antrim. This should be a very close tie. The Down Junior side defeated Kilkenny but Galway, although they lost to holders, Dublin, may be too strong for Down.

Wexford, out for the second Sunday in a row, are jubilant after their victory over Cork last Sunday, so they will travel hopefully to play Tipperary at Nenagh (3.0) whose first outing against Limerick was fruitless. The Junior tie between these counties (2.0) may also give the points to the Sianeyiders.

Roscommon, who lost to Derry are at home to

Tyrone who also lost to Derry last Sunday.

Kildare, who lost to Armagh in the pre-Christmas round, are making their first appearance this year. They travel to Enfield (2.0) in Meath and, if they can reproduce the form that made them prominent during the last few seasons, they should have the measure of Meath, who have a very young team. They proved too good for Monaghan last Sunday, to give them their first ever League points.

The Wicklow-Laois game, postponed a few weeks ago, has been rearranged for Sunday. Carlow looks the strong county in this zone. Wicklow defeated Laois and Wicklow lost to Offaly so both counties are seeking their first points.

The second semi-final of the Post-Primary Schools is arranged for Paire Uí Chaoimh (2.15). Cork, today, St. Patrick, Cork, entertain St. Cuan's, Castleblakeney, Galway, who are Connacht champions for the first time.

WON ALL-IRELAND

St. Patrick, who won the All-Ireland Cup, Cork Seelg, in 1981, may find the new Connacht champions hard to conquer even at a home venue.

Last Saturday in Dublin, St. John of God, Arans, qualified for the senior final when they defeated the Ulster champions, Loreto, Letterkenny, after a close game which was 0-0 at half-time.

University College, Galway, regained the CCA League Cup after a lapse of ten years when they defeated University College, Cork, at Galway.

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Bigger pitch and 15 players—that's Kilkenny motion!

THE CAMOGIE delegates from all over the country congregate at the Old Ground Hotel, Ennis, this weekend for the Annual Congress. The business will begin tomorrow at 10 a.m. and continue until 6 p.m., and on Sunday there will be an 11.00 a.m. start.

The Congress papers include reports from all units of the Association and they are an indication of the amount of work being done for Camogie at national, provincial, county, club and college level.

The various sub-committees who work for improved administration, qualifications in coaching competence in refereeing, compiling the historical background of the Association are all giving an excellent service as is apparent from their separate reports.

FIRST REPORT

The Association's new General Secretary and Development Officer Seamus Mac Gilla Fhinnéin presents his first report to the Congress. He commends highly the work done by his predecessor, Seosaimhín Nic Uaidrígh, who was the General Secretary for seven years and the Development officer for two years.

In his opinion, Iníon Nic Uaidrígh's contribution is not only apparent in administration but also in the work she put into organising so many new competitions during her time as Secretary.

Referring to Gradam Taisce and National Camogie Day, the new Secretary holds that both projects have great potential for the promotion of the game.

From his short experience he pinpoints a number of areas in which improvement is required. He considers that communication at all levels is vitally important and that every secretary, either club, county or provincial should deal with correspondence promptly and should be particular about deadlines.

WANT STAR AWARDS

There are some very interesting motions included. Armagh propose that 'Ard Chomhairle institute All-Star Awards as in football and hurling on a sponsorship basis if possible, with an annual All-Star versus senior championship fixture.'

Kilkenny come up with the proposal to change the size of the pitch to that of a hurling pitch and to increase the number of players from 12 to 15.

This suggested change would make it very easy for counties to make the field arrangements for a game but I doubt that it would suit the smaller clubs and schools.

Monaghan puts forward new proposals for representation at Congress. At present, a county requires fifteen clubs to increase representation from one delegate to two.

This motion suggests that every County Board should have two delegates for the first twenty clubs. That would mean that a County with three clubs has the same representation as a county with twenty. Looking at the current affiliations it could increase the number of delegates at Congress by twenty.

SUGGEST NEW TESTS

Galway have proposed two new inter-county competitions — one for under 14 and one for under 18 players. Many counties are perturbed at the expense of the present number of competitions and administrators find it hard to fit them in, so discussions on these may present opposite views.

Clare's motion that, 'All officers of provincial and Central Councils, together with various committee members, serve only three consecutive years, excluding the General Secretary.'

This obtains at present for the president of Ard Choiste and the presidents of the four provincial councils. It will be interesting to hear Clare's views and reasons for change. It could be that they think some officers are there too long.

● The postponed senior and junior league matches, Galway and Kilkenny, will take place in April 24 at a Galway venue (to be confirmed). Wicklow and Laois will play their postponed fixture on the same day at a Wicklow venue.



● The Clare Camogie Board had the honour last week-end of hosting the annual camogie congress for the first time. Picture shows young Angela Naughton presenting a bouquet of roses to Mary Fennelly, President of the Camogie Association of Ireland. Also included are Mr. Paddy Coote, Chairman of Ennis UDC and Cllr. Michael Guerin.

Clare's Camogie Motions Bite the Dust

Clare's camogie delegates were unsuccessful in having their two motions passed when they hosted the national congress in the Old Ground Hotel last week-end.

Their motion calling for the rezoning of counties in the national league was defeated while the second advocating a system whereby all officers at provincial and central council level, with the exception of the general secretary, could only serve for three years was ruled out of order.

Indeed, of the thirty one motions tabled only two were passed.

All the officers and delegates were loud in their appreciation of the manner in which the congress was hosted by the Clare camogie board who spared no effort in presentation and entertainment.

Congress decided to delay the opening date of the National League in future bringing the opening from February to March.

CRITICAL OF COVERAGE

In a hard-hitting address, National President, Mary Fennelly was critical of RTE and the national media for its poor coverage afforded its activities.

She said she was at a loss to understand as to why our

national television network was reluctant to screen camogie games while less popular sports got greater prominence and publicity. She pointed out that the Camogie Association was Ireland's largest women's sports organisation.

Miss Fennelly called for greater efficiency and organisation at all levels within the association pinpointing areas such as fixtures, finance, coaching and refereeing as needing special attention.

The president paid tribute to the schools and colleges for promoting camogie over the years and said that without doubt they were the life and blood of the association. She highlighted the wonderful work being done by Feile na nGael and Community Games.

Officers elected were President: Mary Fennelly, Kilkenny; Treasurer Mrs. M. Purcell, Dublin, PRO, Mary Moran, Cork. National Organiser Phyllis Breslin, Dublin.

PRESIDENT CRITICISES RTE COVERAGE

In her address to the delegates attending the annual congress of the National Camogie Association at the Old Ground Hotel, Ennis, the President, Mary Fennelly of Kilkenny, expressed disappointment at the coverage being given to camogie by R.T.E. Miss Fennelly said that camogie had a huge membership and deserved more recognition from the national radio and television.

The President asked for more work towards proper planning by the various sub-committees of the association. In relation to coaching she told the delegates that a new book on coaching was presently being printed and would be available shortly.

Miss Fennelly went on to express the view that the National League should not commence before April and should then continue throughout the summer until October. This she felt would give better competition and would also help in that pitches would be more readily available.

The Clare board hosted the congress for the first time ever and yesterday evening many tributes were paid to the Clare officers for the manner in which they organised the event. Officers elected were:

President: Mary Fennelly (Kilkenny); Treasurer: Una Purcell (Dublin); Public Relations Officer: Mary Moran (Cork); Director of Organisation: Phyllis Breslin (Dublin); General Secretary: Seamus MacGillafin (Co. Down).

Congress passed a motion deciding that the National League will not commence before March 1, while it was also decided that venues for all inter county games at semi-final and final stages must be known at least 14 days in advance.

Camogie Officials Slam Media

Lack of publicity for camogie games and other activities within the association in the national daily newspapers, TV and radio was highlighted at the Annual Camogie Congress at the Old Ground Hotel, Ennis, at the weekend.

In her address, the president Mary Fennelly stressed the need for better planning within the association and for the drawing-up of a master budget to cover the next five years.

Among the many areas discussed was a later start to the playing season. It was felt that this would be more beneficial on two fronts—better ground conditions and increased spectator attendance. Also in relation to games, the referees committee's efforts to improve the standards was commended and counties were asked to avail of the courses organised for this purpose.

There is only one change in personnel of Central Council. Phyllis Breslin (Dublin) replaces Mary Lyn (Monaghan) as organiser. The other officers were re-elected unopposed. They are:

President, Miss M. Fennelly (Kilkenny); Treasurer, Mrs. A. Purcell (Dublin); P.R.O., Miss M. Moran, Cork.

Kilken

HOLDERS. Kilkenny and Dublin from zone A and Wexford from Zone B are all still unbeaten in the Senior National Camogie League, after last weekend's games, so the meeting of Kilkenny and Dublin at the St. John's Park, Kilkenny (3.0) is the top of the bill for next Sunday.



On April 16 they play St. John of God in Croke Park in their second final in four years of senior competi-

While St. Patrick's are home and dry into the final, having demolished all obstacles in their path, there is, however, one problem still remaining, — the cost of taking the team

He had particular words of praise for the parents of

He also expressed their thanks to the school's principal Miss Annie Twohie for her encouragement.

Both sides have practically the same teams. One of Dublin's panel of last year, Mary Murphy, a sister to Francis and Edel, who teaches in Presentation Con-

vent, Cullen
on the field
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They have been playing well all season but they can expect the toughest of opposition in St. John of God's, who can field no less than eight of the All Ireland winning Dublin

However, the Cork girls would do well to remember the All-Ireland Junior final of 1981, when St. John's had a good win over St. Patrick's. And many of the players on both sides in that final have now

The Cork girls will travel to Dublin quietly confident that they can do it but also with the greatest respect for their top Dublin opponents, and no doubt the

Tomorrow evening will see the start of the 1983 Senior Co. Championship. First to take the field will be Eire Og who with Marian McCarthy, Miriam Higgins and Noelle O'Driscoll will be fancied to beat Aghabullogue who will almost certainly be without Eileen Barrett, although they will have Margaret

And in the final County game Glen Rovers with Val Fitzpatrick, Ann O'Donovan, Ger McCarthy, Deirdre Sutton and company will surely have too much strength for divisional side

In other games listed
Youghal meet Killeagh and
Eire Og oppose Ballincollig
in the Under 16 League.

FIXTURES

At Mardyke: UCC v Watergrasshill 7.15 p.m. (Ref. Old Aloysians). Sunday: S.C. at Carrigrohilly-Killeagh v St. Finbarr's 7 p.m. (Ref. Brenda Newman). At Ballincollig: Glen Rovers v Muskerry 3 p.m. (Ref. Ashbullaogue).

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1981; At Killeagh Troughal v
Killeagh 7 p.m. (Ref. Fr.
O'Neill).

At Ovens, Err. Og v Ballin-
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ny—Dublin clash highlight

Camogie by Taobh Line

Murphy and Ann Colgan are strong in attack.

As has been customary in games between these two well-matched teams another keen and close game is expected.

SAME VENUE

Dublin, the junior league champions, are due to play the Kilkenny second string at the same venue at 2.00. In this encounter, the Metropolitans who are unbeaten, are expected to take the points from Noreiders who have lost two points to Down.

In the other senior games listed, both from Zone A, Galway who were quite impressive against Kilkenny last Sunday should have the

measure of Antrim at Oranmore (3.0) and Down should beat Louth in both grades at Killyleagh.

Offaly will be very keen to take the points from Laois, following Carlow's defeat by Wicklow last Sunday. Actually this zone could finish with three of the four counties on equal points.

Westmeath have a vital encounter with Kildare at Cappagh (3.0). With full points to date, they would be Zone winners if they win this their final game.

The All-Ireland Post Primary Schools Finals are scheduled for Saturday at the Camogie Grounds, Belfield.

In the senior decider St. John's of God, Artane, play St. Patrick's Cork (3.00) and Mercy Roscommon oppose St. Pauls, Killea (2.00).

Patrick's won the senior title in 1980, St. John of God were junior winners in 1981, and Roscommon took the junior honours in 1979, so the Derry School, Killea, are contesting their first All-Ireland title.

BEST HOLDERS

They defeated the holders, fancied Maryfield, in the All-Ireland semi-final.

St. John of God have come up through the ranks as most of the teams have played with the Woodville Club who have won the Feile na nGael Competition 1979 and 1980, the Pan Celtic Competition and have now reached the Senior Grade in Dublin Competitions.

Best for St. John of God are: defenders Deirdre Byrne and Antoinette Kelly. At midfield Liz Delaney and Susan Doyle are very strong while in attack Ann Cooper

and Edel Campbell will need to be closely marked.

St Patrick's can call on Cork minor and junior players in Liz Dunphy, Mary Murphy, Mary Currid and Ann Loneragan, who will test the Dubliners.

In the junior game, Roscommon, who scored a decisive victory over Munster champions, North Presentation, Cork, when they met in the All-Ireland semi-final, are a very solid side who combine well as a team.

Their outstanding players are midfielders Elizabeth Lee, (captain), Bridget Ann Dervin and Mary Gannon while Ann Walsh is very good at centre-back.

CONVENT OF MERCY ROSCOMMON — O. Mahon: I. Regan: O. O'Connor, A. Walsh, F. Ni Chumma: E. Lee (Capt.), B. A. Dervin, M. Gannon, E. Bracken, G. Hussey, G. Whyte, M. Mullooly.

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Belfield, Dublin

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Scoil Muire gan Smal,
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Scoil Naomh Padraigh
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Reiteoir: Brid de Stoc
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THESE GIRLS HOPE TO BRING ALL-IRELAND TO ROSCOMMON

The Junior Camogie team from the Convent of Mercy, Roscommon travels to Belfield on Saturday next intent on regaining a title won for the only time in 1979. Their opponents this time will be St. Paul's, Killea, Co. Derry, who ousted the holders Maryfield College, Dublin at the semi-final stage.

Following a long difficult campaign these girls from Roscommon will be carrying the hopes of their legions of followers. They have prepared diligently for the fray and will enter the contest with a good sporting chance. The preparations have included a number of challenges against Glenamaddy's senior string, a Loughrea selection and their own school's senior selection.

This Roscommon team looked very sharp in their Connacht semi-final win over St. Raphael's College, Loughrea. They struggled for long spells in the early stages of the Connacht Final against St. Cuan's, Castleblakeney before running out convincing winners. They showed impressive form in the All-Ireland semi-final against North Presentation Convent, Cork.

A number of buses have been hired for the occasion and anyone interested in travelling in support is advised to book in at the school in advance.

THE PLAYERS

Deirdre Mahon (goal-keeper). Holds a county junior award with her club Roscommon Gaels. Excels at many sports — golf, badminton, handball.

Irene Regan (full-back) Very skilful and reliable in this position. Winner of numerous awards with her club Oran including All-Ireland Feile na nGael and Community Games. Also holds medals for athletics.

Patricia O'Connor (right back) Very sharp in her covering for her colleagues. Has won many awards with her club St. Dominic's including a player of the year award, Sister of Pauline, the captain in 1979.

Ann Walsh (centre back) Excellent free-taker. Holder of All-Ireland Feile na nGael and Community Games awards with Oran.

Fiona Ni Chuinn (left back). Very strong forceful defender. Won county junior award with her club Roscommon Gaels and also holds medals for handball.

Elizabeth Lee (right centre). The team captain, is very experienced player, won Junior B and first years' awards with the school and has captained her club Oran to National success in Feile na Gael awards. He also munity Games awards. Has also played for the school senior team.

Bridget Ann Dervin (centre-field). Powerful player in the centre midfield position. The most experienced player on the team. Holder of two Connacht Junior, Junior B and First Years' awards with the school as well as many awards with her club St. Dominic's. Also on the school senior team.

Mary Gannon (left centre). Very fine attacking midfielder. Won many awards with her club

St. Dominic's and is also an excellent basketball player.

Teresa Bracken (right wing forward). Won Junior B and First Years' awards with the school. From Fourmilehouse, she plays camogie with Roscommon Gaels with whom she won a county junior award; numerous awards for athletics.

Gabrielle Hussey (centre forward). Very capable forward with the ability to get vital scores. Her sister Noeleen was a member of the 1979 panel. Won Community Games awards with her club Oran.

Olive Whyte (left wing forward). A great success in the semi-final until she was forced to retire injured. Her sister Elizabeth was a midfielder on the 1979 team. Plays with Athleague.

Mary Mullooly (full forward) Star of the semi-final when switched to centre forward. Holder of Junior B and First years' awards with the school and other awards with her club St. Dominic's. Holds medals for athletics.

The remainder of the panel includes Michelle Craven (St. Dominic's), Imelda Quinn (Roscommon Gaels), Susan Kelly (St. Dominic's), Delia Benedetti (Roscommon Gaels), Carol Connaughton (St. Dominic's), Margaret Beirne (do.), Caroline Macklin (Roscommon Gaels), Linda Mulhern (Athleague), Caroline Craven (St. Dominic's), Marie Fallon (Roscommon Gaels), Angela Naughton (St. Dominic's), Pamela Regan (Oran).

Artane The Top

ST. JOHN OF GOD, ARTANE 2
ST. PATRICK'S, CORK 2

St. John of God, Artane, made history on Saturday when they became the first Dublin school to win All-Ireland Senior Post Primary Schools Camogie Corn Sceilg.

They defeated the Munster champions, Patrick's, Cork at Belfast, in a hard fought final.

The Dubliners made the best use of the advantage in the opening half and led 2-4 to 1-0 at the interval. The Leesiders added a goal on the resumption and fought desperately to get on level terms but

Artane defence held firm.

Best for the winners were A. Kelly, S. Doyle, E. Delaney, A. Cooper and E. Campbell. For the Cork side A. Lenehan, M. Murphy, L. Dunphy and B. O'Sullivan were the most prominent.

Scorers — St. John of God's: A. Kelly (0-6), E. O'Connor, L. Quinn (1-0 each).

St. Patrick's: B. O'Sullivan (2-0), L. Dunphy (0-1).

CONV. OF MERCY, ROS. 7-1

ST. PAUL'S, KILREA 1-3

Mercy Convent, Roscommon, won Corn Gobnait the Junior All-Ireland Schools Camogie Cup for the second time when they defeated the Ulster champions, St. Paul's, Kilrea, at Belfield on Saturday.

Best for the winners were T. Bracken, P. O'Connor, G. Hussey, B. Dervin, E. Lee, P. Robinson, A. Higgins, A. McWilliams and J. McCluskey were best for the Northerners.

Scorers for ROSCOMMON: T. Bracken (4-0), M. Gannon, M. Mullooly, G. Hussey (1-0 each), B. Dervin (0-1). **for KILREA:** P. Robinson (0-3) A. McWilliams (1-0).

DUBLIN 2-6

KILKENNY 1-2

Holders, Kilkenny, suffered a major setback yesterday at St. John's Park, Kilkenny, when they lost their vital Senior National League tie to Dublin who now take over as unbeaten leaders of Zone A.

The winners dominated the first half and led 2-4 to 0-1 at half-time. Although the second half was more evenly contested the Noreiders never looked like catching up.

Scorers for DUBLIN: G. Gormley (1-1), E. Murphy (0-4), A. Colgan (1-0), M. Conroy (0-1). **for KILKENNY:** M. Farrell (1-0), Ann Downey, Angela Downey (0-1 each).

DUBLIN 4-7

KILKENNY 3-0

Dublin juniors kept their un-

beaten run intact when they defeated Kilkenny in the Junior League. The winners led 2-1 to 1-0 at the interval and continued to have the upper hand in the second half.

Scorers for DUBLIN: Fleming (3-2), M. O'Sullivan (1-2), C. O'Sullivan (2-0) (0-3 each). **for KILKENNY:** Ryan, C. Malone, N. Walsh (each).

GALWAY

ANTRIM

Galway collected their brace of points in the National Camogie League when they scored a deserved win at Antrim at Orammore.

Scorers for GALWAY: Hobbins (1-3), A. McHugh (1-1 each), J. O'Sullivan (0-2). **for ANTRIM:** (2-0), A. McGlade (1-0).

All-Ireland Title For Roscommon Convent



Convent of Mercy
Roscommon 7-1

St. Paul's Kilrea 1-3

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Scorers for Roscommon — T. Bracken (4-0), M. Gannon, M. Mullooly, G. Hussey (1-0 each) B. Dervin (0-1). **For Kilrea** P. Robinson (0-3), A. McWilliams (1-0).

The President of the All-Ireland Colleges Council Liz

O'Neill presented the Cup (Corn Naomh Gobhnaít) to the Roscommon captain Elizabeth Lee.

After the match the teams were entertained at Glenalbyn, headquarters of Kilmacud Crokes G.A.A. Club.

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holding aloft the laurels of victory.

The Roscommon team was: D. Mahon, I. Regan, P. O'Connor, A. Walsh, F. Ni Chuinn, E. Lee, Bridget A. Dervin, M. Gannon, T. Bracken, G. Hussey, O. Whyte, M. Mullooly. Subs M. Craven, I. Quinn, S. Kelly, D. Benedetti.

At a meeting of the Roscommon G.A.A. Co. Board on Monday night the team was congratulated on its great victory.

Convent Girls Thrash Northerners To Take Title

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CONVENT OF MERCY,

The slogan on the blue and white banner carried by the Roscommon supporters "we came, we saw, we conquered" was adhered to by the Junior Camogie players from the Convent of Mercy, Roscommon at the U.C.D. Grounds, Belfield, on Saturday last when they defeated St. Paul's, Kilrea, Co. Derry on the scoreline 7-1 to 1-3, in the All-Ireland Junior Post-Primary Schools' Final.

Roscommon supporters were ecstatic when the President of the All-Ireland Colleges' Council Liz O'Neill, presented the Cup (Corn Naomh Gabhnait) to the Roscommon captain Elizabeth Lee. The supporters had good reason to be proud. They had encouraged their team along before, during and after the match.

The match itself was most exciting. The weather was dry in spite of forecasts to the contrary. There was a slight breeze favouring the Connacht standard-bearers in the first half. The pitch itself was in immaculate condition.

NO PUSH-OVER

The ball was thrown in at 2.05 by referee Anne O'Brien (Dublin), and it was apparent from the early exchanges that the Derry girls were going to be no push-over. They seemed to be greeting the breaks in the mid-field exchanges and looked likely to open the scoring as they mounted a few dangerous raids on the Roscommon goal. Goal keeper D. Mahon was razor-sharp between the posts and advanced quickly off her line to make valuable interceptions at this vital stage.

With the Roscommon mid-field winning more of the ball their forwards now began to reap the benefit. Teresa Bracken pounced on the sliothar on the right and rattled the back of the net for the opening score of the game. Minutes later ace free-taker Bridget Ann Dervin stepped up and scored a point from a '30.' Exchanges were close for the remainder of the half. The Northern forwards were guilty of sending the ball wide when scores were there for the taking. They suffered another cruel blow when Teresa Bracken pressurised the Derry goal-keeper Joan McCloskey as she was in the act of making a good save and forced the ball over the line. This was the final score of the first half. The score at the interval was: Mercy Roscommon 2-1, St. Paul's 0-0.

For the second half St. Paul's had the advantage of the breeze. Imelda Quinn replaced Olive Whyte in the Roscommon line-out. Olive suffered a nasty hand injury in the early stages of the game and this impaired her effectiveness. The half was only minutes old when Teresa Bracken was in the right place to crack the sliothar into the back of the Derry net.

The same player was on hand to score another goal when she

ROSCOMMON — 7-1

tipped the ball over the goal-keeper's head.

St. Paul's had to wait until the tenth minute of the second half to open their account, a point from a "30." They followed this with an excellent point from an aerial clash. Any hopes the Derry girls were beginning to entertain of victory were soon crushed,

when Mary Gannon now playing with gusto in the left wing forward position scored goal number five for Roscommon. St. Paul's responded with another point from a "30." The Roscommon forwards again cut through for team vice-captain Mary Mullooly to score her side's sixth goal.

CONSOLATION

In spite of the score against them St. Paul's kept fighting and they had some measure of consolation when they scored a fine goal with six minutes remaining. The Roscommon girls were in no mood to show mercy. They broke forward again for Gabrielle Hussey to get her name on the score board with the seventh goal and the final score of an excellent contest. The referee blew the final whistle at 3.04 and the jubilant Roscommon supporters invaded the pitch to cheer their heroines.

This was a supreme team effort. Goal-keeper Deirdre Mahon was at her brilliant best throughout. She was fronted by an outstanding defensive quartet. Irene Regan at full back and Ann Walsh at centre back were soundness personified. Patricia O'Connor and Fiona Ni Chuinn, in the wing back positions, never put a foot wrong during the entire match.

The midfield of Elizabeth Lee, Bridget Ann Dervin and Mary Gannon (in the first half) and Imelda Quinn in the second half was superb. The attack in which Teresa Bracken took the scoring honours has blended into a lethal unit. Gabrielle Hussey, Mary Mullooly and Olive Whyte (in the first half) and Mary Gannon in the second half, were completely on top. Roscommon availed of the permitted three substitutes rule as Susan Kelly and Dalia Benedetti were introduced in the closing minutes enabling them to get a taste of the atmosphere.

Mercy, Roscommon won because they took their chances. Their opponents St. Paul's were a fine team who accepted defeat graciously.

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ST. PAUL'S KILREA 1-3

Susan Kelly; Dalia Benedetti. St. Paul's Kilrea — Joan McCloskey, Fiona McCampbell, Fiona Faulkner, Angela Higgins, Clare Morgan, Margaret Crawford, Aileen McDonald, Pauline Robinson, Adlene McWilliams, Dolores Mullen, Caroline Robinson and Brenda Bradley.

St. Patrick's go under in final

ST. JOHN OF GOD (Dublin) 2-6 ST. PATRICKS (Cork) 2-1

ALTHOUGH clearly the more polished team, St. Patrick's of Cork suffered defeat at the hands of gritty and determined Dublin side, St. John of God in the All-Ireland colleges camogie final at Belfield, Dublin on Saturday.

Cork tended to lift and strike and produce some fine passages, especially in the second half when having the wind in their favour. They attacked for much of the time but were denied the vital scores by a strong and vigilant Dublin defence.

St. Johns were in the main ground players in contrast to the Cork girls stylish approach and both combined to provide one of the best finals for years.

The Dublin side opened strongly and led by 2-4 to 0-0 after 20 minutes, when Brid O'Sullivan got Cork off the mark with well taken goal which left them 2-4 to 1-0 in arrears at half time.

Cork started the second half in determined fashion, Brid O'Sullivan adding another goal within three minutes and Liz Dunphy adding a point 2 minutes later. However, despite pressing for much of the remainder of the game they could not get the scores.

Best for Cork were Audrey Lenihan — a sister of rugby international Donal; Mary Murphy, Brid O'Sullivan and Liz Dunphy.

Scorers — St. Johns: A. Kelly 0-6, L. Quinn, E. O'Connor 1-0 each.
Cork: B. O'Sullivan 2-0, L. Dunphy 0-1.
Junior: Convent of Mercy, Roscommon 7-1 St. Pauls 1-3.

Cork Championship

GLEN ROVERS HAVE IT SO EASY

GLEN ROVERS 6-7 MUSKERRY 1-1

GLEN ROVERS cruised through to the next round of the Cork county senior camogie championship following a facile victory over a depleted Muskerry selection at Ballincollig yesterday.

The losers fielded only 11 players for the game, which accordingly started 25 minutes late. The winners scored 1-1 in the opening minute and were in control throughout.

Leading 4-6 to 1-0 at the interval, the Glen continued in the same fashion in the second half and were easy winners in the end. Their best players were Anne O'Donovan, captain; Sandy Fitzgibbon, Ger McCarthy, Mary Ring and Val Fitzpatrick, while Anne Murphy in goal, Margaret Lane and Betty Murphy tried hardest for the losers.

Glen Rovers — D. Sutton, M. Owens, M. O'Brien, M. Ring, M. Mackey, A. O'Donovan (capt.), A. Connolly, S. Fitzgibbon, V. A. Connolly, F. Hurley, C. Fitzpatrick, G. McCarthy, Subs: A. O'Donovan for Mackey, P. Mackey for Connolly.
Muskerry — A. Murphy, B. Barrett, K. O'Shea, M. O'Mahony, M. Lane, B. Murphy, M. Hourihan, C. Murphy, G. Murphy, P. O'Mahony, K. Murphy.

WATERGRASSHILL, 5-3 UCC 0-0

Watergrasshill coasted into the next round at the

Mardyke on Saturday evening after outplaying a spirited College side. Mary O'Leary was in fine scoring form as she accounted for 3-1 of her side's total. She was ably assisted by Angela Higgins and Helen Sheehan in the forwards and Dymphna Fenton and Claire Higgins at midfield.

Best for the losers were full back Mary Murphy, who was one of the best players on view, and fellow defenders Ann Duggan and Una O'Connor.

UCC — G. Shanahan, M. Murphy, A. Duggan, M. Fitzgerald, U. O'Connor, M. Murphy, J. Healy, M. Flaherty, G. O'Connell, F. McCarthy, C. Murphy, E. Gould.

Watergrasshill — A. Barry, N. Riordan, M. O'Leary, M. Curtin, M. O'Callaghan, Marie O'Callaghan, D. Fenton, C. Higgins, M. O'Leary, A. Higgins, M. Butler, H. Sheehan.

EIRE OG 2-7 AGHABULLOGUE 1-0

Experience proved to be the deciding factor as Eire Og beat a fairly youthful Aghabullogue side who are comparative newcomers to senior grade at Ballylanly on Saturday evening.

The winners' line-out included a number of players with inter-county experience and they were stronger in the vital sectors.

Their composure under pressure and their all-round ability helped them eventually to fashion a fairly convincing win. Eire

Og led 1-4 to 0-0 at the interval.

Scorers — Eire Og: N. O'Driscoll 1-6, A. O'Leary 1-0, C. Kelleher 0-1. Aghabullogue: N. Delaney 1-0.

Eire Og — M. McCarthy, E. Dineen, M. Higgins, M. Reck, M. Twomey, P. O'Reilly, M. O'Sullivan, M. O'Donovan, C. Kelleher, A. O'Leary, N. O'Driscoll, S. Murphy.

Aghabullogue — E. Barrett, S. O'Shea, G. Barry-Murphy, M. Lynch, S. Barrett, N. Delaney, A. Murphy, J. O'Riordan, A. Buckley, M. Noonan, M. O'Shea, E. O'Riordan.

Referee, Mary Maher, Douglas.

Killeagh 3-6, St. Finbarrs 0-1.

KILLEAGH had to withstand a tough challenge from the babes of Cork camogie — St. Finbarrs at Carrigtwohill last night. The final score in no way reflects the true trend of play as Killeagh's goals did not come until the last 10 minutes.

Scorers — Killeagh: B. Joyce 2-3 (0-3 from 30's); B. Costine 1-0; A. M. Landers 0-3. St. Finbarrs: C. Curtin 0-1.

Killeagh — K. Costine, M. O'Donovan, M. Spillane, B. Landers, C. Landers, A. M. Landers, S. Spillane, P. Kenney, M. Sweeney, B. Joyce, B. Costine, P. Fitzgibbon. St. Finbarrs — M. O'Sullivan, M. Henchion, L. Cosgrove, M. Christie, V. O'Mahony, G. Cronin, F. Broderick, C. O'Leary, M. A. Hourigan, S. Curtin, P. Hourigan, M. Cronin.

Referee: B. Newman. (Na Piar-saigh).

Changes Again In Cork Team

CHANGES are again the order of the day in the Cork team which takes on Tipperary in the National Senior League on Sunday.

On the same day one Intermediate and two Junior A League ties will be decided while on this evening (Friday) old rivals Eire Og and Killeagh meet in the Senior League.

Three players missed Cork's national league outing against Wexford and they were available for selection for Sunday. But Eileen Dineen, who missed Cork's last two games did not regain her full back berth, which Liz Lynch retains following excellent performances in the position. But Clare Cronin who was ill last time returns to the side as does Martha Kearney, out through injury against Wexford. Thus Clare Kelleher and Noelle O'Driscoll are again relegated to the substitutes bench.

This means that Marian McCarthy continues in goal with Miriam Higgins, captain Catherine Landers, Liz Lynch and Martha Kearney making up the remainder of the defence, while Sandy Fitzgibbon, Angela Higgins and Clare Cronin are the midfield trio. But it is somewhat surprising that no changes have been made in attack following that sector's poor showing against Wexford.

On that day the forwards could only manage four points, and this was the main reason for Cork's downfall, on the day. Competition is so keen in the national league that the loss of a single point means elimination. So Cork's two points' loss against Wexford virtually puts them out of the running.

However, if Clare or Limerick can surprise Wexford then Cork would be back in the reckoning so a win on Sunday and in their

final game against Clare is absolutely essential to keep even slim hopes alive.

And Clare are due to meet Wexford on Sunday and there will naturally be keen interest in the outcome of this game in Cork.

What of Cork's opponents on Sunday? Well Tipperary are never an easy side to beat, although they will be without one of their big stars on Sunday in Deirdre Lane, who is not available for the League. However they still have top class performers in Mona Quigley, Jenny English and Maura Hackett and they will take a great deal of beating. So Cork, and especially the Cork attack, will need to do an awful lot better than they did against Wexford if they are to advance.

There will be keen interest in the Senior League tie between Eire Og and Killeagh this evening at Killeagh. For although Eire Og have no chance in the competition they can win the trophy for Glen Rovers. For if Killeagh lose, Glen are winners, but a win for the East Cork girls would earn them a play-off against the Blackpool side.

So the stage must be set for yet another thriller between these sides, with Killeagh anxious for that play-off while Eire Og will be hoping to avenge their single point defeat at the hands of Killeagh in the Senior Club Tournament Final.

On Sunday, Eire Og will be in action again this time in Intermediate League when they meet Blackrock at Ballinure, while on the same day Killeagh will also be in action when they meet Ballinora in the Junior A League. And in that competition also Ballincollig meet Nemo Rangers at Ballincollig.

FIXTURES

This evening (Friday) S.L.

1981 Eire Og v Killeagh at Killeagh, 7.30 p.m. (Ref. Sarsfields).

Sunday—N.S.L.

Cork v Tipperary, 3 p.m. (Ref. B. Stokes); at Clare Venue, Clare v Wexford (Senior and Junior) (Refs. A. O'Donovan and M. Maher); at Antrim venue, Antrim v Dublin (Ref. B. O'Loughlin); 1982 I.L. Eire Og v Blackrock, at Ballinure 12 noon (Ref. St. Finbarrs); 1982 J.A.L. Ballincollig v Nemo Rangers at collig 3 p.m. (Ref. Ballincollig); at Killeagh, Killeagh v Ballinora 12.30 (Ref. Fr. O'Neills).

Cork blow it!

Cork 1-6 Tipperary 1-6

CORK completely shattered their National League hopes at Ballincollig yesterday when they could only manage a share of the points with Tipperary. This means that Wexford, who defeated Cork a few weeks ago, and had an impressive win over Clare yesterday, must be assured of section honours with only one game to play.

Marian McCarthy, in goal, Clare Cronin and Marian Sweeney were Cork's best players. Jenny English had an outstanding game for Tipperary and was ably assisted by Martina Ryan.

Wexford qualify for final

Wexford 5-1
Limerick 0-3

WEXFORD qualified to meet Dublin in the final of the National Camogie League by virtue of their easy victory over Limerick at Wexford yesterday.

Played in a continuous downpour and on a waterlogged pitch, Wexford took complete control of the game in the second period after a rather lacklustre first half display.

The sides were level 1-0 to 0-3 at the interval and the Limerick second-half collapse was surprising, for they looked quite impressive in that opening period.

A Jackie Codd goal 10 minutes into the second half put Wexford in front and three goals in the final 10 minutes sealed their passage to the final.

Scorers for Wexford: J. Codd 2-0, B. Higgins, G. O'Leary, C. Farrington 1-0 each, E. Walsh 0-1. Limerick: P. McCarthy 0-2, H. Clifford 0-1.

Dublin made earn ticket to final

DUBLIN 4-4; DOWN 3-1

DUBLIN forced Dublin to work very hard, indeed, to secure a place in the National Senior Camogie League final by attacking from the opening minute at Mobhi Road. Within two minutes Tessa Allen goalied for Down from a 15 yard free, and it took all of the Dublin girls determination to lead by 2-4 to 3-4 at half time.

Despite playing against the stiff breeze in the second-half Dublin pulled further ahead and had an eight point lead when heavy rain fell turning the remainder of the match into a dull affair.

Scorers — Dublin — J. Gormley (2-1), E. Murphy (1-3), A. Colgan (1-0), M. Conroy (0-3), U. Crowley (0-1), Down — T. Allen (2-1), N. McGrady (1-0).

DUBLIN 1-3; DOWN 0-5

Dublin were lucky to emerge as winners of their zone against a plucky Down side in the Junior National League at Mobhi Road. Both sides entered this game un-

beaten but it was a goal from Anne Cooper in the closing minutes that gave Dublin that one point margin.

Scorers — Dublin — A. Cooper (1-0), N. Fleming (0-3), C. O'Byrne (0-1), Down — A. Traynor (0-3), C. O'Hare (0-1), G. O'Hare (0-1).

Leinster Colleges Senior B Final — Mercy Callan 3-0 (A. M. Brennan 1-0, M. Ayleward 2-0), Ballyhale V.S. 1-3 (N. Phelan 1-0, A. Devereux 0-2, S. Ryan 0-1).

Advanced Colleges — Corn UI Mhaolagain — Combined Universities 10-2; Combined Colleges 2-3.

National Senior League — Limerick 3-0, Cork 2-0.

National Junior League — Wicklow 7-2, Laois 1-2.

Maguire Cup — Monaghan 2-3, Tyrone 1-0.

Minor League — Monaghan 3-0, Tyrone 1-1.

Camogie National League — Limerick 2-4, Cork 1-3.

Dubs qualify for League decider

DUBLIN are through to the Senior National League final with full points in Zone A, in which they defeated holders, Kilkenny, Louth, Galway, Antrim and their latest victims Down.

The metropolitans and Kilkenny are the only counties, who have won the title a second time.

Limerick, by defeating Cork at the weekend, face Wexford in what is for both counties the deciding game of the zone, and it is arranged for Pairc Carman (3.0) on Sunday.

Both counties are unbeaten and judging by their performances against the other counties in the zone, they look very evenly matched.

Wexford have won this title once before in 1978 while Limerick contested the final against Dublin 1979.

EXPERIENCE AND SKILL

Both sides can call on experienced and skilled players. Elsie Walsh Wexford's heroine for nearly a decade is equally at home, in defence, midfield or attack while Kathleen Fooks can star in goal and can be very effective in attack.

The O'Leary sisters, Caroline and Gertrude are also a great asset to the side while Dorothy (Walsh) Kenny, like her sister Elsie can hold her own in any position.

Limerick since they won the Junior All Ireland Championship in 1977 are trying hard for a senior title.

League runners up in 1979 they drew with Cork in the Senior Championship final in 1980 and lost the replay by three points.

The majority of that team is still available — Vera Mackey, Geraldine O'Brien, Margie Dore, Helen Mulcaire, Ann Sheehy, Pauline McCarthy, Brid Stokes and Liz Hayes.

This promises to be a really good game with home venue and asset for Wexford.

In all the remaining

senior ties, the results will not affect the outcome for the leaders. Tipperary and Clare who play at Newport (3.0) have lost more than one game so their clash should serve as good practice for the championship.

The victory of Wicklow over Laois last Sunday puts Wicklow, Offaly and Carlow into a play off in that zone as each county has four points from three games.

Donegal who scored a well deserved victory over Roscommon last Sunday are very pleased with their performance in the junior league.

They won two of their three games and only lost the third by one point to neighbours Derry. They approach Sunday's Ulster Junior Championship against Fermanagh with confidence.

LEINSTER JUNIOR

The Leinster Junior Championship quarter finals are arranged for Sunday at three venues. Dublin play Carlow, Junior (3.15) Minor (2.0) at Myshall, Wicklow travel to Aughrim to play Offaly also junior (3.15) minor (2.0).

Westmeath who defeated Louth last Sunday oppose Meath at Navan, junior (3.15) and minor (2.0).

Dublin, who were lucky to defeat Down in the junior League Zone B decider, will need to step up on that performance to advance to the next round as Carlow are a useful side.

The Dublin minors, who set out in defence of their All Ireland Willwood Tailteann Title should be too good for Carlow.

Offaly Juniors hope to repeat their league victory over Wicklow but the venues are reversed this time so Wicklow have the advantage.

DOWN UNLIKELY TO HALT DUBLIN'S GALLOP

By AGNES HOURIGAN

DUBLIN, now the only unbeaten team in Zone A of the National Senior Camogie League are scheduled to play their final game next Sunday. They play Down at Na Fianna Grounds, Mobhi Road (3.0) and the Dublin Junior side, who also unbeaten and the holders of the competition also play Down (2.0).

In the other senior game, Limerick, who have won both their games played, oppose Cork at Ballyragan on Saturday (7.30). Cork, who are the All-

Ireland champions, have dropped three points from three games.

Last Sunday, Dublin defeated the holders, Kilkenny, and consolidated their own position considerably in doing so.

Down who defeated Antrim and Galway, went down to Kilkenny 3-7 to 0-1 so Dublin, who have home venue will be firm favourites to reach the final on May 22.

Home advantage could be the decisive factor when Limerick entertain Cork at

Ballyragan. If the Shannonsiders win on Saturday, their last game with Wexford, on Sunday week, will be a final.

In the junior league, Westmeath, who defeated Kildare by three goals last Sunday, have won out their zone. Derry are also zone winners.

In the zone Carlow and Offaly have four points each from three games and Wicklow could join them if they defeat Laois at Aughrim (2.30).

So a three-way play-off would be necessary in that zone. Whoever wins the Dublin - Down

game on Sunday takes the honours in Zone A while Clare, who have beaten Limerick and Wexford, will be favourites to take the points from Tipperary and to win their zone.

If they lose, Wexford or Limerick could come back into the reckoning. They play on Sunday week as do Tipperary and Clare.

St. John of God, Artane, who won Corn Scely when they defeated St. Patrick's Cork, last Saturday became the first Dublin school to achieve this honour.

Roscommon Convent Mercy scored a decisive victory over St. Paul's, Killesno, in the junior final and took Corn Gobnait to the West, for the second time.

National coach Mary Moran has followed up the first coaching book compiled by herself and Anne Carroll with a second book on coaching entitled "The Coach in Action".

This sixty page book is attractively laid out and covers in detail how a coach should plan her sessions at the different age levels and for different grades and competitions.

Now Wexford face the Dubs

WEXFORD, who have been out of the news since they won the Senior National League in 1978 qualified for this year's League final last Sunday when they defeated Limerick and completed the zone with their full quota of points.

Encouraged by their narrow victory over All-Ireland champion, Cork, in their first game in the competition, they also defeated Clare and Tipperary.

The final will be played at a Dublin venue on May 22, and their opponents are their Leinster rivals, Dublin, who also gained full points in their zone by defeating Galway, Louth, Antrim, Down and the holders, Kilkenny.

Four of the five winners

are now known in the Junior National League. Clare, who defeated Tipperary in the final round in the zone, emerged with full points last Sunday.

As obtained last season, the first year that senior counties were allowed to enter the junior league, Clare and Dublin, the winners of the second senior counties zones, play off in the quarter-round tie to earn a place in the semi-finals at Roseleaven, Ennis (2.0). The semi-final pairings are Westmeath v Derry, and the quarter-final winners versus the winners of Zone E in which there is a three way playoff situation, which must be solved before May 15.

Wicklow are at home to

CAMOGIE By Taobh Line

Carlow at Annacurra (3.0) next Sunday and the winners will play Offaly during the following week as the semi-finals are arranged for Sunday week, with the final on May 29.

Progress has also been made in the Leinster Junior and Minor Championships. Last Sunday Dublin scored decisive victories over Carlow in both grades and Wicklow completed a double over Offaly.

Wexford travel to Laois next Sunday to play the home sides in Junior (3.15) and Minor (2.0) at Mount-

rath. Due to holdup in the Junior National League further fixtures are not decided so far.

FINED £200

At last Saturday's meeting of Ard Choiste Kilkenny came under fire for not fulfilling their Senior League fixture with Antrim last Sunday week. The Council felt so strongly about it that the Kilkenny Board was fined £200 for failing to travel to Casement Park, Belfast, for the game.

The following members were elected to the following Sub-Committees for the coming year:

MANAGEMENT — Miss Mary Fenelly, Una Uí Phuirseal, Miss Mary Moran, Miss Sheila McNulty, Mrs. Inez

Leonard, Miss Lily Spence. **FINANCE** — Seamus Mac Giolla Fhinein plus the Management Committee.

FIXTURES — S. Mac Giolla Fhinein, Rose O'Leary, Mrs. Bel O'Loughlin, Miss Marion Collins, Miss Phyllis Breslin.

REFEREES — Mrs. K. Timmins, Miss L. Spence, Mrs. Bel O'Loughlin, Ann Redmond.

ADMINISTRATION — Miss S. McNulty, Miss P. Breslin, S. Mac Giolla Fhinein, Mrs. Jane Beattie.

HISTORY — Bridin Uí Mhalagain, Miss Sheila McNulty, Mrs. Inez Leonard, Mrs. Agnes Purcell.

COMMUNICATIONS — Miss M. Moran, Mrs. A. Purcell, Mrs. J. Morley.

Senior Championship Dominates The Bill

FOUR second round Cork senior county championship ties are listed for the coming weekend and with interest getting keener with every game in this premier contest, and the trophy very much there for the taking, there will be plenty of excitement at all the games. Over the weekend too, the Pan Celtic Festival will be held in Killarney.

The Cork county championship is wide open this season with at least three, if not four teams well in the running. Killeagh, who have dominated the scene for the last three seasons are very much there, of course, but Eire Og, and Glen Rovers in particular are likely to give them a very good run for it, and many followers feel that this year there will be a change of champions. And don't write off Na Piarasigh, Sarsfields, Watergrasshill, or the Divisional sides, Avondhu and Imokilly, all of whom are capable of causing upsets.

Pick of the second round ties could be the battle between Glen Rovers and Na Piarasigh due to be played at Ballincollig tomorrow evening. Glen Rovers are fancied to do very well this season and with such players as Ger McCarthy, Sandy Fitzgibbon, Annette O'Donovan, Mary Ring and captain Ann O'Donovan, they have a very good side indeed. But Na Piarasigh, although very young, have great determination and with excellent players in Paula Goggin, Irene O'Leary and Cork senior Martha Kearney, they will not go out of the championship without a fight, but Glen must be expected to advance.

Eire Og should account for Imokilly in their tie also, especially when one considers their marvellous games with Killeagh this season. They are strong and determined in all sectors and with Cork players Marian McCarthy, Miriam Higgins, Noelle O'Driscoll and Clare Kelleher to lead

them it is difficult to see them being halted. However, Imokilly mostly made up of Youghal players, and which is bound to include Marie Power and Margaret Beausang, will be determined to do well, but they have a fight on their hands.

County champions Killeagh will also be expected to advance at the expense of the youthful Sarsfields. The latter have a very talented side, but they may not have the experience to end the Killeagh dominance of the championship. For Sars, Liz Dunphy, Eileen Noonan, Lillian Twomey and Lillian Zinkant will ensure a good game, but the power of Marie Costine, Catherine Landers, Marian Sweeney, and Betty Joyce will surely sway matters in Killeagh's direction.

And finally there is the tie between Watergrasshill and Avondhu. Here again it is a divisional side against a club team and with the same problems I expect Watergrasshill, with Cork stars Mary O'Leary and Angela Higgins, will have too much power for

selected side Avondhu, whose side was not available at the time of writing.

With the All-Ireland championships not all that far away, the Cork junior selectors have named a panel to go into training for their campaign, the first match of which will be against Limerick on June 25.

The panel is — Stephanie Curtin, Marie O'Sullivan, Louise Cosgrave, Finola Broderick, and Mary Ann Horgan (St. Finbarrs), Margo Twomey, Joan Shannon, Mary O'Donovan and Sarah Murphy (Eire Og), Regina Scutts and Mary Ring (Glen Rovers), Eileen Noonan, Liz Dunphy and Lillian Zinkant (Sarsfields), Ann Leahy, Ann Marie Landers, Shelly Spillane (Killeagh), Una O'Connor (Blackrock), Irene O'Leary (Na Piarasigh), Bernice Murphy (Ballinora), Carmel Henchion (Castlemagner), Clare Higgins (Watergrasshill), Marie Power (Youghal), and Mary Maher (Douglas).

Finally, three Cork clubs will be sending teams to the Pan Celtic in Killarney over the coming weekend. St. Finbarrs and Blackrock who won the B section in this competition last year, are figuring in the A this year while Bishopstown are taking no less than three

teams to Killarney with their A side competing in the A section and a B and C team performing in the B competition. Other teams involved in the premier competition are Woodville, winners for the last two years, Cameron Park, Croagh-Kilfinny, Marino, and Letterkenny.

FIXTURES

TONIGHT (FRIDAY)

At St. Colman's College, Fermoy — S.C.C. Watergrasshill v. Avondhu, 7.15 (Ref. Killeagh).

TOMORROW (SATURDAY)

At Ballincollig — S.C.C. Na Piarasigh v. Glen Rovers, 7.15 (Ref. Watergrasshill).

At Na Piarasigh — Eire Og v. Imokilly, 7.30 p.m. (Ref. Old Aloystans).

SUNDAY MAY 8

At Caherlag — S.C.C. Killeagh v. Sarsfields, 3 p.m. (Ref. Glen Rovers).

At Castlemagner — 1903 B J.L. Bride Rovers v. Castlemagner, 3.30 P.M. (Ref. Bride Rovers).

At Owens — Eire Og v. Courcy Rovers, 3.30 p.m. (Ref. Aghabullogue).

Saturday and Sunday at Killarney, Pan Celtic Festival.

Walk-over

Eire Og received a walk over from Imokilly in a Cork Co. Senior Camogie Championship tie, scheduled for Ballincollig last Saturday evening.

BARRS WIN ALL CORK DECIDER

St. Finbarr's 2-3 Bishops-town 2-1

For the first time ever, there was an all-Cork pairing in the Pan Celtic senior camogie tournament at Fitzgerald Stadium, Killarney, last Sunday, and the Barrs held on to win a thriller. It was closely contested all the way and Colette O'Mahony gave the winners a good start with an early point. A goal by Paula Carey had the Barrs in a strong position by the 10th minute but Catherine Kelly put Bishopstown into contention with a goal soon afterwards.

At half-time, the sides were level 2-0 to 1-3. However St. Finbarrs, who had fine performers in Cork minors, Deirdre Christie and Colette O'Mahony, improved sufficiently in the second half to win deservedly.

St. Finbarr's: A. Collins, E. O'Mahony, V. Cotter, A. Morris, C. Cronin, D. Christie, C. O'Mahony, P. Rea, C. Coughlan, N. O'Sullivan, P. Carey, M. O'Sullivan.

Bishopstown: E. O'Neill, A. Dorney, E. Buckley (capt.), M. Crowley, J. Buckley, G. Collins, E. Towler, A. Coughlan, D. Enright, L. O'Shea, C. Kelly, H. Hogan.

Ref: M. O'Callaghan (Offaly).

Junior camogie final: Salthill, Co. Galway 0-7, Cloghane, Co. Kerry 0-0.



The Killeagh camogie team that defeated Sarsfields in the second round of the Cork County Senior Championship.

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McCARTHY TURNS ON THE STYLE FOR GLEN

GLEN ROVERS 5-6
NA PIARSAIGH 1-5

A superb individual performance by Cork Senior Ger McCarthy for Glen Rovers was the main difference between these two sides in their Cork Senior County Championship quarter-final at Ballincollig on Saturday evening.

Na Piarasaigh were not as far behind the winners as the score might suggest, as after a fine first half performance they only trailed by a single point, 0-3 to 1-1, at the break.

However, they seemed to go to pieces in the second half. The winners struck some spectacular scores in this half and were deserving winners of their place in the semi's in which the meet Watergrasshill.

Ger McCarthy's marvellous tally of 4-4 made her the most exciting player on view, while others to shine for the winners were Val Fitzpatrick, Ann O'Donovan and Ann Connolly.

For Na Piarasaigh Clare Harris, Paula Goggins, Martha Kearney and Irene O'Leary were best.

Scorers: Glen Rovers: Ger McCarthy 4-4, Val Fitzpatrick 1-2.

Na Piarasaigh: Paul Goggins (1-1), Irene O'Leary and Martha Kearney (0-2) each.

Glen Rovers: D. Sutton, M. Horgan, G. O'Donovan, C. McCarthy, G. McCarthy, V. Fitzpatrick, S. Fitzgibbon, A. O'Donovan, M. Ring, M. O'Brien, A. Connolly, M. Mackey.

Na Piarasaigh: D. O'Shea, B. Newman, C. Harris, M. Hegarty, I. Cronin, I. O'Leary, P. Morgan, P. Cronin, M. Kearney, H. Mullins, Goggins, M. Sullivan, Subs: P. Martin for B. Newman; B. Newman for M. Hegarty.

Referee: A. Higgins (Watergrasshill).

KILLEAGH 2-9
SARSFIELDS 0-2

CORK forward Marion Sweeney had two glorious goals in the opening half of the other quarter-final at Caherlag yesterday, and Killeagh's victory gives them another crack at their old rivals, Eire Og, in two weeks time.

Sarsfields, as in previous games, had a great first half, but for some unknown reason on the turn-over they fell to pieces and their half-time score of 0-2 from frees was their final total.

Killeagh opened in fine style and inside two

minutes were a goal clear. They added two more points before Sarsfields got their first score, a point from a free by their Captain, Liz Dunphy.

Another goal from Marion Sweeney and two more points saw Killeagh 2-4 to 0-2 ahead before Lilian Zincent pointed a close-in free for the losers in the 23rd minute.

Killeagh gave some of their subs a run in the second half, and, while they won easily, their attack squandered many chances. Catherine Landers was outstanding and with Marie O'Donovan also pro-

minent, there was no way through for Sarsfields, who have a very young side, that could eventually come good.

Scorers for Killeagh: M. Sweeney 2-2, P. Keniry 0-2, B. Joyce 0-2, B. Kirby 0-2, C. Landers 0-1.

Sarsfields: Liz Dunphy 0-1, Lilian Zincent 0-1.

Killeagh: K. Costine, M. O'Donovan, M. Spillane, B. Landers, C. Landers (captain), A. M. Landers, B. Kirby, S. Spillane, P. Keniry, B. Costine, B. Joyce, M. Sweeney. Subs: P. Fitzgibbon for P. Keniry, A. Leahy for B. Costine.

Sarsfields: E. Barry, G. Barry, E. Noonan, M. Kearney, Liz Dunphy (captain), J. O'Regan, A. O'Mahony, M. Murphy, L. Zincent, G. Crowley, A. Brophy, L. Twomey.

Referee: M. Newman (Glen Rovers).

Dubs in control

DUBLIN 3-6; CLARE 2-5

DUBLIN, the holders, qualified for the National Junior League semi-final by defeating Clare by a four-point margin at Ennis yesterday. Dublin were in complete control in the first half and goals from Marie O'Connell and Ann Cooper put them 3-2 to 0-2 ahead at half-time.

However, the home side came to life after the break and turned in a marvellous second-half performance. They matched the Dublin girls' skill and teamwork and gradually began to make an impact on the scoreboard with Maura McNicholls and Nera Quinn scoring two fine goals.

Dublin's defence was under much pressure but four well-taken points during this period proved invaluable to them when the final whistle went.

SCORERS: Dublin — M. O'Connell (2-2), A. Cooper (1-0), A. Thorpe (0-2), C. O'Byrne (0-1), N. Fleming (0-1); Clare — M. McNicholls (1-4), N. Quinn (1-0), P. Austin (0-1).

RESULTS
National Junior League — Wicklow 3-5, Carlow 0-1 (after extra-time).

Scorers — Wicklow — B. O'Byrne (2-3), B. O'Brien (1-0), K. O'Neill (0-2), Carlow — M. Ryan (0-4), N. Smithers (0-3), S. O'Brien (0-2), B. Doran (0-1), May Ryan (0-1).

Cork Begin Defence Of Munster Crown

FOLLOWING Cork's pretty disastrous display in the National League, followers will hope that their performance in the forthcoming Munster Championship will be a lot better. They begin this campaign tomorrow (Saturday) evening when they meet Limerick in the first round at Eire Og grounds, Kilumney.

On the club front, the list for the coming week includes the two Under-16 championship semi-finals on Sunday, as well as Under-14 and Junior 'B' league ties.

The Cork team for tomorrow's Munster Championship tie with Limerick was not available at the time of writing but indications are that after their most unimpressive performances in the National League the selectors are likely to revert very closely to the side which brought the All-Ireland to Cork last autumn.

The Munster Championship is no longer a stepping stone to the All-Ireland, as the national competition continues to be run on an open draw, so selectors are still likely to experiment. But with the first round of the All-Ireland against Antrim in Cork, fixed for June 19, the county badly needs to find top form at this stage.

Places on the side for the championship are still there for the taking, so it is up to every player in the running to prove their worth in the next few weeks.

For Sunday, Marian McCarthy will almost certainly be in goal, but Miriam Higgins, one of the regular corner backs, is a very doubtful starter because of illness. Eileen Dineen could be at full back, with Catherine Landers and Martha Kearney likely to be in defence, and probably Liz Lynch will join them here.

The centrefield trio could

be Clare Cronin, Sandy Fitzgibbon and Angela Higgins, while Ger McCarthy, in such sparkling form for Glen last week; Marian Sweeney, so good for Killeagh in their championship tie; Val Fitzpatrick and Mary O'Leary, who found her scoring form in the championship last Friday, will almost certainly make up the attack.

However, this is all speculation as the team has not been picked, and Clare Kelleher, Finola Broderick, Ann O'Donovan and Noelle O'Driscoll might well be in the side for Sunday.

Cork won the Munster Championship last season and they will be keen to retain the trophy. Also, a win at this stage is vital if they are to have a good run in the All-Ireland championship.

But Limerick defeated Cork a few weeks ago in the National League and with Sunday's opponents due to meet Dublin in the League final shortly, they are riding on the crest of a wave at the moment.

Limerick have some marvellous players in their side, and the Cork girls will do well to remember the performance of Pauline McCarthy in the League game, in which she was the best player on view. In that game too, Brid Stokes was another to shine, while Helen Mulcare and the O'Brien sisters, Geraldine and Bernadette, need no introduction to followers.

So anything less than a top class performance will not be good enough for Cork as Limerick are confident of having a marvellous season in 1983, and a second win over Cork in a few weeks would be a marvellous incentive to them.

But, if Cork can find their All-Ireland form of last season, then they can win and give themselves that vital injection for the forthcoming game against Antrim.

Under-16 camogie is

always a treat to watch, and Sunday's championship semi-finals should be no exception.

In the first of these, St. Finbarrs, who won the Pan Celtic competition in Killeen last weekend, will be fancied to account for Na Piarasaigh, although the latter have always produced excellent underage teams and will not admit defeat easily.

In the second tie, Bishopstown, who lost by a single point to St. Finbarrs in the Pan Celtic final, will meet Brian Dillons, and although Bishopstown will probably be favourites, they will not have an easy task against Brian Dillons, who can call on many top college players.

There are five Under-14 and three Junior 'B' leagues ties also listed for the coming week, to make

it a busy time ahead for camogie people.

FIXTURES

This evening (Friday): U-14L at Ovens - Eire Og v Ballinora, 7.30 p.m. (ref. Ballinora).

J.E.I. 1983 at Ballinure - Bishopstown v Blackrock, 7.30 p.m. (ref. St. Finbarrs).

SATURDAY
At Eire Og Gds, Kilumney - M.C. - Cork v Limerick, 7.30 p.m.



Sarsfields camogie team who were defeated by Killeagh in the second round of the Cork County Senior camogie championships.

IT'S BEEN A THRIVING TWENTY-FIVE YEARS!

THE Camogie Association, happy with its own achievements over the past twenty-five years, is glad to have been associated with GAEILIC SPORT who, this month, celebrate their 25th Anniversary.

While congratulating the magazine on its success over the years, camogie followers may well be very grateful for the coverage given to the games and affairs of the Association for many of those twenty-five years in the pages of GAEILIC SPORT.

In 1958 there was only one All-Ireland competition which comprised two semi-finals between the winners of the four Provincial Championships and the final. Only three counties had succeeded in winning All-Ireland titles by that year, Dublin 17, Cork 6 and Antrim 4 but many other counties had the satisfaction of being runners-up.

These included Galway, Louth, Down and Derry, all of whom have since attained All-Ireland honours in Junior ranks in that competition, which was inaugurated in 1968. The other counties who reached All-Ireland finals were Waterford (1945) and Tipperary (1949, '53, '58).

The setting up of the Provincial Councils in Colleges competitions was encouraged by Ard-Choiste around this time also and it is the opinion of most that the upsurge of those playing the game has stemmed from the inauguration of Schools' competitions.

The Association celebrated its fiftieth anniversary just four years earlier when to mark the occasion an interprovincial competition was inaugurated. Gael-Linn presented a cup the following year and the

competition has been the source of some fine games in the meantime, with the stars of the four provinces taking part.

Ten years later to mark the sixtieth anniversary year the All-Ireland Club Championship came into being, a very coveted title and it is thus to this day.

Celtic Dublin were the winners in the Jubilee Year while the cup donated the following year has gone to St. Pauls, Kilkenny (5 times), Naomh Padraig, Tipperary (2), Eoghan Ruadh, Dublin (1), Austin Stacks, Dublin (2), Oranmore, Galway (1), Croagh, Kilfinny and Ballygram, Limerick (1 each), Buffers Alley, Wexford the current holders (3), Killiagh, Cork (1) and Athenry, Galway (1).

The attendances at the finals of this competition has always been good, consequently a moral to an increase

in our All-Ireland finals attendance must be hidden there somewhere.

In 1968, Ard-Choiste set up an All-Ireland Primary Schools Council and immediately All-Ireland Senior and Junior Competitions were inaugurated.

These competitions have gone from strength to strength although I find it hard to accept how a school which attained the highest honour, an All-Ireland title for the school, can allow the game to be lost. Let's hope that those who no longer promote the game will return to the fold.

In these times it takes a lot of hard work and dedication to keep pace with all that is available to the students but the national game of camogie should not be neglected.

In 1972 Ard-Choiste came to the fore once again and initiated the Higher Institutes Council and incorporated into this Council the Ashbourne Intervarsity Competition which was inaugurated fifty-seven years previously (in 1915). This Council now organises five competitions, the Ashbourne Cup (Universities), the Purcell Cup (Colleges), the League (for both universities and colleges) to Freshers Competition (a one day 7-a-side) and a Combined Match (Universities v Colleges). Bridin Uí Mhaolagáin presented a magnificent cup for this annual match while she was President.

In 1974 the Minor All-Ireland Championship was inaugurated and Down became the first winners. Since then this competition has become part of the Willwood Tailteann Festival and each year gold and silver



• JO GOLDEN . . . A trojan worker for camogie over the years.

medals bearing the image of Queen Faile are presented to the winners and runners-up.

1975 was the end of an era when Sighle Nic Anultaigh, who had been the Association's Secretary, a position she took on after serving four years as Uachtarán, for twenty-one years, retired. Sighle has seen all this advancement already referred to during her term of office and the Association is much indebted to her for her foresight and dedication.

Coaching became a part of the Association's programme in the 'seventies. The National Coaches, Mary Moran and Anne Carroll, came up with a three year plan.

Coaches are now available to clubs and schools, they have Grade C qualifications, a number of Grade B coaches, who are deemed to have the qualifications to coach intercounty teams, are also available.

Two more top coaches in Grade A, Rosina McManus and Paddy Maher, have come up to help the National Coaches.

Anne Carroll and Mary Moran have published a Coaching Book which has proved most beneficial and Mary has recently published a follow-up, which deals with improving skills.



• MARY MORAN . . . her recent publication deals with improving skills.

The inauguration of the Senior National League in 1977 gave the weaker counties an opportunity to gain experience from their games with top teams.

Tipperary (1), Wexford (1), Dublin (2) and Kilkenny (2), have been victorious in this competition for which A.I.B. presented a silver cup and each year donate beautiful Connemara Marble plaques for the winners.

In 1980 the Junior National League was introduced and this has had a tremendous effect on the promotion of the game in the weaker counties.

The greatest of all advancements for the association was their acceptance by the Department of Education to provide a Development Officer for camogie. In 1980, Seosaimhin Nic Uaildrich, who had been Honorary General Secretary since the retirement of Sighle Nic Anultaigh, became the association's first full-time officer and was given an office in Páirc an Chrócaigh by Cumann Lúthleas Gael.

The effect of this step soon began to show and much progress was made in the following two years.

A development plan drawn up by Miss Golden has been implemented or partly implemented with good results in many counties. The setting up of a headquarters for camogie at Croke Park has proved most beneficial.

This plan is being followed up by Séamus Mac Giolla Fhinnéin since he succeeded Miss Golden as Development Officer when she completed her two years leave of absence from the teaching profession last September.

It's been a thriving twenty-five years both for camogie and the magazine and let's hope that GAEILIC SPORT will continue to flourish and that camogie will be part of their continuing success story.

CAMOGIE COMMENT

By
AGNES HOURICAN

THE inauguration of the Junior National League three years ago has been one of the most important promotions in recent years. No less than twenty-seven counties participated in 1982.

Up to 1979 many counties only got one inter-county game, as half the counties in each province got knocked out in the first round of the championship.

The timing of the competition has also contributed to the success of the venture as the teams and administrators inside the counties have to put their affairs in order to meet the financial costs which are the one burden in the competition.

The standard in the Junior counties has risen considerably. The success of Louth in last season's All-Ireland Junior Final is positive proof of this. The wee county worked hard in their junior league games for the past three years and attribute their first All-Ireland victory, after fifty years of trying, to the experience and competition they gained in the Junior League.

Cavan, the previous year's League winners, also had the pleasure of bringing home their first National Camogie title.

Gradam Tailte, another innovation in 1982, is to be continued in 1983. The aims of this competition

are to implement a 32 county awards scheme for players, to promote Camogaíocht, to attract greater publicity at National and local levels and to raise finances for Ard Chomhairle.

The competition will be run on the same lines as last season when the thirty-two counties each elected a representative from their first panel of players to go forward to select the All-Ireland star.

Josie McClements from Antrim became the first winner and was presented with a Queen Tailte Statuette, sponsored by O'Neill's International Sports.

Cospóir Camogie Day held last October was also highly successful. Most counties organised a programme which involved all members of the Clubs and their families and many past members also. It is hoped to continue this project in 1983 also.

The Camogie Calendar has now become so crowded, there are not enough Sundays to fit in all the competitions.

The new season on the playing fields starts on February 5 with the Junior and Senior National Leagues, the first two Ard Choiste Competitions. The Senior Open Draw Championship begins in June, the Junior and the Willwood Tailteann Minor Championship played out in the provinces at first, have the semi-finals played in July with the Minor Final scheduled for mid-August. The Junior final is played in conjunction with the Senior on September 25.

October is filled up with the Gael Linn Interprovincials, Junior and senior, and the All-Ireland Club semi-finals and Final.

The high standard at County Conventions is a remarkable feature of the past few months.

The Wexford Secretary, Dorothy Walsh, stresses the importance of well-run clubs and in a searching questionnaire must have given the delegates plenty to think about. She also emphasises the importance of promotion in Primary and Post Primary Schools.

Galway, who figured in this season's closing stages of the Junior and Minor All-Ireland Finals, were narrowly beaten in both. The County Secretary, Brid Uí Bhruadair, calls for more commitment and dedication to the training sessions.

Cavan, who have joint secretaries, Philomena Garvan and Brenda Lynch, are, according to the Secretaries report, in a very happy position with progress on all fronts. They won the Ulster Minor title but went down to Galway. Bawnboy Vocational won the All-Ireland Vocational Schools Final and St. Aidan's, Coochill, won the Ulster First Year's Competition. Templeport won the silver medals in the All-Ireland Community Games competition.

In the Tipperary report, Shiela Delaney, is concerned about the standard at Senior level but with so much talent at Junior and under-age levels this will soon come right.

1982 Title Winners CHAMPIONSHIPS

Senior: Cork.
Junior: Louth.
Minor: Dublin.

LEAGUES

Senior: Kilkenny.
Junior: Dublin.

INTERPROVINCIALS

Senior: Munster.
Junior: Leinster.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Buffers Alley, Wexford.

THIRD LEVEL

Ashbourne Cup: U.C.D.
Purcell Cup: St. Mary's, Belfast.
League: U.C.C.
Freshers: U.C.G.

COMBINED COLLEGES POST-PRIMARY

Senior: Corn Sceilg — Shannon Comprehensive.
Junior: Corn Gobnait — Maryfield, Dublin.

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A mix-up in the Tipperary defence allows Cork corner-forward Mary O'Leary (left) an opportunity to win possession in front of goal during the Munster senior camogie final at Ballincollig, Cork, on Saturday.

CORK GIRLS TURN IT ON

By JOAN MORLEY

CORK 5-11,
TIPPERARY 3-6

A DEVASTATING first ten minutes by Eire Og pair Noelle O'Driscoll and Clare Kelleher gave Cork a dream start to the Munster senior camogie championship final against Tipperary at Ballincollig on Saturday evening.

The game was barely on when Clare Kelleher snatched a marvellous opening goal, and this was quickly followed by two superb majors from Noelle O'Driscoll and a second from Clare Kelleher, to leave Cork in a very commanding lead after ten minutes as Tipperary could only manage two points in this period.

This rampage of scoring completely unnerved the Tipperary girls who had come to Cork with high hopes of winning the Munster crown. It also gave defending champions Cork the kind of boost they had been looking for and which they failed to find all through the National League.

With their first round All-Ireland game against Antrim early in June, this win, and such an impressive one at that, must give them great confidence for the championship, especially when one considers that

Cork were without star centre back Catherine Landers, midfielder Angel Higgins and forward Marian Sweeney for the game.

Tipperary were a disappointment, especially when it is realised that already this season they defeated Kilkenny and drew with Cork in the National League. For a short period in the second half they did show flashes of brilliance as they attempted a comeback, but the Cork lead which at half time stood at 4-4 to 0-4, was too much for them and they faded long before the full time whistle.

Besides the Eire Og duo already mentioned, Cork had top-class performances from Marina McCarthy, Sandy Fitzgibbon and Clare Cronin, while Deirdre Lally was the only Tipperary player who lived up to her reputation.

Scorers — Cork: N. O'Driscoll 2-5, C. Kelleher 2-2, M. O'Leary 1-0 and G. McCarthy 0-1. Tipperary: D. Lane 3-1, M. Quigley 0-3, M. Ryan 0-1, J. English 0-1.

Cork: M. McCarthy, E. Deane, M. Kearney, S. Fitzgibbon, C. Cronin, L. Lynch, V. Fitzpatrick, M. O'Leary, C. Kelleher, G. McCarthy, M. Higgins, N. O'Driscoll. Sub., A. O'Donovan for M. O'Leary.

Tipperary: B. Kennedy, C. O'Brien, E. Bonner, B. Ryan, S. Hickey, M. Ryan, M. Quigley, A. Gleeson, M. O'Connell, D. Lane, J. English, M. Hackett. Sub., Bonner for M. O'Connell.

Referee: B. Stokes (Limerick).



Clare Kelleher, the Cork full-forward, races on to the ball as two Tipperary defenders try to cut her off during Saturday's Munster senior camogie final at Ballincollig, Cork.

—(Denis Minihane).

St. Finbarr's girls come out tops

ST. FINBARR'S 3-9,
BRIAN DILLONS 2-7

In a marvellous game at Ballincollig over the weekend St. Finbarr's came out on top in the final of the under-16 camogie championship when they defeated Brian Dillons by 3-9 to 2-7.

The Barrs made a good start to the game and despite every Brian Dillons effort to get back in the game they held on doggedly to take the title. Paula Carey, Colette O'Mahony, Dawn Christie and Toinette Santry were excellent young players for the Barrs while Brian Dillons had their best in Audrey Linehan and Linda Mellick.

Scores — St. Finbarr's: P. Carey 2-3, C. O'Mahony 1-3 and T. Santry 0-1. Brian Dillons: L. Mellick 1-3, A. Berry 1-0, M. Murphy 0-4.

Four sections of the Cork area of Féile na nGael were decided on Saturday, with Bishopstown and Watergrasshill emerging victorious in Ballincollig and Killeagh and Blackrock coming out on top at St. Finbarr's.

The semi-finals, Bishopstown v. Watergrasshill and Killeagh v. Blackrock — and the final, will be decided during the week with the Cork winners qualifying to go on to the national finals in Dublin.

Dublin go through

DUBLIN 3-10
OFFALY 0-1

DUBLIN had a comprehensive victory over Offaly in the National Junior Camogie semi-final at Belfield yesterday. The home team settled down quickly and put the less experienced Offaly side under pressure right from the start. With a fine combination of teamwork and individual skill, Dublin led at half-time by 6-1 to 0-0.

Although this must have been a demoralising defeat for Offaly they continued to play with much determination throughout the second period. The final scoreline does not do them justice as they had some very good players but just had no answer to the more experienced Dublin side. Dublin, last year's winners, now meet WESTMEATH in the final.

Scores — Dublin — M. O'Connell (1-4), A. Cooper (1-4), C. O'Leary (2-3), A. Thorpe (1-0), N. Fleming (1-0). Offaly — A. O'Brien (0-1).

WESTMEATH 3-3
DERRY 3-3

Westmeath had a hard-earned victory over Derry in the second semi-final of the National Junior League at Tynagh, near Mullingar, yesterday. Westmeath worked hard in the first half and deservedly led by 4-2 to 1-4 at half-time.

But in a closely contested second half, Derry fought their way back into the game and Westmeath were somewhat flustered by their winning margin.

Scores — Westmeath — L. Fene (1-4), S. Finnegan (2-0), A. Brennan (1-0), A. Mooney (0-3), N. Fene (0-2). Derry — F. Quinn (1-1), S. Vealman (0-1), B. McLaughlin (0-1), A. O'Doherty (0-1).

The history of football and hurling is liberally sprinkled by family connections, such as sons following impressively in the footsteps of famous fathers, brothers emulating the achievements of older brothers, and brothers starting together on club and inter-county teams. But a new and possibly unique angle to the family story is provided by the brother and sister combination of Seanie and Mary O'Leary of Cork.

Unique in the sense that it is doubtful if a brother and sister in any past era ever proved so adept and efficient at score-getting and in progressive all round play, and in the same seasons as well to anything like the degree that has marked the performances of the O'Learys in recent times.

This rare family connection was strikingly emphasised in the 1982 senior hurling and camogie championships. Seanie had a regal afternoon as Cork swept to a thirty-one point win over Waterford in the Munster senior hurling final. His expert finishing had much to do in shaping that big win, as he himself accounted for four splendid goals of Cork's tally of 5-31.

That was an outstanding feat by the Youghal club man. A performance in which he blended determination, positional sense that enabled him to be in the right place at the right time to avail of every opportunity, and dynamic finishing that ensured he put the perfect gloss on his efforts by collecting those four match-winning goals.

Later in the year Mary got into the high scoring action in the games that matter. She contributed all but 1-1 of Cork's total as the Leesiders edged to a 2-7 to 2-6 win over Dublin in the All Ireland senior final. Not only that, it was Mary O'Leary who also clinched the title for the Munster county with a magnificent point from a 40 metres free virtually on the final whistle. That title-winning point, of course, brought her record to 1-6.

Nor is this the end of the story. When Munster won the Gael Linn Cup for the interprovincial championship in Dublin, it was a repeat by Mary O'Leary of her All Ireland final title winning efforts, but on an even more handsome scale.

Once again the dynamic Cork forward chalked up the title-winning point, that one also from a free and just three minutes from the end of the game. That score brought her record for the final win over Leinster to a superb 2-8, just four points short of the easterners' tally for the game. Munster won by 3-10 to 2-12.

Small wonder that following those exciting performances, Mary O'Leary was named the B+I Camogie Player of the Year for 1982... a well deserved tribute to a gifted performer who left her imprint on a major double in gaelic games to an extent as well that marked her out as one of the outstanding stars



Mary O'Leary



Seanie O'Leary

The O'Learys of Cork

of the season in any branch of the national codes.

Sean O'Leary's four goal getting exercise against Waterford in the 1982 Munster senior final must rank as one of the best finishing displays of its kind at that stage of the southern test. It only served to strengthen, however, O'Leary's position as one of the best goalgetters in modern hurling. More than that he exhibited this match-winning flair early in his inter-county career by notching 1-1 in the 1969 All Ireland minor final win over Kilkenny.

A year later he was back again at Croke Park to leave his stamp on another under-18 national final win as he cracked home 2-2 in Cork's easy triumph over Galway. Throughout his senior inter-county career as well, O'Leary, a grandson of Tom O'Mahony, who won an All Ireland medal with Cork in 1902, has been finding his way uncannily through to the goal with a regularity that has not been matched by many of his contemporaries.

O'Leary has had a very successful time in hurling. After those minor medal wins he proved a glittering star for Cork at under-21 hurling in an era that saw the county reach great heights with three All Ireland crowns between 1970 and 1973. The Youghal forward played in all three title winning combinations.

O'Leary won his spurs with the county senior team in 1971, and won a couple of National League medals before striking it rich in a big way in the All Ireland senior championship in Cork's run of three titles in succession from 1976 to 1978. His career was interrupted between 1977 and 1978 finals, through injury and illness, but after a lengthy spell on the sideline,

he returned to resume his activities with all his old sparkle and purpose.

O'Leary's skills and sporting qualities were rewarded by the All Stars selectors with trophies in 1976 and 1977. He boosted his National League medals take to four in 1981, and he has four Munster senior souvenirs.

But overall, for his years in inter-county hurling from minor, through under-21 to senior, Seanie O'Leary will be best remembered as one of the masters in the most important match-winning facet of any field game — that of rattling home the goals with clockwork regularity. This is an asset that has made him one of the best match-winners in the hurling game over the past fourteen seasons or so.

Mary O'Leary has also shown a real flair for consistency in the goal scoring stakes. During her memorable campaign of 1982, for example, she added up the splendid total of seven goals and 39 points — a record to be proud of.

A player adept in all facets of the game, and a tremendous competitor, Mary won an All Ireland junior medal in 1973. She went on to become one of Cork's leading scoring forwards in the senior grade, and in 1978 played her part in great style in completing a national senior medals double for the family. That was the year that Seanie won his third All Ireland senior souvenir in succession.

A member of the Watergrasshill club, Mary followed that first senior medal win by collecting a second in 1980, and then joined her brother in the treble returns with her major role in Cork's 1982 victory over Dublin.

Seanie and Mary O'Leary, then, have a truly remarkable family record — one that puts them in a rare and proud position in the annals of the gaelic games.



The Portumna Vocational School Senior Camogie team which won the 1983 County V.S. title: Back row (left to right): Mrs. K. Cahalan (coach), M. Burke, M. Madden, M. Malone, D. Brehony, S. Claffey, R. Haverty, B. Starr, A. Callaghy, Mrs. K. McGauley (trainer). Front row (left to right): C. Ryan, M. Guinan, N. Dooghue, J. Hodgins, R. Hodgins (captain), F. Robinson, G. Ruthledge, K. Hoary, R. Hodgins (captain), F. Robinson, G. Ruthledge, K. Hoary, R. Hodgins.

Mary Geaney, Castleisland, Co. Kerry, is one of Ireland's top sportswomen. She is number one goalkeeper in the Irish Ladies' hockey squad which has just returned from the World Cup tournament in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia where they won the International Cup in its inaugural year.

In an interview with RUTH O'MAHONY



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R.O'M. — Mary, congratulations on your win in the Intercontinental Cup in Kuala Lumpur recently, was this the highlight of your sporting career so far?

M.G. — Winning the final was the fulfilment of a dream for the whole Irish panel — for me it was marvellous. Going out to Malaysia as underdogs, and qualifying for 1986 World Cup made it extra special, putting the thrill even beyond that of gaining my first international "cap" for Ireland.

Where and how did your interest in sport emerge?

Sport is second nature to my family. My father Con, won three All-Ireland football medals with Kerry in 1931, '32 (the last time Kerry won 4 in a row) and

great interest in sport, Dave the eldest of our family of six, won All-Ireland medals with Kerry in 1959, '62 and '65, while Dick and Niall, who is a priest in Nigeria, played Minor with Kerry and were also members of the UCC football team. Dave now trains the local Castleisland Desmonds team here at home.

What about your sisters Eileen and Sheila?

Eileen, who is the youngest, played hockey in school in Ursuline Convent, and Sheila played a bit of camogie, but they never took sport seriously.

How did you come to play hockey which is an unusual sport for a Kerry girl?

Well, I first became involved through accident! I was in boarding school in the Ursuline Convent Blackrock, and in 2nd year the school team was short a goalkeeper, so I had a "go" and I never came out since. Mrs. Joan Dorgan was the coach and she taught me the basics of the game and apart from a few friendly games I have never played out field.

Your club is Old Ursulines in Cork and you live in Castleisland does that cause you problems?

No, it means a lot of driving, around 150 miles per match, but I'm used to that and I love the game which means more to me than just 70 minutes on a pitch. My whole life revolves around sport.

What do the local people think of your achievements?

They are delighted, they take a great interest in the games, and some of the lads train with me and help me in that way. Training alone can be hard, but I'm never short of a helping hand to go running or walking — someone is

Did your family encourage your interest in hockey, the ban would still have been in existence when you started playing?

It made no difference to them once I was involved in sport. At home I played camogie, badminton and a bit of football. I had no problem in that area.

You still play camogie and badminton — does this cause any difficulty?

Fixture clashes do cause problems. Only as recently as last October I had to make a choice between playing for Ireland in hockey in an international



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tournament in England and playing for Cork in the All-Ireland final.

You choose to play hockey — was it a correct decision?

Yes, I think so. I played for Cork in the semi-final against Kilkenny and I felt that Cork would win without me. Ireland's need was greater and I knew that if I wanted to have a chance to make the World Cup side I had to play in Durham. It worked, Cork won by a point against Dublin, and Ireland did very well in Durham and they the squad went on to win in Kuala Lumpur. Yes, it worked out O.K. but decisions like this

Have you any All-Ireland medals in camogie?

Yes I have won two All-Irelands in 1979 and 1981 when I had the honour of being captain. With Eire Og I have been a member of the team which won the County championship three times, '78-80.

Badminton has also claimed some of your attention. How often do you play and what successes have you had in this area of sport?

I play here in Castleisland with the local club which is a thriving one, about four nights a week. It helps to keep me

fit and I enjoy the social aspect as well as the competitive one. I won the Munster Championships in 1976 and the doubles with Shiela Hannon the same year and again in 1977.

What about training — does a goalkeeper in hockey have to be as fit as the outfield players?

Yes, every bit as fit, mental alertness is vital to a goalkeeper. I train at home and over the last two years have been going to Dublin on a regular basis for squad training. The round trip to Dublin is about 400 miles.

What sort of mileage do you do for sport?

Well, my mileage for sport in January, February and March this year worked out about 6500 miles. It is expensive, each weekend costing about £50, but I reckon that it is a great way of life which I love.

What about retirement?

A lot of nonsense is talked about retirement. I do not agree with retiring while at the top. I feel as long as one is enjoying, and after all that is what sport is all about, the game, then continue to play. Certainly, retire, if it becomes a chore.

Could you envisage life without sport?

I could not live without games. My whole social life is built around sport. It has become a way of life to play something.

What advice would you give a young person facing life to-day?

Most should try to get involved in some game. You must be prepared to get stuck in, not to give up easily, to keep trying to overcome the obstacles that are bound to crop up. Friends made in sport are usually the ones who will rally around in difficult times. Team games help people to make a pile of real friends in many places.

Do you agree with sponsorship in sport for young people?

To an extent, but it is not good to see things come too easy. You must put in financially to appreciate what you get.

What improvements would you like to see in sport in Ireland?

More facilities are needed all over the country to cater for youth. But here at home in Castleisland we are lucky to have good sports facilities and there is no excuse for any youngster not to be involved in games.

You have now achieved 46 Irish caps, won a world competition, all

the national honours what is your remaining ambition?

Well, not quite all the national competitions. I would love to win an Irish Senior Cup medal with Old Ursulines, and I think we can do it in the very near future, and an All-Ireland Club camogie championship, with Eire Og which is definitely on too.

When you do retire from active playing what role would you like to fill, if any?

I'd like to coach or select. No matter what, I will continue my involvement in sport which so far has given me the opportunity to do things and see places that I have never thought possible. Last month's five week trip to the Far East was the experience of a lifetime which, without sport, I would never have achieved.



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The Convent of Mercy Secondary School, Castlerea, camogie team — Front (left to right)—Teresa Finneran, Monique McNamara, Pat Finneran (captain), Eileen Hanly and Susan Keane. Middle row — Eileen McKeon (coach), Geraldine Dempsey, Colette Cribbin, Carmel Cribbin, Martina Waldron and Claire Feeney. Back—Catherine Egan, Marie Finneran, Rita Cribbin, Slobhan Carroll, Ann O'Rourke and Cynthia Beatty.

The team won the Roscommon senior county title by defeating St. Dominic's in the final.



FORMER camogie star, Kathleen Cody, who was home on a visit to her native Dublin last week. Holder of seven All-Ireland medals and known as the "Christy Ring of camogie" because of the similarity in their style of play, she played for Celtic, Dublin and Leinster in the 40s.

Kenny hurler, Jimmy Lang. A cousin of the great Kilton, her career ended when she joined the Sisters of Mercy, but she later had to leave the Order due to ill-health.

Now living in Worthing, Sussex, she won an award for bravery last year when she rescued five people from a fire and she was recently presented to Princess Alexandra as a result.

Despite all her honours on sports fields, Kathleen, now 60, regards her meeting with Pope John Paul II in Westminster Cathedral last year as the highlight of her life.



POST-PRIMARY SCHOOLS CAMOGIE WINNERS

St. Clare's, Ballyjamesduff, won the Cavan Post-Primary Schools first year camogie league of 1983 when they defeated St. Aidan's Comprehensive School, Cootehill, 4 - 1 in the final played at Loreto College on Wednesday last. Front row (left to right)

— Mary Rose Lynch, Una Brady, Maureen Galligan, Chrissie Harten, Eileen Soraghan, Jennifer Cooney, Niamh Plunkett, Brid Cooney. Back row (l. to r.) — Kathleen Tierney, Anita Smith, Teresa Farrelly, Ita Sweeney, Caroline Boylan, Geraldine Foley, Sheila O'Reilly, Helen Lynch.

WESTMEATH CAMOGIE TEAM IN ALL-IRELAND FINAL

SUNDAY NEXT IS a big day in the history of camogie in Westmeath, when the county junior team which is only twenty months in existence, takes on the holders, Dublin, in the National League final. The Westmeath girls are now at the top, having accounted for Monaghan, Meath, Kildare, Armagh and Derry in the semi-final. They have an outstanding record, winning thirteen games on the trot. There is no doubt they will put it up to the champions.

The National Junior League was introduced in 1980 and was won by Armagh in that year. Cavan won it in 1981 when defeating Louth by a point after a replay. In 1982 the senior counties were allowed in with their junior teams and many did not approve of this because these players were experienced and in some cases regarded as senior players. Dublin took the title at Tyrone's expense.

It is interesting to note that three northern counties figured in the final in the three years. Westmeath put an end to Derry's chances this year. Our opponents on the way to the final defeated Galway, Down, Kilkenny, Louth, Wexford and Offaly in the semi-final. They too finished with full points.

WESTMEATH IN WITH A GOOD CHANCE

We have a young team who have a great determination and will to win. They also have gained a lot of experience from match practice. The metropolitans are hot favourites to retain the title, or possibly think Westmeath are easy prey, as did Derry. We got off to a good start against the latter. If we can do this on Sunday then the cup that Dublin are bringing down with them will not be going back.

The Westmeath girls now realise that they are in an All-Ireland final and it is not often that Westmeath get that chance. Once again, one cannot see them bowing out to Dublin, who must be respected. I have been sticking my neck out in forecasting our wins and once more I put it on the block by forecasting an All-Ireland for Westmeath.

The game will be played in Cusack Park on Sunday next at 1.45 p.m.

THE PANEL



Theresa Dowling, St. Munias: Theresa who is our regular goalie, has won Leinster 'B' and 'C' medals with the county in 1981 and '82, also County Junior Championship medal with her club in '79 and Intermediate Championship in '80.



Sheila O'Donoghoe, Drumraney: Sheila joined the panel a couple of months ago and having shown great potential she secured her position at right wing back. At seventeen years of age she is the second youngest player on the team. She has a keen interest in the game and is a staunch defender. Sheila won a County Junior 'B' title with her club in 1981 and played a major part in bringing her club to the Junior A final last year. She is very proud of her county jersey. Student.



Catherine McCormack, Crookedwood: Catherine is another young player who joined the squad this year and has given some outstanding performances at the left wing position. A very intelligent player, she takes her game very seriously. Catherine holds Leinster Junior B League '82, and Junior Championship 1980 and '82 medals. Student.



Theresa Corroon, Cullin: Theresa is quite a versatile player who is sure to give an outstanding performance in any position. In our last game...



Anne Meehan, St. Mary's: A versatile player, with outstanding talent, she is very much committed to her game and has figured well in defence and attack. At present she holds the centrefield berth. Anne is noted as an expert at scoring from sideline cuts. She received the Westmeath Bank of Ireland All Star Award as camogie 'player of the year' in 1980. She represented the county in Gradam Fáilte last year and finished fifth out of thirty-two. She won Leinster 'B' League trophies in 1981 and '82. Student.



Fiona Drumm, Delvin: A very keen player with great class, she has given a great commitment to the county. Fiona is equally talented at centrefield or in attack. The holder of an All-Ireland Senior Colleges medal, she also won Leinster B League medals in 1981 and '82, Junior Championship with her club in 1978 and an Intermediate Championship medal in 1979. Fiona is Vice-Captain of the team and Chairperson of her club. Student.



Evelyn Keane, Crookedwood: Evelyn, who is team captain, is on the injured list at the moment and also missed the Derry game. She has shown great interest in the county and has figured prominently at centrefield and in attack. Evelyn holds Leinster 'B' League...



Julie Drumm, Delvin: A sister to Fiona, she is a very cool player and has always given a good account of herself in either defence or attack. Like her sister she has a keen interest in the game. Her list of honours include 1981 and '82 Leinster 'B' League medals and 1978 and '79 Junior Championship medals. Student.



Laura Dolan, Delvin: Laura is a very skilful player who usually plays at wing forward. Her ability to play ground ball and her speed have not gone unnoticed. Laura has won Leinster 'B' League medal in '81, also 1978 Junior Championship and 1979 Intermediate medals. Student.



Mary Brennan, Crookedwood: One of three sisters on the team, Mary is the substitute goalie. She has always given a good account of herself when called upon. Mary showed great potential as a forward in a challenge game against Offaly. She holds an '82 Leinster 'B' League, plus 1980 and '82 Junior Championship medals. Drapery Shop Assistant.



Officers of the Westmeath Camogie team pictured with representatives of sponsoring firms for the All-Ireland League Final. Front row, P.J. Fulham (Chairman and selector), Connie Galligan (Manager), Frank Leonard (Bank of Ireland, Oliver Plunkett St. Branch), Bernie Murtagh (Brennan), Evelyn Keane (Leinster Delegation).



Back row: Peter Farrell (Vice-Chairman), Rose McGeehan (Team Captain), Maureen Fulham (Secretary), Nancy McKeogh (and selector) and John Aughey (Selector).

Notai Camogaiochta

WESTMEATH MINOR AND JUNIOR TEAMS IN LEINSTER CHAMPIONSHIP

WESTMEATH.....3-4
MEATH.....3-3

Westmeath Junior team just got the better of Meath in this Leinster Championship game played at Enfield. The girls did not show the standard of the League they are capable of and in no way was it a fair contest. In fairness to Meath they were also avoiding injuries.

After being four points down at half-time they once again showed their determination in the second half, scoring one goal and three points, allowing the Royal County to raise only one white flag. This performance was satisfying enough, but a lot more will be expected on Sunday.

THE PLAY

The game was just three minutes on when Betty Finnegan landed the sliothar in the Meath net as a result of a shot from Fiona Drumm. Minutes later the home side opened their scoring with a point from a free. On the 18th minute they were back again and their strong attack was rewarded with a somewhat easy goal. On the 10th minute Theresa Corroon sent a good clearance up along the wing to Antoinette Brennan who was having a great game. She placed the fast moving Laura Dolan for a well taken point.

From the puck out Meath went on top. A great save by Bernie Rowley was then cleared by her out to centrefield and Fiona Drumm's shot just went inches wide. On the 16th minute Meath forged ahead and were rewarded with a point. For the next eight minutes they were well on top, scoring a further two goals despite the strong defence. Just on half-time Anne Meehan gained possession and her short pass to Fiona Drumm ended up in the net. The half time score was Meath 3-2, Westmeath 2-1.

ON LEVEL TERMS

Trailing by four points at the interval the Westmeath girls were still confident that they could overcome the

game, a goal, which put them one point ahead. Anne Gavin put her team on level terms when she pointed from a free on the 18th minute. Bernie Briody who replaced Betty Slevin, proved to be a useful worker and a match winner when she placed the ball in the Meath net on the 23rd minute.

Scorers: B. Briody 1-0, A. Gavin 0-2 and H. Connaughton 0-1.

Team: Bernie Newman, Bernie Rowley, Geraldine Meehan, Anne Gavin, Majella Kellegan, Angela McCormack, Sandra Feary, Carmel Gill, Betty Slevin, Helen Connaughton, Martina McKeogh, Carol McLoughlin. Subs: Veronica Shaw for Bernie Rowley who retired at half-time to take part in the Junior game; Bernie Briody for Betty Slevin. Rest of the panel: Nuala Downes, Hanna Paradise and Helen Keogh.

COACHING COURSE

Miss Mary Moran, National coach will give a coaching course for our younger players on Saturday next, 28th May at 11 a.m. in Cusack Park, Mullingar. We hope to see every club represented.

The County Junior panel is requested to be in Cusack Park on Sunday, no later than 1 p.m. for the National League final versus Dublin.

Training will be held in Cusack Park on Thursday at 8 p.m. sharp for Juniors and Minors.



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Superior in the interval.

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Dublin overcome challenge

DUBLIN 3-9
WESTMEATH 2-5

CAMOGIE ROUND-UP

O'Leary (1-0), C. O'Byrne (0-2), N. Fleming (0-1). Westmeath — L. Doran (1-1), B. Finnegan (1-0), M. Taite (0-1), F. Drum (0-1), L. Ford (0-1), A. Brennan (0-1).

HOLDERS FAIL

CELTIC P 3-3
U.C.D. 4-5

U.C.D., the holders, made a brave effort to retain the Dublin Senior Championship title at Russell Park but it was Celtic who survived the hectic closing minutes to take the title.

Celtic were far superior in the opening half and led by 3-2 to 1-1 at the interval. U.C.D. rallied in the

second half, however, and two fine goals from Ann Murphy brought them within reach of the title.

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Camogie notes

By UNA

Dublin, who won the Senior National League last Sunday for the third time, are the first County, who have had an opportunity of winning the Junior League as well in the same season.

Tomorrow at Cusack Park Mullingar (1.45) the Liffesiders, who are the holders, play Westmeath in the Junior Final. This is the home side's first appearance in an All-Camogie Final.

The Midland County has made tremendous strides since they were reorganised a few years ago. At first they only competed at home, and when their mentors thought they were ready they entered the Leinster competitions and were successful in 1981 when they won the Junior B League, a feat they repeated in 1982.

A very young side, they have had a very satisfying season. They have won out in all their last thirteen games, some achievement and a great encouragement for tomorrow's final.

In this competition they defeated Monaghan, Meath, Armagh and Kildare and they overcame Derry, who had won out the Northern zone in the semi-final.

Their most prominent players in the campaign have been midfielder Aine Meehan and Fiona Drumm, centre-back Teresa Corroon and forwards Laura Dolan and Linda Forde.

Their opponents, Dublin, are a more experienced side. All play for senior clubs in Dublin and one, ermaine Noonan played on Dublin's senior winning side last Sunday, which makes her the first player who has a chance of winning the two Leagues in the one year.

Mary Dwane and Anne Thorpe also won senior medals as substitutes and the latter with fullback Claire Reaney

Ethna O'Hehir and Noreen Fleming were on last season's winning League team.

On their path to the final the Metropolitans defeated Down, Kilkenny, Louth and Galway. To get a place in the semi-final they had to play Clare who won out the second zone of the counties who also have senior teams.

In the semi-final they played and defeated Offaly. Most best at this time of the year as they are at the height of their home competitions.

This is a very strong side and must start favourites to retain their title, but Westmeath who have been successful for so many months are sure to put up a great show.

The Dublin Senior Camogie final between holders, University College and their keenest rivals Celtic, was a brilliant game last Wednesday night.

Celtic who dominated the opening half lost their long lead in the second half when the students went two points ahead with only a few minutes left for play. However, Celtic came back to goal in the closing minutes to win a very skilful game by one point.

The Dublin annual convention is in session at Glenalbyn House, Stillorgan, today.

On the lengthy agenda are a number of suggestions relating to the playing season. Some clubs wish to break with the winter playing season and not start the competitions until mid-February.

Others would prefer to start in early September and continue to the end of November and restart on March 1.

An interesting motion from the Marino club, who have underage players in every grade, is that the County Board investigate the amount of competitions in which these players participate.

Apart from their Dublin Board games, they play in Leinster Schools, and Dublin Schools competitions, both at primary and post-primary levels. A survey of the number of games that some girls play would be of value.

DUBLIN — G. Sutton; C. Reaney; A. Tallon, M. Dwane, G. Noonan; D. O'Leary, E. O'Hehir, A. Thorpe; C. O'Byrne, B. Reynolds, N. Fleming; M. Connell.

WESTMEATH — T. Dowling; B. Bowley; C. McCormack, T. Corroon, S. O'Donoghue; F. Drumm, A. Meehan, A. Brennan; L. Dolan, R. Brennan, L. Forde; B. Finnegan.



Westmeath Camogie team: front row, left to right, Teresa Corroon, Evelyn Kane, Olive Doherty, Catherine McCormack, Antoinette Brennan, Mary Brennan, Fiona Drumm, Laura Dolan, Miriam Taite. Back row, left to right, Linda Forde, Rose Brennan, Regina McCarthy, Pauline Keogh, Teresa Dowling, Betty Finnegan, Ann Meehan, Bernie Rowley, Julia Drumm and Sheila O'Donoghue.

DUBLIN	3.9
WESTMEATH	2.5

There was also a lecture held in the Greville Arms Hotel for team coaches. Such a lecture was badly needed and again there was not much interest shown by the adults who are involved with the teams.



This goal cut the leeway to

Another much improved player is Antoinette Brennan who is now playing at the club level. She will be numerous on the side like to take home "Is it yours?"

I am interested for including the dog one.

We are based or type. All classes are required to bring their pet of the week.

We have a dog show, and everyone is invited to bring their pet of the week.

The developing feature of shows now is at 1 p.m.

n and starter stakes, will consist of many lot events, including first prize.

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C pony competition, which is sponsored by Oliver Brennan, including the 138 class. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z, AA, AB, AC, AD, AE, AF, AG, AH, AI, AJ, AK, AL, AM, AN, AO, AP, AQ, AR, AS, AT, AU, AV, AW, AX, AY, AZ, BA, BB, BC, BD, BE, BF, BG, BH, BI, BJ, BK, BL, BM, BN, BO, BP, BQ, BR, BS, BT, BU, BV, BW, BX, BY, BZ, CA, CB, CC, CD, CE, CF, CG, CH, CI, CJ, CK, CL, CM, CN, CO, CP, CQ, CR, CS, CT, CU, CV, CW, CX, CY, CZ, DA, DB, DC, DD, DE, DF, DG, DH, DI, DJ, DK, DL, DM, DN, DO, DP, DQ, DR, DS, DT, DU, DV, DW, DX, DY, DZ, EA, EB, EC, ED, EE, EF, EG, EH, EI, EJ, EK, EL, EM, EN, EO, EP, EQ, ER, ES, ET, EU, EV, EW, EX, EY, EZ, FA, FB, FC, FD, FE, FF, FG, FH, FI, FJ, FK, FL, FM, FN, FO, FP, FQ, FR, FS, FT, FU, FV, FW, FX, FY, FZ, GA, GB, GC, GD, GE, GF, GG, GH, GI, GJ, GK, GL, GM, GN, GO, GP, GQ, GR, GS, GT, GU, GV, GW, GX, GY, GZ, HA, HB, HC, HD, HE, HF, HG, HH, HI, HJ, HK, HL, HM, HN, HO, HP, HQ, HR, HS, HT, HU, HV, HW, HX, HY, HZ, IA, IB, IC, ID, IE, IF, IG, IH, II, IJ, IK, IL, IM, IN, IO, IP, IQ, IR, IS, IT, IU, IV, IW, IX, IY, IZ, JA, JB, JC, JD, JE, JF, JG, JH, JI, JJ, JK, JL, JM, JN, JO, JP, JQ, JR, JS, JT, JU, JV, JW, JX, JY, JZ, KA, KB, KC, KD, KE, KF, KG, KH, KI, KJ, KK, KL, KM, KN, KO, KP, KQ, KR, KS, KT, KU, KV, KW, KX, KY, KZ, LA, LB, LC, LD, LE, LF, LG, LH, LI, LJ, LK, LL, LM, LN, LO, LP, LQ, LR, LS, LT, LU, LV, LW, LX, LY, LZ, MA, MB, MC, MD, ME, MF, MG, MH, MI, MJ, MK, ML, MM, MN, MO, MP, MQ, MR, MS, MT, MU, MV, MW, MX, MY, MZ, NA, NB, NC, ND, NE, NF, NG, NH, NI, NJ, NK, NL, NM, NN, NO, NP, NQ, NR, NS, NT, NU, NV, NW, NX, NY, NZ, OA, OB, OC, OD, OE, OF, OG, OH, OI, OJ, OK, OL, OM, ON, OO, OP, OQ, OR, OS, OT, OU, OV, OW, OX, OY, OZ, PA, PB, PC, PD, PE, PF, PG, PH, PI, PJ, PK, PL, PM, PN, PO, PP, PQ, PR, PS, PT, PU, PV, PW, PX, PY, PZ, QA, QB, QC, QD, QE, QF, QG, QH, QI, QJ, QK, QL, QM, QN, QO, QP, QQ, QR, QS, QT, QU, QV, QW, QX, QY, QZ, RA, RB, RC, RD, RE, RF, RG, RH, RI, RJ, RK, RL, RM, RN, RO, RP, RQ, RR, RS, RT, RU, RV, RW, RX, RY, RZ, SA, SB, SC, SD, SE, SF, SG, SH, SI, SJ, SK, SL, SM, SN, SO, SP, SQ, SR, SS, ST, SU, SV, SW, SX, SY, SZ, TA, TB, TC, TD, TE, TF, TG, TH, TI, TJ, TK, TL, TM, TN, TO, TP, TQ, TR, TS, TT, TU, TV, TW, TX, TY, TZ, UA, UB, UC, UD, UE, UF, UG, UH, UI, UJ, UK, UL, UM, UN, UO, UP, UQ, UR, US, UT, UU, UV, UW, UX, UY, UZ, VA, VB, VC, VD, VE, VF, VG, VH, VI, VJ, VK, VL, VM, VN, VO, VP, VQ, VR, VS, VT, VU, VV, VW, VX, VY, VZ, WA, WB, WC, WD, WE, WF, WG, WH, WI, WJ, WK, WL, WM, WN, WO, WP, WQ, WR, WS, WT, WU, WV, WW, WX, WY, WZ, XA, XB, XC, XD, XE, XF, XG, XH, XI, XJ, XK, XL, XM, XN, XO, XP, XQ, XR, XS, XT, XU, XV, XW, XX, XY, XZ, YA, YB, YC, YD, YE, YF, YG, YH, YI, YJ, YK, YL, YM, YN, YO, YP, YQ, YR, YS, YT, YU, YV, YW, YX, YY, YZ, ZA, ZB, ZC, ZD, ZE, ZF, ZG, ZH, ZI, ZJ, ZK, ZL, ZM, ZN, ZO, ZP, ZQ, ZR, ZS, ZT, ZU, ZV, ZW, ZX, ZY, ZZ.

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AN RÉITEOIR
Miriam Ní Cheallacháin
(Uibh Fháighle)

SRAITH-CHOMÓRTAS
SÓISEAR NA hÉIREANN
CLUICHE CEANNAIS

PÁIRC AN CHÍOSÓGAIGH
MUILEANN gCEARR

29 Bealtaine 1983
1.45 p.m.

Clár Oifigiúil
Luach 10p

Seamus Mac Giolla Fhinné
Ardrúnaí



Miriam Taite, Betty Finnegan No. 12, Linda Forde, Rose and Annette Brennan are the Westmeath players in action.

Dublin start favourite for League title

CAMOGIE

by Taobh Line

DUBLIN and Wexford meet in the final of the Senior National League at Russell Park (3.0) next Sunday. Both counties are appearing in their third decider.

The Slaneysiders contested the inaugural final in 1977, which they lost to Tipperary, but came back to gain victory over Cork in the following year.

Dublin have won out in both their previous appearances. In 1979 they defeated Limerick and in 1981 they took the Allied Irish Cup again, when they defeated Cork.

The other winners of the competition were Kilkenny, who became the first county to complete the double while champions last year, but no county has won both in the same season.

Kilkenny's other victory was in 1980. The opinion has been

Five of the panel are studying for the Leaving Cert. Ellis Kavanagh, Jackie Codd, Anne Reddy, Bernice Higgins and Marita O'Neill, who is a grand-daughter of Mairtin O'Neill, the former secretary of Leinster Council.

Their three medal-holders from 1978 are well-known stars for Wexford and since won three All-Ireland Club Championships in 1978, 1981 and 1982.

Elsie Walsh, the Slaney-sider's star for the past ten years, has been the heroine of many victories for her club, county and province. Not far behind comes goalie Kathleen Tonks, Leinster's interprovincial goalie, and

Jackie Codd in attack have held their own in every company thus far.

Sunday's encounter will tell if they are yet ready to face the Metropolitanians, who have such an experienced

Gerardine (Duggan) Wynne who suffered an injury in a recent game, but hopes to be fit for Sunday.

Caroline Farrington, a sister of Margaret (O'Leary) Lacey, has also inter-provincial experience and another sister, Gertrude, plays in attack.

All their younger players have come up from under 14 teams and have gained plenty of experience on the way.

Carmel Higgins and Tina Fitzhenry in defence, Orna Mahony, Bernice Higgins and Jackie Codd in attack have

held their own in every company thus far.

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side and, who are at the height of their county championship.

Yvonne Redmond in goal, her sister Anne, Germaine Noonan, Bernice Toner and Catherine Doherty make a very sound defence. Barbara Redmond, Mary Mernagh and Una Crowley are skillful at midfield and Edel Murphy, Ann Colgan, Marion Conroy and Joan Gormley make an effective attack.

All but two, Germaine Noonan, and Ann Colgan, were on Dublin's All-Ireland final team against Cork last September so Wexford must start outsiders but they have beaten Cork recently.

Unfortunately the League final clashes with Slaney hurling '83, which is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday next. Eighteen camogie teams have entered, eight in Comortas Roisin

Dubh (Premier Division, the winners of which represent Wexford at Felle na nGael. There are ten teams in the Second Division, Comortas Bhride, so a busy weekend lies ahead for the players at New Ross.

The Dublin Senior Camogie Championship final between holders, University College, and keen rivals Celtic, will be played at Russell Park (7.00) on Wednesday next.

DUBLIN — Y. Redmond; A. Redmond; G. Noonan, B. Toner, C. Doherty; U. Crowley, M. Mernagh, B. Redmond; E. Murphy, A. Colgan, M. Conroy, J. Gormley.

WEXFORD — K. Tonks; A. Butler, S. Sinnott, T. Fitzhenry, C. Higgins; C. Farrington, E. Walsh, A. Reddy; G. O'Leary, B. Higgins, O. O'Mahony, J. Codd.

Dublin too experienced

DUBLIN, 4-8; WEXFORD, 1-6

DUBLIN HAD an easy victory over Wexford to capture the National Senior League title at Russell Park yesterday. A new look Wexford team provided strong opposition, but, Dublin were by far the more experienced side and their ability to score from long

Marion Conroy opened the scoring for Dublin with a well taken point. Dublin constantly attacked the Wexford goal and Ann Colgan added another for Dublin, while Marion Conroy was also on target, leaving the score at four points to two in Dublin's favour.

In the 17th minute however, Mary Mernagh sent a speculative shot towards the Wexford goal. Goalie Kathleen Tonks misjudged the shot, which dropped into the net. This was just the score Dublin needed to give them renewed confidence, and they went into the interval leading 1-6 to four points.

DUBLIN RAMPANT

Within a few minutes of the restart, Joan Gormley goaled for Dublin and Ann Colgan added another point. Undaunted, Wexford continued to attack with Bernice Higgins, Carmel Farrington and Elsie Walsh to edge forward. They were rewarded when Carmel Farrington collected a rebound from Dublin goalie Yvonne Redmond to goal but it came too late for Wexford.

Joan Gormley took advantage of a goalmouth scramble to add another goal for Dublin. A well taken sideline by Una Crowley was tapped to the net by Marion Conroy, leaving Dublin with an 11 points margin.

Scorers — Dublin — M. Conroy (4-3), J. Gormley (2-0), A. Colgan (0-3), M. Mernagh (1-0); Wexford — E. Walsh (0-4), C. Farrington (1-0), B. Higgins (0-2).

DUBLIN — Y. Redmond; A. Redmond, G. Noonan, B. Toner, C. Doherty, U. Crowley, M. Mernagh, B. Redmond, E. Murphy, A. Colgan, M. Conroy, J. Gormley.

WEXFORD — K. Tonks; A. Butler, S. Sinnott, T. Fitzhenry, C. Higgins, C. Farrington, E. Walsh, A. Reddy, G. O'Leary, B. Higgins, O. O'Mahony, J. Codd. Referee — K. Quinn (Galway).

Other Results — Leinster Colleges Minor Final — Maryfield College, 5-3; Assumption College, Walkinstown, 0-0. Scorers — J. Hickey (2-0), M. Regan (1-2), C. O'Byrne (1-0), B. McKinley (1-0), E. O'Hara.

Leinster Junior Championship — Kilkenny 4-2; Wicklow 1-6. Scorers — Kilkenny — N. Walsh (2-0), G. Malone (1-0); C. Ryan (1-0). Wicklow — T. O'Neill (1-4); B. Byrne (0-0).

Leinster Minor Championship — Kilkenny 8-1; Wicklow 1-1. Scorers — Kilkenny — M. Fitzpatrick (4-0); A. O'Grady (1-0); J. Ryan (1-0). Wicklow — K. Kileen (1-0), E. Byrne (0-1).



A close tussle in the Dublin-Wexford camogie final at Russell Park, Blanchardstown.

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AN RÉITEOIR:
CÁIT NÍ CHUINN
(AN GHAILLIMH)

SRATHCHOMÓRTAS
NA hÉIREANN:
Cluiche Ceannais

PÁIRC THOMÁIS Uí RUISÉIL
Baile Bláinséir.
22 Bealtaine, 1983
3.00 p.m.

Clár Oifigiúil
Luach 10p

Seamus Mac Giolla Phádraig
Ardrúnaí



A Wexford player leads a race for the ball in the Camogie National Senior League final against Dublin at Blanchardstown yesterday.

SHOCK DEFEAT FOR KILLEAGH BY EIRE OG

By Joan Morley

Eire Og 4-5
Killeagh 0-6

CORK County camogie champions Killeagh, crashed out of the 1983 championship at Ballinlough on Saturday evening when a marvellous second half performance by arch rivals, Eire Og, saw the Ovens girls win their way to the county final in which they meet Glen Rovers.

The game lived up to expectations with plenty of good camogie, and victory in doubt until late in the second half, when a purple patch from Eire Og saw them snap up three glorious goals and victory.

The winners were ahead at the interval by 1-4 to 0-2, and on the resumption came more and more into the game. Noelle O'Driscoll, Clare Kelleher and Joan Shannon were in brilliant form around the goal, while Marion McCarthy, Eileen Dineen, Margo Twomey and Marian Reck were excellent defenders for the winners.

Killeagh were without star Cork centre back Catherine Landers — on crutches at the game — and no doubt this upset the champions. And of course they were also without Pat Lenihan, who is at present in Bangladesh.

The champions played well, particularly in the first half, but they never achieved the form which saw them win three "County" and one All-Ireland titles over the last three years.

On Saturday it was the younger members of the side who starred, especially Ann Marie Landers, Patsy Keniry and Shelly Spillane, while Bernie Costine and Betty Joyce also played well.

Scorers—Eire Og: N. O'Driscoll 2-3, J. Shannon 2-0, C. Kelleher and M. Geaney 0-1 each. Killeagh: M. Sweeney 0-2, B. Joyce, P. Keniry, A. M. Landers and B. Costine 0-1 each.

Eire Og: M. McCarthy, M. Higgins, E. Dineen, M. Reck, M. Twomey, M. O'Sullivan, S. Murphy, P. O'Reilly, N. O'Driscoll, M. Geaney, C. Kelleher, J. Shan-

non. Subs: M. O'Donovan for S. Murphy; A. O'Leary for P. O'Reilly.

Killeagh—K. Costine, M. O'Donovan, B. Landers, M. Spillane, P. Keniry, A. M. Landers, S. Spillane, B. Kirby, M. Sweeney, B. Joyce, A. Leahy, B. Costine. Sub: P. Fitzgibbon for A. Leahy.

Referee: M. Maher.

Cork 4-7, Clare 2-3

Cork made a fine start to their Munster Minor Championship campaign, when they had a fine 4-7 to 2-3 win over Clare in the first round played at Ballincollig on Saturday.

Cork had their best players in Jean Paul Kent, Linda Mellerick and Liz Towler, and their scorers were Jean Paul Kent 2-2, Paula Morgan 0-4, Paula Carey and Linda Mellerick 1-0 each, and Colette O'Mahony 0-1.

In the Munster Colleges first year competition final, an excellent St. Patrick's, Shannon side defeated Scoil Mhuire, Cashel by 6-0 to nil.

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Eire Óg And Killeagh Should Be A Thriller

THE Cork Co. Championship semi-finals and the first outing this season by the Cork minors head a long list of fixtures for the coming week.

A clash between arch rivals Eire Og and Killeagh needs no recommendation as over the past six years these sides have dominated the county championship, with first Eire Og and later Killeagh winning a hat-trick of titles. And when a meeting of the sides in the championship is on offer a thriller must be in the offing.

A few weeks ago the sides met in the senior league with Killeagh emerging as narrow winners. SINCE then both have progressed in the championship to the semi-final stage and with Killeagh determined to make it four-in-a-row and Eire Og just as keen to get back on top then it should be excitement all the way.

Eire Og will almost certainly be without inter-county defender Miriam Higgins, still not completely recovered from illness but they will still have a very strong side with inter-county goalie Marian McCarthy and full back Eileen Dineen leading the defence. Mary Geaney, who is back from her most

successful Irish hockey tour will no doubt be back in the Eire Og side for the game and the former champions also have inter-county players Noelle O'Driscoll and Clare Kelleher, and in addition they have other excellent players in Mary O'Donovan, Joan Shannon and Margo Twomey, and have an overall strength and spirit which is so difficult to overcome.

Of course Killeagh have been "top dogs" for the past three seasons and they are not going to give up their "county" crown without a battle.

They too have their senior inter-county stars Marian Sweeney and Catherine Landers, while the return of former inter-county full back Marie O'Donovan has brought great power to the defence in particular. Betty Joyce is another Cork player whose return after a long lay off through injury is a big asset, while the Landers, Ann Marie and Breda, Mary Spillane, Barbara Kirby, Patsy Keniry and Ann Leahy are all marvellous performers.

So although they are without Cork senior captain from last year Pat Moloney who is in Bangladesh at present, they still have a top class side, and like their opponents will not be easy to halt. So the stage must be set for a thrilling encounter with victory at all times in the balance.

Glen Rovers are determined to go all the way this season, and although they took quite some time to settle down in their quarter final tie against the youthful Na Piaras, they must be a side to be reckoned with this season. In that game Cork senior Ger McCarthy was in devastating form for the Glen while Deirdre Sutton in goal, Ann O'Donovan, Ann Connolly, Val Fitzpatrick, Sandy Fitzgibbon, and Ger O'Donovan all did well.

For their part Glen's opponents in the semi-final, Watergrasshill, had a resounding win over divisional side Imokilly, with Cork senior Mary O'Leary finding her scoring power and Angela Higgins, Mary Maher and Clare Higgins all doing well.

Watergrasshill have never reached the heights expected of them and they are keen to reach the final this season. But again it will be a battle all the way and although the Blackpool girls will probably start as slight favourites, Watergrasshill could cause an upset when the sides meet at Caherlag this evening.

The Cork minors set out on the All-Ireland trail tomorrow evening when they meet Clare in Ballincollig at 5 p.m.

Five clubs make up the minor side, and this is not really surprising as the clubs involved, Na Piaras, Brian Dillons, Bishopstown, St. Finbarrs and Glen Rovers have all made great strides in underage camogie in recent years.

Evelyn Healy of Na Piar-

saigh is at full back while other players from the club include Paula Morgan in the centrefield, and Jean Kent in attack. Bishops town have two on the side, Niamh Coghlan at corner back and Liz Towler at half back; The 'Barrs have Collette O'Mahony at half forward, Deirdre Christie at wing centre and Paula Carey at wing forward; Brian Dillons have Kathleen O'Keefe in defence, Liz O'Sullivan at full centre and Linda Mellerick at full forward, while Glen have their lone representative in Fiona McCarthy in goal.

As minor camogie is under-16 little is known of teams this early in the season, so Clare, Cork's opponents in their first round Munster Championship tie are an unknown quantity. However, there are a number of excellent Colleges in the area, in particular St. Patrick's Shannon, so they are bound to be good. However, with a Munster championship to defend, a home venue and a talented side, Cork should win.

Cork team: F. McCarthy, E. Healy, K. O'Keefe, N. Coughlan, L. Towler, P. Morgan, L. O'Sullivan, D. Christie, C. O'Mahony, J. Kent, P. Carey, L. Mellerick.

Subs: L. O'Neill, A. Collins, P. O'Shea, S. McCarthy, G. Carroll, D. Deane, H. Barry, U. Leahy, U. O'Connor, B. O'Sullivan.

There are no fixtures on Sunday but the coming week will be a busy one with fixtures on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

FIXTURES

This evening (Fri.)

S.C. semi-final at Caherlag, Glen Rovers v Watergrasshill, 7.30 p.m. (Ref. M. Kearney).

Tomorrow:

S.C. semi-final, Killeagh v Eire Og at Ballinlough, 7.30 p.m. (Ref. M. Maher).

M.M.C. at Ballincollig, Cork v Clare, 5 p.m.

Tuesday, all 7.30 p.m.

At Ballincollig, U 14 L, Ballincollig v Inniscarra, 7.30 p.m. (Ref. Inniscarra).

At Ballinora, U 14 L, Ballinora v Aghabullogue (Ref. Aghabullogue).

At Fr. O'Neills, U 14 L, Fr. O'Neills v Sarsfields (Ref. Sarsfields).

At Bishopstown, U 14 L, Bishopstown v Nemo Rangers (Ref. Nemo).

Wednesday

J.A.L., Ballincollig v Inniscarra, 7.30 p.m. (Ref. Eire Og).

At Nemo Rangers, J.A.L., Nemo Rangers v Brian Dillons, 7.30 p.m. (Ref. Bishopstown).

J.A.L., Glen Rovers v Old Aloysians at Glen Rovers, 7.30 p.m. (Ref. Na Piaras).

J.B.L., at Catherines, St. Catherines v St. Finbarrs, 7.30 p.m. (Ref. Killeagh).

U 14 L at Douglas, Douglas v St. Finbarrs, 7.30 p.m. (Ref. St. Finbarrs).

Thursday:

U 14 L, at Old Aloysians, Old Aloysians v Glen Rovers, 7.30 p.m. (Ref. Old Aloysians).

Glen Rovers go through

GLEN ROVERS 5-3;
WATERGRASSHILL 2-3

TWO soft goals from Sandy Fitzgibbon, from 40 metres out, midway through the first half and an opportunist goal from Ann Connolly, in the 17th minute gave Glen Rovers a place in the county senior camogie final at Caherlag last night. They now await the outcome of tonight's clash between Eire Og and county champions Killeagh.

The game at times was scrappy and did not live up to expectations. While Glen Rovers led at the break, by 3-1 to 0-0, playing against a stiff breeze they had to fight off a strong Watergrasshill challenge in the last quarter.

Watergrasshill's rally saw them score two goals and a point. However, Mary O'Leary was unlucky later when a free hit the upright.

The feature of the game was the outstanding play of Maria Mackey-Ryan and Mary Ring, a daughter of Christy's, who kept a tight reign on Cork's outstanding players Angela Higgins and Mary O'Leary respectively. Others to shine for the winners were Sandy Fitzgibbon, Ger McCarthy and Val Fitzpatrick, while, for Watergrasshill, Helen O'Callaghan, Marian O'Leary and Mairead O'Farrell impressed.

Scorers for Glen Rovers: Ger McCarthy 2-2, Sandy Fitzgibbon 2-0, Ann Connolly 1-0, Val Fitzpatrick 0-1. Watergrasshill: Mairead O'Farrell 1-0, Denise Flaherty 1-0, Mary O'Leary 0-3.

Glen Rovers: Deirdre Sutton, Mary Owens, Mary Ring, Mary

O'Brien, Maria Mackey-Ryan, Sandy Fitzgibbon, Mary Horgan, Ann O'Donovan, Ger McCarthy, Val Fitzpatrick, Clare McCarthy, Ann Connolly. Sub.: Frances Hurley for Clare McCarthy.

Watergrasshill: Ann Barry, Nora O'Riordan, Marian O'Leary, Cathy O'Callaghan, Mairead O'Callaghan, Helen O'Callaghan, Diane Fenton, Maria Curtin, Maria Butler, Angela Higgins, Mary O'Leary, Mairead O'Farrell. Subs.: Maria Curtin for Ann Barry; Denise Flaherty for Angela Higgins, injured.

Referee: Maria Kearney, Sarsfields.

Hard To Separate The Glen And Eire Og

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championships all their own. The prospect of the county final on the cards tomorrow evening at Ballinlough is the play to be as Eire Og have won the title they have held for years ago and last night's win to get Glen Rovers back to the winning rostrum after a long 15 year absence from county honours.

On this evening (Friday) the Cork area final of the Feile na nGael will be decided at St. Finbarr's, when the winners of the Killeagh Blackrock and Bishopstown-Watergrasshill semi-finals will meet to decide Cork's representatives in the national finals. This will be at 6.30 p.m. with the skills competition to follow at 7.30 p.m.

This year's county has been a most exciting affair with at least four of the sides well in the running for honours. Now it is down to two, with the holders for the last three seasons, Killeagh out of contention, and Eire Og and Glen Rovers due to do battle for the coveted crown.

Prior to Killeagh's three-in-a-row Eire Og held the title for three years and following their marvellous victory over the holders in the semi-final they are determined to get back on top.

But Glen, defeated in the first round on replays for the last two seasons — last year by Killeagh and the year before by Eire Og — are just as determined that this is their year.

Not surprisingly the actual line-ups are not available at this stage but no doubt both teams will be along the lines which got them to the final.

Both have star goalies, Marian McCarthy, the Cork senior keeper for Eire Og and Deirdre Sutton for Glen. Both have powerful forwards, with Glen having Mary Maher and Mary Ring, a daughter of the legen-

dary Christy, who were magnificent in their semi-final clash against Watergrasshill, while Eire Og have Cork seniors Miriam Higgins and Eileen Dineen, as well as Marian Reck and Margo Twomey so forwards on both sides will not get too many chances.

What of the forwards? Again both have star-studded attacks with Glen Rovers doing well to think of the performances of Eire Og duo, Clare Kelleher and Noelle O'Driscoll for Cork last Saturday, as well as the danger of Mary Geaney, in front of goal, while for their part Eire Og will have to keep the tightest possible rein on Cork senior pair Ger McCarthy, brilliant against Na Piarasigh, and Val Fitzpatrick both of whom will snatch the merest of chances.

Many feel that this game might well be won or lost in the middle of the field and here Glen feel they have a trump card in the untiring Cork senior Sandy Fitzgibbon, who has played so well throughout the competition. Here too Glen have Ann Connolly and they could play captain Ann O'Donovan in this sector, although Ann, who has played some excellent games in defence for Cork, might be given a defensive role.

In their semi-final win over Killeagh Eire Og played Sarah Murphy, Marie O'Sullivan and Patsy O'Reilly in this sector. They may stick with this trio, who did very well in the second half, but they may make changes to counter the Glen challenge here.

Both clubs are keeping the line-ups very much a secret and this must add to the excitement as followers wonder how the mentors will field their sides for this eagerly awaited clash. Tension has been building up all week for the game and with the most ardent followers of both clubs only

prepared to say it will be close, there is no way to name likely winners. All that can be said is that a puck of the ball is likely to separate these sides at the end of what must be a thriller.

Panels:

Eire Og: M. McCarthy, E. Dineen, M. Higgins, P. Cullinane, E. Kavanagh, T. Kelleher, S. Murphy, T. Murray, S. O'Brien, M. O'Donovan, N. O'Driscoll, C. Kelleher, A. O'Keefe, A. O'Leary, P. O'Reilly, M. O'Sullivan, M. Reck, J. Shannon, M. Twomey, M. Geaney.

Glen Rovers: D. Sutton, F. McCarthy, G. O'Donovan, M. Ring, M. O'Brien, A. Loneragan, M. Owens, M. Ryan, A. O'Donovan, M. Horgan, S. Fitzgibbon, V. Fitzpatrick, M. Currid, G. McCarthy, C. McCarthy, A. Connolly, R. Mackey, B. O'Sullivan, M. McCarthy, A. O'Donovan, F. Hurley, C. Fitzgibbon.

In charge of the game will be Mary Maher of Douglas, herself a Cork junior intercounty player and a referee with plenty of experience.

There will be keen interest too in the Feile na nGael final this evening as either Bishopstown or Watergrasshill and Killeagh or Blackrock do battle for a place in the National finals. The skills competition too will arouse great interest as the individual crown at feile level is a coveted prize indeed.

In the only other games listed for the coming week Glen Rovers will be in action again, this time against Brian Dillons and Na Piarasigh meet Old Aloysians, both in the under-14 league, on Thursday next.

FIXTURES

This evening (Friday), Feile na nGael final at St. Finbarr's, 6.30 p.m. Skills

final, 7.30 p.m.
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S.C.C. final, P.
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Glen Rovers captain Anne O'Donovan, being shouldered by followers after her team beat Eire Og in the final of the Cork Senior Co. Championship at Ballinlough on Saturday evening.

Camogie

Glen girls are back

By JOAN MORLEY

GLEN ROVERS 3-7, EIRE OG 1-4

EMOTIONS ran high at the end of the Cork senior county championship final played at Ballinlough on Saturday evening, as Glen Rovers regained the 'county' crown after a wait of 15 years with a superb win over Eire Og.

This game lived up to all the pre-match predictions as it was exciting, packed with marvellous camogie, and had a constant changing of the lead — that is until the closing quarter when Glen came into their own.

Glen had a dream start with a great goal from Val Fitzpatrick in the opening minutes, but two quick points from Noelle O'Driscoll quickly reduced the arrears and from then until half-time it was a tit-for-tat struggle with the sides level 1-4 each at the interval.

For the first 15 minutes of the second-half the game continued in the closest possible manner, but then came a great period for the winners with 1-1 from Ger McCarthy, a goal from Ann Connolly and a point each from Clare McCarthy and Val Fitzpatrick, to which Eire Og had no reply.

The Glen forwards managed to elude their strong Eire Og opponents often enough to get the winning scores, while at the other end the Eire Og attackers rarely managed to break away, and in fact didn't score at all in the second-half.

A feature of the game was the performance from both goalies, Deirdre Sutton of Glen — who was on the last winning team 15 years ago — and Marian McCarthy for Eire Og, both of whom brought off many spectacular saves.

Others to star for the winners were Ger McCarthy and Val Fitzpatrick in attack, captain Ann O'Donovan and Marie Ryan in defence and Sandy Fitzgibbon in the centre. Eire Og had their top performers in Marian McCarthy, Eileen Dineen and Margo Twomey.

Scorers — Glen Rovers: G. McCarthy 1-4, V. Fitzpatrick 1-1, A. Connolly 1-0, M. Ryan and C. McCarthy 0-1 each; Eire Og: N. O'Driscoll 1-3, C. Kelleher 0-1.
Glen Rovers: D. Sutton, M. Ring, A. O'Donovan, M. Ryan, M. McCarthy, A. Hourihan, M. Currid, G. O'Donovan, Horgan, S. Fitzgibbon, V. Fitzpatrick, C. McCarthy, G. McCarthy, A. Hourihan, M. Currid, G. O'Donovan.
Eire Og: M. McCarthy, E. Dineen, M. Higgins, M. Reck, M. Twomey, M. O'Sullivan, P. O'Reilly, M. O'Donovan, J. Shannon, C. Kelleher, M. Geaney, N. O'Driscoll. Subs: S. Murphy for J. Shannon; M. O'Sullivan for A. O'Leary. Referee: M. Maher (Douglas).



who won the Cork senior county camogie championship for the first time in 15 years, when they beat Eire Og.

Love Of Game Keeps Deirdre Going

AT A TIME when more and more women of all ages are taking an interest in sport, Deirdre Coleman (nee Sutton) sets a marvellous example.

Two weeks ago Deirdre achieved a record which is hard to believe, when she played in goal for Glen Rovers as they won their first Cork Senior County Championship for fifteen years.

In that game Deirdre gave a superb performance and the amazing part of the story is that she not only fielded in the side which won the club's last county, all those years ago, but she also played in their historic seven-in-a-row of titles, which ended with that last one in 1968.

What motivated Deirdre to keep going through all those lean years, after she had already achieved so much? "Sheer love of the game," was Deirdre's answer to that one. She paid tribute to the Glen Club, all its mentors and her playing colleagues who gave such loyalty and encouragement even in the unsuccessful years. She felt that the strength of the club lay in the fact that so many past players are involved long after their playing days are over.

With her 37th birthday coming up in August and asked if she would now consider retirement, Deirdre's answer was "No way" — that is as long as she was enjoying playing.

Typical of Deirdre's dedication to the game of camogie which she has graced so magnificently for so many years is the fact that she trained five nights a week for three months prior to the county final.

Husband John, who played inter-firm soccer for many years,

has been marvellous and Deirdre paid tribute to him when she said that if it had not been for his encouragement, his patience and his baby sitting services when she disappeared almost every evening for training she would not have been able to keep playing.

Deirdre's son, Adrian (15), who by the way was only two weeks old when Deirdre helped Glen win the county final of 1968 is also very proud of his Mum. Adrian's favourite sport is basketball, which he plays with the Neptune Club, but he also turns a hand to hurling and football with the North Monastery and, of course, Glen Rovers.

Deirdre's other sons, Niall (6) and John (2½) are still too young to be involved in sport, but Niall was at the county final with his father and was really impressed.

What did Deirdre consider her greatest achievement? This, she said, was winning a hat-trick of All-Ireland titles with Cork from 1971 to 1973. Deirdre had opted out of playing for Cork when she married in 1967, and only returned to the inter-county scene in 1970, when she captained the junior side to All-Ireland honours. She regained her position on the Cork senior side the following year and went on to win that coveted three-in-a-row. This, she felt was her biggest thrill, as she had experienced the taste of defeat so often with Cork in her earlier years, at a time when Dublin dominated the All-Ireland championship.

After that three-in-a-row Deirdre again decided to opt out of the Cork team, as she felt she could not give her full attention to her family, the county and the club. It was a difficult decision to make,

but she felt it was the right one.

It was not surprising that Deirdre should take an interest in camogie. Both her father Finbarr Sutton and brother John played Harty Cup hurling for North Monastery and sister Ethel who introduced Deirdre to goal, and she (Deirdre) is the first to admit that she would hardly be playing today if her position was anywhere else but between the posts.

She began her camogie with St. Vincents School, with whom she won a Cork Schools Championship. She captained the Seandun team in the 1958 county final and after St. Vincent's disbanded she joined Glen Rovers in 1960. When she appeared in goal for the first time with Glen Rovers senior team, at the tender age of fourteen, the opposing side thought she was the mascot, but after the game, they knew better as she gave a marvellous performance.

Then came her great run with Glen Rovers, her Cork successes and her interprovincial championship medals with Munster. And she won the Cuchulainn Award in 1965.

Twenty-three years playing for Glen Rovers — that is with time off to have her three sons — is a wonderful run. The years certainly had their disappointments, but oh what marvellous achievements as well. Watching Deirdre in Glen's county win it was obvious that her team mates, one as young as 16, look to her for guidance and assurance and after her brilliant performance — as good as any in her playing career — it is not surprising that she has no intention of retiring.

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Deirdre at home with her husband John and sons Adrian (15), Niall (6) and John (2½).

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