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PÁIRC AN CHRÓCAIGH
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Sia de Bhaird
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Clár an Lae

AN GHAILLIMH v LUIMNEACH

Sóisear - 1.45 i.n.

An Réiteoir: *Caitríona Mhic Alastair* (Aontroim)

CILL CHAINNIGH v LOCH GARMAN

Sinsear - 3.30 i.n.

An Réiteoir: *Máire Uí Pholáird* (Portláirge)

LUIMNEACH



Ar chlé (ó chlé) Michelle Nic Cárthaigh, Briainín Ní Bhriain, Eibhlín Ní Chlúmháin Uí Chárthaigh, Úna Ní Shíthigh, Póilín Nic Cárthaigh, Bríd Ní Bhriain, Orla Ní Ghairdín, Máire Ní Longargáin, Áine Ní Chatháin, Cliona Ní Mhaonaigh, Caitlín Ní Chonacháin, Clann Tosaigh (ó chlé) Éilís Ní Riordáin, Cáit de Búrca, Íde Nic Uaid (Captaen), Éilís Ní Lionáird, Máire de Búrca, Síle Nic Chriagáin, Carol Ní Mhurchú.

Breda O'Brien (Granagh-Ballingarry). Is scoláire scoile í agus í ar an duine is óige ar an bhfoireann. At sixteen years of age she has already won 2 All-Ireland medals in Community Games, 2 All-Ireland Colleges medals, and numerous County Championship medals from under-age up to Senior level. She was the recipient of the Limerick V.E.C. Sports Award in 1993.

2. Helen Clifford (Bruff). Tá taithí aici ar bheith i bPáirc an Chrócaigh ar lá na gCluichí Ceannais agus ba mhór aici é ach an lá a bheith le Luimneach inniu. She was a member of the Senior panel which forced Corcaigh to a replay in 1980, and played at left half-back in the 1988 Junior Final against An Ghaillimh. She won 2 Junior National League medals with her county in 1991 and 1992 and Junior Gael Linn in 1988 and 1993, as well as County Championship medals at U-14, Junior and Intermediate.

3. Agnes Sheehy (Croagh-Kilfinny). Bhí sí ar an bpainéal don Chluiche Ceannais i gcóinne na Gaillimhe i 1988, agus is deirfiúr í le Helen a bhí ina cúlbaire ar an ócáid sin. She holds numerous County medals at under-age level, a Féile na nGael medal, Munster Championship medals with Club and County, Com Puirseil medals at Third level, and Gael Linn medals with Cúige Mumhan.

4. Bernie O'Brien (Granagh-Ballingarry). Imreoir eile a bhí ar an bpainéal i 1988. Beidh fórn uirthi

an bob a bhualadh ar mhuintir na Gaillimhe inniu. Tá stór de bhoinn aici lena club agus lena contae. She holds 4 All-Ireland Colleges medals, 1 Junior National League, 7 Munster Championship, and numerous County Championship medals from u-14 to Senior. She was her Club's Player of the Year in 1986 and 1989, and the August Player of the Month in Luimneach this year.

5. Liz Leonard (Bruff). Is duine í Liz a chuireann suim i gcúrsaí spóirt i gcóinne agus a bhaineann ard-chaighdeán amach iontu uilig. She plays Gaelic Football and Soccer at both club and county level. Her Camogie awards include County Intermediate, Munster Championship and Junior National League medals.

6. Liz O'Riordan (Bruff). I tár na páirce, ar chlé, a d'imir sí i gCluiche Ceannais na Sóisear i 1988. Le linn di bheith in Áth Cliath, d'imir sí le Croimghlúin lena bhuaidh sí Craobh Chomórtas sa Sínsear Átha Cliath i 1987. She also holds a Luimneach Senior County Championship medal, as well as Munster Junior Championship, Junior Gael Linn and National League medals.

7. Ide Quaid (Granagh-Ballingarry). Captaen.

8. Mary Burke (Feohanagh-Castlemahon). Ar cheanna Desna himreoir is óige ar an bhfoireann, is sár-imreoir cheana féin í. She was the recipient of the Luimneach Player of the Month Award in

LUIMNEACH

Dathanna: Uaithne agus Bán

1
BRÍD NÍ BHRIAIN
Breda O'Brien
Granagh-Ballingarry

(2)
EIBHLÍN NÍ CHLÚMHÁIN UÍ CHÁRTHAIGH
Helen Clifford-McCarthy
Bruff

3
ÚNA NÍ SHÍTHIGH
Agnes Sheehy
Croagh-Kilfinny

4
BRIAINÍN NÍ BHRIAIN
Bernie O'Brien
Granagh-Ballingarry

5
ÉILÍS NÍ LIONÁIRD
Elizabeth Leonard
Bruff

6
ÉILÍS NÍ RÍORDÁIN
Elizabeth O'Riordan
Bruff

7
ÍDE NIC UAID
Ida Quaide (Captaen)
Granagh-Ballingarry

8
MÁIRE DE BÚRCA
Mary Burke
Feohanagh-Castlemahon

9
SÍLE NIC CONMARA
Cecelia McNamara
Ballygran

10
CÁIT DE BÚRCA
Kay Burke
Feohanagh-Castlemahon

11
PÓILÍN NIC CÁRTHAIGH
Pauline McCarthy
Bruff

12
MAIRÉAD NÍ GHADHRA
Marguerite Guiry
Croagh-Kilfinny

IONADAITHE:

13. **NIAMH NÍ CHRIAGÁIN** Niamh Cregan Croagh-Kilfinny
14. **MÁIRE NÍ LONGARGÁIN** Mary Lonergan St. Fintan's
15. **CLÍONA NÍ MHAONAIGH** Cliona Meany Bruff
16. **MICHELLE NIC CÁRTHAIGH** Michelle McCarthy Croagh-Kilfinny

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NA SOISIR: An Ghaillimh v. Luimneach

An Ghaillimh and Luimneach meet for only the second time in the All-Ireland Junior Championship Final. They have never met in a Final of any other competition. In 1988 a chasadar ar a chéile sa Chluiche Ceannais agus ba ag muintir na Gaillimhe a bhí an bua an ócáid sin.

An Ghaillimh is today contesting its ninth Junior Final. It reached three finals in the 1970's, three in the 1980's, and this is its third in the 1990's. Four titles went to An Ghaillimh during those three decades, two in the seventies and two in the eighties. Sí seo an tríú bliain as a chéile don chontae an Cluiche Ceannais a bhaint amach, ach is ag Tiobraid Árann a bhí an bua i 1992, agus ag Ardmhacha i 1993.

An Ghaillimh last won the Final in 1988 but, as none of today's panel was on that team, they are all seeking their first All-Ireland Junior medal. The majority of the panel already knows the disappointment of losing a Final as five were on the 1993 team, three on both the 1992 and 1993 teams, and one on the losing side in each of the last three years. Beidh fonn an-mhór ortha uilig deireadh a chur lena ré dhearóil.

Is mar an gcéanna nach mór iad muintir Luimní agus iad ag triall ar Pháirc an Chrócaigh inniu. Luimneach started this decade with a flourish, winning the National Junior League in 1991 and 1992.

Their Championship history is quite

different with six of the panel on the losing side in 1988. As this is only the county's second Junior Final, almost all of the players are seeking their first All-Ireland Championship medal.

There is one notable exception, however, in the person of Pauline McCarthy, who was on the team in 1977 when Luimneach won its first All-Ireland title. Pauline also played in the county's only Senior Final in 1980 when Luimneach forced Corcaigh to a replay before losing by a goal. She contributed a personal tally of 2-07 in this year's semi-final win over An Cabhán.

Cosúil le muintir na Gaillimhe, ba mhór ag cailíní Luimní an Chraobh a sciobadh leo inniu.

Ard-chaighdeán imeartha atá ag an dá fhoireann agus táthar ag tnúth le sár iomaíocht eatarthu.

Cluichí Ceannais na hÉireann go dtí seo

1988:	
An Ghaillimh	3-04
Luimneach	1-05
An Ghaillimh (4): 1972, '79, '85, '88.	
Luimneach (1): 1977.	

Cluichí Leath-Ceannais na hÉireann, 1994

An Ghaillimh	8-08
Londain	2-05
Luimneach	5-11

May of this year. She holds County Junior and Intermediate Championship medals and won her first Munster Junior Championship medal in 1994.

9. **Cecelia McNamara** (Ballyagran). Sí Cecelia an t-aon imreoir ó lbeal Átha Grean atá ar an bhfoireann agus, gan amhras, tá an Club thar a bheith bródúil aici. She holds numerous under-age, Junior and Intermediate County Championship medals, a Munster Colleges Senior B medal, and a Senior League medal with her club.

10. **Kay Burke** (Feohanagh-Castlemahon). Is deirfiúr í le Máire atá ag imirt i lár na páirce. Kay and Mary bring to six the sets of sisters who will play for their counties today. Among Kay's medals are County Championship Junior and Intermediate medals, and her Munster Junior Championship medal won this year.

11. **Pauline McCarthy** (Bruff). Sí seo an ceathrú huair do Phóilín Cluiche Ceannais na hÉireann a bhaint amach le Contae Luimní. Pauline has the unique distinction of being the only Luimneach player on the team who has played in each All-Ireland Final which her County has contested to date. She played at left-half-forward with the Juniors in the County's first ever Final in 1977, at centre-forward with the Seniors in 1980, and again in that position with the Juniors in 1988. She is also the only member of the panel who holds an All-Ireland medal, the Junior of 1977. Tá mór-charm de bhoinn aici maile leis an gcéanna sin. She holds numerous Colleges, County and Munster Championship medals at various grades, 2 Junior National League medals, 1 All-Ireland Club Championship and 3 Junior and 1 Senior Gael Linn medal with Cuige Mumhan.

12. **Marguerite Guiry** (Croagh-Kilfinny). Bhí sí ina Captaen ar fhoireann Luimní nuair a bhain sí Cluiche Ceannais na hÉireann amach i 1988. d'imir sí mar lán-chúl ar an ócáid sin. Has won honours at almost every level of the game from under-age and Féile na nGael with her Club, to County, Munster and Gael Linn Championship medals. Bhuaigh sí Com Puirseil le linn di bheith ag freastal ar Choláiste Mhuire gan Smál, Luimneach.

13. **Niamh Cregan** (Croagh-Kilfinny). Imríonn sí chomh maith leis an bhfoireann Chamógaíochta in Ollscoil Luimní áit a bhfuil sí ina scoláire. As well as her Munster Junior Championship medal which she won this year, Niamh also holds a County Intermediate League medal which she won with her Club in 1992. She would like to emulate the achievements of her Dad, Eamonn, who contributed so much to Limerick hurling.

14. **Mary Lonergan** (St. Fintan's). Sí Máire an t-aon imreoir óna Club atá ar an bpainéal inniu. The last couple of years have brought success to her Club, and Mary won a Junior B County



Níe Níe Uaid (Greanach-Báile an Gharraí) Captaen.

Tá Níe ag imirt le Sóisir Luimní le roinnt de bhlianta anuas agus is mór ar fad aici é bheith ina Captaen inniu. Cosúil le Captaen na Gaillimhe, is óg-imreoir í ach i sean-chleachtaithe i gcórsaí camógaíochta. Níe has already won two Junior National League medals with Luimneach in 1991 and 1992 when her county defeated Roscomáin agus An Dún, respectively. She also has Munster Junior and under-18 medals to her credit.

Ina dteannta siúd, tá carn de bhoinn buaite lena club laistigh dá contae féin aici. Níe holds numerous County Championship medals from under-12 to Senior level, and was Player of the Year in 1987. le linn di bheith ar scoil i gClochar na Trócaire i Rath Caola chabhraigh sí lena scoil Sraithchomórta na Mumhan a bhuaicaint. While in first year in Moylish Third-Level College, she won a Freshers Seven-a-Side medal. When she takes her place at centre-field today, Níe will join her cousin, hurling centre-fielder Mike Houlihan, in a proud family and Luimneach tradition.

Championship medal in 1992, and Junior A League and Championship as well as Intermediate Championship medals in 1993. She won her first Munster Junior Championship medal this year.

15. **Cliona Meaney** (Bruff). Óg-imreoir í Cliona a imríonn le foireann faoi-18 Luimní. Faoi láthair is scoláire í in Ollscoil Chorcaí. She won her first Munster Junior Championship medal this year.

16. **Michelle McCarthy** (Croagh-Kilfinny). Tá sí ag imirt leis na Sóisir le cúpla bliain anuas agus bhuaigh sí Sraithchomórta na Sóisear leo i 1992. As well as her two Junior National League medals, Michelle holds numerous County League and Championship medals with her Club from under-age to Senior level.

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AN GHAILLIMH



Ar chúl (ó chlé) - Deirdre Ní Argadáin, Rachel Ní Cuirtín, Lorraine Ní Flathuigh, Aoibhinn Ní Lorcáin, Cora Ní Thoirneach (Captaen), Eimear Ní Argadáin, Erin Ní Dúiláin, Áine Ní Bhruadair, Fiona Ní Riain. I lár (ó chlé) - Cairnall Ní Annain, Éibhlín Ní Riain, Oilbhe Ní Costeala, Eistir Ní Mháirtín, Mairéad Ní Mheachair, Treasa Ní Fhalláin, Rút Ní Cluthalláin. Chun tosaigh (ó chlé) - Áine Ní Argadáin, Veronica Ní Cuirtín, Éibhlín Ní an Iarla, Fiona Ní an Iarla, Martina Ní Earcain, Caitlín Ní Conchúir, Áine Ní Irile, Denise Ní Ghiollagáin.

1. **Fiona Earls** (Kiltulla/Killimordaly). Sí seo an chéad Chluiche Ceannais i bPáirc an Chrócaigh di agus i ag imirt le foireann na Sóisear don chéad bliain di. Although a Junior player, Fiona won a Senior National League medal with An Ghaillimh in 1994. She also holds County Championship medals at Bunscoileanna and U-18 levels as well as a Junior Gairmscoileanna medal with Gairmscoil Bhaile Locha Riach.

2. **Olive Costello** (Na Sarsfields). Seo an tarna bliain as a chéile di bheith i bPáirc an Chrócaigh ar ócáid Chluiche Ceannais na hÉireann. sister of Senior player, Deirdre, Olive has contributed several trophies to the family collection. Holds 5 All-Ireland medals with Naomh Rafael, 1 Community Games medal and an All-Ireland Minor Championship medal.

3. **Fiona Ryan** (Na Seamróga). Seo an triú bliain as a chéile di bheith i bPáirc an Chrócaigh ar an lá seo. Like some more of today's team, Fiona hopes that it will be third time lucky. She won Craobhchomórtas na nGairmscoileanna with Baile Locha Riach in 1991 and, in all, hold 6 Connacht and 2 All-Ireland Gairmscoileanna medals. Beidh fonn uirthi bonn de chuid an chomórtas seo a chur leo inniu.

4. **Cora Curley** (Mullach). CAPTAEN.
5. **Denise Gilligan** (Craochmhaoil). Tá Denise ar chéad dena imreoirí is óige ar an bhfoireann, agus bhuaidís sí Craobh-

chomórtas na Mionúr lena Contae i mbliana. Denise holds County Championship and Connacht Junior Championship medals. At fifteen years of age she was the youngest member of the team which lost to Ardmhacha in the 1993 Final.

6. **Gretta Maher** (Dáibhéid). Óg-imreoir eile a bhí ar fhoireann na Mionúr i mbliana. She captained the Minor county team to All-Ireland victory last August after a replay with Tibraid Arann. Her collection of

medals includes a Féile na nGael medal from 1992, 2 Connacht Colleges, and County and Provincial U-14 and U-16 medals.

7. **Helen Ryan** (Na Seamróga). Thosaigh sí ag imirt le foireann na Sóisear i mbliana, agus sí seo an chéad Chluiche Ceannais i bPáirc an Chrócaigh di. Helen is a twin sister of Fiona, the right half-back. Holds a Junior County Championship medal, 6 Connacht and 2 All-Ireland Gairmscoileanna medals.

8. **Carmel Hannon** (Na Píarsaigh). Is deirfiúir í le Ursula a bhí ina Captaen ar fhoireann na Sóisear i 1993 nuair a d'imir an bheirt acu le chéile i gcoinne Ardmhacha. They were one of the seven sets of sisters representing An Ghaillimh at Senior and Junior level in the All-Ireland Finals of last year. Tá Craobhchomórtas Chonnacht buaite lena club aici agus fonn uirthi bonn Uile-Éireann a bhuaicint inniu.

9. **Martina Harkin** (Na Píarsaigh). Imreoir eile a bhí ag imirt i gCluiche Ceannais na Sóisear

AN GHAILLIMH

Dathanna: Marún agus Bán

1

FIONA NIC AN IARLA
Fiona Earls
Kiltulla/Killimordaly

(2)

OILBHE NIC COISTEALA
Olive Costello
Sarsfields

3

FÍONA NÍ RIAIN
Fiona Ryan
Shamrocks

4

CÓRA NIC THOIREALAIGH
Cora Curley Captaen
Mullagh

5

DENISE NÍ GHIOLLAGÁIN
Denise Gilligan
Craughwell

6

MAIRÉAD NÍ MHEACHAIR
Gretta Maher
Davitts

7

ÉIBHLÍN NÍ RIAIN
Helen Ryan
Shamrocks

8

CAIRMÉAL NÍ ANNAIN
Carmel Hannon
Pearses

9

MARTINA NÍ EARCÁIN
Martina Harkin
Pearses

10

EIMEAR NÍ ARGADÁIN
Emer Hardiman
Mullagh

11

TREASA NÍ FHALLÁIN
Teresa Fallon
Shamrocks

12

VERONICA NIC CUIRTÍN
Veronica Curtin
Craughwell

IONADAITHE:

13. **DEIRDRE NÍ ARGADÁIN** Deirdre Hardiman Mullagh
14. **ÁINE NÍ IRILE** Áine Hillary Pearses
15. **AOIBHEANN NÍ LORCAIN** Yvonne Larkin Eyrecourt
16. **ÁINE NÍ BHRUADAIR** Ann Broderick Davitts

i 1993. Like those of her colleagues who have been disappointed in 1993 or, indeed, in the last two years, Martina will not spare herself in the effort to win the Junior title. She has scored many a goal for her school and county, and won several titles with them, and would like to add a Junior Championship medal to her collection.

10. **Emer Hardiman** (Mullach). d'imir sí sna Cluichí Ceannais leis na Sóisir i 1992 agus 1993, agus tá suil aici go mbeidh an tadh leo i mbliana. She played at full-forward in 1992, and at centre-forward last year, and was also on the Senior panel on the same day. She was selected as the Gaillimh Camogie All-Star in 1991. She holds both All-Ireland Colleges and Gairmscoileanna medals, won with Coláiste Naomh Rafael and Gairmscoil Bhaile Locha Riach.

11. **Teresa Fallon** (Na Seamróga). Imreoir eile a bhí anseo ar fhoireann na Gaillimhe i 1992 agus 1993. She was at left half-forward in 1992 and at left centre-field in 1993. Tá sé bhonn de chuid na nGairmscoileanna, Cuige Chonnacht, buaite aici maille le dhá bhonn Uile-Éireann dá gcuid.

12. **Veronica Curtin** (Creachmhaoil). Ar cheann desna himreoirí is óige ar an bhfoireann, d'imir sí leis na Mionúir i mbliana. She is the holder of 2 All-Ireland Community Games medals, Féile na nGael medals, County Championship medals at U-10, U-12 and U-14. She also won an U-12 County Hurling Championship runner-up medal. She recently won an All-Ireland Minor Championship medal.

13. **Deirdre Hardiman** (Mullach). Is deirfiúir le lár thosach, Emer, i agus d'imir an bheirt acu i gcoinne Ardmhacha i 1993. Deirdre played at left half-back against Tiobraid Árann in 1992, and at full-back in 1993. Deirdre won 4 Senior and 2 Junior All-Ireland medals with Coláiste Naomh Rafael, and also holds 1 Féile na nGael and 1 All-Ireland Club Championship medal.

14. **Aine Hillary** (Na Píarsaigh). Tá sí ag imirt le foireann na Sóisear don chéad uair i mbliana, ach tá carn de bhoinn cheana féin aici. Already in 1994 she has won an All-Ireland Minor Championship medal with An Ghaillimh. She also won a National Féile na nGael title and several County Championship titles with her Club, and Connacht U-14 and Minor medals with her County.

15. **Yvonne Larkin** (Dún an Uchta). Tá Yvonne ag fanúint le dhá bhliain anuas maith chun bonn de chuid na Sóisear a bhuachaint. She played at right half-back in the 1992 Final, and at left half-back in 1993. She has won Junior and Intermediate County



Córa Ní Thoirealaigh
(Mullach)
CAPTAEN

Cé gur duine óg í Córa tá sean-taithí ar Chluichí Ceannais na hÉireann agus ar Pháirc an Chrócaigh féin aici. This is her fourth Junior Final in Páirc an Chrócaigh, her previous three being in 1989, 1992 and 1993. The 1989 and 1993 Finals went to replays with Cill Dara and Ardmhacha, respectively.

Like the Loch Garman Senior Captain, Córa has yet to experience the joy of receiving the All-Ireland trophy. Cosúil le hAine chomh maith, tá a lán eile buaite sa chamógaíocht aici.

Córa is the holder of an All-Ireland Minor Championship medal which she won with An Ghaillimh in 1986, and an All-Ireland Club Championship medal won with Mullach in 1991.

During her Post-Primary schooldays, she won six All-Ireland Colleges medals with Coláiste Rafael, Baile Locha Riach. To add to her collection, she won a National Féile na nGael title with her club in 1984 and two senior Féile Páncheilteach medals. Ba mhór ar fad aici é bonn de chuid na Sóisear a chur leo.

Championship medals. She is an accomplished Réiteoir within her County.

16. **Anne Broderick** (Dúibhéid). Cosúil le Emer Hardiman, bhí áit faoi leith ag Aine sna Cluichí Ceannais i 1993 ós rud é go raibh baint aici leis an dá fhoireann. Anne was the goalkeeper on the Junior team and the sub-goalkeeper on the Senior team on that occasion. She holds 4 Senior and 2 Junior All-Ireland medals with Naomh Rafael, and 1 Pánc Celtic medal.

GAOLTA CÁILIÚLA

Michelle Fennelly, Cill Chainnigh, is a niece of Máire Ní Fhionnalaigh, victorious Chill Chainnigh captain in 1976, and Iar-Uachtaráin as Chumainn. A cousin of the famed hurling Fennellys.

Six Kehoe sisters have played for Loch Garman - Brigid, Kit, Josie, Arnie and Gretta have between them nine All-Ireland Senior Championship medals. Kit is the first player to win All-Ireland senior medals with two different counties, Áth Cliath in 1965 and 1966 and Loch Garman in 1975.

Gretta Kehoe and Ray Quigley, Loch Garman, are husband and wife. They were married on the eve of the 1975 Camogie Final and Gretta, the captain, was presented with Corn Ua Dubhthaigh on the following day after defeating Corcaigh. Ray, who is a native of Cill Chainnigh, is the manager of the Loch Garman team, and Gretta is a selector.

Fiona Dunne, Loch Garman, is a sister of inter-county hurlers Liam and Tomás.

Íde Quaide, Luimneach, is a cousin of Mike Houlihan who hurls with Luimneach.

OILIÚNAITHE CÁILIÚLA

As well as Eamonn Cregan of hurling fame, Luimneach has three famous selectors: Vera Mackey, daughter of hurler John and niece of hurler Mick, was on the team which, in 1980, reached the county's only Senior All-Ireland final. Another selector and former player, Bernie O'Dea, is the Cathaoirleach of the County Board and of Comhairle na Mumhan. Noreen Lynch, team coach, is on the staff in Coláiste Mhuire gan Smál; has also coached G.A.A. teams and is a member of the Comhairle um Árd-Oideachas, Cumann Lúthchleas Gael.

John Keane, the third western selector, was also a selector with the successful Minor Camogie team this year. He has helped to bring success to the Craughwell Camogie team at Junior, Intermediate and Féile na nGael levels.

Apart from Tom and John Ryan, Cill Chainnigh has the benefit of experienced selectors in John Lahart and Breda Ryan. Tony has coached successful Colleges' hurling and football teams in Kildalton College, Piltown. Breda, a former Rúnaí of An Coiste Contae, played for many years with the several-times All-Ireland Club Champions, Naomh Pól.

The Loch Garman management team is, like today's other foirne bainistíochta, steeped in Camogie and G.A.A. tradition. The Quigley family duo is joined by

Margaret Leacy and George Rankin.

Madge Kennedy, a selector with An Ghaillimh, is a former Senior and Minor Inter-County player. She holds an All-Ireland Minor Championship and two All-Ireland Club Championship medals, one with Mullagh, her present club, and one with Athenry.

George has carved his own particular niche in history as he is a former hurler and footballer with both Laois and Loch Garman. He has passed on his expertise to the girls and boys of Loch Garman. As well as his Camógaíocht commitments, he was also a selector with the Minor footballers in 1993.

Tony Ward, an All-Ireland Hurling Club championship winner with Sarsfields, has the distinction of being the manager of the first An Ghaillimh team to win a Senior National title - Sraithchomórtas na Sinsear, 1994.

Margaret Leacy (nee O'Leary), one of the great exponents of Camógaíocht, joins the other five former players involved as selectors in today's teams in 1968, 1969 and 1975. She holds numerous Gael Linn medals with Cuige Laighean. She now plays with Oulart where she also coaches the under-age teams.

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CILL CHAINNIGH

Dathanna: Dubh agus Ómra

1
MICHELLE NÍ FHIONNALAIGH
Michelle Fennelly
Carrickshock

(2)
SINÉAD NIC COISTEALA
Sinéad Costelloe
Freshford

3
TRACEY NÍ MHAOLAIDH
Tracey Millea
Graigue-Ballycallan

4
GILLIAN NÍ DHIOLLÚIN
Gillian Dillon
Freshford

5
DEIRDRE NÍ MHAOILEOIN
Deirdre Malone
Graigue-Ballycallan

6
MARINA NÍ DHÚNAIGH
Marina Downey
Lisdowney

7
ÁINE NÍ DHÚNAIGH
Ann Downey Captaen
Lisdowney

8
MÁIRE NÍ MHEACHAIR
Marie Maher
Tullaroan

9
BRÍD NÍ MHAOLALAIH
Brigid Mullaly
Glenmore

10
CAITRÍONA NÍ DHUINN
Catherine Dunne
Lisdowney

11
AINGEAL NÍ DHÚNAIGH
Angela Downey
Lisdowney

12
SINÉAD NÍ MHAOLAIDH
Sinéad Millea
Graigue-Ballycallan

IONADAITHE:

- 13. **BRÍD BHEARNABHAL** Brigid Barnaville Lisdowney
- 14. **EISTIR NÍ CHINNÉIDE** Esther Kennedy Freshford
- 15. **MAIRÉAD NÍ ICÍ** Margaret Hickey Freshford
- 16. **MAIRÉAD CHAOMHÁNACH** Margaret Kavanagh Freshford.

LOCH GARMAN

Dathanna: Corcra agus Órga

1
TERRI DE BUITLÉIR
Terri Butler
Buffers Alley

(2)
CAITRÍONA NÍ MHURCHÚ
Catherine Murphy
Rathnure

3
RÉALTÁN NÍ SHIONÓID
Stella Sinnott
Buffers Alley

4
PAULA NIC RAING
Paula Rankin
Bunclody

5
MÁIRE NÍ EIDEÁIN
Mary Hayden
Rathnure

6
AINGEAL NÍ EATHAIRN
Angie Hearne
St. Ibar's

7
FIONA NÍ DHUINN
Fiona Dunne
Oulart

8
ÓRLA NÍ IARNÁIN
Orla Hernan
Monageer

9
ÁINE MÁIRE NÍ CHONCHUBHAIR
Anne Marie O'Connor
Buffers Alley

10
MUIREANN NÍ LAOIRE
Marion O'Leary
Oylegate

11
ESME NÍ MHURCHÚ
Esme Murphy
Bunclody

12
ÁINE NÍ ROIDIGH
Anne Reddy Captaen
Rathnure

IONADAITHE:

- 13. **TINA NÍ FHEARGHAILE** Tina Farrell Oylegate
- 14. **AVIS NÍ NUALLÁIN** Avis Nolan Monageer
- 15. **CÁIT NÍ DHONNCHADHA** Kate Donohoe Buffers Alley
- 16. **GEARÓIDÍN NIC ÓDA** Geraldine Codd Rathnure

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Na Sinsir: Cill Chainning v. Loch Garman

Since the introduction in 1975 of the Open Draw in the All-Ireland Senior Championship, this is the sixth All-Ireland Final. Bhí Cill Chainnigh san iomaíocht iontú uilig, le hÁth Cliath in 1976, '85 agus '86, agus le Loch Garman i 1977, '90 agus '94. Cill Chainnigh won each of those Finals, a trend which Loch Garman would like to upset today.

Fite Fuaite ar a chéile atá cúrsaí camógaíochta na gContae seo. Níor bhuaigh ceachtar den dá Chontae Craobh Laighean go dtí 1968 toisc Áth Cliath a bheith i bhfad chun tosaigh ar na contaethe eile. Cill Chainnigh, in 1968, ended a thirty-six year unbeaten

run by Áth Cliath in the Leinster Championship, only for Loch Garman to defeat them in the Leinster final of that year. Loch Garman went on to win its first All-Ireland Final by defeating Corcaigh, and retained its title in 1969 at the expense of Aontroim. Both were to lose All-Ireland Finals to Corcaigh during the next few years, Cill Chainnigh in 1970 and '72, and Loch Garman in 1971.

Cill Chainnigh won its first title in 1974 and went on to win a further ten, including the "Magnificent Seven" in a row from 1985 to 1997. Eight National League titles also went to the Noreiders between 1980 and 1993. During this era, Loch Garman kept its colours flying with another All-Ireland title in 1975. It had the distinction of contesting the first Senior National League Final in 1977 and, while Tiobraid Árann won that inaugural title, Loch Garman turned the tables on the Munster girls in 1978. Loch Garman contested three further All-Ireland Championship Finals, two of them in the 1990s.

In fact, in 1990, Cill Chainnigh agus Loch Garman met in both the National League and All-Ireland Championship Finals. Is ag Cill Chainnigh a bhí an lámh in uachtar sa dá cheann.

Mar sin, tá an lá mór buailte linn agus na sean-cháirde agus comharsain in iomaíocht lena chéile arís. Pé toradh a bhíonn ar an gcluiche, is féidir a bheith cinnte de go mbeidh sár-chluiche ann.

CLUICHÍ CEANNAIS NA hÉIREANN GO DTÍ SEO

1977	Cill Chainnigh 3-04	Loch Garman 1-03
1990	Cill Chainnigh 1-14	Loch Garman 0-07

Cill Chainnigh (11): 1974, 1976, 1977, 1981, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991.

Loch Garman (3): 1968, 1969, 1975.

CLUICHÍ CEANNAIS NA hÉIREANN, 1994

Cill Chainnigh 4-09	Corcaigh 2-12
Cill Chainnigh 3-13	An Ghaillimh 2-05

Teachtaireacht an Uachtaráin



Belle Uí Lochlainn

Thar cheann Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael cuirim céad míle fáilte roimh chách chuig Páirc an Chrócaigh agus chuig Cluichí Ceannais na hÉireann sa Chamógaíocht. Fearaim fáilte ar leith roimh na himreoirí féin agus a lucht leanúna . . . Cill Chainnigh, Loch Garman, An Ghaillimh agus Luimneach. Fáilte chomh maith roimh na Réiteoirí agus roimh na hOifigigh uile.

This has been an intriguing year on the playing fields with many notable achievements and successes. All four participating Counties today are worthy finalists having overcome excellent teams on the long road to Páirc an Chrócaigh. Cill Chainnigh is seeking its twelfth Senior title and Loch Garman its fourth. An Ghaillimh would like to add the Junior title to the Senior National League and Minor Championship titles already won in 1994, while Luimneach will make every effort to bridge the gap since its last Championship success in 1977.

Guím rath agus séan ar na foirne uilig inniu, agus gabhaim buíochas leo siúd uilig, idir oiliúnaithe, roghnoirí agus Coistí Contae, a bhaincann leo.

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CILL CHAINNIGH



A Chail (ó chlár) Siobhán Ní Orláin, Deirdre Ní Mhuileoin, Michelle Ní Fhionnulaigh, Bríd Bharrnabha, Siobhán Aighleart, Sinéad Ní Mhuileoin, Gillian Ní Dhuilín, Bríd Ní Mhuileoin, Sandra Ní Ghliasa, Sinéad Ní Costelloe, Máiread Chomhdaic, Máire Ní Mhuileoin, Chán Tosaigh (ó chlár) Máiread Ní Lé, Ainead Ní Dhuilín, Tracy Ní Mhuileoin, Áine Ní Dhuilín (Captain), Marina Ní Dhuilín, Cónaice Ní Dhuilín, Máire Ní Craite, Eistín Ní Chinnéide, Imelda Ní Chinnéide.

1. Michelle Fennelly (Carrickshock). An chéad bhliain ar fhoireann na sinsear di. A cousin of the famous Fennelly family of which Kevin played in goal for the senior hurlers. Niece of Mary, a former winning Captain of the Senior Camogie team and a former Uachtarán. Carn bonn buaite aici, Craobh-chomórtas na Mionúir le Cill Chainnigh ina measc. Also holds Leinster Minor and Colleges, County Championship u-14 and County Primary schools medals.

2. Sinéad Costelloe (Freshford). d'imir i le Mionúir agus le Sóisir Chill Chainnigh agus bhain sí foireann na Sinsear amach i 1993. Has played at u-14, u-18 and u-21 within the County and holds County Championship medals in each grade. Bhuaidh sí boinn ag leibhéal na gColáistí i gCúige Laidhean, *maile le leibhéal na mbunscoileanna ina contae féin.* Holds a Senior National League medal and Minor Championship medal. Her mother, Maura Cassin, played with Cill Chainnigh in its first two Senior Finals in 1970 and 1972.

3. Tracy Millea (Graigue/Ballycallan). Ag imirt leis na Sinsir ó 1991 i leith, tá boinn buaite aici ag gach leibhéal laistigh dá contae - faoi 14, 18, 21 agus Bunscoileanna. Also holds Leinster Colleges medals, as well as 2 All-Ireland Minor, 1 All-Ireland Senior, 1 Gael Linn Championship, and 1 Senior National League medal. Bhí sí ina Captaen ar fhoireann na Mionúir i 1989.

4. Gillian Dillon (Freshford). Si seo an cúigiú bliain ag imirt leis na Sinsir di agus, cosúil lena lán dá comhimeoirí, tá boinn buaite ag gach leibhéal ó na

Bunscoileanna aníos aici laistigh dá contae féin. Is the holder of 2 Senior and 2 Minor All-Ireland Championship medals, 3 National League and 2 Senior Gael Linn medals, as well as numerous Colleges and County Championship medals.

5. Deirdre Malone (Graigue/Ballycallan). Si seo an triú bliain déag ar fhoireann na sinsear di. One of the more experienced of the team, Deirdre holds 8 Senior All-Ireland Championship medals, 7 Senior National League and 2 Gael Linn medals, together with a host of Colleges and County Championship medals at several levels. Ba mhór aici é an naoiú bonn a bhuaicint inniu.

6. Marina Downey (Lisdowney). Ag imirt le foireann na Sinsear ó 1987 i leith, is iar-imroir de chuid na Mionúir i. Recently won her second Leinster Club Championship medal with her Club. Another player with several County Championship and Leinster Colleges medals to her credit, she also holds 4 Senior All-Ireland Championship, 6 Senior National League and 2 Senior Gael Linn medals.

7. Ann Downey (Lisdowney). Captaen.

8. Marie Maher (Tullaroan). Óg-imroir eile a thosaigh ag imirt leis na Sinsir i 1993. Another to carry on the family Camogie tradition as her mother, Breda Cassin, twin sister of Maura Cassin and aunt of Sinéad Costelloe, played with Cill Chainnigh in its first two All-Ireland Finals of 1970 and 1972. She holds one Senior National League and 1 Minor All-Ireland Bunscoileanna, u-14 and Minor Championship medals. d'imir sí le Coláiste Bhríde,

Callainn, lena bhuaidh sí Craobhchomórtas na n-Iarbhunscoileanna, Sinsear agus Sóisear.

9. Brigid Mullaly (Glenmore). Bhuaidh sí Comórtas na Scileanna i bhFeile na nGael i 1988. In her fifth season with the Senior team, she has won 2 Senior All-Ireland Championships, 3 Senior National League and 2 Senior Gael Linn medals. She also holds 2 Minor All-Ireland medals and scored 6-7 in the 1989 final. Her collection also includes County Championship and Leinster u-14 medals.

10. Catherine Dunne (Lisdowney). Cé gurb í seo an chéad bhliain ar fhoireann na sinsear di, bhí sí ar an bpaireál anuraidh nuair a bhuaidh Cill Chainnigh Sraithchomórtas na Sinsear. Recently won her second Leinster Club Championship medal with her Club. Also holds Senior, Junior and u-21 County Championship medals, and 1 Combined Colleges medal at Third level.

11. Angela Downey (Lisdowney). Gan amhras, beidh buan-áit i stair na Camógaíochta aici. She first donned the black and amber in 1972 as a very young schoolgirl, has played in twelve of the thirteen Finals which Cill Chainnigh has contested, and has won eleven Senior All-Ireland Championship medals. Bhuaidh sí Gradam Texaco i 1986, Gradam an B + I i 1977, 1986 and 1989, agus Gradam Tailte i 1984, '85, '86. Her enormous collection of medals include 8 Senior National League, 10 Senior Gael Linn, 5 All-Ireland Club Championship, All-Ireland Senior and Junior Colleges medals with Scoil Bhríde, Callainn, a Dúthracht medal with Coláiste Phádraig, Mh Nuadhait, and 22 Senior County Championship medals, 20 of which she won with Naomh Pól. Like twin sister, Ann, she recently won her second Leinster Club Championship medal with her present club. Beidh a fear chéile, Ted Browne, agus a n-inion, Katy, thar a bheith bródúil aisti inniu.

12. Sinead Millea (Graigue/Ballycallan). Is deirfiúir le Tracy í agus d'imir sí le foireann na Sinsear don chéad uair i 1991. Another Coláiste Bhríde, Callainn, player, she captained her school to All-Ireland Junior Colleges victory in 1990 and, in all, won 2 Junior and 2 Senior All-Ireland Colleges medals. Also holds 1 All-Ireland Senior Championship, 1 Senior Gael Linn, 2 Senior National League, 3 All-Ireland Minor, and Bunscoileanna, u-14, u-18, u-21 and Senior County Championship medals.

13. Brigid Barnaville (Lisdowney). d'imir sí leis na Sinsir don chéad uair i 1990 tar éis di imirt leis na Sóisir agus na Mionúir. Holds u-14, u-18, u-21, Senior and Junior County Championship medals, with pride of place going to her 1 Senior All-Ireland Championship, 2 National League and 2 All-Ireland Minor medals. She recently won her second Leinster Club Championship medal.

14. Esther Kennedy (Freshford). Si seo an triú bliain ag imirt le foireann na Sinsear di. Tá carn mór



Áine Ní Dhúnaigh (Lios Dúnaigh). Captaen. Ní raibh into ach cailín óg scoile nuair a chéad-imir sí le Cill Chainnigh i 1973. Twenty-one years have brought Ann many deserved honours including 11 Senior All-Ireland Championships, 8 Senior National League and 10 Senior Gael Linn medals. She won her first Senior All-Ireland medal on her first appearance in an All-Ireland Final in 1974 when Cill Chainnigh won its first All-Ireland title. She won 6 All-Ireland Club Championship medals with St. Paul's and recently won her thirteenth Leinster Club Championship medal and her second with her present Club. Bhí sí ag imirt le Coláiste Bhríde, Callainn, nuair a bhuaidh an scoil Craobhchomórtas na n-Iarbhunscoileanna, Sinsear agus Sóisear. To add to her vast collection of medals are 22 Senior County Championship and 3 All-Ireland Seven-a-Side medals. With her twin sister, Angela, she was the joint winner of the B + I Award in 1986 and 1989, and was the first winner of the National Irish Bank Award in 1991. Ann is also the holder of 3 Irish International Squash Caps and an Inter-Provincial Hockey Cup Winners medal. Ba mhór aici é Corn Ua Dubhthaigh a bheith abhaile go Cill Chainnigh le mar a d'heim agus i ina Captaen i 1989.

bonn buaite laistigh agus lasmuigh dá contae aici. Holds 2 Senior National League medals, 1 All-Ireland Minor Championship medal, and numerous County Championship medals at Bunscoileanna, u-14, u-18, u-21 and Minor levels.

15. Margaret Hickey (Freshford). An chéad bhliain ag imirt le foireann na Sinsear di, tá stór mór de bhoinn cheana féin aici. Holds 1 Minor All-Ireland Championship and 1 Feile na nGael medal, Leinster Junior, Minor, u-14 and Colleges medals, 1 Corn Phuirseil medal at third level, and several County Championship medals at Bunscoileanna, u-14, u-18, u-21, Minor and Senior B levels.

16. Margaret Kavanagh (Freshford). Duine eile atá ag imirt le foireann na Sinsear don chéad uair i mbliana ach carn de bhoinn cheana féin aici. Holds 1 Minor All-Ireland Championship medal, 2 Feile na nGael, Leinster Junior, Minor, u-14 and Colleges medals, as well as County Championship medals

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LOCH GARMAN



Ar chúl (to chlé) - Eime Ní Mhurchú, Áine Máire Ní Chonchubhair, Orla Ní Ghacháin, Gearóidín Ní Oda, Bairbre Sluade, Terri de Buffléir, Muireann Ní Laoire, Máire Ní Oda, Áine Ní Roidigh (Captaen), Paula Ní Raing, Caitríona Ní Mhurchú. Chom tasiagh (to chlé) - Tina Ní Fhearghail, Áine Ní Nualláin, Orla Ní Laoire, Cáit Ní Dhomhnaigh, Róaltán Shannad, Fiona Ní Dhuinn, Eilis Ní Aidéin, Aingel Ní Eidein, Orla Ní Iarsáin.

- Terri Butler** (Buffers Alley). Sár-chosantóir agus sár-thosach í. A very versatile player, was the top scorer with her Club in this year's County Championship. Holds All-Ireland Club Championship and Gael Linn medals, as well as All-Ireland Seven-a-Side and County Championship medals. Sister of County Camogie and Hurling stars, Ann, Henry, Mick and Pearse.
- Catherine Murphy** (Rathnure). Thosnaigh sí ag imirt lena Contae in aois a 13 di agus bhí sí ina Captaen ar an bhfoireann sa Chluiche Ceannais i 1992. Was on the Rest of Ireland team which played Áth Cliath in its Millennium Celebration, 1988. Holds Gael Linn and Leinster Club Championship medals.
- Stella Sinnott** (Buffers Alley). Bhuaidh sí Craobhchomórtas Idir-Chlub na hÉireann ceithre huairte as a chéile idir 1981 agus 1984. She has represented Cúige Laighean in both Camógaíocht and Hockey. Holds County, Leinster Senior and Minor, and All-Ireland Seven-a-Side medals as well as All-Ireland Club and Gael Linn Championship medals.
- Paula Rankin** (Bunclody). Iar-chaptaen ar F.C.J. Bun Clóidí atá inti agus í ina captaen ar a Club i mbliana. Played with Thomond College as a third level student and was selected to represent the Combined Colleges. Tá stór de bhoinn aici, idir chomórtas laistigh agus lasmuigh dá contae. Holds County Junior Championship, Leinster Club Championship and Corn Puirseil medals at Third Level.
- Mary Hayden** (Rathnure). d'Fhíll sí ar an gcamógaíocht i 1988 tar éis di sos a ghlacadh

- agus níorbh fhada go raibh sí ar ais ar fhoireann na sinsear. Since her return, she has won seven medals with her club and was on the All-Ireland Senior Final panel of 1992. She captained her club to the All-Ireland Club Championship Final of 1992. Iar Rúnaí an Chlub atá inti chomh maith.
- Angie Hearne** (St. Ibar's). Ag imirt leis na Sinsir ó 1990 i leith, agus tá mór-charn de bhoinn ag leibhéal na n-aosánach laistigh dá contae aici. She also represented her club in U-14 Hurling. She played Ladies Gaelic Football with her county and won two All-Star awards. She is also a former member of the Irish Ladies Soccer panel. Holds a Leinster Senior Championship Camogie medal.
- Fiona Dunne** (Oulart). Is deirfiúir í le Siobhán a d'imir le Loch Garman agus le Cúige Laighean, agus le Liam agus Tomás a imríonn iománaíocht le Loch Garman. She was on the team which lost to An Ghaillimh in the 1993 All-Ireland Senior Semi-final, but made up for that disappointment by scoring 2 goals and 10 points against the same opposition in 1994. Ba mhór ar fad aici é a leithéid a dhéanamh arís sa Chluiche Ceannais inniu. Holds a Gael Linn Senior medal.
- Orla Herman** (Monageer). Sí seo an chéad bhliain a fhoireann na Sinsear di cé go raibh sí ag imirt le foireann na Sóisear go dtí seo. A young player who has just completed Second Level education, she played Camógaíocht with Coláiste Bhríde. She made her Senior debut against An Ghaillimh in the 1994 Championship.

- Anne Marie O'Connor** (Buffers Alley). Iarscoláire de chuid F.C.J. Bun Clóidí, agus d'Ollscoil Chathair Átha Cliath atá inti. Has represented Loch Garman in three All-Ireland Finals - Minor in 1986, and Senior in 1990 and 1992. Gabháil bhonn lena Club aici laistigh dá contae agus i gCúige Laighean. Holds numerous County Championship and College medals as well as All-Ireland Seven-a-side medals. Ina Captaen ar a Club i mbliana.
- Marion O'Leary** (Oylegate). Ina scoláire in R.T.C., Portlárige, go dtí le déanaí áit ar bhuaidh sí comórtais de chuid C.C.I.A. While studying Recreation Management she won 2 C.C.I.A. League medals and 3 Corn Puirseil medals. Imríonn sí peil le Loch Garman chomh maith agus bhí sí ina captaen ar an bhfoireann i mbliana. Is also a keen soccer player.
- Esme Murphy** (Bunclody). Is scoláire iarbhuiscóir agus í ar an duine is óige ar an bhfoireann. She has already helped her County to reach the All-Ireland Minor Championship Semi-final in 1994. Although the youngest player on the team, she scored 1 goal and 2 points in her Senior debut against Áth Cliath this year.
- Ann Reddy** (Rathnure). CAPTAEN.
- Tina Farrell** (Oylegate). Is ionadaí don Chluiche Ceannais na hÉireann i 1992. She is an experienced goalkeeper who has guarded the net for the Loch Garman Junior team for the last three years. She also gives her time to the younger team and was also a selector with the County Minor team this year.
- Avis Nolan** (Monageer). Imreoir óg eile a bhfuil críochnaithe le déanaí aici lena cuid iarbhuiscólaíochta i gColáiste Bhríde. With impressive displays with the Loch Garman Junior team to her credit, she has joined the Senior panel in 1994. Gan amhras, tiocfaidh a lá le foireann na sinsear.
- Kate Donohoe** (Buffers Alley). Is deirfiúir í le Stella Sinnott atá ina cosantóir ar an bhfoireann. She plays at centre-field with her Club with which she won a Senior County Championship medal this year. As well as numerous County Championship medals, she also holds All-Ireland Club Championship and All-Ireland Seven-a-Side medals.
- Geraldine Codd** (Rathnure). Is colcheathrar leis an gCaptaen, Ann Reddy, í agus d'imir an bheirt acu le chéile i gCluiche Ceannais na hÉireann i 1992. Is a niece of All-Ireland Hurling medal winner, Martin Codd. Bhí sí ar fhoireann na Mionúr a bhain Cluiche Ceannais na hÉireann amach in 1986. Captained R.T.C., Portlárige, to C.C.I.A. Championship and League double in 1972.



Áine Ní Roidigh Naomh Áine, Rath an Iúir CAPTAEN

Tá Áine ag imirt le foireann Loch Garman le deich mbliain anuas, nach mór, agus tá curtha go mór aici le cursaí camógaíochta ina Club féin, Rath an Iúir, agus sa Chontae. Like the Cill Chainnigh captain, Ann has already captained her team in an All-Ireland Senior Final.

Despite playing a captain's part and a major role in the 1990 Final, she suffered the personal disappointment of seeing Corn Ua Dubhthaigh being presented to old friends and rivals, Cill Chainnigh.

The 1992 Final against Corcaigh saw further disappointment for Anne, and she is determined that the almost twenty-year gap since the last Loch Garman success will be bridged on this occasion.

Níl aon uasal nach mbíonn thuas seal agus thíos seal, áfach, agus, cé is moite do bhonn Uile-Éireann, tá a lán eile buaite aici ar na páirceanna imeartha. Anne holds five Gael Linn Inter-Provincial medals with Cúige Laighean which she won in 1986, '86, '88, '89 and '92. She has also won Leinster Championship medals.

She has also won Leinster Championship medals. She took particular pride in being part of the Naomh Áine, Rath an Iúir, team which created history for itself in reaching the All-Ireland Club Championship Final in 1992. Beidh Áine bródúil arís inniu agus foireann Loch Garman faoi stiúir aici i gCluiche Ceannais na hÉireann.

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Na Réiteoirí



Caitriona Mhic Alastair
(Aontroim)

Sóisear

Beidh Caitriona i mbun Cluiche Ceannais na Sóisear don chéad uair di inniu, ach tá sean-taithí ar an réiteoireacht i gcoitinne aici. Like her colleague, Maria, Catherine has refereed at all grades both within her county and at provincial and national level. Although this is her first Final in Páirc an Chrócaigh, Catherine was in charge of the Minor Championship Final in 1993, has refereed several Senior National League matches, and paid two visits to London this year to take charge of the Junior Championship quarter and semi-finals.

Is imreoir den chéad scoth í Caitriona chomh maith agus í ina comhalta den Chlub Cushendall. She has represented her county at both Junior and Senior level, and her Province, Cúige Uladh, at Senior level. Tá a cion déanta i gcúrsaí riaracháin chomh maith aici taréis di bheith ina Cathaoirleach, Rúnaí agus Dífigeach Caidreamh Poiblí de chuid a Coiste Contae.

Na Maoir Chúil

Mairéad Nic Philib, Francine Nic Uilliam, Ailis Nic Uilliam
(Aontroim)

Fiona Nic Cionaoith
(Ardmhacha)

Na Réiteoirí

Ina cónaí ar an Trá Mhór, Portláirge, is comhalta den Chlub Micheál Mac Craith í Máire. Éiríonn lei breis is dhá thrá a fhreastal idir bheith ag imirt, ag réiteoireacht, agus sáite i gcúrsaí riaracháin laistigh agus lasmuigh dá contae féin. Ina dteannta siúd, is múinteoir bunscoile i gClochar na Trócaire, Portláirge, í.

Maria is an experienced Referee and has, to date, been in charge of several All-Ireland Championship and National League Semi-finals and Finals.



Sinsear:
Máire Uí Pholáird
Portláirge

She is no stranger to Páirc an Chrócaigh, having refereed the All-Ireland Junior Final in 1992. Bhí an Cluiche Ceannais de Shraithchomórtas na Sóisear faoina cúram i 1993, maille leis an dá Chluiche Leath-Cheannais de Chraobhchomórtas na Sinsear i mbliana. Today's match will be her first Senior Championship Final.

A former Cathaoirleach and Rúnaí of Coiste Contae Phortláirge, Maria is the present Cathaoirleach of Lár-Choiste na Réiteoirí.

Gan amhras, beidh a fear cheile, Eamonn, agus a bpáistí, Cian agus Deirdre, thar a bheith bródúil as Máire inniu.

Na Maoir Chúil

Briainín Uí Chatháin
Seaicé Ní Mhurchú

Treasa Ní Mhuirí
Léan Ní Mhathúna

(Portláirge)

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Ó Ghlúin go Glúin

MOTHERS

Twins Maura & Breda Cassin
(Cill Chainnigh)

Sisters Kit & Josie Kehoe
(Loch Garman)

Bunty Shire
(Luimneach)

Annie Meany
(Luimneach)

FATHERS

Shem Downey
(Cill Chainnigh)

Pa Dillon
(Cill Chainnigh)

Joe Millea
(Cill Chainnigh)

George Rankin
(Loch Garman)

Eamonn Cregan
(Luimneach)

FATHER

Tom Ryan
(Cill Chainnigh, Manager)

DAUGHTERS

Sinéad Costelloe
Marie Maher

Máire Codd
Orla Gahan

Marguerite Guiry

Cliona

DAUGHTERS

Twins - Angela & Ann

Gillian

Tracy & Sinéad

Paula

Niamh

SON

John
(Cill Chainnigh Selector)

Buaiteoirí na gCraobhchomórtas ó 1932 í leith

SINSEAR	1988,	1989,	1990,	1990.
Áth Cliath (26): 1932, 1933, 1937, 1938, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1984.	1988, 1989, 1990, 1991.	Aontroim (6): 1945, 1946, 1947, 1956, 1967, 1979.	Doire (2): 1969, 1978.	Luimneach (1): 1977.
Corcaigh (16): 1934, 1935, 1936, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1978, 1980, 1982, 1983, 1992, 1993.	Loch Garman (3): 1968, 1969, 1975.	Tipperary (1): 1992.		
Cill Chainnigh (11): 1974, 1976, 1977, 1981, 1985, 1986, 1987.				
SÓISEAR	MIONÚR			
Corcaigh (4): 1973, 1980, 1983, 1984.	Corcaigh (8): 1975, 1976, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1983, 1984, 1985.			
An Ghaillimh (4): 1972, 1979, 1985, 1988.	An Ghaillimh (4): 1977, 1981, 1986, 1987.			
Áth Cliath (3): 1970, 1971, 1975.	Cill Chainnigh (3): 1988, 1989, 1991.			
An Clár (3): 1974, 1981, 1986.	Tiobraid Árann (3): 1990, 1992, 1993.			
An Dún (3): 1968, 1976, 1991.	An Dún (1): 1974.			
Cill Dara (3): 1987, 1989,	Áth Cliath (1): 1982.			



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A photograph of a female lacrosse player in a red helmet and orange and black striped jersey, holding a lacrosse stick and a ball. She is being defended by a player in a yellow and blue jersey. The background is blurred, showing other players and spectators.

Kilkenny inspired by Downeys

Kilkenny inspired by Downeys

Wexford manager Ray

But a moment of inspiration in the 11th minute saw Downey score her first goal.

Kathryn Davis

Angela Downey added another point while Paula Rankin and Fiona Dunne replied for Wexford as Kilkenny led 1-3 to 0-4 at the break.

A further free by Dunne ended

KILKENNY: M Fennelly, S Connolly, T Miles, G Dillon, O Malone, M Downey (0-1), Aho Downey (cap) (0-3 from free), Usher, B Mulrally (0-1), C Dunne, Angus Downey (0-2), S Millies (0-2, one free) Sub: J Semple

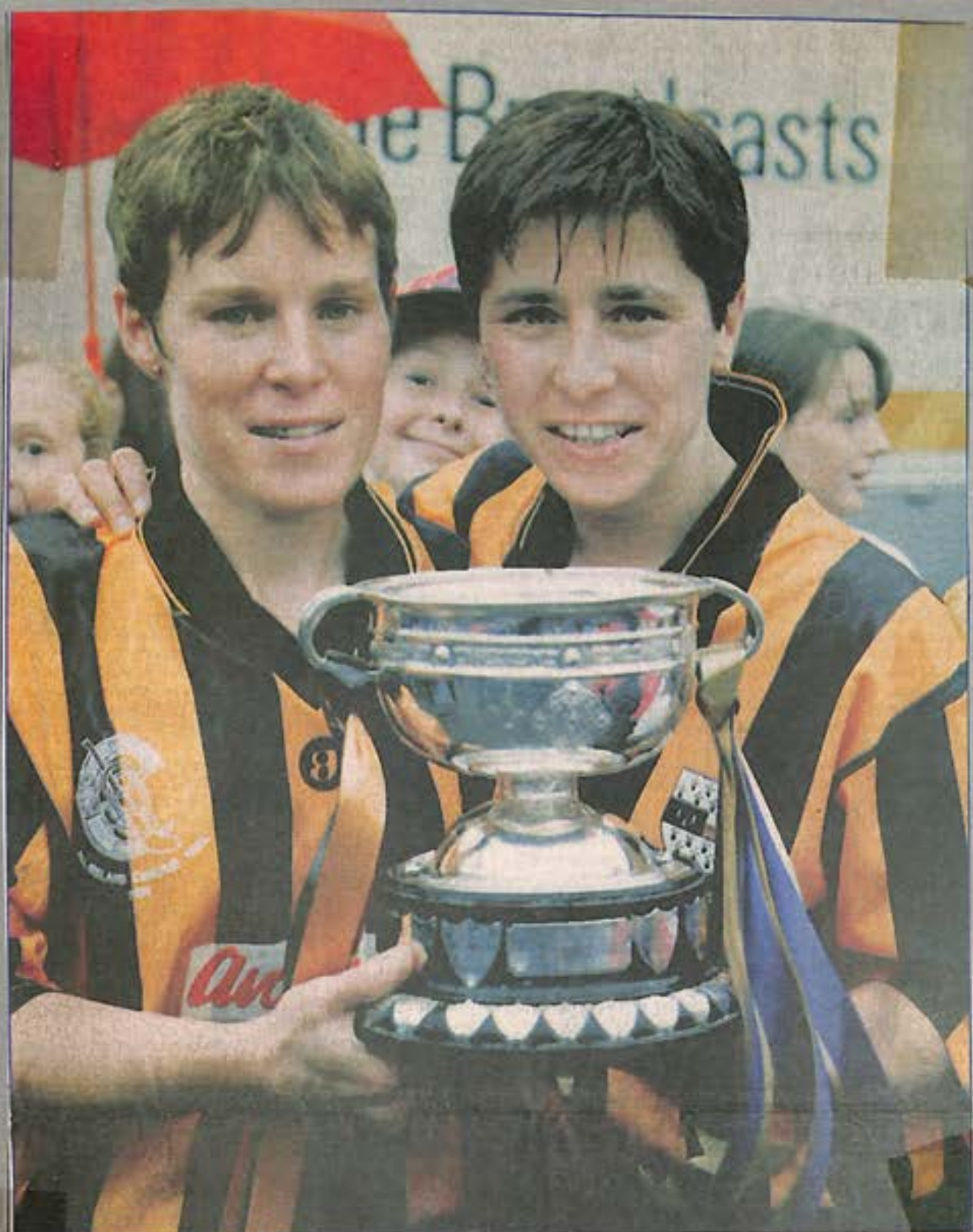
(0-1) for Durne (17 min)

WEXFORD: T Butler, C Murphy, S Smith, P Rankins (0-1), M Hayden, C Reilly, P Dunn (0-4, one '30', three frees), C Ryan, A W O'Connor (0-2), M O'Leary, C Murphy (0-1)

Freddy, Sub: G Gould for Reilly (6 min)

Nolan for Healey (53 min)

Referee: M Pollard (Marlboro)



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Twins Hit 24 . . . The Downey twins, Angela (left) and Ann, with the All-Ireland senior camogie trophy after Kilkenny's victory at Croke Park, on Sunday. Angela was top scorer (2-3), while Ann was team captain and scored three points from defence. Both girls have won twelve All-Ireland senior medals each.

Kilkenny take camogie title for twelfth time

By Kathryn Davis

ANGELA DOWNEY gained her 12th All-Ireland camogie medal yesterday when the O'Duffy Cup returned to Kilkenny for the first time in two years but promptly announced that this latest victory over neighbours Wexford was the best.

Kilkenny have a total of 12 titles since they first made the breakthrough some 20 years ago and the Downey sisters, Ann and Angela, have been part of each of those victories. However, yesterday was the last time that Angela will grace the wide sward of Croke Park in her beloved black and amber. Ann is not yet certain of her future plans on the playing front.

Wexford came searching for their first title since their first victory in three encounters with their near neighbours and left as they had on the two previous occasions with their hopes dashed. The Wexford tactics of curbing the dashing Downey twins appeared to be working as Stella Sinnott stuck like a leech to Angela for the opening 10 minutes cutting out any moves by the 37-

year-old to swing sweetly.

But it only takes a momentary lapse for Angela Downey to find the net and the first of those appeared after 10 minutes. Catherine Dunne provided the pass and Angela, although surrounded by three players emerged to shudder the net.

Wexford fought back from a two-point half-time deficit, 1-3 to 0-4, to equalise after nine minutes of the second half but a point three minutes later by substitute Brigid Barnaville was the impetus that Kilkenny needed.

The losers appeared to run out of steam in the closing quarter as the wise old heads added on the necessary points and fittingly Angela had the final say when her instinctive goal put a gloss on the 2-11 to 0-8 scoreline in the final minute.

There was no glorious return to the scene of his All-Ireland hurling success for Eamonn Cregan when his Limerick charges were well beaten in the junior final by Galway who were tasting success at this level after three bitter defeats. Nimble full forward Veronica Curtin was the girl who wrought much havoc for the losers scoring two fine goals.

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Ann Downey raises the O'Duffy Cup after Kilkenny's win in the All-Ireland senior camogie final against Wexford at Croke Park yesterday. — (Photograph: Alan Betson)

The Kilkenny twins peak



FAMILY FORTUNES . . . Kilkenny captain Ann Downey lifts the O'Duffy Cup at Croke park yesterday while (inset) delighted sister and team-mate Angela looks on. Picture by Tom Conacher

KILKENNY..... 2-11
WEXFORD..... 0-8
THE dynamic Downeys have done it again. The remarkable sporting sisters, Ann and Angela, brought their haul of All-Ireland senior camogie medals to a staggering 24 at Croke Park yesterday.

Twenty years since they and Kilkenny first won an All-Ireland senior camogie championship, twins Ann and Angela were back in Croke Park yesterday to complete a double dozen of winners' medals.

And Ann, for good measure, had the honour of lifting the O'Duffy Cup as captain of the victorious team.

PHYSICAL ENCOUNTER

Angela, who contributed 2-3 to Kilkenny's winning total, rightly described yesterday's victory as a very physical encounter, and in the end Wexford simply didn't have the fitness to last a battle that had no place for the weak-willed.

Wexford began the game like a team that needed goals, as if they had decided even before they took the field that they would not have the staying power to last the full hour with Kilkenny.

And by the final whistle, even a comeback along the lines of that achieved by Offaly in the hurling final would not have saved the girls from The Model County who failed to register a single score in the closing thirteen minutes.

They had managed to stay in touch with Kilkenny up to that point, an inspirational goal from Angela

Downeys get All-Ireland medals by the dozen

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Downey after thirteen minutes being the only real difference between the sides.

Downey found the net in typically determined style, collecting a handpass from Catherine Dunne and driving through the defensive cover which included Wexford goalkeeper Terri Butler to finish into an empty net.

Kilkenny had earlier built a two point lead in the opening four minutes through scores from Marina Downey and Brigid Mullaly, but Wexford had only themselves to blame for trailing at such an early stage.

Four wides and two excellent chances squandered was the sorry return before they registered their first score with the game eleven minutes old.

Esme Murphy was gifted a gilt edged opportunity by Anne Reddy but couldn't get a shot on goal, and Fiona Dunne, who finished as Wexford's top scorer with four points, tried for a goal from a free when the

simple tap over point seemed the more appropriate option.

She did it again four minutes before the break, by which time Wexford seemed to have settled into their stride with points from Anne Marie O'Connor, Murphy and a stunning effort from midfield which Paula Rankin sent sailing over the bar.

Trailing by two points at half time, Wexford cut that to just one two minutes after the break when O'Connor found the target off the post.

Kilkenny responded with a point from Sinéad Millea, but two more scores from Dunne saw Wexford on level terms for the first time since the throw in.

They were to manage just one more score however, another pointed free from Dunne, as their challenge petered out in the face of a determined Kilkenny onslaught.

RESTORE IMPETUS

Substitute Brigid Barnaville pointed for Kilkenny within a minute of replacing Catherine Dunne, and that seemed to restore their impetus.

Suddenly Angela Downey was back in the heat of the action, and with sister Ann punishing every Wexford indiscretion from placed balls, Kilkenny began to pull away once again.

SCORERS — Kilkenny: Angela Downey 2-3, Ann Downey 0-3 (all frees), S Millea 0-2 (0-1 free), M Downey, B Barnaville, B Mullaly 0-1 each. Wexford: F Dunne 0-4 (0-3 frees, 0-1 30'), A O'Connor 0-2, P Rankin, E Murphy 0-1 each.

KILKENNY — M Feenally, S Costelloe, T Millea, G Dillon, D Malone, M Downey, Ann Downey, M Maher, B Mullaly, C Dunne, Angela Downey, S Millea. Subs: B Barnaville for C Dunne (47 mins).

WEXFORD — T Butler, C Murphy, S Sinnott, P Rankin, M Hayden, A Heame, F Dunne, D Hennessy, A O'Connor, M O'Leary, E Murphy, A Reddy. Subs: G Cull for A Reddy (47 mins), A Nolan for A Heame (55 mins).

REF — M. Pender (Wexford).

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Ageless Downeys set a standard

By Yvonne Judge

IF age is the criteria for the length of a person's sporting career, then fifteen-year-old Esme Murphy of Wexford can look forward to another twenty-two years of sporting action.

Yesterday at Croke Park the debutante who overcame any nerves of the occasion to score a point, was given a lesson in sporting prowess by two women, twenty-two years her elder.

Ann and Angela Downey did much once again to help Kilkenny win their and the county's twelfth O'Duffy Senior Camogie Cup.

They both played in 1974, when the black and amber shirts claimed their first title, and yesterday they stood triumphant again, after playing on every winning side since. And it is not as if their influence or skill have diminished over the years, far from it.

Yesterday Ann was a linchpin in defence, and despite the close and even over-zealous marking which she received, she came through magnificently to receive the Cup as team captain.

In her speech, Ann thanked all who played a part in the victory, but nobody begrudged her when she gave her twin sister Angela a special mention. "The greatest camogie player I have ever seen," she declared to rapturous cheers and Angela's customary two goals and three points backed up that claim sufficiently.

After the match, Angela announced that she was calling it a day, and despite temptations she had played her last camogie for Kilkenny. "It's brilliant but it gets harder every time," she said.

The sport will miss her, but her opponents undoubtedly will not. Ann meanwhile is undecided as to whether she will retire so that probably means the Lisdowney woman will be around next year.

● A negative aspect of yesterday's senior camogie final was the amount of personal fouling in the game. Off the ball cuts across heads were numerous and quite a few players narrowly avoided serious injury. It is something that should be looked at and referees should try and stamp it out early in matches.

ANN'S CUP OF JOY!

Picture: TOM HANAHOE
■ TRIUMPHANT: Kilkenny captain Ann Downey raises the cup after her team defeated Wexford in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Final at Croke Park yesterday.

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● CHAMPIONS . . . the Kilkenny Camogie team who defeated Wexford in yesterday's All-Ireland final at Croke Park. Report on page 47.

Picture by TOM HANAHOE

Kilkenny take twelfth title after a torrid encounter

KILKENNY 2-11
WEXFORD 0-8

THOSE Downey twins have done it again! Ann and Angela Downey, and the Kilkenny camogie team, won their twelfth O'Duffy Cup at Croke Park yesterday when they beat neighbours and rivals Wexford.

The first came in 1974, and according to two-goal hero Angela, it doesn't get any easier twenty years on.

"It's brilliant but it gets harder all the time," she gasped as she collected the Woman-of-the-Match award. Her sister Ann, who captained the victorious Kilkenny team, nodded vigorously. "Tough, tough, it was really, really tough," she said.

And she was not joking. In a match which was not for the faint-hearted, the Downeys — Ann in particular — came in for some close personal attention from a few of the Wexford team, but the off-the-ball whacks stiffened rather than weakened the Lisdowney woman's resolve.

Having said that, Kilkenny were well able to dish it straight back to Wexford and it is frankly a wonder nobody received their marching orders.

The score and 11-point winning margin belies the fact that the final was a closely contested affair. Wides dominated the proceedings and slippery conditions did not help.

Kilkenny led for most of the match but they only drew away when Wexford equalised halfway through the second half.

Downey twins make it a dozen

REPORT BY:

Yvonne Judge

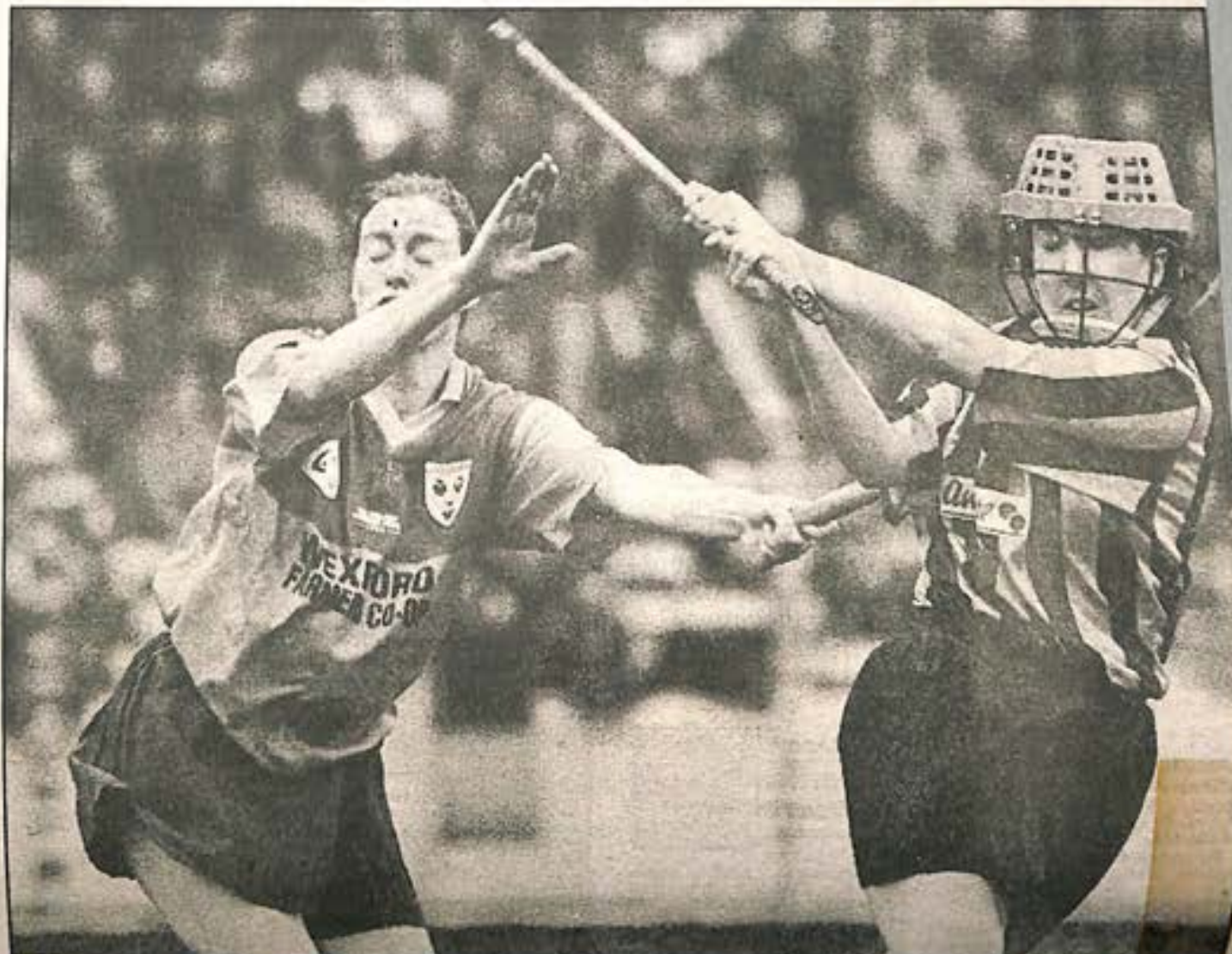


speech, added two points and the killer goal.

Angela Downey incidentally, swears that she has now retired from camogie, although she has said that before. Ann Downey has made no such promise yet.

KILKENNY: M Fennelly, S Costelloe, T Milles, G Dillon, D Malone, M Downey (0-1), Ann Downey (capt, 0-3), M Maher, B Mullaly (0-1), C Dunne, Angela Downey (2-3), M Milles. Subs — B Barnaville (0-1) for Dunne.

WEXFORD: T Butler, C Murphy, B Lynsott, P Rankin, M Hayden, A Kearns (0-1), F Dunne (0-4), G Hernan, A M O'Connor (0-2), M O'Leary, E Murphy (0-1), A Reddy (capt), Subs — A Nolan (0-1) for Kearns, G Codd for Reddy.



● WELL AWAY . . . Brigid Mullaly gets in her shot under pressure from Wexford's Paula Rankin during the All-Ireland Senior Camogie final at Croke Park yesterday.

Picture: TOM RANATHIR

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Third time lucky for Galway girls

GALWAY..... 2-10
LIMERICK..... 1-11

EAMON CREGAN'S lucky streak in Croke Park came to an end yesterday afternoon when his Limerick junior camogie team were beaten by a stronger Galway side, writes **YVONNE JUDGE**.

Limerick were always battling to draw in. Martina Harkin did most of the work for Galway with her six well taken points from frees, but the crucial goals came from Curtin. On the Limerick scoring sheet, Pauline McCarthy monopolised proceedings with 1-9 for her county.

Eamon Cregan spoke before the final of the tactic of keeping the team's shape, but that was in fact where Limerick fell down. A goal miss by Elizabeth O'Riordan just before half time will no doubt haunt her for some time and a

disallowed goal just after the break when Pauline McCarthy was judged to have taken too many steps, were the scoring chances that Limerick needed and they were always nibbling at the ankles of Harkin and company for the rest of the match.

GALWAY — F Earls, O Costello, F Ryan, C Curley (capt), D Gilligan, G Maher, H Ryan, Carmel Hannon, M Harkin (0-6), E Hardiman (0-1), T Fallon (0-1), V Guerin (2-2), Subst: Y Larkin for F Ryan.
LIMERICK — B O'Brien (0-1), H Clifford-McCarthy, A Sheehy, I O'Brien, E Leonard, E O'Riordan, I Quaid (capt), M Burke, C McNamara, R. R. Burke, P McCarthy (1-9), M Guiry, Subst: M Loneragan for C McNamara (0-1); M McCarthy for E O'Riordan.

Their fitness and extra yard of pace showed as they moved into another gear. The introduction of Bridget Barnaville halfway through the second half facilitated the fruitful move of Angela Downey to full forward.

The raised arms of the 37-year-old in the last minute of normal time celebrated her goal, which had been effectively stolen from the grasp of Wexford goalkeeper Terri Butler.

Downey also claimed the first goal, which came after 12 minutes. Kilkenny lead by only two points to one after a plethora of wides, but Downey's handpass to the back of the net gave them a vital cushion.

Precision free taking by Wexford's Fionne Dunne and good work by Ann Marie O'Connor and 15-year-old Exme Murphy meant that that only two points separated the teams at half-time.

Two frees by Dunne brought them level. It was then, however, that the fifth gear of Kilkenny was found and Barnaville's introduction and subsequent point signalled the resurgence.

Ann Downey scored three points from frees, and sister Angela, who got a special mention in the winning

WONDER Kilkenny twins, Angela and Ann Downey, have now moved into joint third place in the all-time list of All-Ireland camogie medal winners.

Yesterday, the Downeys chalked up their 12th All-Ireland awards, as they helped Kilkenny maintain their grip on the O'Duffy Cup, thanks to a 2-11 to 0-8 success over Wexford, at Croke Park.

The Lisdowney sisters are now just one medal behind second placed Una O'Connor, of Dublin, with fellow Dub Kathleen Mills leading the list with 15 medals.

Both Angela, and Ann, who captained yesterday's side, won their first All-Ireland medal back in 1974, but on that occasion, Ann did not make an on-field appearance as the sub goalkeeper.

Angela had additional cause for celebration after the victory over Wexford, as she finished Kilkenny's top scorer with the magnificent total of two goals and three points.

In the junior final, Galway defeated Limerick, coached by Eamonn Cregan, by 2-10 to 1-11.



● **ON THE MARCH**... Limerick captain Ida Quaid is pursued by a Galway player in yesterday's All-Ireland Junior Camogie final.

STYLE OF CHAMPIONS...



□ **FORWARD MARCH:** Kilkenny's Gillian Dillon takes off with Wexford's Stella Sinnott in pursuit

It's dozen up for twins

A twin triumph

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Picture: Tom Handhoe

DOUBLE IMPACT: the Downey twins, Ann (left) and Angela in happy mood as they hold the All-Ireland senior camogie cup after Kilkenny's defeat of Wexford.



“Angela scored Kilkenny's two goals while Ann captained her side to victory against Wexford.”

HAVING lost the ball the player turned and using the stick as an extension to the arm made a long sweeping gesture which brought player and ball in contact again.

“Oh, lovely hurling,” said a woman in the Hogan stand even though it wasn't. What it was though was lovely camogie as Galway moved towards a narrow victory over all-Ireland junior final rivals Limerick at Croke Park yesterday.

There are a number of subtle differences between the game of camogie and its male equivalent hurling. For one thing camogie players don't engage in the on-pitch ritual of swapping shirts at the end of the match.

Camogie is played on a slightly shorter pitch with 13 players a side instead of hurler's 15.

The on-pitch action, the skill, the spills and displays of shocking courage are simply concentrated among fewer people in a smaller space, which if anything adds to the excitement of the game.

Junior cup is claimed by Galway

By BARBARA CLINTON

JUST under 6,000 people turned out for yesterday's finals which saw Galway take the junior championship while Kilkenny went home with the senior cup for the 12th time.

About 90% of that crowd

seemed to be made up of women and schoolgirls.

PRESIDENT Robinson, a vocal supporter of the sport, makes a point of trying to attend the final but was missing yesterday having left on Saturday for an official visit to Africa. She may have missed Kilkenny's 12th All-Ireland victory but



veteran Kilkenny players Angela and Ann Downey didn't. The 37-year-old sisters have played in every one of those finals and went home yesterday each with another all-Ireland medal. Angela scored Kilkenny's two

goals while Ann captained her side to victory against Wexford.

“It was brilliant”, said Kilkenny fan Elaine Duggan from Carrickshock. “It was a good sporting game.” Galway fan Genevieve



The Wexford team who were beaten by Kilkenny in the All Ireland Camogie Final at Croke Park on Sunday.

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ALL-IRELAND CAMOGIE FINAL ACTION



■ Fiona Dunne strides away on a solo run for Wexford (left) in the All-Ireland final against Kilkenny at Croke Park on Sunday, while Stella Sinnott (right) gets some attention from physio Aidan O'Connor after receiving a knock



Solo run. Kilkenny's Angela Downey sets off on a solo run as Wexford's Paula Rankin tries to stop her at Croke Park yesterday.
Picture by Tom Hanahoe, Evening Press

Kilkenny make Wexford pay for missed chances

DAVID MEDCALF

in Croke Park

Kilkenny 2-11, Wexford 0-8: Wexford took a bruising at Croke Park on Sunday as the elusive All-Ireland camogie title remained beyond their grasp. On three occasions in the 1990s they have made the trip to Dublin but this was no third time lucky affair as they went down by nine points.

The mirage of hope faded in a haze of missed chances and was eventually killed off by a strong Kilkenny finish. While Ray Quigley's side scored just once in the crucial last 20 minutes, the Cats knocked off 1-7 to put the issue beyond doubt and give the Downey twins their twelfth medals.

The losers were left to contemplate what might have been as they recalled some phenomenal individual performances. There was also the frustration of a disallowed Anne-Marie O'Connor goal despite the fact that the umpires seemed happy to let it stand.

Wexford began the match looking a little nervous, though Orla Hernan did not take long to find the pace of the game in midfield. Eleven minutes had passed before they posted their first point, a lovely score which had its roots deep in defence with Catherine Murphy.

Stella Sinnott appeared to have Angela Downey well policed but the legendary forward then found the space to score Kilkenny's opening goal after being released by a hand pass from Catherine Dunne. However, this setback merely prompted Wexford to increase their work-rate.

They dominated the second quarter in fine style with teenager Esme Murphy feeding off O'Connor for a point. Paula Rankin galloping up from the back for another and Fiona Dunne notching a '30'. The teams stood at 1-3 to 0-4 at the interval and the underdogs would have been better off but for two factors.

First was the number of wides - eight over the half hour - with the unfortunate Dunne too tentative in her free-taking or looking for goals when points would have sufficed. Then there was O'Connor's claim for a goal as she made a fine catch from a remarkable Mary Hayden sideline

cut on 26 minutes.

Referee Marie Pollard was roundly booed by the crowds in the Hogan Stand as she indicated that the Buffer's Alley striker had entered the square too soon. All the vocal Wexford support disagreed but the free out stood.

With Esme Murphy darting down the left flank, the second half began prosperously and the Bunclody girl supplied the cross for an O'Connor point off a post. Two Dunne frees hauled Wexford level with 39 minutes gone and the signs were that the attendance of 5,834 was about to be treated to a thriller.

It proved lop-sided entertainment as Kilkenny it was who rose to the occasion, making every attack tell while the Wexford forwards began to shoot demoralising wides once more. In the pressure cooker atmosphere, the winners picked off three points on the trot before Dunne replied with a '30'.

That was the last score for Wexford before Ann Downey went up to collect the O'Duffy Cup. Four more points sailed over Terri Butler's bar before the end and then Angela Downey recorded the simplest goal of her career, handpassing home from about two inches.

The women in purple and gold had nothing whatever to be ashamed of and there were several great individual exhibitions. Rathnure's Mary Hayden showed her defensive worth with a display of pace and class, while Orla Hernan competed beyond her tender years in midfield.

Fiona Dunne covered untold acres in the cause, with Esme Murphy showing big match temperament along with Anne-Marie O'Connor up front.

Kilkenny: M. Fennelly; S. Costelloe; T. Millea, G. Dillon, D. Malone; M. Downey (0-1), Anne Downey (0-3), M. Maher; B. Mullaly (0-1), C. Dunne, Angela Downey (2-3); S. Millea (0-2). Sub: B. Barnaville (0-1) for Dunne (44 mins).

Wexford: Terri Butler; Catherine Murphy; Stella Sinnott, Paula Rankin (0-1), Mary Hayden; Angie Hearne, Fiona Dunne (0-4 frees), Orla Hernan; Anne-Marie O'Connor (0-2), Marion O'Leary, Esme Murphy (0-1); Ann Reddy, capt. Subs: Ger Codd for Reddy, 48 mins; Avis Nolan for Hearne, 53 mins.

Referee: Marie Pollard (Waterford).



■ The Wexford panel, beaten by Kilkenny in the All-Ireland camogie final at Croke Park on Sunday.



■ Wexford goalie Terri Butler clears her lines under some pressure in the All-Ireland final at Croke Park on Sunday.

A family occasion

YOUNG Brian Murphy was not too pushed as to whether he saw any camogie or not at all in Croke Park on Sunday.

What he was concerned with was getting an earful of his heroes - the Artane Boys' Band - and they did not let him down as they put on a great show.

Brian was sitting up near the back of the Hogan Stand with his brother Cathal, father Dickie (the ref), mother Jackie and several bags of crisps.

It seems that while the All-Ireland hurling and football finals have been priced out of all reason, camogie's big day is still a family occasion.

There were also coachloads of youngsters from all over Wexford, ready to give strong vocal support to the county team.

Oylegate was well represented in the ranks of purple and gold who gathered in the ground with hats, banners and head-bands.

Manuel Quigley, son of team manager Ray and selector Gretta, was disgusted at the arrangements for the excursion.

The driver wanted them all back at five o'clock for the return trip - fat chance of that, he reckoned, especially if their team won.

While Galway and Limerick battled it out in the junior final, members of the Kilkenny team watched calmly and signed autographs.

Wexford finally appeared, led by Kate Donohoe carrying her playing gear in one hand and an evening dress in the other. Somehow it would be hard to imagine her brother, Eamonn Sinnott, arriving for an All-Ireland final balancing a monkey suit over his arm.

Gretta Quigley had a teddy bear for good luck and George Rankin a thick load of hurleys for good management. Goalie Terri Butler also seemed to have enough sticks with her to arm several teams as she headed for the changing rooms.

As the minutes to throw-in ticked away, it was clear that Bunclody was out in force for the big occasion. At the age of 15, Esme Murphy already has her own fan club. Besides which her club

mates played in the Kilmacurvens on Saturday and then stayed on for the big match.

There was a great scattering of Dunes among the 5,800 or so attendance, all with fine crossed for little sister Fiona.

County G.A.A. chairman Paddy Wickham was spotted down among the V.I.P.'s while high above him sat All-Ireland junior star of the afternoon (apart from all those indomitable druids Downeys) was Lynn Reddy.

Minister Maire Geoghegan-Quinn was on one of the seats, her knees warmed under rug thoughtfully provided by camogie authorities. However, the real star of the afternoon (apart from all those indomitable druids Downeys) was Lynn Reddy.

Knee high to Auntie Anne, she hurl that came up to her chin, she strode out her best in the opening parade - a mascot par excellence.

Brian Murphy must have been dead jealous at the way she spent so long practically in amongst the Artane Boys' Band.

QUEENS OF THE WORLD OF CAMOGIE

By Enda McEvoy

Kilkenny 2-11
Wexford 0-8

CALL IT a case of the old dog for the hard road! For, make no mistake, rain-sodden Croke Park on Sunday was one of the hardest roads a Kilkenny team has ever trodden. With 48 minutes of an absorbing All-Ireland senior camogie final elapsed, only two points separated the sides and matters balance quite beautifully, the destination of the O'Duffy Cup was anybody's guess.

But one of the teams knew better the twists, turns and pitfalls of that hard road. One team held its nerve, kept its powder dry, dug into its reserve store of energy. One team scored 1-4 in those closing 12 minutes for no reply. That, basically, though not simplistically, is why one team won and the other didn't - and why, for the 12th time in the past 20 years, Kilkenny are queens of the camogie world.

A vibrant, stylish victory? It wasn't that. It never could have been that. The "Cats" have turned on the flair in the past and will do so again in the future. But this was an afternoon when grit, not glamour, was the order of the day, an afternoon when the sternness of Wexford's challenge combined with the cussedness of the weather to throw down a gauntlet bearing the legend: "Only real women need apply".

Kilkenny had real women. Doubly fortunate for them, and speaking of legends, they also had Angela Downey-Browne.

Ten minutes from the end of the toughest, most physically draining encounter imaginable, Ann Downey hit a delivery deep into Wexford territory. Brigid Barnaville prevented opposition defender Stella Sinnott snapping the ball up. The break fell happily for Angela. The finish was academic.

Motoring

The favourites were three points ahead again, and suddenly they were motoring. Deirdre Malone and Ann and Marina Downey were everywhere in defence. Gillian Dillon was charging upfield, the centre-back rallying the troops at the crucial time. Sinéad Millea had rediscovered her touch. Brigid Mullally was doing the spade work like a woman with the scent of triumph in her nostrils.

And Angela Downey? Subtract her tally of 2-3, the exact margin that separated the protagonists, and the extent of her influence is patent. Without her, Kilkenny almost certainly would not have won. With her, Wexford certainly would have.

The younger Millea stayed calm to land a fine 51st-minute free from the right and stretch the gap to four points as the Noreiders' spurt for the finishing line became apparent. Shortly afterwards Gillian Dillon's sally forward resulted in a free. Ann Downey had no bother converting.

The captain similarly punished a 56th minute foul on herself at midfield, and the game was long won and lost before, seconds from the end, a joint Barnaville/Angela Downey effort smothered opposition goalkeeper Terri Butler's clearance. The final act of Downey's glorious career, a handpass home from all of two inches, was hardly the most demanding goal she's ever scored. But it was a fitting end to proceedings all the same.

Much closer to their opponents than the nine-point margin suggests, Wexford deserve

far more than to be dismissed as gallant losers. No condescension is needed. Truth is, they were highly competent, well versed in the skills, tight at the back and, in the person of Fiona Dunne, well able to create space and possession in the centre of the field.

Let down

What let them down on Sunday was their failure to make the best use of possession. Only two of their seven midfielders and forwards made the score-sheet from play. In the end, that's what cost them the game. In a code with the demands of hurling or camogie, class is a quality measured in carats. Wexford had some, but not enough.

The half-back line of Stella Sinnott, Paula Rankin and Mary Hayden did enough hurling to win two matches. In front of them Fiona Dunne saw probably more of the sliotar than any of the other 23 starters, although her use of it was often disappointing.

As for 15-year-old Esme Murphy, she surely will develop into the kind of match-winner Angela Downey has so often been for Kilkenny. Before too long she should be providing that vital extra burst of fire-power which is all that the Slaneysiders need to help them claim a well-deserved and long-overdue O'Duffy Cup.

A bright, morale-boosting opening would have settled them here. With Brigid Mullally creating the first point for Marina Downey after 90 seconds, then popping over an effort herself after the ball broke to her in front of the goalmouth, a bright opening was what they didn't get. Fiona Dunne missed a simple free, and given the close marking by each side and the non-hop of the sliotar in the wet, one wondered for a while where the underdogs' scores were going to come from.

Ann Marie O'Connor eventually got them off the mark in the 11th minutes after Catherine Murphy had left her full-back spot to storm up the field. Almost immediately, however, the Slaneysiders were undone by Angela Downey. As the ball skewed here and there in the goalmouth, Catherine Dunne gathered and palmed over the head of the defence to where Angela had quietly slipped in. Despite the proximity of two defenders, the Ballyragget woman wasn't going to put her handpass wide from there: 1-2 [K] to 0-1 [W].

Full marks to Wexford for the way they steadied. Esme Murphy, with a quick lift-and-strike under pressure, and Paula Rankin, with a great effort from the middle of the field, posted speedy replies.

Although Angela Downey made her mark again in the 19th minute - a delightful point courtesy of a perceptive Brigid Mullally pass - Ray Quigley's charges were now clearly giving as good as they were getting.

They gave better than good in the 26th minute. Mary Hayden's remarkably long line-ball from the Cusack Stand side finding Anne Marie O'Connor sneaking in behind the defence and all alone on the edge of the square. The television pictures proved, as conclusively as one gets in these circumstances, that the corner-forward jumped into the square in the process of catching the sliotar.

In any case, in instances such as this, the benefit of the doubt should always go to the attacking team. It is, after all, goals that the spectators want to see, scores that the game is all about.

Had Wexford equalised there, would they have gone on to win? Difficult to say. Kilkenny's experience and level-headedness would probably have caught them in the closing ten minutes either way. Yet the losers might have been a distinctly different proposition building on a lead instead of, as they were on the resumption, trying to pull one back.

As it was, Fiona Dunne's 27th minute free sugared the pill only slightly, and at the interval the "Cats" still had their noses in front, 1-3 to 0-4.

An All-Ireland decider that had burst into life with Wexford's flowering approaching the break continued in the same vein after it. Esme Murphy's speed and sense of balance down the left flank provided the opportunity for Ann Marie O'Connor to reduce the deficit to the minimum after 32 minutes.

Sinéad Millea with a sinuous run and clean finish replied. Fiona Dunne put over an excellent free from the right in the 37th minutes, and three minutes later repeated the trick from a similar position.

Now it was all square: 1-4 [K] to 0-7 [W]. The losers were flying, their supporters in the 6,000 attendance sensing that the day of deliverance was at hand. Had Fiona Dunne converted a free from a difficult angle on the left at the three-quarter stage, Wexford would have hit the front for the first time.

The Oulart woman was wide, one of the eight occasions for her to be wayward. Almost immediately Kilkenny, who'd gone through their own rocky period when hitting five wides in the first 12 minutes of the new half, regained their lead via a smashing point from the freshly-introduced Brigid Barnaville.

Angela Downey robbed Paula Rankin out on the left to dash off a similar score, then Sinéad Millea won a free, the other Downey dispatched. A goal in front, 1-7 to 0-7, with 13 minutes to go. The champions-to-be were back on tracks again.

Has the city and county of Kilkenny ever had such fabulous standard-bearers? No offence to the Black and Amber's generations of McCarthy Cup-winning hurlers, but one doubts it. To Angela Downey, the longest and happiest retirement. To the rest of them, see you again next year!

The scores

Kilkenny - Angela Downey (2-3), Ann Downey (0-3, free), S. Millea (0-2, one free), M. Downey, B. Mullally, B. Barnaville (0-1 each). Wexford - F. Dunne (0-4, free), A. M. O'Connor (0-2), E. Murphy, P. Rankin (0-1 each).

The teams

Kilkenny - M. Fennelly (Carrickshock), S. Costelloe (Freshford), T. Millea (Graigie-Ballycallan), G. Dillon (Freshford), D. Malone (Graigie-Ballycallan), M. Downey (Lisdowney), Ann Downey (Lisdowney, captain), M. Maher (Tullaroan), B. Mullally

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First Goal . . . Angela Downey squeezes through a tough Wexford "sandwich" to palm the ball into the net for Kilkenny's first goal.
Photo: Tom Brett



Marching To Victory The Kilkenny camogie team parading before the All-Ireland at Croke Park.
Photo: Tom Brett

HOW THEY PLAYED

Michelle Fennelly - Had a relatively undemanding afternoon, such was the cover provided. Her one scary moment came when dropping a greasy ball in the first half. She recovered admirably, pulled on it instantly and sent it out of the danger area.

Sinead Costelloe - Excellent. Very solid, attacked the ball well, and saw her immediate opponent being withdraw.

Tracy Millea - Another who scarcely put a foot wrong. Any player would have found it difficult coping with the speed of Wexford whizz-kid Esme Murphy. Tracy kept the Bunclody girl on a tight leash, and also found time to clear a lot of good ball.

Gillian Dillon - A star in a quiet, unflashy way. Anchored the defence like a centre-back should. Let little through, and put in a positively rousing last ten minutes.

Deirdre Malone - Completed a sound and tidy sector. A terrific competitor in her own demonstrative way.

Marina Downey - A 110% performance from her. As usual!

Ann Downey - It might be a cliché to say she "played a real captain's role", but she, well, played a real captain's role. If a hungrier, more competitive player exists in the game today,

in the world, it could only be her sister!

Marie Maher - Faced a big test in her first All-Ireland final and came through with flying colours. A woman we'll be hearing plenty more of in the coming years.

Brigid Mullally - Worked hard and unselfishly, covered acres of ground, used her weight to good effect and created numerous scoring opportunities for colleagues.

Catherine Dunne - Found the going tough against one of Wexford's stars. The very fact Paula Rankin didn't shine as brightly as in the All-Ireland semi-final is a tribute to her. Her big moment came when Sending Angela Downey through for the opening goal. Another newcomer who should benefit enormously from the experience.

Angela Downey - Or to spell her name another way: G-E-N-I-U-S. What will the Black and Amber do without her, at all, at all?

Sinead Millea - Quiet first half, much better on the resumption. Made and took a good score soon after the restart, was fouled for two others. Her free put Kilkenny four points ahead and steaming.

Brigid Barnaville - Inspired substitute. Great point, and played a big part in Angela Downey's second goal.

An epic struggle

"AN EPIC struggle" was how Kilkenny coach Tom Ryan described the hard-fought encounter afterwards.

"It was a tough match, but I had forecast that. It was a case of now or never for Wexford. I knew they would put it up to us."

"Earlier in the year they had been very unsure of themselves. It was even up in the air for a while whether they would field a senior team. Then they got together and resolved to make a huge effort to win the All-Ireland. So I expected a flood of hurling from the from the throw-in."

Assessing the difference between the sides as the Noreiders' "edge in craft", Tom remarked on the winners' ability to grab the scores at vital stages. The introduction of Brigid Barnaville "turned the whole game and settled the team", he emphasised.

"I thought Gillian Dillon was outstanding in defence. Tracy Millea and Sinead Costelloe were very good, and Ann Downey had the game of her life. But, overall, it was a marvellous team effort."



Cora Curley, Captain of the victorious Galway All-Ireland Junior Camogie team, leads her team to the Mayoral reception in McDonalds of Shop Street (sponsors) after their homecoming on Monday night.

Curtin leads Galway girls to over- All-Ireland Junior Championship

GALWAY 2 - 10 : LIMERICK 1 - 11

DEDICATION and determination finally enabled the Galway Junior Camogie team to break their final hoodoo when defeating Limerick's first team to capture the All-Ireland Junior Camogie title at Croke Park last Sunday.

Playing in their third successive final and fifth in six years Galway needed this victory badly and with a committed and courageous performance shattered the dreams of the Eamonn Cregan trained Limerick side who went into this game as strong favourites.

If Cregan wanted to make amends for defeating his native county when he guided Offaly to success in the All-Ireland hurling final three weeks earlier, he was given few favours by a Galway team who were hungry for success. Galway chased, harried and foraged in packs for every ball and never let this fancied Limerick side get control of the game.

Limerick veteran star forward Pauline McCarthy who won an All-Ireland medal with Limerick in 1977 before three of the Galway players were born, was never given the necessary freedom from either Fiona Ryan or later Yvonne Larkin. McCarthy who was her sides top scorer all season was held to just three scores from play and with their star forward curtailed Limerick were always struggling.

The young Galway side found the greasy underfoot conditions difficult in the early stages but Pearses Martina Harkin had Galway two points up before McCarthy pointed a free to open Limericks scoring. Emer Hardiman replied with an instant point which caused confusion as one umpire signalled wide and Galway grew in confidence getting the superior control of the midfield area.

Scoring opportunities went amiss for both sides with Galway clearly the more wasteful but fourteen years old Kinvara's Veronica Curtin began to dominate over Limerick full back Helen Clifford-McCarthy. Curtin had the ball in the back of the Limerick net in the 11th minute when her deft flick to a Denise Gilligan free shot past the keeper only to see her score

disallowed as another forward was adjudged to have been in the square.

Another Curtin effort went across the goal before the Craughwell player forced Limerick keeper Breda O'Brien into a brilliant save when Emer Hardiman set up Curtin whose shot was turned over for a point to cancel McCarthy's first point from play as Galway led 0-4 to 0-2 at the end of the first quarter.

Teresa Fallon, Hardiman and Gilligan had successive wides as Galway failed to reflect their dominance of the game on the scoreboard. Limericks Mary Burke began to get into the game at midfield and she set up McCarthy who soloed through the Galway defence before shooting home a great goal in the 19th minute to give Limerick the lead for the first and only time.

Limerick's lead was shortlived as from the puck out by Fiona Earls, Martina Harkin collected and passed to Curtin who blasted home a brilliant goal from fifteen metres to put Galway back in command.

Harkin added two points but McCarthy cancelled Harkins effort and the Limerick star was unlucky when she mishit a shot when a goal was on in the 22nd minute. Curtin rocked Limerick again after 24th minute when a Helen Ryan lob fell into the path of the rushing Curtin who despite the close attention of Clifford - McCarthy and goalkeeper O'Brien was able to flick the ball to the net after O'Brien got a touch.

This goal should have spurred Galway but it was Limerick who began to dominate and Galway switched Teresa Fallon to midfield to curb Burkes increasing dominance as Limerick's McCarthy, Bernie O'Brien and Ray Burke missed chances but after Marguerite Guiry was fouled, McCarthy pointed a free before the break as the score read Galway 2-6 Limerick 1-5.

Galway were lucky three minutes into the second half

when Kay Burke was adjudged to have over-carried before scoring a Limerick goal as McCarthy cut the deficit to two points with two pointed frees. Yvonne Larkin came into the Galway side for the injured Fiona Ryan after ten minutes of the second period as Harkin pointed a free to put Galway three points in front entering the final quarter.

Hardiman again found Curtin free early in the last quarter and her blistering shot hit the cross bar before going over for a point. McCarthy and Harkin exchange points as Limerick staged a late comeback.

After Limerick captain Ida Quaide set up substitute Michelle McCarthy, Galway's wing-back Denise Gilligan made the vital interception to hook McCarthy who was bearing down on goal as the ball dribbled wide. Helen Ryan, Carmel Hannon and Teresa Fallon foraged at midfield and the latter broke through three Limerick players before releasing to Hardiman and continued the run to take Hardiman's return pass before scoring a super point from 30 metres.

McCarthy replied with a free after been brought down by Gilligan but Cora Curley set up Hardiman to cancel this score as time was running out for the Shannonsiders. Limerick's last chance came a minute from time when McCarthy soloed through but her shot for goal was well saved by Fiona Earls. Bernie O'Brien's injury times point was too little too late for the Limerick girls as the final whistle sounded with Galway deserving winners.

This victory came with a committed team performance. Although Olive Costello, Denise Gilligan and Helen Ryan were serious contenders for Player of the Match with Veronica Curtin, the rest of the team were not far behind which showed the complete balance of the outfit. Captain Cora Curley, Fiona Ryan and substitute Larkin all played solid with Costello and

Strike ... Galway's Denise Gilligan is under pressure during Sunday's All-Ireland junior camogie final.



Gilligan in defence in front of a confident Fiona Earls.

The midfield trio of Gretta Maher, Helen Ryan and Carmel Hannon dominated for most of the game and when Maher, who captain the minor team to victory this year, tired Teresa Fallon produced a brilliant second half. Ryan and Fallon really excelled when the chips were down in the closing quarter.

In attack Galway wasted many opportunities but all forwards scored with Harkin and Hardiman particularly impressive in supplying quality delivery to Veronica Curtin whose performance justified the selectors decision to place the

fourteen year old against players more than twice her age.

Curtin wasted little and proved a nightmare for not just the Limerick defence but for manager Eamonn Cregan who consistently was forced to keep with the defence to prevent Curtins danger.

Galway who last won the All-Ireland junior title in 1988 had contested the final every year since except for 1991 will now be hoping that many of those players will go on to bring the elusive senior title to Galway. With the minor team having already won the All-Ireland title along with the seniors taking the National Senior League,

there is a

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Sports Star of the Week

Veronica Curtin



GALWAY camogie is going from strength to strength and the county junior team rounded off a great season with a splendid win over Limerick in the All-Ireland final at Croke Park on Sunday.

The undoubted star of the Galway team was young attacker Veronica Curtin whose two goals and two points were obviously crucial factors in the Westerners' win. The Kinvara girl was outstanding and her influence was all the more noteworthy given she is only 14. Curtin's exploits earn her the Tribune Sports Star of the Week award ahead of Athenry hurler Cathal Moran, Kiltormer's Aidan Staunton, Ardahan's

Dermot Fahy, Niall Finnegan of Salthill, Corofin's Ollie Burke, Donal Duggan of Mountbellew, Monivea/Abbey's Kieran Furey and Clarenbridge minor Liam Madden.



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Helen Clifford McCarthy, Limerick, chases for possession despite having a broken stick. (LL)



Eithne Neville watches the action. (LL)



Nuala Murphy, Newcastlewest, had a message for the Galway team. (LL)



Annie Leahy at the match. (LL)



It's ours now! Safe grip on the New Ireland Cup at Galway Junior Camogie team celebration in McDonalds on arriving home. Left to right: Ann Broderick, Fiona Ryan, Carmel Hannon, Eileen Earls, Teresa Fallon, Helen Ryan, Gretta Maher and Fiona Earls.

Curtin is Galway's goal star

GALWAY.....2-10
LIMERICK.....1-11
BEATEN finalists in 1992 and '93, Galway finally found the winning formula as they outplayed Limerick in the Junior Camogie final at Croke Park yesterday.

This was definitely not a case of "third time lucky" for the westerners who battled hard and eventually achieved their two point winning margin through skill and determination.

By **FERGUS McDONNELL**

And of all the stars in the Galway side, none shone brighter than Veronica Curtin whose contribution of 2-2 merely hints at her enormous influence on this game.

Her electrifying pace, ability to control the ball in full flight, and keen eye for the back of the net was Galway's trump card. With Martina Harkin and Cora Curley providing more than adequate back-up, Galway never looked in trouble.

Limerick, for their part, seemed to rely too much on Pauline McCarthy whose contribution of 1-9 accounted for all but two of the Shannonsiders total.

Apart from a brief period 19 minutes into the game when McCarthy found the net on the end of an excellent run to give Limerick a 1-2 to 0-3 advantage, Galway were never headed.

SCORERS — Galway: V Curtin 2-2, M Harkin 0-6 (0-3 frees), E Hardiman and T Fallon 0-1 each. Limerick: P McCarthy 1-9 (0-7 frees), Bernie O'Brien (free) and M Loneragan 0-1 each.

GALWAY — F Earls, O Costello, F Ryan, C Curley, D Gilligan, G Maher, H Ryan, C Hannon, M Harkin, E Hardiman, T Fallon, V Curtin. Sub: Y Larkin for F Ryan (42 mins).

LIMERICK — Breda O'Brien, H Clifford-McCarthy, A Sheehy, Bernie O'Brien, E Leonard, E O'Riordan, I Quaid, M Burke, C McNamara, K Burke, P McCarthy, M Guiry. Sub: M Loneragan for C McNamara (half time), M McCarthy for E O'Riordan (44 mins).

REF — C McAlastair (Antrim).

Galway prove too strong

GALWAY.....2-10
LIMERICK.....1-11

TWO superb first half goals by full forward Veronica Curtin gave Galway victory in the All-Ireland junior camogie final and crushed the dream of Limerick coach Eamonn Cregan who sought to make amends to his native county for the defeat they suffered earlier this month in the senior hurling final.

Galway were much more skilful and had the ability to take their points at will, while Limerick relied heavily on the scoring instincts of Pauline McCarthy.

The losers will feel aggrieved after an incident in the final minute when a frenetic charge for goal was stopped by Fiona Earls who appeared to sit on the ball and a free was awarded to Galway.

GALWAY: F Earls, O Costello, F Ryan, C Curley (capt), D Gilligan, G Maher, H Ryan, C Hannon, M Harkin (0-6, three frees), E Hardiman (0-1), T Fallon (0-1), V Curtin (2-2). Sub: A Broderick for Ryan (42 mins).

LIMERICK: B O'Brien, H Clifford-McCarthy, A Sheehy, B O'Brien (0-1), E Leonard, E O'Riordan, I Quaid (capt), M Burke, C McNamara, K Burke, P McCarthy (1-9, seven frees), M Guiry. Sub: M Loneragan (0-1) for Loneragan (h.t.), M McCarthy for O'Riordan (42 mins).

IN CONTROL... Galway's Veronica Curtin keeps possession, despite the efforts of Limerick's Helen Clifford-McCarthy during the All-Ireland Junior Camogie final at Croke Park yesterday.



Limerick's, Kay Burke, on the attack. (LL)



Bernie O'Brien, Limerick, loses the sliothar as she tries to round a Galway player. (LL)

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Second Goal . . . outpacing the Wexford defence, Angela Downey smiles as she palms Kilkenney's second goal in the closing minutes of the game.

Photo: Tom Brett



Not happy . . . Kilkenney selectors and substitutes looking worried as their team is overhauled by Wexford.

Photo: Tom Brett

Good support

NOWLAN PARK might have been hosting a rival attraction, but you wouldn't have known it from the large Kilkenney contingent present in Croke Park. Colourful and vociferous, they gave their heroines splendid backing. Well done, all.

FIGURES OF THE GAME

	FIRST HALF				
	G	P	W	F	30s
KILKENNY	1	3	7	5	0
WEXFORD	0	4	9	9	1
	SECOND HALF				
KILKENNY	1	8	5	6	1
WEXFORD	0	4	6	8	1
	TOTAL				
KILKENNY	2	11	12	11	1
WEXFORD	0	8	15	17	2



Tearaway Tracey . . . Kilkenney defender Tracey Millea breaks away on a solo-run. Photo: Tom Br



CON HOULIHAN

Black and Amber survive the storm

They have been better finals in terms of flowing play but few can have matched yesterday's decider for its intensity.

The girls of Wexford went into battle as alleged no-hopers; they covered themselves in glory.

From Alpha to Omega, from masthead to colophon, from the throw-in to the final blow they hurled as if all life depended on the pursuit of that cleated white ball.

Even in the last ten minutes when defeat looked almost inevitable the girls from the south-east kept their heads and their hearts high.

And if you could really hurl yourself into the ground the lassies in purple-and-gold would have been invisible at twenty to four yesterday evening.

And what can I say about Kilkenny? They ran into a storm but kept their heads and their hands and their legs.

Individually there was little between the expeditions but Kilkenny had superior combination.

It could hardly have been otherwise; Wexford came to Croke Park without worthwhile preparation.

Most of the girls have been so involved in Gaelic football and hockey and soccer that Wexford failed to fulfill their fixtures in The League.

The upside of this dilemma was that Anne Reddy and her fellows were extraordinarily fit.

The game was played at a frantic pace; there was no time to stand and stare or to study the cloud formation.

In fact there was no cloud formation; a uniformly grey sky hung over the north city.

It seemed totally irrelevant; a fire was burning in that old stadium by The Canal.

Hard hurling

It was a game in which there was little time for gracenotes; we saw unrelentingly hard hurling — the few epigrams resembled the proverbial flowers that spring out of the rocks.

Even the established stars were often almost anonymous in the frenetic hurley-burly.

I have no hot line or even a cold line to either camp but I am taking it for granted that both teams set out with a game plan.

It wasn't obvious in the play of either; the sheet music was blown away in the storm.

At times, alas, zeal tended to break its banks; the occasional yellow card might have been salutary.

Mary Pollard was an excellent referee technically but rather too liberal in her attitude to what might be euphemistically called wild play.

In all fairness to her it must be stated that the most objectionable "incidents" took place off the ball.

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This is a new aspect of camogie; the girls who run the line must take a bigger part.

It was as calm a day as ever you could wish to see in Croke Park; the sod was slippery but the girls held their feet better than did the warriors of Down and Dublin last Sunday.

Wexford played into the Canal End in the first half; Kilkenny had more possession in this period but squandered much of it with untypical wastes.

And but for a goal by Angela Downey their territorial superiority might not have been reflected on the scoreboard.

That goal came about midway through the half; Angela was in a thicket of opponents but managed to palm the ball into the net.

Wexford's approach in this period seemed misguided; they often tried for a goal when a point was for the taking.

Kilkenny had a very steady rearguard, well marshalled by Gillian Dillon.

Wexford got the ball into the net late in the half but it was a palpable case of "square ball."

Began briskly

Kilkenny began briskly with points from Marian Downey and Brigid Mullaly.

Wexford were unruffled and their great running off the ball made it quickly obvious that this would not be a prolonged lap of honour for the black-and-amber.

The Wexford girls were only two points behind at the interval — and had recovered so well from a shaky start that their supporters near me were rubbing their mental hands.

Soon the lead was down to a point; at the three-quarters stage the game was level.

At this stage it is probably fair to say that Kilkenny's expenditure began to tell.

And it is probable too that Wexford's enormous experience of effort was beginning to have its effect.

And the introduction of Brigid Barnaville in the 43rd minute freshened to Kilkenny's attack.

Now wave after wave flowed towards the Canal End: the Hogan Stand was awash with black-and-amber.

And another goal from Angela Downey blew away whatever hopes that Wexford entertained.

It was a minor tragedy for keeper Terri Butler who had played splendidly; she seemed to have the ball in her hands but lost it — Angela pounced.

It all ended at 2-11 to 0-8. It seemed a crazy score; Wexford after all, had been level at the three-quarter stage.

In those late minutes we had seen the drops turn into a shower.

Anne Downey got her usual quota of points from the placed ball — and looked radiant as she went up to receive The Duffy Cup.

Angela wasn't ambitious yesterday to be mistress of all she surveyed — she played as a kind of corner forward on the left.

Her delight at scoring a point late in the day makes me sceptical about her threat to retire.

More comebacks

She has made more comebacks than Jesse James and Robin Hood and Lassie all put together.

Wexford's scorers were Angie Hearne and Fiona Dunne and Ann Marie O'Connor and Esme Murphy and Avis Nolan.

I have long been advocating that the good people who run camogie are obviously bent on outwinking old Rip Van.

It is ridiculous to watch this splendid game being played on a mini-pitch; it makes it seem a tabloid version of hurling.

And the permanent goal structures behind the temporary ones cannot but be a diversion to someone essaying a shot.

It is time for fifteen-a-side teams and a full pitch.

Camogie is facing ever-increasing pressure from at least four other games; it needs to be given the stature it deserves.

And the final should be played on the day of a big game in hurling or football.

If yesterday's decider had been scheduled for Croke Park on the day of the imminent Dublin Meath game, it would find a far bigger crowd.



STRETCH ... Galway's Emer Hardiman looks to be in control during the first half of Sunday's All-Ireland Junior camogie final against Limerick at Croke Park.

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NATIONAL JUNIOR CAMOGIE LEAGUE GETS UNDERWAY

The National Junior Camogie League commences in the next month. There are nineteen counties taking part. They are divided into four zones. The top two teams from each zone go through to the quarter finals. There will be quarter finals, two semi finals and a final.

- Zone A:** Kilkenny, Galway, Limerick, Roscommon and Offaly.
- Zone B:** Carlow, Cork, Wexford, Waterford, Tipperary.
- Zone C:** Armagh, Dublin, Kildare, Down, Tyrone.
- Zone D:** Antrim, Cavan, Derry, Donegal, Fermanagh.

In the Senior League there are seven teams divided into two divisions. **Div. 1:** Clare, Cork, Wexford, Tipperary. **Div. 2:** Kilkenny, Galway, Armagh. Dublin are not taking part in the Senior League and it is quite possible that Kildare will take part in Division Two. This competition will not commence until March. Armagh, newly crowned Intermediate Champions and now Senior take part in the Senior and Junior Leagues and may use the same players if they wish to do so.

Gael Linn, Interprovincial semi finals and finals get a new look this year, when they will be played off on the same day, Sunday November 27th at Silverpark, Dublin. Both

Junior and Senior will be decided on the day. The pairings are Ulster versus Munster and Leinster versus Connacht. Leinster Seniors will have a bye to the final as Connacht will not be fielding in that grade. In Junior Roscommon will represent Connacht. Great credit is due to Roscommon to take on this challenge. They work so hard for the promotion of the game at School and all levels. They are almost always being over-shadowed by Galway. Nevertheless, the Roscommon girls never give up trying. This year they found new hope with

the transfer of well known Mairead Coyle from Marino, Dublin and perhaps in the not too distant future they can grace Croke Park.

All-Ireland Club Champions, Glen Rovers, Cork, have reached the Munster Senior Club Championship having defeated the Tipperary champions Toomevara 3-10 to 0-6. They meet either Grange/Ballingarry or Wolfe Tones on Sunday.

Leinster B League result:
Westmeath 7-12, Wicklow 1-6.

FIXTURES FOR SUNDAY 2ND.

- L.B.L. At Gleneally: Wicklow v Meath 2 p.m.
- Milk Cup Tournament: At Rathcoffey v St. Munnas, Westmeath 2p.m.
- At Moorefield, Kildare: Moorefield v Raharney, Westmeath 3.30 p.m.



Roscommon team defeated by Galway in the Connacht final

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CONTINUING THEIR RISE UP THE RANKS OF THE CAMOGIE LADDER, ARMAGH ALL-IRELAND INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONS 1994. FRONT, LEFT TO RIGHT: DEIRDRE CONNOLLY, OLIVE McGEOWN, MARY BLACK (CAPT.), AINE FRENCH, ORLA MURPHY, SIOBHAN SMITH, PATRICIA McEVOY, MARY DONNELLY. BACK, LEFT TO RIGHT: HELEN MONE, BERNIE McBRIDE, MAGGIE McKEE, GERALDINE HAUGHEY, COLLETTE BURNS, DENISE McCREANOR, CELINE McGEARY, ROSIE McCLELAND, URSULA McGIVERN, MARGARET MORIARITY, TOM MONAGHAN.



CAMOGIE IS THRIVING IN GALWAY AND IT WAS NO SURPRISE WHEN THE GIRLS IN MAROON TOOK 1994 ALL-IRELAND JUNIOR HONOURS WEST OF THE SHANNON. BEFORE THEIR WIN OVER LIMERICK WERE; FRONT, LEFT TO RIGHT: FIONA REGAN, MARTINA HARKIN, EMER HARDIMAN, CORA CURLEY, VERONICA CURTIN, DENISE GILLIGAN, GRETTE MAHER. BACK, LEFT TO RIGHT: TERESA FALLON, CARMEL HANNON, OLIVE COSTELLO, HELEN RYAN, FIONA EARLS. MASCOT: CIARA WARD.

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Team: Michelle Fennelly, Sinead Costello, Tracey Millea, Gillian Dillon, Deirdre Malone, Marine Downey, Anne Downey, Capt. Marie Maher, Brigid Mullaly, Catherine Dunne, Angela Downey, Sinead Millea. Subs: Brigid Barnaville for C. Dunne. Wexford: Terri Butler, Catherine Murphy, Stella Synott, Paula Rankin, Mary Hayden, Angie Hearne, Fiona Dunne, Orla Hernan, Anne Marie O'Connor, Marian O'Leary, Esme Murphy, Anne Reddy Capt. Subs: Avis Nolan for A. Hearne, Geraldine Codd for A. Reddy. Referee: Marie Pollard, Waterford.

It was third time lucky for Galway when they fought off a strong challenge from Limerick in the All-Ireland Junior final. 14 year old Veronica Curtin was the toast of Galway with a personal tally of 2-2.

In the end it was only two points that separated them,



Action from the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Final in which Kilkenny defeated a gallant Wexford outfit



14 year old sensation Veronica Curtin, whose 2-2 gave the Tribestwomen victory in the All-Ireland Junior Camogie final

but Limerick never looked like catching Galway and the Connacht girls were delighted to claim the Junior title after losing the last two finals in a row.

The early scoring was evenly matched, and when Limerick threatened to break away after Pauleen McCarthy's goal in the 19th minute, Galway struck back within seconds to gain the advantage. Veronica Curtin claimed another one for Galway within five minutes, which gave them a crucial four point lead. Martina Harkin did most of the work for

Galway with her six well taken points from frees, but the crucial goals came from Veronica Curtin. Pauleen McCarthy monopolised proceedings for Limerick with 1-9 to her credit. A goal miss by Liz O'Riordan just before half time and a disallowed goal just after the break were the scoring chances that Limerick needed. Galway held on to a two point lead with the final score 2-10 to 1-11.

Scorers: Galway: Veronica Curtin 2-2, Martina Harkin 0-6, Emer Hardiman and Teresa Fallon 0-1 each. Limerick: Pauleen McCarthy 1-9, Bernie O'Brien and Mary Lonergan 0-1 each. Galway team: Fiona Earls, Olive Costello, Fiona Ryan, Cora Curley, Capt., Denise Gilligan, Gretta Maher, Helan Ryan, Carmel Hannon, Martina Harkin, Emer Hardiman, Teresa Fallon, Veronica Curtin. Subs: Yvonne Larkin for F. Ryan. Limerick team: Breda O'Brien, Helen Clifford-McCarthy, Agnes Sheehy, Bernie O'Brien, Liz Leonard, Liz O'Riordan, Ida Quaide, Capt., Mary Burke, Cecelia McNamara, Kay Burke, Pauleen McCarthy, Marguerite Guiry. Subs: Mary Lonergan for C. McNamara, Michelle McCarthy for L. O'Riordan. Referee: Catherine McAllister, Antrim.

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Ann and Angela make it 12 each

Not for the first time - but will it be the last? The name Angela Downey dominated conversations after the 63rd All-Ireland senior camogie final.

She had retired last year, but the campaign to persuade her to return gathered momentum during the spring. Twin sister Ann's election as captain accelerated Angela's decision and she took her place in the championship line-out.

by
SEAMUS MacGIOLLA FHINNEIN

The crucial semi-final against champions Cork was decided by three goals from the Lisdowney ace - and she had possession of the sliotar perhaps on only eight occasions.

Again in the final she turned up trumps on limited possession. Kilkenny beat neighbours Wexford by 2-11 to 0-8. Angela Downey's contribution was 2-3 - exactly the difference between these great Leinster rivals.

The twins now possess 12 medals each. They have shared in all Kilkenny's triumphs and are only one behind Una O'Connor and three behind the record 15 won by Dublin's Kathleen Mills. The O'Connor carrot may just prove enough to coax another championship out of Angela, who first appeared in a Croke Park summit -

her only losing one - in 1972.

However, two-year-old daughter Katie figures higher than camogie in her priorities at present. Her high-percentage of scoring returns from limited possession would indicate that her skills have not suffered much.

Her scoring exploits down the years have overshadowed the enormous contribution of Ann to all of Kilkenny's wins. Again against Wexford, she was the midfield general. She finished with three points - a testament that there are few better strikers of long-range frees.

Even without scores, Ann was an inspiration as captain to a young team - nine of whom were not even born when Angela first played a senior final.

However, there were flashes of brilliance from the young brigade and even an indication that there could be a sister-act to replace the Downeys when they eventually call it a day.

The Millers, Tracey and Sinead, are daughters of Joe who was introduced to the 1969 All-Ireland hurling final as corner-forward on the winning Kilkenny side. Both showed enough class, at 21 and 19 respectively, to point to a future to rival the Downeys.



The Downey twins Angela (left) and Ann

Indeed there was much to indicate that camogie in general has a bright future. Nine of the Kilkenny side are under 22 and 15-year-old Esme Murphy scored a quite brilliant first half point for Wexford.

In the Junior game, four Galway girls completed the minor-junior double of 1994. One 14-year-old Veronica Curtin was top-scorer with 2-2 in the 2-11 to 1-11 win over Limerick. The others were Denise Gilligan, Greta Maher and Aine Hillery.

Two weeks earlier, last year's Junior winners, Armagh, proved themselves good enough at Intermediate level by beating Kildare 7-11 to 3-11 after trailing by two goals at half-time.

However the Downey twins yet again are the biggest influence on the sport - Ann as captain, Angela as top-scorer. Can Kathleen Mills' record 15 medals total be overtaken? Ann will definitely give it a lash, Angela needs to be persuaded.



The Kilkenny team which overcame Wexford in this year's All-Ireland Senior camogie final

GLEN GIRLS TAKE ANOTHER STEP

By T.P.O'Mahony

The girls of Glen Rovers took a step nearer an historic three-in-a-row yesterday with a convincing win over the Clare county champions, Wolfe Tones.

Played in ideal conditions at Shannon, the final result was 2-11 to 1-2, and it puts the Glen on course for their third successive All-Ireland Club Championship.

But it wasn't as easy as the scoreline suggests. The Clare side came at the Glen from the throw-in, and it took the champions quite a while to settle.

Youthful

This youthful Clare side, captained by Sylvia O'Brien and coached by Eric Lennon, showed a lot of grit and determination.

In addition, there were fine individual performances from Debbie McDonagh, Moira McMahon and Frances Phelan, who got the goal for them.

"We knew they were going to be all fired-up for this game, and they made us work hard right through," said Helena Mullins, one of the Glen selectors.

"It was hard and very tough out there, and Wolfe Tones knocked us out of our stride for a while," agreed Mary Newman McCarthy, another selector.

Woman-of-the-match without question was Patricia Murphy who dominated the middle of the field.

Time and again she won crucial

possession, and her supply of ball to the forwards set up numerous chances.

Missed

Untypically, however, the Glen forwards — despite scoring 2-11 — missed opportunity after opportunity.

Indeed, it was 13 minutes into the second half before the first score of that period was posted — a point from Linda Mellerick.

Lynn Dunlea got a goal for the Glen at a stage in the first half when there wasn't much between the two sides.

She worked extremely hard over the 60 minutes, ably supported by Ger McCarthy, who displayed a lot of her old sharpness.

The Glen's second goal came from Londa Mellerick, a shot from far out that found the net after Lynn Dunlea had sold a clever dummy to the defence.

The win brought the Glen their fifth successive Munster Club Championship, and captain Sandie Fitzgibbon was clearly delighted.

"I hope now that we can maintain the momentum, and go all the way," she said, shortly after being presented with the Munster Championship trophy.



● Linda Mellerick.

Glen girls in total control

Glen Rovers 2-11 Wolfe Tones, Shannon 1-2

GLEN ROVERS, superior in practically every position on the field for the full duration of the game, won the Munster Camogie Club Championship once again by defeating Wolfe Tones na Sionna on their home grounds in the Airport Town yesterday.

While there was some close marking and during brief spells some good camogie, the overall play lacked the genuine sparkle of a championship encounter.

Odds-on favourites Glen Rovers took command from the throw-in and within three minutes Trish Murphy set the shape of the scoring when she raised the white flag.

The Glen girls were to continue on their scoring spree, raising the white flag four more times before Frances Phelan sent over the bar for Wolfe Tones.

Five minutes before half-time Lynn Dunlea crashed home a great goal for Glen Rovers and three minutes later Frances Phelan raised the green flag for Wolfe Tones.

At half-time it was Glen Rovers 1-8, Wolfe Tones 1-2.

Probably the most disappointing feature of the game was Wolfe Tones' failure to score in the second-half.

They were never looking in any way like overtaking the Glen girls. There were two occasions when play centred close to the visitors' goal and a score at this time would have at least made the game more interesting.

Scorers for Glen Rovers: L. Dunlea 1-4, L. Mellerick 1-1, G. McCarthy-Whitnell 0-3, T. Murphy 0-2, T. O'Callaghan 0-1.

Wolfe Tones: F. Phelan 1-1, S. O'Brien 0-1.

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

Sub: M. Corrid for C. McCarthy.

WOLFE TONES: A. Ni Cormaick, T. O'Donoghue, C. Lennon, D. Kelly, M. Costello, F. Phelan, M. McMahon, D. McDonagh, U. McInerney, D. McGettrick, T. Loughane, S. O'Brien (capt).

Referee: P. McCarthy (Limerick).

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Camogie World

By: P.J. FULHAM

The National Junior Camogie League continues on Sunday next. Dublin will show their hospitality to the newly crowned All-Ireland Intermediate Champions Armagh, who are eligible to take part in this competition.

The sides met in the '93 National Junior League final when Armagh collected the title 3-8 to 2-1. In the preliminary round

encounter last year Armagh again came out on top 2-9 to 2-1. The Ulster County, who have held the title for the past two years will have their tails up after their recent success and will prove a formidable force for the Metropolitan side who will be depending on Irene Kirwan, Anne Colgan, Paula Carroll, Niamh Kearney and Orla Connolly to take the points.

The experience of the Armagh side which includes Mary Donnelly, Bernie McBride, Ursula McGivern, Mary Black and Margaret Moriarity leaves them carrying the tag of favourites.

Tyrone travel to cross swords with Down. When the sides met in the competition last year Down collected the points easily. They have good performers in Donna Greeran, Bridgeen Sands, Deirdre Savage, Valerie Hynds and Jennifer Branniff, and should collect their first brace of points. Fermanagh, who did not take part in the competition last year, play host to Antrim, who are an experienced side. Their County Champions Dunloy won the Ulster Championship and this should add strength to the team. They should be good enough to collect the points.

The Leinster Senior Championship final takes place on Sunday and brings together Kilkenny and Wexford once again. Wexford last won the title in '91 when they defeated Kilkenny after a re-play. Once again Kilkenny are the holders and are cock-a-hoop after their All-Ireland victory. They will be going all out for more silverware.

Wexford will be looking for some compensation for their efforts during the year, which should make this match an entertaining affair.

In Leinster the Milk Cup tournament is in progress. This competition is comprised of the County finalists from Westmeath, Meath, Kildare and Louth. The Westmeath Champions St Munnas are the holders and will meet the winners of Killyon and Trim in

the semi-final. In the other semi-final Moorefield, Kildare take on last year's finalists Kilkenny, Louth in what should be an entertaining encounter.

The semi-finals and final will be hosted by Kilkenny and are due to take place on the Bank Holiday weekend.

A meeting of Leinster council will take place on Saturday, October 22nd in Na Fianna Club, Mobhi Road, Dublin at 1.30pm.

Westmeath hold their Convention on Tuesday, October 25th in The Greville Arms Hotel, Mullingar at 7.30pm.

Dublin Host Champions Armagh In Intermediate League



Wexford Senior squad, defeated by Kilkenny in the All-Ireland final and hoping for revenge

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Camogie World

By: P.J. FULHAM

Dunloy, Antrim booked their ticket to the All-Ireland Senior Club Championship semi final when they had a convincing win over London Irish in this quarter final match played at Parnell Park, Kenton. It was an entertaining game, more evenly contested than the score suggests. Dunloy notched off six points before Una Elliott goalied to give them a 1-6 to 1-0 lead at the break.

On the resumption Anne McKee had three well taken points before Miriam Tate had her second goal for London Irish. However, Dunloy never looked in danger. Final score: Dunloy 2-11, London Irish 2-2. Scorers: Dunloy: Anne McKee 0-7, Una Elliott 2-0, Majella McMullan 0-3, Deirdre Cuning 0-1. London Irish: Miriam Tate 2-0, Deirdre Cahill and Cait Dwyer 0-1 each. Referee: Aine Derham, Dublin.

Kilkenny suffered a shock 6-7 to 1-11 loss to Roscommon in their opening National Junior League outing at Ballyraggett. Roscommon took the home side by storm and, after an exciting first half tussle, led 3-3 to 0-6 at the break. The winners continued to dominate in the second half, as Kilkenny struggled to curtail a free-scoring Roscommon attack. Scorers: Roscommon: Mairead Coyle 2-4, Maeve Healy 2-1, Karina Jones 2-0, Mary Gannon 0-2. Kilkenny: Imelda Kennedy 0-5, Mary Rose Ryan 1-0, Margaret Commerford 0-2, Sandra Gleeson, Hilda Butler, Anne Marie Hughes and Mary McGrath 0-1 each. Referee: Biddy Phillips, Tipperary.

Cavan collected the Ulster Under 18 Championship title in an excellent final when they defeated a fancied Down side. The Breffni girls add this title to the Ulster Junior Championship won earlier in the year. Cavan were much the better side in the first half and got off to a good start when a free by Lorraine Day sailed all the way to the net inside the first four minutes. Minutes later Siobhan Savage opened Down's account with a point. Cavan's midfield of Miranda Crowe, Lorraine Day and Anne Dempsey were beginning to get the upperhand. Further goals from Marie Brady and Elaine Prior put Cavan well in command approaching the break, and just before the whistle Down's Ciara McGreevey rattled the Cavan net to leave the half time score Cavan 3-3, Down 1-2.

Down stepped up the pace early in the second half and had their opponents in trouble with a point by Edel Mason followed by a goal by Jennifer Rannitty. On the ninth minute Majella Murray sent the sliothar over the bar to leave two points separating the sides. Cavan weathered the storm nicely and had their first score in this half when Marie Brady put them three points in front. The sides exchanged points and Cavan were never headed as they went on to a 0-5 victory. Final score: Cavan 4-6, Down 2-7.

The player of the match was Nicola Crowe, Cavan. Scorers: Cavan: Marie Brady 1-4, Lorraine Day 1-1, Elaine Prior and Joanne Hayes 1-0 each, Orla Sullivan 0-1. Down: Edel Mason 0-5, Jennifer Rannitty and Ciara McGreevey 1-0 each, Cathy Mulholland and Siobhan Savage 0-1 each.

Cavan Team: Martin Smith, Anne McCabe, Sinead Lynch, Nicola Crowe, Lorraine Day, Anne Dempsey, Joanne Hayes, Marie Brady, Orla Sullivan.

Elaine Prior, Lisa Magarahan, Miranda Crowe. Subs: Joanne Kangley, Fiona Coleman, Edel Magarahan, Blaithin Reilly.

Down: Claire McGivern, Kirsty McKenna, Nuala Rice, Karen Murray, Fiona Murphy, Fiona Duff, Edel Moran, Cathy Mulholland, Jennifer Rannitty, Ciaran McGovern, Majella Murray, Siobhan Savage, Ciara McGreevey.

Clare Senior League champions are Wolfe Tones who got the better of Sixmilebridge in a keenly contested and skillful final played at Shannon. The winners led 1-3 to 0-3 at the break. There was only two points scored in the second half which showed the closeness of this match. Final score: Wolfe Tones: Sylvia O'Brien 1-2, Moira McMahon 0-2, Debbie McDonagh 0-1. Sixmilebridge: Mairead Twomey 0-3.

Results: Munster Senior Club Championship Final: Glen Rovers, Cork 2-11, Wolfe Tones, Clare 1-2.

Tipperary Intermediate Championship Final: Drominch 2-5, Burgess 1-4.

On Sunday next there are three National Junior League games down for decision. Offaly have the venue against Limerick. This should be an entertaining tie. Offaly are the beaten Leinster Junior Championship finalists while Limerick are the beaten All-Ireland Junior finalists. Both sides are capable of producing lots of fire. In their division last year they had to play-off for a place in the quarter final, and after extra time the sides were still locked 3-3 to 1-9. In the replay Limerick emerged winners and reached the semi final, only to go under to the eventual winners Armagh. However, Offaly will be a formidable force on home ground with Geraldine Mahon and Michelle Davis at centre field, and they will pose lots of problems for their opponents, assisted by Maggie Lynch, Honor Kinsella and Dymphna White. Limerick will be anxious to get back on the winning trail and will be depending on Pauleen McCarthy, Ida Quaid, Bernie O'Brien, Liz O'Riordan and Marguirite Guiry to collect the points. This one should go all the way to the wire.

Carlow host Cork. When the sides met at this stage last year, Cork had a 6-7 to 1-0 victory and went all the way to contest the final, where they went under to Armagh after a replay. They have stylish players in Anne Golden, Hilda Kenneally, Bernice Cashman, Gillian Ryan and Niamh O'Regan. Carlow will be hoping for a good performance from Valerie Crean, Mary Smyth, Marie Sheehan and Aine Murphy. However, the Leesiders should take the points. Waterford travel to cross swords with Tipperary. When the sides met last year Tipperary were victorious 4-5 to 3-0 and are capable of collecting the points.

DUNLOY MAKE IT TO THE SENIOR CLUB SEMI FINALS

A cracking contest?

ON Sunday next at Ballincollig the Cork U-18 team play Limerick in the Munster final in what should be a cracking contest. At Club level pick of the games will be the semi final of the Junior "A" Championship which will see Barryroe and Ballinora in opposition at Bandon on Sunday morning at 11.30 a.m., while on the same day Glen Rovers and St. Vincents clash in the semi final of the U-16 "A" championship.

On Saturday we should have another great game in store when Ballygarvan and Eire Og will battle it in the U-12 League Final at Ballincollig at 2 p.m. This is the first year that we have had an U-12 League and it certainly aroused great interest in the clubs with approximately thirty clubs taking part in the competition and now the scene is set for what should be a great contest.

Ballygarvan have come through the series winning all their games convincingly and on form will go into this game as favourites. They have fine performers in Emer Dillon, Sandra Bouse, Zella Forrest and Catherine Kelly and if these girls play to form on the day then Eire Og girls Sandra Reck, Clare & Brid Sheehan and Aoife McCarthy will certainly have to be at their best.

Clash

The clash of Cork and Limerick in Sunday's Munster U-18 Final at Ballincollig at 2.30 p.m. should be another close one. Limerick defeated a fancied Tipperary side in the semi final after extra time and on that performance will no doubt be formidable opponents. The Cork team for Sunday's game is a very experienced one with no fewer than seven of the side having played with the Cork Junior team this season. They have prepared very well for the game and hopes are high that they can succeed in bringing a much needed Munster title to Cork this season.

The team will see Inniscarra 'keeper, Leona Nolan, between the posts with team mate Tracy Ryan at full back and Susan Barrett and Alison Dilworth filling the wing back positions. Mary O'Connor from Killeagh will be at centre back with the midfield positions going to Vivienne Harris, Jill Hannon who captains the side and Marie Corkery. Miriam Deasy is named at centre forward with Patricia Doyle, Niamh O'Regan and Linda O'Sullivan completing the full forward line.

Tracton will wait with interest for the outcome of Sunday's Junior "A" semi final between Barryroe and Ballinora. Tracton are already through to the final of this championship and they will play the winners of Sunday's game on November 6th. On form Barryroe will be fancied to advance on this occasion. They are a very experienced outfit and appear strong in all sections. Spearheaded by players like the Keohane sisters Sharon and Cora, Elaine McCarthy, Ann Sheehy and Colette Cahalane they should have the edge on a Ballinora side that will be looking to players like Margaret Murphy, Enda Dinneen, Grace Cantillon, Susan McCarthy and Bernie McGrath to carry them through.

Form

In the U-16 "A" Championship semi final St. Vincents and Glen Rovers clash in an all Northside affair. Glen have shown great form at U-16 level this season and on this occasion should have a slight edge.

Saturday October 22nd

U-12 League Final

Ballygarvan v Eire Og at Ballincollig at 2 p.m. Ref. Tracy Sheehan

Sunday October 23rd

Munster U-18 Championship Final

Cork v Limerick at Ballincollig at 2.30 p.m.

O'Connor the star

Cork 1-9, Limerick 2-4

A tremendous display by Mary O'Connor at centre-back and a great second-half display helped Cork capture the Munster Under-18 camogie title when they defeated Limerick at Ballincollig, Co. Cork yesterday.

The home side played against the wind in the first-half but still managed to lead at the interval by 0-5 to 0-4.

However, two goals in the space of three minutes between the 34th and 37th minute — from Karen Murphy and Ann Marie Stack — put Limerick in the driving seat and at that stage they looked likely winners.

But Cork fought back gallantly to reduce arrears with a point from Trish Doyle in the 39th minute and when the same player was set up for a great goal by Niamh O'Regan five minutes later Cork were only a point behind.

Vivienne Harris, from a free, brought the sides level in the 46th minute and the home side then took the lead three minutes later with a point from Miriam Deasy.

Both sides had their chances afterwards, but the next score didn't come until the first minute of injury time — a point from a '30' by Vivienne Harris — to give Cork a merited two point win.

CORK: L. Nolan; S. Barrett; T. Ryan, M. O'Connor, A. Dilworth; V. Harris (0-5, 0-3 frees, 0-2 "30's"), J. Hannon (capt) (0-2, frees), M. Corkery; M. Deasy (0-1), L. O'Sullivan, N. O'Regan; T. Doyle (1-1).

LIMERICK: B. O'Brien; S. Kelly; C. Meaney, C. Hayes, M. Neville; J. Cullinane, (0-1), K. Murphy (1-0), D. Sheehan; A. M. Stack (1-0), S. O'Callaghan, A. Cahill; V. Sheehan (0-3, 0-2 frees).

Referee: B. McPhillips (Tipperary).

Eire Og 2-3, Ballygarvan 0-0.

EIRE OG captured the Under-12 title at Ballincollig on Saturday when they proved much too good for Ballygarvan.

In the Under 16 'A' championship semi-final, St. Vincent's beat Glen Rovers in an exciting game by 0-6 to 0-4. Ballinora surprised Barryroe by 2-5 to 1-5 in the the Junior 'A' Championship semi-final.

Mighty Mary's

St. Mary's 7-7

St. Joseph's 2-4

ST. MARY'S High School, Midleton, cruised into the second round of the Munster Colleges Senior Camogie Championship after producing some magnificent hurling and clinical finishing at Midleton yesterday where they beat St. Joseph's, Borrisoleigh, comprehensively.

ST. MARY'S: N. Aherne, V. O'Sullivan, K. O'Sullivan, D. Phelan, M. O'Connor, F. Flavin, K. Aherne, C. Flavin, M. Murray, E. O'Keefe, K. Aherne, N. Aherne. Subs: K. Cusack for M. Murray, E. Landers for K. Aherne, F. Aherne for N. Aherne.

ST. JOSEPH'S: C. Walsh, S. Ryan, P. Kennedy, S. Maxwell, C. Ryan, J. Delaney, M. Maxwell, J. Fahy, L. Maxwell, M. Looby, A. Fitzgerald, C. Maxwell. Sub. M. Kennedy for S. Ryan.

Coachford tops

IN the Munster Colleges Intermediate Camogie Championship first round, Coachford defeated St. Marys, Kanturk 6-3 to 1-0. Best for Coachford were Julie O'Sullivan, Clare Sheehan and Breda O'Regan, while Kate Murphy and Mary Dwyer played best for the losers.

FitzGerald (Cork) — On October 9, 1994, at her home, Wilton Road, Peggy (nee Hogg), beloved wife of Jack and dear mother of Peter and Geraldine. Deeply regretted by all her family, relatives and friends. May she rest in peace. Removal from the Wilton Funeral Home of Jerh. O'Connor Ltd. on this (Monday) evening at 7.30 p.m. to Church of the Holy Spirit, Dennehy's Cross. Requiem Mass on tomorrow (Tuesday) at 11 a.m. Funeral afterwards to St. Finbarr's Cemetery.

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Bishopstown and Tracton are tops

**Bishopstown 0-9
St. Vincent's 0-3**

BISHOPSTOWN captured the U-16 "A" camogie title at Ballyanly yesterday when they proved too good for St. Vincents.

In fairness to both sides they found it difficult to play good camogie as the underfoot conditions were very soft and there was a gale force wind. This helped Bishopstown in the first-half but they failed to make the maximum use of it, shooting seven wides.

Bishopstown took a long time to settle and had only two points on the board after 10 minutes. However, they got their act together midway through the half to score three quick points and finished

strongly to lead at the break 0-8 to 0-0.

St. Vincent's began the second-half in determined style and mounted sustained pressure but found it difficult to breach the Town defence. They had their first point from a free by Donna O'Leary in the 27th minute but had to wait until the 40th minute for there next.

Vivienne Harris, who was the star of the game, broke up field to score Bishopstown's lone second-half point in the 47th minute and although Michelle Forde had the losers' final score two minutes from time, the North side girls were always fighting a losing battle against a solid Bishopstown defence.

For the winners, Susan Kelleher

in goal had a tremendous second-half and got great support from Fiona Duncan and Nicola Falvey in defence. Vivienne Harris was in complete control in midfield while Linda Heffernan and Nicole Barry were the pick of the forwards.

St. Vincent's best player was Sandra Ricken in goal as she made some splendid saves, particularly in the first-half. Vicky Forde and Leone Dowling were very solid in defence while captain Denise O'Mahony tried hard a midfield. Up front Orla O'Shea and Sabrina Power looked dangerous.

Scorers for Bishopstown: L Heffernan 0-5 (0-1, free 0-1 "30"), V Harris 0-3 (0-1 free), T Doyle 0-1.

St. Vincent's: D O'Leary (free), S Power and M Forde a point each.

BISHOPSTOWN: S Kelleher; F Duncan; F Higgins, T Doyle, N Falvey; G

Sheridan, V Harris, C Buckley; L Heffernan, M Kearney, D Mulcahy; N Barry. Sub. N Corcoran for M Kearney (43rd minute).

ST. VINCENT'S: S Ricken; B O'Hare; S Murphy, V Forde, L Dowling; L Delaney, D O'Mahony, D O'Leary; M Cotter, O O'Shea, M Forde; S Power.

Referee: I O'Keefe (Inniscarra).

Tracton 5-3 Mayfield 2-5

IN the U-16 B County final at Ballinhassig, last year's defeated finalists Tracton had a victory over Mayfield.

The winners led by 4-2 to 1-3 at half-time after playing with the aid of a very strong wind. However, in the second-half they managed to hold out against a very strong Mayfield attack who made them

fight very hard for their victory.

However, a superb performance at centre back by Carol Twomey and some excellent scores from Nicola Lynch and Julie-Anne Kingston saw the cup going to Tracton.

Scorers for Tracton: J.A. Kingston 3-0, N. Lynch 1-1, N. Quinn 1-0, C. Guinane 0-2.

Mayfield: C. Barrett 1-4, J. Crowley 1-0, D. Weathers 0-1.

TRACTON: S. Corkery, O.O'Leary, G. McCarthy, E. Collins, C. Twomey, C. Guinane, M. Murphy, A.M. Collins, S. Ambrose, N. Lynch, J.A. Kingston, N. Quinn. Subs. L. Power, E. Allen, M. Buckley for A.M. Collins, G. Murphy, G. McCarthy.

MAYFIELD: K. Atkins; L. Casey, D. McCarthy, L. Carroll, M. McCarthy, N. Daly, C. Barrett, J. Cowley, V. Kennedy, R. Long, D. Weathers, D. McCarthy.

Referee: M. Newman (Glen Rovers).

Inniscarra girls intermediate champions

By TOM HIGGINS

Inniscarra 3-3 Eire Og 1-2

A few moments of magic from Irene O'Keefe and some tremendous defending in the second-half helped Inniscarra capture the Cork Intermediate camogie championship at Ballincollig yesterday when they defeated a gallant Eire Og side.

Inniscarra, who took a while to settle, made the better use of their chances, whereas Eire Og were

determined to take on the Inniscarra defence instead of picking off scores from favourable positions.

Eire Og were quickly into their stride and were a goal up after two minutes when Claire O'Regan blasted past Leona Nolan from close range and the same player put her side further ahead with a point from a free five minutes later.

But Inniscarra began to get over their nervous start and a fine point from Fiona O'Donovan seemed to settle them and they were on level

term in the 12th minute. Marion McCarthy brought off a fine save from a Evelyn Moynihan rasper but Irene O'Keefe was on hand to bat the rebound home.

Undeterred, Eire Og went ahead once more with a Claire O'Regan free but Inniscarra finished the stronger with a point from Evelyn Moynihan from a free and another from Irene O'Keefe two minute before the break. This left only a point between the sides, 1-3 to 1-2, in favour of Inniscarra at the break.

Eire Og did most of the pressing

in the second-half but with Tracy Ryan, Michelle O'Sullivan and Margaret O'Donovan defending stoutly a lot of promising attacks were broken up.

In the 30th minute came the crucial score of the game when Irene O'Keefe ran on to a loose ball, ten meters out, to give Marion McCarthy no chance. Although Eire Og continued to press after this setback they could not break down a very solid Inniscarra defence and although Claire O'Regan and Eileen Dinneen went close on a

few occasions Inniscarra had the last say with a Margaret Nora O'Sullivan goal.

INNISCARRA: L. Nolan; T. Ryan; M. O'Sullivan, C. O'Callaghan, M. O'Donovan; N. Buckley, A. Golden, M. N. O'Sullivan (1-0); I. O'Keefe (2-1); C. O'Leary, F. O'Donovan (0-1); E. Moynihan (0-1 free).

EIRE OG: M. McCarthy; D. Healy; Y. O'Leary, J. Bradley, T. Sheehan; C. O'Callaghan, C. Murphy, A. O'Regan; C. O'Regan (1-2, 0-2 frees), H. Walsh, T. Lordan; E. Dinneen. Subs. N. O'Leary for C. Murphy (half-time), S. Webster for T. Lordan (40th minute).

Referee: M. Kearney (Sarsfields).

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The Cork U-18 camogie team which defeated Limerick in the Munster Championship final at Ballincollig.

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Revenge for UCC

CC 4-2 Univ. of Limerick 0-8

THE U.C.C camogie team, beaten in the Ashbourne Cup last year by University of Limerick, gained sweet revenge in the League at the Merdyke on Wednesday when they had a six points win over the visitors.

The Limerick side, who fielded Cork star Fiona O'Driscoll and Kilkenny All-Ireland player Sinead Millea, found themselves 2-1 to 0-4 down at the break.

Edel Kearney was in tremendous form for the home side with the Bishopstown player scoring 2-1. She got great support from Stephanie Dunlea and captain Ger O'Grady.

U.C.C scorers were. Edel Kearney 2-1, Stephanie Dunlea 1-1 and Sharon Keohane 1-0.

U.C.C. C Keohane; P Dowling; O Crowe, O Higgins, M Hickey; S Keohane, G O'Grady, S Dunlea; E Kearney, R O'Donovan, E McCarthy; D Delaney. Subs. C Kirby, O Murphy.



Linda O'Sullivan, a member of the Ballinhassig team in the County Junior 'B' Camogie final against Courcsey Rovers on tomorrow



Ms. Marion McCarthy, vice-chairperson Cork County Camogie Board, presents the County Under-16 'B' Camogie Cup to Tracton captain Carol Twomey.

JUNIOR 'A' FINAL

This final, between last year's junior 'B' champions, Tracton and Muskerry side Ballinora, is also scheduled for tomorrow (Sunday) but the venue is now known.

Tracton had a great win in the county under-16 'B' final on Monday last and they will be hoping to win their second trophy of the season and with players of the calibre of Catherine Coughlan, Karina Desmond, Carol Twomey, Jackie Lyons and Carmel Walsh in their side they will be very hard to beat.

The team is trained and coached by Tommy Collins and he has been proved to have the midas touch as he has coached Tracton to Co. Intermediate Hurling honours in 1991, county under-14 'B' football honours and county junior 'B' camogie honours last year.

Camogie World

By: P.J. FULHAM

Wexford got revenge for their defeat in the All-Ireland Senior Championship final when they got the better of old rivals Kilkenny in this Leinster Senior Championship final played at Oylegate recently. It was a goal by Angie Hearne in the early stages and a similar score by Paula Rankin just before half time gave Wexford a 2-4 to 0-4 lead at the break.

On the resumption a Sinead Millea point followed by a goal by Marina Downey left the All-Ireland Champions trailing by just two points. Anne Reddy and Angela Downey exchanged points and from then to the finish it was a ding-dong battle with Wexford just holding on. Final score Wexford 2-9, Kilkenny 0-6. Scorers: Wexford: Fiona Dunne 0-6, Angie Hearne and Paula Rankin 1-0 each, Anne Reddy 0-2, Esme Murphy 0-1. Kilkenny: Marina Downey 1-5, Anne Downey 0-3, Brigid Barnaville and Sinead Millea 0-1 each. Referee: Liam Davitt, Westmeath.

Westmeath collected their third Leinster League Title when they came from behind to beat Louth 3-12 to 2-5 at Turin. Aileen Lawlor with a hat-trick of goals and the prolific Annette Heffernan did most of the damage. The visitors looked much the sharper side in the early stages and after just two minutes Emma Kiernan grabbed a confidence-boosting goal. This was followed by a point from Adrienne Reilly. Annette Heffernan opened Westmeath's account after ten minutes and went on to complete a hat-trick of points in a five minute spell. Louth were off target on several occasions before Lorraine Callan put two points between the sides again. But the lead was short lived. Annette Heffernan pointed from a '30' followed by a well taken goal by Aileen Lawlor to give Westmeath the lead for the first time. Louth's Theresa Bates replied with two fine points to level the scores, but Aileen Lawlor hit back with a point to give her side a slender 1-5 to 1-4 advantage at the break.

Backed by a strong breeze, Westmeath were never in danger in the second half as Aileen Lawlor completed her hat-trick of goals. Scorers: Westmeath: Aileen Lawlor 3-3, Annette Heffernan 0-9. Louth: Theresa Bates 1-3, Emma Kiernan (1-0), Lorraine Callan and Adrienne Reilly 0-1 each. Referee: Brigid Carney, Meath.

Limerick collected two valuable points when they defeated Offaly in this National Junior League tie at Rath.

A good first half by Limerick found a weakness in Offaly's defence. Goals by Pauleen McCarthy and Kay Burke gave the Munster County a 2-5 to 0-6 lead at the break. In the second half Offaly's rearguard improved holding their opponents to just one point. The home side tried to rally back with points by Geraldine Mahon, Michelle Davis and Catherine Byrne but failed to pull back the first half deficit as Limerick held on by a two point margin. Final score: Limerick 2-6, Offaly 0-10. Scorers: Limerick: Pauleen McCarthy 1-3, Margaret Burke 1-1, Kay Burke and Ida Quaid 0-1 each. Offaly: Geraldine Mahon and Michelle Davis 0-4 each, Catherine Byrne and Maggie Lynch 0-1 each. Referee: Helena McCormack, Kilkenny.

Kilkenny suffered a shock 6-7 to 1-11 loss to Roscommon in their opening National Junior League outing with Ballyragget. Roscommon took the home side by storm and, after an exciting first half tussle, led 3-3 to 0-6 at the break. The winners continued to dominate in the second half, as Kilkenny struggled to curtail a free-scoring Roscommon attack. Scorers: Roscommon: Maread Coyle 2-4, Mary Healy 2-1, Karina Jones 2-0, Mary Gannon 0-2. Kilkenny: Imelda Kennedy 0-5, Mary Rose Ryan 1-0, Margaret Commerford 0-2, Sandra Gleeson, Hilda Butler, Anne Marie Hughes and Mary McGrath 0-1 each. Referee: Biddy Phillips, Tipperary.

National Junior League champions Armagh suffered their first defeat at the hands of a determined Dublin side in this National Junior League tie played at Erins Isle, Finglas. The score: Dublin 2-3, Armagh 2-2. Scorers: Dublin: Tara O'Connell and Siobhan Treacy 1-0 each, Irene Kirwan 0-2, Doreen Golden 0-1. Armagh: Pauleen Fahy 1-1, Colette Conway 1-0, Donna McCusker 0-1. Referee: Mary Connor, Louth.

Results:
N.J.L. Tipperary 6-14 Waterford 0-1
Down 8-14 Tyrone 1-6
Derry 6-12 Donegal 0-0
Milk Cup Tournament:
Semi Finals: St. Munnas, Westmeath

2-4, Killyon, Meath 1-6

Kilkerley, Louth 3-4, Moorefield, Kildare 2-0

Final: Kilkerley 4-7, St. Munnas 2-3

On Sunday there are six National Junior Camogie games down for decision. All-Ireland Junior champions, Galway will host Offaly in their first outing. Offaly have dropped two points from their tussle with Limerick and will be anxious to get back on the winning trail. Despite having excellent performers in Geraldine Mahon, Michelle Davis and Grainne Gath they will meet with a formidable force in the All-Ireland champions. When the sides met at this stage of the competition last year Offaly had a one point winning margin: 1-7 to 2-3. Galway carry the tag of favourites and will be depending on Cora Curley, Martina Harkins, Veronica Curtin and Denise Gilligan to collect the points.

Limerick travel to cross swords with Roscommon. This should be a good tussle. Both sides have full points. Roscommon had a good win over Kilkenny in their opening game and can provide stiff opposition for the Limerick ladies, who will be hoping for a good performance from centrefield players Ida Quaid, Liz O'Riordan and Mary Burke. Pauleen McCarthy, Bernie O'Brien, Kay Burke and Cecelia McNamara.

Roscommon will be confident on home ground and with players such as Maread Coyle, Karina Jones, Mary Gannon and Mary Healy they are sure to put up a good performance. It should be close at the finish.

Carlow have the venue against Tipperary in what should be an entertaining affair. Tipperary have two points from their outing against Waterford and are capable of collecting a further brace here.

Wexford travel to battle it out with Waterford. This is the Slaneysiders first game and they should collect the points.

Antrim show their hospitality to Derry. This is Antrim's first outing while Derry had a comprehensive win over Donegal. It should be close but Antrim may shade it.

WEXFORD Get Revenge

Sweet revenge for Wexford

WEXFORD.....2-9 KILKENNY.....1-10
WEXFORD got revenge for their defeat in the All-Ireland Senior Championship final when they got the better of old rivals Kilkenny in this Leinster Senior Championship final played at Oylegate yesterday.

It was a tough tussle all the way through. A goal by Angie Hearn in the early stages and a similar score by Paula Rankin just before half time gave Wexford a 2-4 to 0-4 lead at the break.

On the resumption a Sinead Millea point followed by a goal by Marina Downey left the All-Ireland champions trailing by just

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2-3 ARMAGH.....2-2
DUBLIN..... Junior League champions
NATIONAL Junior League champions Armagh suffered their first defeat at the hands of a determined Dublin in this National Junior League tie at Erins Isle, Finglas yesterday.

SCORERS: Dublin: T O'Connell, S Treacy 1-0 each, D Kirwan 0-2, D Golden 0-1. Armagh: P Fahy 1-1, C Conway 1-0, D McCusker 0-1.

Tracton's county title

TRACTON were crowned Cork county under-16 'B' camogie champions at Ballinhassig on Monday last following their comprehensive win over Mayfield and made up for their disappointment of losing last year's final to Ballinhassig.

Tracton had the aid of the strong wind in the opening half and made full use of it as they led at the interval by 4-2 to 1-3 with Julie Anne Kingston scoring a hat-trick of goals.

It looked good for Tracton at the half-time break but Mayfield made a brave effort to get back into the game in the second-half but they found Carol Twomey, at centre-back, in magnificent form and when Nicola Lynch goalied for Tracton the cup was on its way to Minane Bridge.

Without doubt Carol Twomey was the star of this game while Julie Anne Kingston, Nicola Lynch, Caitriona Guinane and Melissa Murphy were others to impress.

CARBERY SIDES ON TOP

Two inter-divisional hurling league finals were decided at the Jack Barrett Memorial Grounds, Kinsale on Sunday last and following two very competitive games the titles went to the Carbery division.

In the division 3 final Ballinhassig 'B' playing with the aid of the strong wind in the opening half, had the tonic of a goal after three minutes from John Coughlan and John O'Sullivan extended their

lead when he pointed in the 6th minute. But Oliver Plunketts settled into the game and Ballinhassig found it difficult to add to their tally. Another point from O'Sullivan had the South East side ahead by 1-3 to 0-1 after 15 minutes of play. But Plunketts finished the half the strong and three points in the final five minutes saw Ballinhassig hold a slender one point lead at the interval 1-2 to 0-4.

The sides were level a minute into the second-half and Plunketts took the lead for the first time in the 38th minute when John Fitzpatrick pointed. But Drew McCarthy had the sides level when he pointed in the 45th minute. Now it was anybody's game but the West Cork side finished the stronger and two Pat Keohane points in the final ten minutes saw Oliver Plunketts win the title by 0-8 to 1-3.

The Division Two final between Ballymartle 'B' and Diarmuid O Mathunas was also a very close contest. The Carbery side had the aid of the strong wind in the opening half and shot over three points in the opening 10 minutes. But two points from Johnny McCarthy midway through the half had Ballymartle back in the game. O Mathunas extended their lead in the 19th minute when Barry Lordan pointed. There was no further scoring until the final minutes of the half when Ballymartle had two points from John McCarthy and Eoin Dalton to level the scores but Colm O'Donoghue had the last score of the half



Tommy Collins, coach to Tracton Junior 'A' camogie team with players Carmel Walsh and Mary Byrne.

when he sent over the bar to leave O Mathunas ahead by 0-5 to 0-4.

Ballymartle's Johnny McCarthy pointed in the 32nd minute to tie the scores but O'Donoghue put O Mathunas back in the lead in the 40th minute. The only goal of the game came in the 42nd minute when Timmy Murphy crashed the ball to the net to put Ballymartle ahead by 1-5 to 0-6. It looked good for Ballymartle at this stage as they were hurling with great confidence but points by Kieran Crowley and Colm O'Donoghue brought the sides level with 15 minutes left for play. Both sides

were guilty of missed chances in the closing quarter and two late points from Barry Lordan and Kieran Cullinane ensured victory for O Mathunas on a 0-10 to 1-5 scoreline.

BUSY CAMOGIE WEEKEND

Three clubs from the Carrigdhoun division are involved in the county camogie finals tomorrow (Sunday).

The Ballygarvan GAA Grounds is the setting for the Junior 'B' final and it is an all divisional affair with Courcy Rovers tak-

ing on Ballinhassig. The starting time of this final is 2.30 p.m.

Courcy Rovers are making their third appearance in this final and they will be hoping to win the title for the first time. For Ballinhassig it's their first appearance in this final and with victory over Valley Rovers in the semi-final they are confident of lifting the cup so gloriously won by Tracton last year. Both sides have tasted success at county level with Courcy Rovers winning the under-14 and 16 titles in 1992 while Ballinhassig won both titles last year.

It promises to be a great sporting occasion in Minane Bridge tomorrow and a big crowd is expected

On their way to the final Tracton defeated Killeagh and Blackrock while Ballinora overcame Glen Rovers and Barryroe.

With the junior 'B' title certain to come to the division and with Tracton favourites to take the 'A' title it would be another glorious year for camogie in the division.

Sporting chance for UCC students

By BRENDAN MOONEY

THIRTEEN students, most of whom have already represented Ireland and all of them established stars at national level, have received sports Bursaries under the University College Cork Bursary Scheme.

The students were presented with their Bursaries by the Registrar of UCC, Prof. M. A. Moran, at a function at the College last evening. Each Bursary is valued at £1,000, with half being funded by the College and the remainder by companies and other agencies, some of whom identified a particular sport as the beneficiary. Hence, there were three for soccer.

The scheme, introduced by the Physical Education Officer, Kieran Dowd, ushered in a new era in sports funding in this country when it was established in 1992 to promote excellence in sport at the College.

During the two years of its existence, 43 Bursaries, each valued £600, have been awarded. However, so as to enhance the status of the scheme, for 1994/1995, the value of each Bursary will be increased to £1,000 with a corresponding reduction in the number of Bursaries awarded.

The benefits of the Bursaries extend well outside the College and into home clubs. The club of which the Bursary holder is a member also benefits, with fellow club members being encouraged to acquire similar standards of fitness and performance.

The improved performances of College teams and individuals, especially on representative teams, have brought pride and credit to UCC. And, in this regard, University College Cork has always, in

addition to this scheme, supported in a significant manner, all those students who are selected for representative fixtures.

In fact £9,000 was allocated in this area in 1993/94, reflecting not just the College's commitment to encouraging sporting excellency amongst students but also the caliber of athletes and sports people attending the University.

Sincere thanks were expressed to all who supported the sports Bursaries Scheme, especially Assets Advisory Services Ltd., Campbell Catering, College Corinthians AFC, CMP Dairy, Gillabbey Chemicals Ltd., Henry Ford and Sons Ltd., John A. Wood Ltd., McDonalds, Micromail, Quality Electronic Fasteners Ltd, the Football Association of Ireland and UCC Athletic Union.

The Bursary holders for 1994/95 are:
 John Buckley, Cork Under 21 footballer.
 Denis Corcoran, Irish Universities and World Student Games soccer international.
 Dominic Crotty, Irish Universities and Under-21 Rugby international.
 Stephanie Dunlea, Cork senior inter-county camogie player.
 Tom Fives, Waterford senior inter-county and Munster Railway Cup hurler.
 Rachael Kohler, Irish International hockey player.
 Paul Lombard, Irish Under-18 hockey player.
 Seamus Moynihan, Kerry senior and Munster Railway Cup footballer.
 Nora O'Connell, Irish Under-18 hockey international.
 Michael O'Connor, former Cork city soccer player.
 Pat O'Keeffe, Irish Universities and World Student Games athlete.
 William O'Keeffe, Irish Universities soccer international.
 Greg Tuohy, Irish Universities and Under-21 rugby international.



Group pictured at the presentation of the UCC sports bursaries last evening. Seated, from left: Christine O'Donovan, assistant PE Officer, UCC; Prof. M.A. Moran, registrar, UCC, and Kieran Dowd, PE Officer, UCC. Middle row, from left: Tom Fives, hurling; Rachel Kohler, hockey; John Buckley, gaelic football; Nora O'Connell, hockey; Paul Lombard, hockey; Stephanie Dunlea, camogie, and Seamus Moynihan, gaelic football. Back, from left: William O'Keeffe, soccer; Michael O'Connor, soccer; Denis Corcoran, soccer; Greg Tuohy, rugby; Dominic Crotty, rugby; Patrick O'Keeffe, athletics. (Examiner).

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Camogie World

By: P.J. FULHAM

Antrim Senior Camogie Champions, Dunloy, finished the better to take the Ulster Senior Club Championship title by defeating Down champions, Leitrim/Fontenoy's at Dunloy. After an exciting first half, the Down champions led 0-9 to 0-6. They were well in control going into the last quarter until Dunloy's Anne McKee shot a sideline cut all the way to the net. This was followed by further goals by Elaine Dowds and Brenda Kearins to give the Antrim side victory on a score of 3-11 to 0-12.

Scorers: Dunloy: Anne McKee 1-4, Elaine Dowds 1-1, Brenda Kearins 1-0, Sinead McMullan 0-3, Majella McMullan 0-2, Oonagh Elliot 0-1.

Leitrim: Mairin McAleenan 0-9, Mairin O'Higgins, Majella Murray and Monica McCartan 0-1 each.

Dunloy team: Sally McMullan, Sinead McMullan, Joan Elliot, Deirdre Cuning, Donna Brogan, Helan McMullan, Anne McKee (Capt), Christine McCamphill, Majella McMullan, Brenda Kearins, Elaine Dowds, Oonagh Elliot.

Leitrim/Fontenoy's: Lil Cunningham, Donna Greeran (Capt), Anne Marie Kennedy, Nuala McGee, Majella Murray, Teresa Burns, Monica McCartan, Monica Rooney, Grainne McCrickard, Mairin McAleenan, Bernie Kelly, Mairin O'Higgins.

Referee: Margaret Convery, (Derry).

On Sunday next the National Junior League commences with two games down for decision. The Leinster Champions, Kilkenny, will host Roscommon in what should be an entertaining encounter. Kilkenny suffered a set back when they were defeated by London in the All-Ireland Junior Championship quarter-final. However, they are likely to get off to a good start in the League. They have a good panel of players which includes: Joan Aylward, Mary McGrath, Hilda Butler, Margaret

Dunloy Are Ulster Club Champions

Commerford and Imelda Kennedy.

Roscommon did not take part in the National League last year and they will be going all out to give a good account of themselves, but may find the Noreiders carrying too much strength on the day.

Donegal travel to take on Derry. When the sides met in the competition last year, Derry came out on top 4-7 to 2-1 and are capable of collecting the points on Sunday.

The Ulster Senior Champions Dunloy, Antrim, make the journey to London to meet the London Champions, London Irish in the All-Ireland Senior Club Championship quarter-final at Parnell Park, Kenton. Dunloy are a good side but they will meet with stiff opposition from the London champions, who have excellent performers in Anne Kennedy, Julie Drum-McCrossan, Niamh Mulhern, Deirdre Cahill and Gabrielle Hussey. Home venue will be an advantage. However, Dunloy should shade it to the semi-final.

Dublin held their Annual Convention recently. It was a day long affair which had to be re-convened for November 5th. After a prolonged and detailed discussion new measures were introduced. For the first time in 20 years, the playing season has been changed completely for Senior, Intermediate and Junior clubs. Starting this season, the programme will run from March to October. The Championships will begin early in May, with the semi-finals taking place at the end of May.

There will then be a break for exams, and the Championship finals have been scheduled for July. The new ruling will not effect the Juveniles, who will maintain their structure. It is planned to re-introduce the old competitions of Dublin Camogie this month to give the Senior, Intermediate and Junior players some matches before Christmas.

The Gael Linn Semi-Final draw is as follows:

Ulster v Leinster and
Munster v Connacht.



Kilkenny's Hilda Butler makes a clearance in the Leinster Final

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Glen's tough test

By Tom Higgins

ON Sunday at the Glen Field, Cork, All-Ireland club champions Glen Rovers face their stiffest task in their quest for a three-in-a-row when they take on the Galway champions, Pearse's in the semi-final.

The Glen know they will have to play to their full potential to reach the final at the expense of the All-Ireland seven-a-side holders who are quietly confident of putting one over on the Cork girls.

The Galway girls field seven inter-county players in Tracy Laheen, Martina Harkin, Ann Ryan, Ursula and Carmel Hannon, Aine Hillary and Sharon Glynn and will be hard to beat. They

also have the services of the Dublin inter-county goalie and having won Féile na nGael in 1988, '91 and '94, they feel they have the experience to take their first All-Ireland Club title.

The nearest they came to making the big breakthrough was in '92 when they went under by a point to Rathnure in the semi-final.

They were founded in 1977 and on their way to the semi-final they defeated last year's beaten finalist, Mullagh, in the Galway County final. Then they had a comprehensive win over Oran from Roscommon in the Connacht final.

But, the Glen are a really determined side with a wealth of skill and experience and their only worry is a slight injury to Ger McCarthy-Whitnell.

However, she hopes to be fully fit and with such experienced players as captain Sandie Fitzgibbon, Therese O'Callaghan, Trisha Murphy, Denise Cronin, Linda Mellerick, Mary Ring and the Dunlea sisters, Stephanie and Lynn in their line-up, the Glen won't let their crown slip easily.

Also being played on Sunday are the Junior A and B County finals. In the A decider, last year's B champions, Tracton, take on Ballinora at Carrig-twohill with Tracton, who beat the much fancied Barryroe and Glen Rovers on their way to the decider, slight favourites.

The B decider features Courcey Rovers and Ballinhassig in an all-south East battle at Ballygarvan.

Glen had to battle

By TOM HIGGINS

Glen Rovers (Cork) 0-12
Pearse's (Galway) 1-4

CORK champions Glen Rovers are still on course for their third All-Ireland Club title in-a-row, but they had to fight very hard at the Glen Field, Cork yesterday to reach the final after a gallant and skilful Pearse's side tested them to the full.

They now meet Lisdowney in the final. The Kilkenny girls beat Dunloy of Antrim by 7-14 to 2-4 in the second semi-final at Ballyraggett yesterday.

Glen played with the wind in the opening half, but found a very determined Pearse's side dominating and the Glen defence was under pressure for long periods. However, Pearse's, who shot eight wides in this spell, would have been much closer at the break than 0-6 to 0-1 had they taken their chances. The Glen, on the other hand, made better use of their limited scoring opportunities to build up a nice cushion.

However, on the turnover Pearse's began to play some excellent camogie and a goal from Carmel Hannon, following a Martina Harkins free, left only two points between the sides and the Glen were struggling. Two excellent point from Aine Hillary and another from Sharon Glynn gave the Galway side the lead — 1-4 to 0-6 — in the 43rd minute and they looked in control.

But, the Glen got their act together and as the Galway side began to tire the Cork girls took over. And, with Sandie Fitzgibbon dominant at centre-back and their forwards beginning to get a good supply they picked off some nice points. In fairness to Pearse's they never gave up, but the Glen's experience told in the finish.

Mary Ring had a very solid game at full-back for the Glen and got great support Sandie Fitzgibbon, Deirdre McCarthy and Stephanie Dunlea in defence. Therese O'Callaghan and Denise Cronin played well at midfield, while Linda Mellerick and Lynn Dunlea were the pick of the forwards.

Scorers for Glen Rovers: L. Dunlea 0-9 (0-5 frees, 0-2 "30's"), T. Murphy 0-1, L. Mellerick 0-1, T. O'Callaghan 0-1.
Pearse's: C. Hannon 1-0, A. Hillary 0-2, T. Laheen 0-1, S. Glynn 0-1.

GLEN ROVERS: M. O'Leary; M. Ring; D. McCarthy, S. Fitzgibbon, S. Dunlea; T. Murphy, T. O'Callaghan, D. Cronin; L. Mellerick, L. Dunlea, G. McCarthy-Whitnell; C. McCarthy, Sub. Y. McCarthy for G. McCarthy-Whitnell (half-time).

PEARSE'S: L. Curry; C. Donnellan; B. Kilgannon, T. Laheen, A. Ward; M. Harkins, M. Haverly, U. Hannon; S. Glynn, C. Hannon, A. Hillary; A. Ryan.

Referee: M. Pollard (Waterford).



Aiding Ward, Pearse's is challenged by Trisha Murphy, Glen Rovers, during the All-Ireland Club Camogie semi-final at Glen Field, Cork yesterday.

—(Picture: Maurice O'Mahony)

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Linda Mellerick, Glen Rovers grabs the ball as Tracy Laheen, Pearses challenges, during the All-Ireland Camogie Semi Final at Glen Field. (Pic: Maurice O'Mahony).

Glen's close call

BY T.P. O'MAHONY

THE Glen's hopes of a three-in-a-row in the All-Ireland camogie championship are still alive — but only just.

Rarely can a final whistle have sounded so sweet to Blackpool ears as it did yesterday on a rain-sodden pitch at Ballinacorney Road.

The scoreboard said it was 0-12 to 1-4 at the end, but if ever a scoreboard didn't tell the true story it was this one.

And the Glen can thank their keeper, Mairead O'Leary, who brought off three magnificent saves.

She was undoubtedly the heroine of the hour.

Pearse's of Galway came to Cork brimful of confidence, and determined to topple the champions.

And they nearly pulled it off.

Over the 60 minutes they were arguably the better side, the difference being that the Glen took their chances while Pearse's squandered theirs.

Territorial domination and majority possession are not enough unless the scores go up on the board.

Wealth

This is where the Glen's wealth of experience told. Having lost a half-time

lead of 0-6 to 0-1, other teams might have panicked.

When Pearse's edged ahead after fine point by Sharon Glynn, it looked like an upset was on the cards.

But the Glen rallied, and crucial points by Therese O'Callaghan and Lynn Dunlea saw them safely home.

Glen captain Sandie Fitzgibbon admitted it had been close. "They are fine side, and they made us fight all the way."

"This was a good one for us to win," said an obviously relieved Mary Newman McCarthy, one of the Glen selectors.

Midfielder Therese O'Callaghan said she knew it was going to be hard. "We knew Pearse's were going to come at us and that's how it turned out."

"We found it hard to get into our stride, and perhaps we weren't as sharp as usual, but it's been a long season."

The Glen will now face Lisdowney — powered by the Downey twins, Ann and Angela — in the Final on 20 November in Kilkenny.

Glen Rovers to play Lisdowney

GLEN ROVERS..... 0-12
PEARSE'S..... 1-4

GLEN ROVERS of Cork overcame their Galway opponents in yesterday's All-Ireland senior Club camogie semi-final

SCORERS — Glen Rovers: L. Dunlea (0-9), T. O'Callaghan, L. Mellerick, P. Murphy (0-1 each). Pearse's — C. Hannon (1-0), A. Hillery (0-2), S. Glynn, T. Laheen (0-1 each).

LISDOWNEY..... 7-14
DUNLOY..... 2-4

LISDOWNEY of Kilkenny coasted into the All-Ireland final at Ballyragget.

SCORERS: Lisdowney — M. Downey (4-5), A. Downey (3-6), A. M. Hughes, A. Downey, S. Gleeson (0-1 each). Dunloy — S. McMullen (1-2), G. McMullen (1-1), B. Kearns (0-1).

■ National Junior League: Kildare 5-7, Dublin 3-4.



Ursula Hannon, Pearse's gets her shot in as Trisha Murphy, Glen Rovers challenges, during the All-Ireland Camogie Final at Glen Field. (Pic: Maurice O'Mahony).