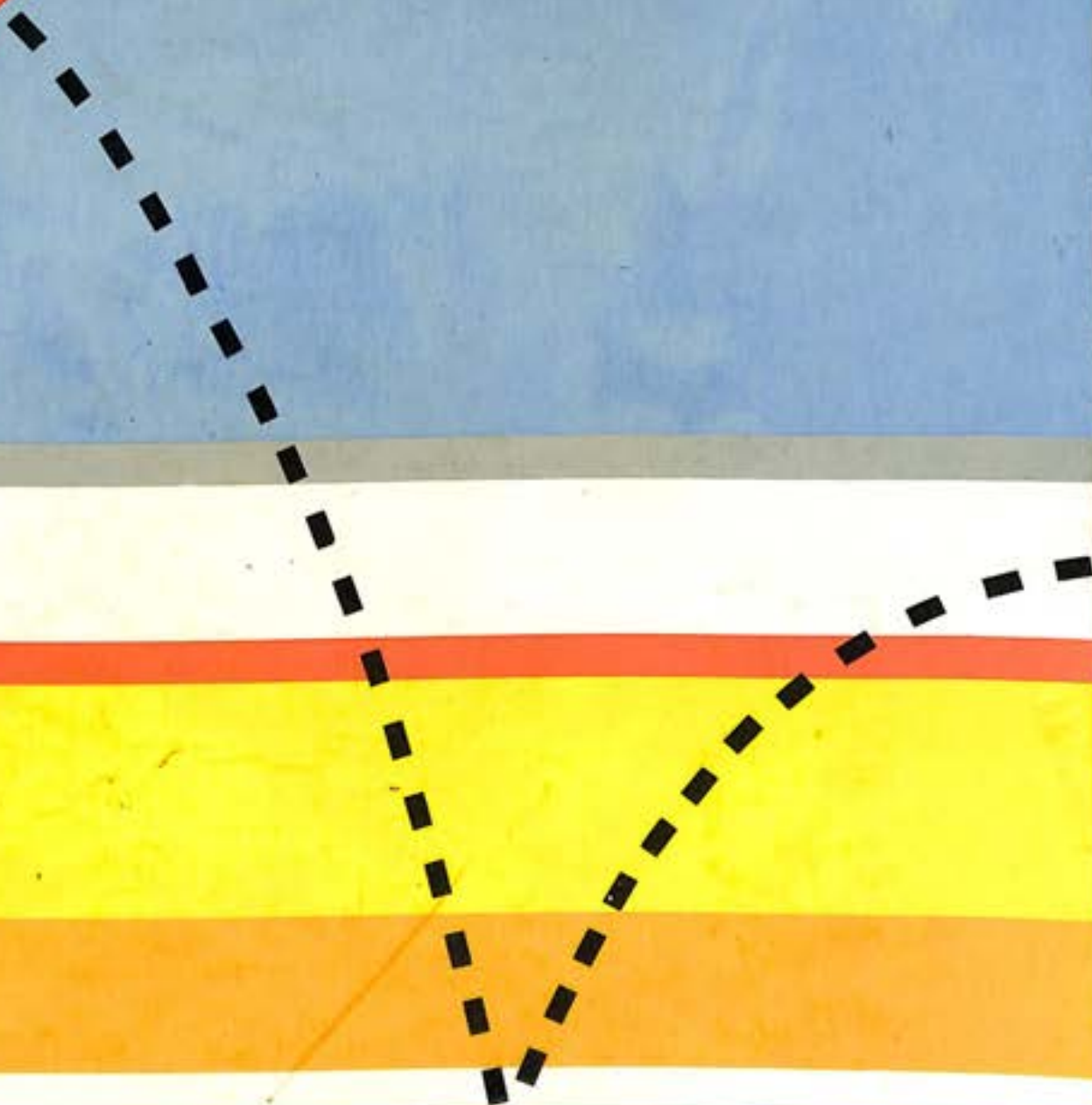


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Uphill battle facing Dublin

DUBLIN CAMOGIE NOTES

This will be Dublin's first return to the south side venue since their defeat at the hands of tomorrow's opponents in the All-Ireland championship class of last August. Dublin will want to erase memories of their disappointing display on that occasion.

Kilkenny went on to capture All-Ireland honours last year to add to the league crown they had already secured against the Metropolitans earlier in the year. So Dublin go into tomorrow's game against a team highly DUBLIN make their sixth successive appearance in a National League final when they face Kilkenny in this year's decider at O'Toole Park, tomorrow, 2.0. Unfortunately for a number of sports lovers the game coincides with the live televising of the Ireland-England international from Germany and despite the fact that approaches were made seeking an alternative time for the game no agreement was reached. honoured and steeped in experience.

Only Bridie McGarry and Liz Neary are missing from Kilkenny's 1987 championship winning side. They have household names in Ann and Angela Downey, Marie Fitzpatrick, Breda Holmes, Rita Weymes and Biddy O'Sullivan.

Against this impressive array of camogie talent Dublin field what is probably their youngest and most inexperienced team in over a decade. Nonetheless they have battled hard to reach this decider and have already drawn with Kilkenny in their first match in this group.

There is one change from the semi-final side for this latest clash. Star Marino defender Patricia Clinton has gone to America and her place will be taken by Cathy Walsh who comes back from the forward line.

Back into the side comes Celtic's Ann Cooper where she now finds herself at left corner forward. Otherwise the team is the same as that which started against Galway in the semi-final.

The key to this final could be centred around the middle of the field where the clash between Edel Murphy and Ann Downey could go a long way to deciding the distribution of the honours. Michelle Donnelly and Germaine Noonan who will be flanking Edel have the potential to make telling contributions.

This is unquestionably the strongest team that Dublin can field with the availability of such players as Marino's Carmel O'Byrne and Patricia Clinton and Celtic stalwarts Ann Colgan and Una Crowley.

While one would forsake the acquisition of a league title for the more glamorous stake of a championship crown a win tomorrow would be a major psychological boost for the Dubliners for next month when these two counties must meet again in their quest for All-Ireland honours.

● All delegates are reminded that a special meeting of the county board will be held in Belvedere Place at 7 p.m. on Monday next to discuss the question of insurance. It is vitally important that all clubs be represented at this meeting.

● The St. Monica's camogie club are running a table quiz in the Concorde, Edinmore, on Monday 20th June at 8.30 p.m. Table of 4 — £10.

Dublin — Ann Byrne (captain) (Crumlin); Mairead Cronin (Celtic);

Cathy Walsh (Crumlin), Denise O'Leary (Marino), Carmel Gray (Na Fianna), Michelle Donnelly (St. Oliver Plunketts), Edel Murphy (U.C.D.), Germaine Noonan (Marino), Louise Lynch (St. Oliver Plunketts), Mary Keane (Crumlin), Ann Cooper (Celtic), Joan Gormley (U.C.D.), Subs: Toni O'Byrne (Celtic), Suzanne Doyle (Celtic), Marie Connell (U.C.D.), Maggie O'Reilly (Ballyboden St. Endas).

Dublin may have to wait

The National Senior Camogie League Final at O'Toole Park next Sunday matches holders, Kilkenny with Dublin. So, for the fifth time in four years, these two leading counties clash in the decider of a major competition.

The advantage over the period in question overwhelmingly rests with Kilkenny. Will the outcome be any different this time? Two months ago the sides met in the early round of the League. A draw was the fair result.

In the meantime, Dublin have suffered a number of blows. Ann Colgan, who has a damaged knee, is a definite non-starter. Patricia Clinton and Carmel O'Byrne have gone to the States for the



summer. Marie Connell is involved in examinations and Una Crowley is unavailable for the present.

The Dublin selectors have been forced to rethink their lineup. As expected, captain Anne Byrne retains her position in goal. None of the four defenders named was in the Dublin rearguard when these counties met in the 1986 All-Ireland Final.

Mairead Cronin is settling in nicely at full-back. Cathy Walsh, who formerly played at midfield, has proved her ability as a wingback. Denise O'Leary and Carmel Gray were introduced to the team this season and their facility

to cope with the pressure exerted by the Kilkenny forwards may have a bearing on the final outcome.

Germaine Noonan and Edel Murphy, who have served Dublin very well in several positions, form a strong midfield with the hard working Michelle Donnelly. Back on the intercounty scene after a break is Joan Gormley. Positioned on the edge of the square, Joan will help the less experienced players around her.

Anne Cooper will figure at centre-forward while Louise Lynch and Mary Keane will occupy the wing positions. Dublin should have the edge in speed and fitness but they will need this advantage if they are to shake off the attentions of the Kilkenny defence.

Dublin — A. Byrne, M. Cronin, C. Walsh, D. O'Leary, C. Gray, G. Noonan, E. Murphy, M. Donnelly, L. Lynch, A. Cooper, M. Keane and J. Gormley.

Kilkenny — M. Fitzpatrick, R. Weymes, D. Malone, A. Phelan, B. O'Sullivan, C. Jones, M. Downey, A. Downey, Jo. Dunne, B. Holmes, A. Downey and B. Cahill.

SUNDAY
NATIONAL SENIOR LEAGUE
FINAL
At O'Toole Park, Dublin (2.00) —
Dublin v Kilkenny.

Kilkenny look set for double

Dublin are hoping for a change of fortune when they entertain keen rivals and defending champions Kilkenny in an appealing National Senior Camogie League decider at O'Toole Park (2.0) today.

Kilkenny ended Dublin's hopes of glory in the last three All-Ireland championship campaigns, and also in last year's League decider. But the Liffesiders can take encouragement from their fine achievement in opening the current League by playing a draw with their bogey side—and in Kilkenny.

That performance is bound to boost the confidence of the challengers, who made light of the absence of some key players when scoring a runaway semi-final win over Galway. The Dubs are again short some regulars, including Patricia Clinton, who was right wing back in the semi-final, but has since gone to the US for the summer.

But Ann Cooper, who missed the semi-final because of examinations, is back in the attack, and Cathy Walsh, switched from the forwards to wing back, has proven her worth as a defender.

The Dubs have a formidable looking side. Mairead Cronin is a steady influence in a tenacious defence, and Edel Murphy and Germaine Noonan bring to their midfield play not only class, but plenty of experience.

Joan Gormley could do much to prompt the attack into match-winning form. She is back in inter-county competitions after a break, and was one of Dublin's brightest stars against Galway, scoring five points.

All in all, then, the Liffesiders are well equipped for this bid for a title that has eluded the county since 1983.

Kilkenny have come back well since their draw with Dublin, and have served notice that they are not yet prepared to move over and make way easily for new champions. It must help their cause as well that they have all but two of the side that completed the big double of the League and All-Ireland championship last year.

Missing are centre half Bridie McGarry and Liz Neary, who has distinguished herself as a defender and a forward. However, Helen Holmes (St. Paul's), sister of forward Breda, and Mariana Downey (Lisdowney)—no relation of the Downey sisters—who come into the side, are accomplished and unlikely to be unnerved by the big occasion.

The dual champions will again be looking to Angela Downey for her inspirational skills and match-winning scores. She remains the outstanding figure in the game, and a real threat to the home side.

But Kilkenny's attack is by no means a one forward one. The division has all round power.

The champions' defence, with Rita Weymes and Anne Downey capable of proving influential figures, will give little away easily. Kilkenny have plenty of skill as well at midfield.

All of which suggests the Noresiders will maintain their winning sequence against the Dubs and so record a first League title double.

Title No. 1 retained

KILKENNY 3-10

DUBLIN 2-4

THE talented and success laden Kilkenny camogie ladies are on the title trail again! At O'Toole Park on Sunday they took their first crown of the new season when they overpowered much fancied Dublin in the National Camogie League final.

This year Kilkenny are defending both the League and Championship, but as they had not put too much into preparations for the League, their opponents were fancied. However, on the big day the pedigree of the Noreiders shone through and they won with plenty to spare at the finish.

During a close first half the winners took a decisive advantage at midfield, where Deirdre Malone, Anna Whelan and Marina Downey took complete control.

The losers looked nipping around the field, but the experienced winners managed to tie them up. At half-time Kilkenny showed a point in front, despite an industrious showing by the losers.

The second half was barely three minutes old when Kilkenny star, Angela Downey-Browne crashed home a superb goal. That really rocked the losers, but in

fairness, they kept up the chase.

A 42nd. minute goal from Louise Lynch gave the losers some hope, but Kilkenny finished with a flourish and a late goal from Breda Holmes gave them a comfortable margin of victory.

Angela Downey-Browne really broke the heart of the losers. They had no answer to her powerful runs at goal, and at the finish she had 2-5 to her credit. The midfielders took a grip in a vital area, and as a result Dublin had to work very hard for scores.

The Scorers:

Kilkenny: Angela Downey-Browne (2-5); B. Holmes (1-1); M. Downey (0-2); Anne Downey, J. Dunne (0-1 each). Dublin: E. Murphy (1-3); L. Lynch (1-0); A. Cooper (1-0).

The Teams:

Kilkenny: M. Fitzpatrick, R.



Angela Downey (left), Kilkenny, takes a shot towards the Dublin goal with Germaine Noonan (Dublin) in close attendance during the National Senior League Final at O'Toole Park.

Angela ace for Kilkenny

KILKENNY 3-10
DUBLIN 2-4

IT WAS A JOYOUS afternoon for Kilkenny captain Angela Downey as she led her team to victory in the National Senior League Camogie final, scoring 2-5 of her sides' total in a magnificent win over a much fancied Dublin side to complete a run of four titles in a row for the Black and Amber.

Angela, leading by example, amazed the crowd at O'Toole Park by showing the uncanny ability to be the first to the ball, no matter how many Dublin defenders were in close range.

It was a tight first half, with Kilkenny slow to settle and wasting a lot of chances in the process. Dublin seemed to have the speed advantage, but Kilkenny's determination, and ability to distribute the ball seemed to cancel this.

The highlight of the half was undoubtedly Downey's superb run from midfield weaving her way around four defenders to slot the ball past Anne Byrne.

Kilkenny led by 1-5 to 1-4 at half time.

Scorers — Kilkenny: Angela Downey (2-5); B. Holmes (1-1); Downey (0-2); Anne Downey, J. Dunne (0-1 each). Dublin: E. Murphy (1-3); L. Lynch (1-0); A. Cooper (0-1).

KILKENNY—M. Fitzpatrick; R. Weymes; H. Holmes; Anne Downey; E. B. O'Sullivan; C. Jones; A. Whelan; D. Malone; G. M. Downey; B. Holmes; Angela Downey, J. Dunne.

DUBLIN—A. Byrne; M. Cronin; D. O'Leary; C. Gray; M. Donnelly; E. Murphy; G. Noonan; L. Lynch; M. Keane; A. Cooper; J. Gormley.

Referee—K. Quinn (Galway)



● KILKENNY'S JO DUNNE bursts her way through the crossing hurleys of Dublin's Denise O'Leary, left, and Mairead Cronin during the National League Camogie Final at O'Toole Park yesterday.

Picture: FRANK MILLER

Kilkenny overcome a fancied Dublin side

KILKENNY.....3-10
DUBLIN.....2-4

IT WAS full-forward Angela Downey's afternoon as she contributed 2-5 of Kilkenny's total of 3-10, when the Black and Amber stormed through a much fancied Dublin team to win the National Senior League Camogie final in front of a sparse crowd at O'Toole Park.

In a close first half in which the deciding factor was the mid-field domination of Kilkenny's Deirdre Malone, Anna Whelan and Marina Downey, Dublin looked to have the speed advantage but Kilkenny's determination and ability to turn on the ball began to erase that.

Just one point separated the teams at half-time but the second half opened with fifteen minutes of constant pressure from Kilkenny, including a superbly taken goal from Angela Downey after three minutes.

A goal from Louise Lynch after 42 minutes, gave the Metroplians renewed confidence, but Kilkenny kept their composure and threw themselves straight back at the Dublin defence. Breda Holmes finally killing any hopes of a Dublin comeback with a great goal three minutes later.

Scorers — Kilkenny — A. Downey



Gray, M. Donnelly, E. Murphy, G. Noonan, L. Lynch, M. Keane, A. Cooper, J. Gormley.

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Dublin — E. Murphy (1-3), L. Lynch (1-0), A. Cooper (1-0).

Dublin — A. Byrne (Capt.), M. Cronin, C. Walsh, D. O'Leary, C.

Kilkenny — M. Fitzpatrick, R. Weymes, H. Holmes, A. Downey, B. O'Sullivan, C. Jones, D. Malone, A. Whelan, M. Downey, B. Holmes, Angela Downey (Capt.), J. Dunne.

Referee — Kathleen Quinn (Galway).

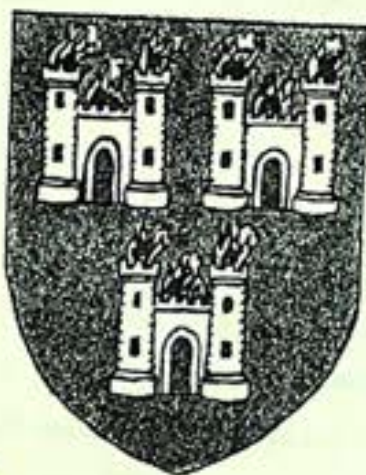
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DUBLIN LOOKING TO THE CHAMPIONSHIP

Dublin's hopes of capturing their first major title since 1984 were well and truly dashed last Sunday when All Ireland champions Kilkenny trounced them in the final of the National League

The scoreline was 3 goals 10 points for the Noreiders to Dublin's 2 goals 4 points. Indeed, had Kilkenny availed of all the chances that were presented to them in the opening period the game would have been over at half time.

As it was, an opportunist goal by Ann Cooper shortly before the break left the metropolitans trailing by only a point at the changeover.

However, a goal and a point shortly after the resumption, by Kilkenny took the heart out of the Dubliners and there to the end the writing was on the wall. A further goal and 4 points was added to their total during this period while Dublin could only manage to notch up a goal from Louise Lynch.

The failure of the Dublin defence to curb the darting runs of Angela and Marina Downey and Breda Holmes did much to bring about the demise of the Dublin challenge and with the metropolitans due to meet their victors once again in the champion-

ship next month their task is a daunting prospect.

Dublin began the season with such high hopes with 2 draws against Kilkenny and Cork and a win over Wexford and Galway.

However, they appear to have lost their way a bit at the moment and, after this latest setback their chances of success in the championship will hinge on their performance on July 24.

It would be very harsh to criticise the team as a unit as they are a very young and inexperienced side and the loss through unavailability and injury of such players of the caliber of Carmel O'Byrne, Patricia Clinton, Una Cowley, Breda Kenny and Ann Colgan from the originally selected panel would surely tax the strength of even the All Ireland Champions!

Tomorrow is National Camogie Day and clubs and counties will be organising events to run throughout the day. With most of the clubs in Dublin having already par-

taken in the parade and games organised for the celebration of the capital's Millennium back in May. The juvenile board have decided to devote the day to holding all their minor finals tomorrow.

A feast of camogie will therefore be in store in the Na Fianna grounds in Glasnevin. The days proceedings will commence at 11 a.m. with the under-14 decider at 2.45 p.m.

It should be a great day's sport for camogie players and it deserves the support of all the clubs in the county.

FIXTURES

Sunday 19th June — National Camogie Day

Minor Finals — Mobhi Road.

Under 11 — Naomh Brid v Naomh Maur 11.00.

Under 12 — Ballyboden St. Endas v St. Monicas 12.15.

Under 13 — Raheny v Shankill 1.30.

Under 14: Naomh Brid v St. Monicas 2.45.

Showdown time

HIGHLIGHT of the coming weekend on the camogie front will be the eagerly awaited County Senior Championship final between Glen Rovers and Killeagh at Caherlag on Saturday while on Thursday night at Cloughduv Bishopstown and Newcestown replay the 1987 Junior B Championship final. The remainder of the week will see a number of intermediate, junior and under 14 league games decided.

Saturday night next Caherlag will be the stage for the final scene of this year's senior championship and what a glamorous pairing it has turned out to be, Glen Rovers, the present holders, being opposed by the famed East Cork club Killeagh. Glen will be seeking their 16th title, having previously won it in 1950, 51, 54, 57, 58, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 83, 86 and 87 while Killeagh will be chasing their fifth title, their previous titles coming their way in 1980, 81, 82 and 84.

Predictably Killeagh will go into this game as underdogs with Glen Rovers very much fancied to take the honours again this season. En route to the final Glen defeated St. Finbarrs in their first outing and then after a very closely contested game went on to defeat old rivals Eire Og in the semi-final.

During these games Glen played with great confidence and determination and these together with their superior fitness and all-round strength must surely make them strong favourites to retain their title.

They will be captained on this occasion by their very effective centrefield player Mary Currid and have other very experienced performers Marie Mackey, Sandy Fitzgibbon, Mary Ring and Therese O'Callaghan. Wing forward Denise Cotter who received a broken finger in a recent game is definitely out and she is certainly a big loss to them but they are hopeful that corner back Ann Delaney who was injured in a National League game

with Cork will be fit to play. All these girls are very experienced performers and together with players of the calibre of Val Fitzpatrick, Ger MacCarthy and Diane Deane must surely combine to form a very strong outfit.

The Killeagh line out for Saturday's game will include such fine performers as Cathy Landers, Pat Lenihan, Marion Sweeney, Betty Joyce, Ann Leahy, Ann Marie Landers and full forward Patricia Fitzgibbon who captains the side. All these girls are certainly capable of producing the goods but will they be capable of matching the overall strength of the Glen? They have prepared well for this year's championship under the expert eye of trainer Eamonn Lenihan and will certainly be very determined to bring further honours to their native place but I expect when the final whistle will sound at Caherlag on Saturday night that Finbarr O'Neill and the Glen girls will on form be celebrating victory.

FIXTURES

Saturday, June 18: Senior Championship Final, Glen Rovers v Killeagh at Caherlag at 7.30, ref. Miriam Higgins.

Tuesday, June 21: Junior B League, St. Fannahans v Ballinora at St. Fannahans at 7.30, ref. St. Catherine's; Under 14 League 88, Ballinora v Aghabullogue at Ballinora at 7.30, ref. Aghabullogue.

Wednesday, June 22: Junior B League 88, Courcy Rovers v Inniscarra at Inniscarra at 7.30, ref. Aghabullogue; Blackrock v Sarafelds at Blackrock at 7.30, ref. Ballinora.

Intermediate League 88: St. Finbarrs v Cloyne at St. Finbarrs at 7.30, ref. E. Hackett.

Junior A League 88: Cloughduv v Douglas at Douglas at 7.30, ref. Rose Mackey; Bishopstown v Ballincollig at Ballincollig at 7.30, ref. Ballinora.

Under 14 League 88: Glen Rovers B v Grenagh at Glen Rovers at 7.30, ref. Grenagh; Castlemartyr v Middleton at Middleton at 7.30, ref. Castlemartyr.

Thursday, June 23: Junior B Championship Final replay: Newcestown v Bishopstown at Cloughduv at 7.30, Ref. Sheila O'Brien.

Camogie

THE semi-final of the National Junior League at Ballyholla on Sunday provides Down with an opportunity to step back in the limelight.

It is twelve years since the county has contested the final of a national competition. However, it will take a top rate performance to oust Galway and qualify for the final. Down had a great year in 1976. Marie McGarvey led the junior team to All-Ireland success. In addition, the minor string got through to the All-Ireland final.

They moved up to the senior grade and played in the Open Draw from 1978 to 1982.

Apart from a good win over Wexford in 1981, they found the going too much for them.

They returned to junior status but only managed on Ulster junior title in the intervening years. Their team contains a mix of former seniors and young players not long out of the minor ranks.

Veronica McGroovey, Fionnuala McGrady, Maureen McAleenan, Betty Hanna, Donna Greeran, Nuala and Monica McCartan will set the tempo.

Galway qualified from the section which contains the second strings of senior counties and Kildare. They drew with Kildare in their first meeting. With both counties finishing equal on points a second game was necessary. Galway proved superior on the score of 1-10 to 1-3.

Galway have a skilful young panel which contains a number of players with senior potential. The ability of Margaret Reilly, Hilda Flannery, Joan Whiskey, Geraldine Heavey, Pauline Joyce, Ann Carty and Carmel Burke may delay Down's return to the big time.

Glen Rovers, who won the Knorr Munster Sevens on Whit Monday, are reigning Cork Senior Champions for the past two years. As this year's championship got under way, the general opinion was that the Glen would achieve the hat-trick.

The showing of Killeagh in the replay of the semi-final with Na Piarasigh has neutrals wondering if a surprise could be in store when the teams meet in the final at Caherlag on Sunday evening.

In particular, Pat Moloney showed a return to the form which made her one of the most feared forwards in the game. Marion Sweeney, in the unusual role of right back, Betty Joyce and Cathy Landers dominated the game. Killeagh can also call on Anne Leahy, Mary Spillane, Patsy Keniry, Patricia Fitzgibbon and Imelda Leahy.

The Glen team is strong in all sectors. While winning the majority of possession in the semi-final with Eire Og, their forwards found it hard to find the target. They cannot afford to waste scores against Killeagh.

Mary Ring, Sandie Fitzgibbon, Val Fitzpatrick, Ger MacCarthy, Marie Ryan, Mary Currid and Clare MacCarthy are likely to be in more determined mood this time.

FIXTURES

Sunday

NATIONAL J.L.

Semi-final — At Ballyholla — 3.0

Down v Galway.

CORK S.C.

Final — At Caherlag 7.30 — Glen Rovers v Killeagh.

Showdown time for Glen and Killeagh

BIG camogie game of the weekend in Cork will be the County Senior Championship final between Glen Rovers and Killeagh, scheduled for Caherlag on Saturday night. On Thursday, June 23, Bishopstown and Newcestown replay the 1987 Junior "B" Championship final.

Glen, the holders, will be going for a three-in-a-row and their 16th title in all, having previously won in 1950, '51, '54, '57, '58, '62, '63, '64, '65, '66, '67, '68, '83, '86 and '87. Killeagh will be chasing their fifth title, previous ones coming their way in 1980, '81, '82 and '84.

On recent form Glen must surely start as favourites. En route to the final they beat St. Finbarrs in their first outing and then after a very closely contested game defeated Eire O'g in the semi-final. They are a very determined and resourceful side, full of running and possessing a never-say-die attitude. It's a combination that makes them such a difficult side to beat.

They will be captained by midfielder Mary Currid. She won an All-Ireland Junior medal with Cork in '84 and over the past few years has



Mary Spillane, Killeagh

proved to be one of the Glen's most consistent players. They have other marvellous performers in Sandy Fitzgibbon, Val Fitzpatrick, Therese O'Callaghan, Ger McCarthy, Mary Ring and Ann Delaney, who is expected to be fully recovered from her recent injury.

Killeagh on the other hand are always strong Championship contenders and when it comes to a final are not easily beaten. The last time the two sides met in the final was in 1986 when the

Glen were victorious. So Killeagh will be very determined to do well this time out.

Their path to the final was a rough one. After defeating Sarsfields in the first round they had to endure many worrying moments before eventually beating Na Piarasigh in the semi-final after a replay.

During these games players like captain Patricia Fitzgibbon, Betty Joyce, Ann Leahy, Pat Lennihan, Patsy Keniry and Marion Sweeney played major roles. They have other fine performers in Cathy and Ann Marie Landers, Mary Spillane and Breda Kelly.

All these girls have been through the mill and know what it's all about. But they are certain to feel the keen edge of Glen's challenge and they will have to perform at the peak of their powers to win.

Another close game is on the cards when Bishopstown and New-

cestown meet for the second time to decide the 1987 Junior "B" Championship final. The drawn game was a closely contested affair with never more than a puck of a ball between the sides and this game promises to be no exception.

FIXTURES

Saturday 18th, Senior Championship Final, Glen Rovers v Killeagh, at Caherlag, 7.30.

Tuesday 21st, Junior "B" League, St. Fanahans v Ballinure, at St. Fanahans, 7.30. Under-14 League '88, Ballinora v Aghabullogue, at Ballinora, at 7.30.

Wednesday 22nd, Junior "B" League '88: Courcy Rovers v Inniscarra, at Inniscarra, 7.30; Blackrock, 7.30. Intermediate League '88, Cloughduv v Douglas, at Douglas, 7.30; Bishopstown v Ballincollig, at Ballincollig, 7.30. Under-14 League '88, Glen Rovers "B" v Grenagh, at Glen Rovers, 7.30; Castlemartyr v Middleton, at Middleton, 7.30.

Thursday, June 23, Junior "B" Championship Final Replay, Newcestown v Bishopstown, at Cloughduv, 7.30.



Killeagh's Fiona Duggan reaches for the ball against Rathduff's Marie Ann Buckley in their Cork County Primary Schools camogie final at Togher, Cork. (Picture: Dan Linehan)

Thrills and spills at Caherlag!

BY TOM HIGGINS.

GLEN ROVERS 4-7, KILLEAGH 3-13.

KILLEAGH regained the Cork Senior Camogie title after a lapse of four years at Caherlag, Cork on Saturday evening when they defeated the holders Glen Rovers, who were seeking three in-a-row, by three points in a rip-roaring game, in which the standard of camogie was really top class.

The winners looked dead and buried at half-time, when they trailed by 4-4 to 1-4, with Glen

Rovers having much the better of the early exchanges scoring two lucky goals.

Their first came in the twelfth minute, when goalkeeper Kathy Buckley blocked down Sandy Fitzgibbon's high shot which looked like going over for a point, and Ger McCarthy was on hand to bury it in the back of the net.

Their second came when Ger McCarthy's effort came back off the

post and Claire McCarthy was on hand to bat the ball home. In fairness to Glen Rovers they played very well in the opening period, and were well worth their interval lead.

But whatever trainer Eamon Lenihan said to his players at half-time, they came out with renewed vigour, and the shrewd move of Marion Sweeney to full-back was a masterly stroke. Within nine minutes they had reduced the deficit to five points, thanks mainly to the accuracy off frees by Betty Joyce, who scored eight of her sides points, seven from frees. But the other was a real gem, as she cut a sideline ball straight over the crossbar.

With the Glen forwards being closely marked, and Pat Lenihan in devastating form at right half-forward, the Killeagh girls slowly but surely reduced the lead to take a two points advantage, with six minutes remaining, when Moloney scored her side's third goal.

Killeagh were really



Killeagh's Ina Leahy racing past Glen Rovers defender Marie Mackey-Ryan with support from Ann Leahy in the Cork County senior camogie championship final at Caherlag. (Picture Denis Minihane)

rampant now with the Glen never getting to grips with the game in the second-half.

Seconds before the end, however, Ger McCarthy had a chance to save the game when she got free of her marker, but her shot for goal went just wide. From the puckout re-

feree Miriam Higgins blew for full-time to bring to an end a most extraordinary final.

SCORERS: KILLEAGH - B. Joyce 0-8 (0-7 from frees), P. Fitzgibbon 1-3, A. Leahy 1-2 and P. Moloney 1-0.

GLEN ROVERS - G. McCarthy 3-0, C. McCarthy 1-2, Mary Currid 0-2 (from frees), V. Fitzpatrick 0-2 (from frees) and J. Hamill 0-1.

KILLEAGH - K. Buckley; C. Landers; M. Sweeney, P. Keniry, D. Joyce; I. Leahy, M. Spillane, B. Joyce; S. Spillane, A. Leahy, P. Lennihan; P. Fitzgibbon (Capt).

GLEN ROVERS - P. McCarthy; M. Ring; D. Deane, M. Mackey-Ryan, A. Delaney, O'Donovan; S. Fitzgibbon, V. Fitzpatrick, M. Currid (Capt); G. McCarthy, T. O'Callaghan, C. McCarthy; J. Hamill, Sub. D. Cronin for T. O'Callaghan.

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Cumann Camógaíochta Chontae Chorcaí



County Senior Championship Final

GLEN ROVERS V KILLEAGH

AT: Caherlag,

ON: Saturday, June 18th, 1988,

AT: 7.30 pm.

LUACH: 50p

Reiteoir: Miriam Higgins
(Eire Og)



Diane Deane (Glen Rovers) challenging Yvonne O'Neill (St. Finbarrs) in the first round match between Glen Rovers and St. Finbarrs. She will need to be just as vigilant tonight.

GLEN ROVERS - A Brief History

Glen Rovers Camogie Club has a long and proud tradition, having been formed back in 1934. At this time the Club competed in the Senior B Championship, which was the equivalent of the present Intermediate grade. However, after 4 years the Club disbanded, but was reformed in 1947. On this occasion, success was more forthcoming and the Senior B Championship was captured in 1947. The Club competed in the Senior A Championship for the first time in 1948, and only had to wait until 1950 for their first County Championship success. They went on to win 5 titles in the 1950's when one of their star players was Anna Crotty who served the Club well during the 50's and 60's. Another member of these teams was Nora Newman, who has been Club Chairperson for 26 years. She is the current President of the Cork Camogie Board.

In the 1960's, with Anna Crotty still to the fore, Glen Rovers won 7 County Championships in a row from 1962 - 1968. Other players who played their part in these successes were Deirdre Sutton (a present selector) and Peggy Dorgan. From the heady days in the 60's, the Club experienced many barren years and no further County titles were won until 1983, when many of the present team played important roles in their defeat of Eire Og.

1986 and 1987 brought further County Championships to the Glen. New heights were attained in 1986, then the team captained by Mary Ring emulated Killeagh's feat of winning the All-Ireland Club Championship when they defeated St. Pauls of Kilkenny in a marvellous match at the Glen Fields. Last year, however, St. Pauls gained their revenge by beating the Glen in the All-Ireland final.

While they have not been overly impressive in this year's campaign, they have never looked like being beaten. They are sure to be in fine fettle as they go for their 3rd title in-a-row and their 16th title in all.

Good performances will be expected from Val Fitzpatrick, Sandie Fitzgibbon, Mary Ring and company, but it will take a great team performance to retain the Science Cup from a determined Killeagh outfit.

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Mary Spillane (Killeagh) seen here in action against Kilkenny's Angela Downey. She will need to be on her toes again tonight.

PATRICIA FITZGIBBON

KILLEAGH CAPTAIN.



Patricia Fitzgibbon, the Killeagh captain comes from a well-known G.A.A. family. While she will be playing as a full-forward tonight, it was as a goalkeeper that Patricia first caught the eye, and it was in this position that she helped Killeagh to win the 1980 All-Ireland Club Championship. She was a high scoring forward in the Cork Junior team which took All-Ireland honours in 1984. Indeed such were the quality of her performances that she was named Junior player of the year in 1984. Her collection of medals includes 4 County medals and U-16, U-18 and Senior League medals.

KILLEAGH PEN PICTURES

KATHY BUCKLEY: is one of the younger players on the Killeagh team. This is her first year playing Senior Championship camogie. She plays in goal.

CATHERINE LANDERS: has had a very successful career, winning both All-Ireland and National League medals. Has won 4 County Championship medals with Killeagh. She has captained Cork to an All-Ireland victory, and was the Killeagh captain when they won the All-Ireland Club Championship in 1980.

MARION SWEENEY: played with the Cork Seniors for many years, winning several All-Ireland medals. Has 4 County Championship medals with Killeagh, she also won County medals with the Divisional side Imokilly.

PATSY KENIRY: Has won All-Ireland minor and junior medals with Cork. Patsy has made a number of appearances for the Cork Seniors. She was on the Killeagh team which won the All-Ireland Club Championship in 1980.

DOLORES JOYCE: one of the lesser known members of the Killeagh team, Dolores did play with the Cork Juniors in 1985. Has only established herself on the Killeagh team this year. She

KILLEAGH

Colours: Black and green.

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| | 1.
<u>Kathy Buckley</u> | |
| | 2.
<u>Catherine Landers</u> | |
| 3.
<u>Mary Spillane</u> | 4.
<u>Patsy Keniry</u> | 5.
<u>Dolores Joyce</u> |
| 6.
<u>Ina Leahy</u> | 7.
<u>Pat Lenihan</u> | 8.
<u>Betty Joyce</u> |
| 9.
<u>Shelley Spillane</u> | 10.
<u>Ann Leahy</u> | 11.
<u>Marion Sweeney</u> |
| | 12.
<u>Patricia Fitzgibbon</u>
(Capt.) | |
| Substitutes: | 13. Breda Landers | |
| | 14. Monica Motherway | |
| | 15. Ann Marie Landers | |
| | 16. Vera Motherway | |
| | 17. Imelda Leahy | |
| | 18. Patricia Green | |
| | 19. Bernie Landers | |

Team Trainer: Eamon Lenihan

Team Selector: Eamon Lenihan

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is a sister of Betty.

BETTY JOYCE: was captain of the Cork Junior team which took All-Ireland honours in 1980. She has been a regular member of the Killeagh team for a number of years. She won an All-Ireland Club medal in 1980, and is a well known referee.

MARY SPILLANE: won an All-Ireland Junior medal in 1984. She was corner back on the team which won the All-Ireland Club Championship in 1980. Has been on the Cork Senior panel for the last 3 years.

INA LEAHY: Was on and off the team for 2 or 3 years, but is now firmly established on the team. Ina has won 2 All-Ireland Minor medals with Cork. She is a sister of Ann.

SHELLEY SPILLANE: won an All-Ireland Junior medal with Cork in 1983. Lost her place on the Killeagh team earlier on in the year, but regained it for the semi-final replay against Killeagh and played well. Is a sister of Mary.

ANN LEAHY: won an All-Ireland Junior medal in 1983, and has been a regular on the Senior panel for the last 3 years. She played on the team which won the All-Ireland Club Championship in 1980. Ann has represented Ireland at Volleyball.

PAT LENIHAN: has made a comeback to Senior Championship camogie after a break of about 5 years. She captained Cork to All-Ireland victory in 1982 and was named B + I camogie player of the year in 1978. As well as winning County medals with Killeagh, Pat was a member of the Imokilly side which won 5 County titles in a row in the early 1970's.

MONICA MOTHERWAY: one of the least experienced players on the Killeagh panel, she has played in a County final, being on the team defeated by Glen Rovers in 1986.

BREDA LANDERS: was corner back on the Killeagh team which won All-Ireland Club honours in 1980. Breda was on the team which drew with Na Piarsaigh in this year's County semi-final, but she lost her place for the replay.

KILLEAGH - A Brief History

Killeagh may not have the same long tradition as their counterparts from Glen Rovers, but the Club since its foundation in 1973 has made quite an impact on the camogie scene.

Killeagh first entered a team in the 1974 Junior B Championship, which went all the way to the final, only to be defeated by Eire Og. 4 members of that side, Catherine Landers, Marion Sweeney, Betty Joyce and Breda Landers are again involved in tonight's match. The following year saw the Junior Championship coming the way of the East Cork club. In 1977, the club was promoted to Senior by the Cork County Camogie Board. In the same year Killeagh won the National Feile Na Gael competition, with many of that team going on to play with distinction with the Senior team.

At this stage, the Senior team were still coming to grips with senior camogie and were beaten by Eire Og in 1977, 1978 and 1979. However, in 1980 with success now overdue, their long cherished ambition was to be realised at last, when they won the Senior Championship for the first time, beating Eire Og on the way. Not content with this they went on to win the Munster and All-Ireland Club Championships with a team captained by Cathy Landers. Killeagh were in the fact the first Cork Club to win the All-Ireland Club Championship.

They went on to win the Senior Championship in 1981 and 1982, thus completing 3-in-a-row, but on both occasions were beaten in the All-Ireland series by their great Buffer's Alley. Beaten by Eire Og in the 1983 Championship, they came back to take the title again in 1984. Since then, they have contested 2 County finals losing to Eire Og and Glen Rovers respectively.

Many people might have felt that their glory years were over, but with a team which contained many of the 1980 stars, they had an impressive win in the recent semi-final replay against Na Piarsaigh. They are in with a great chance tonight in what should be a close encounter, and with their U-14's set to represent Cork in the National Feile Na Gael finals, Killeagh will be a force to be reckoned with for many years to come.

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MARY CURRID

GLEN ROVERS CAPTAIN.



Mary Currid, the Glen Rovers captain, forms part of a highly rated Glen Rovers midfield. With Sandie Fitzgibbon and Val Fitzpatrick, she forms a line which is respected all over the country. Mary is an effective team player and continually keeps the ball moving in to her forwards. Mary was a team-mate of the Killeagh captain Patricia Fitzgibbon when Cork won the All-Ireland Junior Championship in 1984. Mary wore the No. 8 jersey when the Glen won the All-Ireland Club Championship in 1986. She has an impressive collection of medals which includes U-16, U-18, Junior A, Junior B and Senior Championship medals. Her sisters Ann and Carmel have also played camogie for Cork.

GLEN ROVERS PEN PICTURES

FIONA MCCARTHY: won an All-Ireland Minor medal with Cork in 1983, she is a current Senior panelist. She was goalie on the Glen Rovers team which won the All-Ireland Club Championship in 1986.

MARY RING: is the present captain of the Cork Senior team. She was captain of the Glen Rovers team which won the Club Championship in 1986. She won an All-Ireland Junior medal in 1983. Daughter of the famous Christy.

DIANE DEANE: Won an All-Ireland Minor medal with Cork in 1983. She has also played with the Cork Juniors. Like many of the team she is going for her 3rd County medal in a row.

MARIE MACKEY-RYAN: has been a regular on the Glen Rovers team for a long time. Marie has won All-Ireland Senior medals with Cork, and is a vital cog in the Glen Rovers machine.

DENISE CRONIN: played well in the semi-final against Eire Og, having come on as a replacement for the injured Ann O'Donovan. Was full back on the Cork Minor team in 1987, she was also a member of the Cork Junior team this year.

GLEN ROVERS

Colours: Black, green and gold.

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| 1. | Fiona McCarthy | |
| 3. | Mary Ring | |
| 2. | Diane Deane | 5. |
| | | Marie Mackey-Ryan |
| 6. | Sandie Fitzgibbon | 7. |
| | | Val Fitzpatrick |
| 12. | Ger McCarthy | 9. |
| | | Therese O'Callaghan |
| | | 11. |
| | | June Hamill |
| | | 14. |
| | | Claire McCarthy |

- Substitutes:
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| 13. | Ann Connolly Hourihane |
| 15. | Fiona Twomey |
| 16. | Ann Loneragan |
| 17. | Deirdre McCarthy |
| 18. | Denise Cronin |
| 19. | Tracy O'Riordan |
| 20. | Ursula Buckley |
| 21. | Catherine Monaghan |
| 22. | Patricia Murphy |

Team Trainer: Finbarr O'Neill

Team Selectors: Finbarr O'Neill

John McCarthy
Joe Crowley
Deirdre Sutton
Mary Newman-McCarthy

SANDIE FITZGIBBON: was the first player to win 3 All-Ireland Minor medals. She has been a regular on the Cork Senior team since 1982. Sandie is also a regular member of the Irish basket-ball team, and she played in the recent Olympic pre-qualifying tournament.

VAL FITZPATRICK: was the Cork captain when they were defeated by Kilkenny in the All-Ireland final in 1987. Val has represented both Cork and Glen Rovers with distinction over the years, and has won All-Ireland medals with both Club and County.

GER MCCARTHY: captained the Cork minors to All-Ireland victory in 1979. Ger was also on the All-Ireland winning Junior team of 1980. She has also played Senior Championship camogie with Cork and is going for her 3rd County medal in a row.

THERESE O'CALLAGHAN: won a Junior Gael-Linn medal with Munster in 1987, Therese has been on the Cork Junior team for the past 3 years, and has been a regular on the Glen Rovers Senior team for the last 4 years.

CLAIRE MCCARTHY: won All-Ireland Minor, Junior and Senior (as a sub) medals in 1980 as a goalkeeper, she has successfully made the transition to the forwards. Claire won an A.I.B./Gaelic Stars award for her achievements in 1980.

JUNE HAMILL: has represented Cork at minor level. June was full-forward on the team which won the All-Ireland Club Championship in 1986. She has scored some important goals for the Glen.

ANN DELANEY-O'DONOVAN: broke a bone in her leg while playing for the Cork Seniors in a National League game against Dublin, and has only been back in training for a couple of weeks. Ann won an All-Ireland Junior medal with Cork in 1980, and has been one of the Glens most consistent performers over the years.

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The Killeagh team that beat Glen Rovers in the final of the Cork Camogie Championship last week-end.



The Killeagh team (top) which beat Rathduff (bottom) in the final of the Cork County Primary Schools Camogie final at Togher.

Camogie

DOWN 1-7; GALWAY 2-3

THE accuracy of Teresa Allen from frees and placed balls paved the way for Down's success in this entertaining semi-final of the Junior National Camogie League at Ballyholland yesterday. The visitors had a slight edge in the opening half and turned over with a lead of 2-1 to 1-2 but the home side fought back and Teresa Allen levelled in the 35th minute. The lead changed hands a couple of times before the final whistle and Miss Allen got the winning point almost on call of time.

SCORERS — Down — T. Allen (0-5), A. Toner (1-0), M. McAleenan (0-2). Galway — M. Tracey and M. Grealy (1-0 each), T. Dolphin (0-2), E. Hobbins (0-1).

Bishopstown take title

Bishopstown 3-3
Newcestown 3-2

BISHOPSTOWN captured the Junior B camogie championship at Cloughduv last evening with a narrow but deserved win over Newcestown in a replay of the final.

Last night's game might not have been as exciting as the drawn game but it was hard-fought and thoroughly entertaining.

Bishopstown led 1-2 to 1-1 at the interval when playing against the wind and sun and in the second-half, when they built up a 3-3 to 2-1 advantage after 16 minutes, they looked set for victory. Newcestown fought back to score a goal and a point in the final nine minutes but Bishopstown held out for victory.

Scorers for Bishopstown: S. White 2-0, C. Murphy 1-0, E. Ryan 0-2, D. Enright 0-1.

Newcestown: H. Kennelly 1-1, J. O'Callaghan and U. Crowley 1-0 each, E. Kennelly 0-1.

Camogie

'Capital' victory!

Dublin.... 1-8 Meath.... 1-3

DUBLIN were lucky to survive a strong challenge from a good Meath side in the quarter-final of the Leinster junior championship at Enfield yesterday. Scores were at a minimum in the opening half but the visitors had a slender lead of 0-2 to 0-1. On the restart Adelle Campbell had an opportunist goal to stretch the lead for the visitors. However, the home side rallied and were just a point behind in the 40th minute.

Scorers: Dublin — A. Campbell 1-2, P. Dawson and S. Doyle 0-2 each, A. Cooper and J. Murphy 0-1 each, Meath — D. Donegan 1-1, G. Reilly and E. Tobin 0-1 each.

OTHER MATCH
Kildare 2-7, Wicklow 1-6.



The Aghabullogue U-16 camogie team, which defeated Bishopstown by 3-3 to 1-3 to win the Cork County U-16 camogie championship. Included with the team is Geraldine Barry Murphy, team coach.

A classic double header at Grenagh

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GRENAGH is the venue on Wednesday night for a classic double-header which will see both Cork minor and senior teams involved in the finals of this year's Munster Championships. In both games the opposition will be Limerick, so we should have two top class games in store. In other games listed over the weekend the 1987 Under-18 Championship gets off to a rather late start with a number of interesting ties down for decision, while the remainder of the week will see a number of league games decided.

Due to the involvement of a number of the Cork senior players in the County Championship, the Cork senior team for next Thursday night's clash against Limerick has not yet been selected, but is certain to include regulars Marian McCarthy, Lynda Mellerick, Claire Cronin, Ann Leahy, Sandy Fitzgibbon, and Val Fitzpatrick. Regular full back Mary Ring sustained a leg injury in last Saturday night's County Final and could be a doubtful starter. Na Piarasaighs Evelyn Healy who came onto the side for the semi-final clash against Clare, is likely to retain her place, while other players in line for places will be Colette O'Mahony, Liz Dunphy, Irene O'Leary, Cathy Landers, Mary Spillane and Claire McCarthy.

In the curtain-raiser to the senior game the Cork minors will be in action and this could be a close one for the Cork girls. In their last outing against Clare in the semi-final, they recorded a decisive victory, but on this occasion they face a Limerick

side that will include a number of the successful St. Mary's School team, Charleville, and these girls could cause problems for the Cork girls. The Cork team for this game even though not yet named, is expected to be the same team as lined out for the semi-final, which will see Bishopstown girl Aisling O'Leary between the posts, Clare Murphy will be at full back with Susan Fahy and Una Murphy filling the corner back positions. Blathin Keating will be at centre back with the midfield positions going to Hilda Kenneally, Catherine Monaghan and Imelda Leahy. Edel Ryan will be at centre forward, while Eithne Duggan, Fiona O'Driscoll and Lyn Dunlea, complete the full forward trio.

In the Under-18 Championship games over the weekend, Aghabullogue will be expected to come out on top over Barryroe. Bishopstown should prove too strong for Ballinora, while Brian Dillons will be expected to have the edge over St. Finbarrs. In what is expected to be one of the closest games Eire Og and Inniscarra clash and victory here could be in doubt up to the final whistle.

In the Grenagh/Blackrock game the city will be expected to have the edge, while Glen Rovers should have too much experience for Sarsfields when they meet at Riverstown.

Sarsfields v Glen Rovers at Sarsfields at 7.30 (Brian Dillons).
Aghabullogue v Barryroe at Aghabullogue at 7.30 (Sheila O'Brien).
Ballinora v Bishopstown at Ballinora at 7.30 (Douglas).
Watergrasshill v Cloughduv at Watergrasshill at 7.30 (Sarsfields).
Eire Og v Inniscarra at Inniscarra at 7.30 (Ballinacollig).

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

Under-18 C'ship '87
St. Finbarrs v Brian Dillons at St. Finbarrs at 7.30 (Bishopstown).

Junior "B" League '88

Grenagh v Inniscarra at Grenagh at 7.30 (Na Piarasaigh).
Courcey Rovers v Newcestown at Courcey Rovers at 7.30 (Cloughduv).
Barryroe v Aghabullogue at Barryroe at 7.30 (Valley Rovers).
Blackrock v Youghal at Youghal at 7.30 (Killeagh).
Sarsfields v St. Pannahans at Sarsfields at 7.30 (June Hamill).
Ballinure v Middleton at Ballinure at 7.30 (Blackrock).

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

Under-18 Championship '87: Fr. O'Neills v Newcestown at Newcestown at 3 p.m. (Inniscarra).
Intermediate League '88: Glen Rovers v Cloyne at Glen Rovers.

MONDAY, JUNE 27

Junior "A" League: Bishopstown v Cloughduv at Cloughduv at 7.30 (Newcestown).
Junior "B" League: Ballinora v Eire Og at Ballinora at 7.30 (R. Desmond).
Under-14 League '88:

Under-14 League '88: Bishopstown "A" v St. Finbarrs at St. Finbarrs at 7.30 (Bishopstown); Brian Dillons v Delanys at Brian Dillons at 7.30 (Delanys).

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29

Munster Minor Championship Final: Cork v Limerick at Grenagh at 7 p.m.
Munster Senior Championship Final: Cork v Limerick at Grenagh at 8 p.m.
Junior "B" League '88: Ballinora v Aghabullogue at Aghabullogue at 7.30 (Cloughduv).

CAMOGIE TEAM

THE Cork senior camogie team to play Limerick in the Munster final at Grenagh tonight (7.45) is: M. McCarthy, P. Keniry, S. Fitzgibbon, C. Landers, A. Delaney, C. Cronin, C. McCarthy, C. O'Mahony, L. Mellerick, A. Leahy, K. Mellerick, L. O'Neill. Subs: A. Brady, M. Spillane, P. Fitzgibbon, E. Healy, M. Ganey, M. Finn and M. Ring.

Cork record a double

By Noel Spillane

Cork 5-14, Limerick 2-3

CORK retained both their Munster senior and minor camogie championship titles with comprehensive wins over Limerick in a double-header at Grenagh, Co. Cork last night.

Karen Mellerick of Brian Dillons had an unforgettable senior debut for Cork when they crushed Limerick. Karen, a sister of Linda, crashed home two goals in a two-minute spell early in the second-half to effectively end the Limerick challenge and she ended the match with a marvellous total of 3-2.

At that stage Cork enjoyed a 4-8 to 2-2 lead and Clare McCarthy netted a fifth goal before the end.

Cork led 2-6 to 2-1 at half-time and while Limerick got the first goal through Aggie Sheehy after ten minutes Cork hit back with goals from Ann Leahy and Mellerick before the interval.

Scorers for Cork - K.

Mellerick 3-2; A. Leahy 1-3; C. O'Mahony 0-6 (0-4 frees); L. Mellerick 0-3; C. McCarthy 1-0; Limerick - A. Sheehy 1-0; P. Twomey 1-0; P. McCarthy 0-3
Cork - M. McCarthy, P. Keniry, S. Fitzgibbon, C. Landers, A. Delaney (capt); C. Cronin, C. McCarthy, C. O'Mahony, L. Mellerick, A. Leahy, K. Mellerick, L. O'Neill.
Limerick - H. Sheehy (capt); F. Broderick, M. Guirey, M. Treacy, H. Clifford, M. Clifford, A. O'Sullivan, M. Linehan, P. McCarthy, H. Cagney, P. Twomey, and A. Sheehy.
Ref.: K. McNicholas (Clare)

Cork 2-15 Limerick 1-1

CORK retained their minor title with a facile win in the opening match. Inspired by team captain Fiona O'Driscoll, who opened the scoring with a "soft" goal inside three minutes, Limerick trailed 1-8 to 1-1 at the break.

And but for some excellent goalkeeping by Ann Mulcahy, who made a succession of great saves, the Limerick girls would have been swamped.

Cork had 1-5 on the scoresheet before Limerick opened with a Kay Sheehan point after ten minutes. Margaret



Cork full-forward Karen Mellerick tries to palm the ball to the net past Limerick defenders in the Munster Senior Camogie final at Grenagh, Co. Cork, last evening. (Picture by Des Barry)

Larkin netted for Limerick just before the break but they failed dismally to add to their total in a one-sided second-half.

Edel Ryan and Lyn Dunlea came into their own in the second-half and a goal by Dunlea six

minutes from the end had Cork 2-12 to 1-1 ahead.

Scorers for Cork - F. O'Driscoll 1-4; L. Dunlea 1-4; E. Ryan 0-5 (0-3 frees); E. Duggan and H. Kenneally 0-1 each.

Limerick - M. Larkin 1-0; K. Sheehan 0-1.
Cork - A. O'Leary, C. Murphy, U. Murphy, B. Keating, S.

Fahy, H. Kenneally, C. Monaghan, E. Leahy, E. Duggan, E. Ryan, L. Dunlea, F. O'Driscoll (capt).

Limerick - A. Mulcahy, A. O'Sullivan, J. Treacy, M. Connolly, B. O'Brien, E. Carroll, T. Watson, M. Sheehan, M. Larkin, C. O'Leary, K. Sheehan, M. Roche.

Ref.: K. McNicholas (Clare)

Offaly and Laois host Feile

OFFALY and Laois, counties which enjoy little limelight in the camogie world, will stage Feile na nGael this weekend. It takes a tremendous amount of work to plan and prepare for the visiting teams but the event which should aid the host counties considerably in the promotion of the game.

The two top Offaly clubs, Drumcullen and Shinrone will play in Division One. Drumcullen will host St. Monicas (Dublin) who were runners-up to Bishopstown in last year's final. Shinrone's visitors will be Killeagh (Cork) who won the premier title in 1977.

Camross and Slieve Bloom represent Laois in Division One. Pearces (Galway) travel to Camross while Freshford (Kilkenny) head for Slieve Bloom. The standard in this grade is always high and some great games will be witnessed before the 1988 winner is known.

Division Two contains several strong sides. Ratheniska

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should have their hands full on Friday evening with the challenge of Shannon (Clare). Newtownshandrum (Limerick) have built up quite a reputation in a short time and will put Kinnitty under pressure.

Portmore (Armagh) will be the guests of Lusmagh. St. Dominics (Roscommon) will make their weekend headquarters in Abbeyfeix. The visiting teams in Division Three will be Ballyholland Harps (Down), Latton (Monaghan), Ratharney (Westmeath) and Burgess (Tipperary). Their respective hosts will be Ferbane, Na Piarasigh, Edenderry and Rhode.

Entering the fray in Division Four will be Easkey (Sligo), Letterkenny (Donegal), Ardagh (Mayo) and Glenarriffe (Antrim). The home counties participation in the section will be by

Tullamore, Birr, Borris-in-Ossory and Durrow.

One of the highlights of Feile has always been the Skills Competition. Galway's Clare Lynch will be in action to defend her title. Third in 1986, Skills champion in Clare last June, this player won an All-Ireland Colleges Junior medal with St. Raphaels in April. Only once has a Skills winner successfully defended her title. Deirdre O'Shea (Cork) won in 1978 and 1979.

Nicola Moore (Dublin) will be back to have another go at the Skills. Gillian Conlon (Cork) hopes to add the Skills title to the Division One Feile medal she won with Bishopstown last year. Providing stiff competition will be Bridget Mullally (Kilkenny), Yvonne Chapland (Clare), Deirdre Lerrihan (Limerick), Dolores Smith (Down), Maeve Healy (Roscommon) and Lorraine Graham, daughter of Tipperary Co Secretary, Marion Graham.

Killeagh carry the Cork flag

KILLEAGH represent Cork in the national finals of Feile na nGael in Offaly this weekend. Killeagh took this title once before, in 1977, so they will be very anxious to add to their honours. On that occasion Barbara Kirby was captain, and it is interesting to note that she has two sisters on the present side.

In the Cork area competition Killeagh looked a very impressive side, and recorded fine victories over Bishopstown 'A' in the semi-final and Inniscarra in the final.

As well as the Kirby sisters they have other fine players in Evelyn Leahy, sister of senior star Ann, and Mary O'Connor. If these girls play to form, then the Killeagh girls could be in there with a great chance of bringing the national title to Cork.

Killeagh are coached and trained by senior players Ann Leahy and Betty Joyce. In their section they meet Shinrone, the host club, Drumcullen (Offaly) and St. Monicas (Dublin).

In the skills competition Cork will be represented by Gillian Conlon of Bishopstown. Gillian won a Feile Na nGael medal last year.

FÉILE NA nGAEL

CAMOGIE

Div. 1: Drumcullen 2-0, Dublin 1-5; Shinrone 0-4, Cork 0-3; Camross 0-0, Galway 6-5; Slieve Bloom 0-0, Kilkenny 2-1.

2nd Rd: Shinrone 1-4, Drumcullen 1-1; Dublin 0-4, Cork 2-3; Camross 0-0, Sl. Bloom 0-2; Galway 1-4, Kilkenny 0-0.

3rd Rd: Drumcullen 0-0, Cork 4-4; Shinrone 0-1, Dublin 3-2; Camross 0-0, Kilkenny 3-2; Sl. Bloom 0-0, Galway 1-4.

Semi-Finals: Cork 3-3, Kilkenny 2-2; Galway 3-7, Dublin 1-3.

Final: Galway (Padraig Pearces) 4-5, Cork (Killeagh) 1-1.

Div. 2: 1st Rd: Lusmagh 1-0, Armagh 2-2; Kinnitty 2-0, Limerick 6-0; Abbeyfeix 0-1, Rose 2-2; Ratheniska 0-1, Clare 2-3.

2nd Rd: Kinnitty 2-2, Lusmagh 0-0; Armagh 1-1, Limerick 2-1; Abbeyfeix 0-0, Ratheniska 2-0; Roscommon 1-0, Clare 2-1.

3rd Rd: Lusmagh 0-1, Limerick 6-0; Kinnitty 3-1, Armagh 4-1; Abbeyfeix 0-0, Clare 6-2; Ratheniska 1-1, Roscommon 2-0.

Semi-Finals: Limerick 0-2, Roscommon 0-1; Clare 3-6, Armagh 0-2.

Final: Clare (Wolfe Tone Shannon) 3-2, Limerick (Newtownshandrum) 0-2.

Div. 3: 1st Rd: Ferbane 0-0, Down 5-1; Na Piarasigh 1-2, Monaghan 2-0; Edenderry 0-1, Westmeath 7-0; Rhode 0-0, Tipp. 7-2.

2nd Rd: Ferbane 1-0, Na Piarasigh 2-1; Down 0-0, Monaghan 0-0; Edenderry 1-1, Rhode 1-0; Westmeath 0-1, Tipp 3-0.

3rd Rd: Ferbane 0-0, Monaghan 3-0; Na Piarasigh 1-0, Down 3-2; Edenderry 0-0, Tipp 5-4; Rhode 0-0,

Westmeath 6-2.

Semi-Finals: Tipp 3-1, Monaghan 1-2; Westmeath 3-1, Down 1-0.

Final: Tipp (Burgess) 5-2; Westmeath (Ratharney) 3-1.

Div. 4: 1st Rd: Tullamore 0-2, Sligo 1-0; Birr 0-0, Donegal 6-3, Borris-in-Ossory 0-1, Mayo 6-1; Durrow 2-2, Antrim 2-2.

2nd Rd: Birr 0-1, Tullamore 1-5; Sligo 0-0, Donegal 6-3; Borris-in-Ossory 0-0, Durrow 6-1; Mayo 4-1, Antrim 0-0.

3rd Rd: Tullamore 0-0, Donegal 2-2; Birr 0-0, Sligo 2-1; Borris-in-Ossory 0-0, Antrim 4-1; Durrow 0-1, Mayo 2-3.

Semi-Finals: Donegal 2-1, Antrim 2-0; Mayo 5-1, Sligo 0-0.

Finals: Mayo (Ardagh) 5-1, Donegal (Letterkenny) 0-1.

Skills Competition

1st place: Brigid Mullally (Kilkenny); 2nd, Nicola Moore (Dublin); 3rd, Claire Lynch (Galway — winner 1987).

Offaly representative was placed 5th — Catherine Gunning (Tullamore). 15 counties participated.

Big 10 Awards in U.C.D.



The eleventh annual presentation of the AIB/UCD 'Big Ten' Awards took place at a reception in Bankcentre recently.

Each year the various Sports Clubs who are members of the UCD Athletic Union Council nominate the sports personalities, whom they feel contribute most to their respective clubs during the year. The winners are then chosen by a panel of adjudicators, comprising of National Sports Journalists and representatives of the UCD Athletic Union Council.

This year the Overall Sports Personality of the Year went to Badminton player — Kieran Coleman. Kieran's performance throughout the year was excellent, culminating in leading UCD to the first win in 11 years in the Intervarsity tournament, and also being chosen to represent both Dublin and Leinster.

The other winners were: Marie Connell (Camogie), Paul Rohan (Swimming), Kyran Batten (Boxing), Egin Jensen (Handball), Niamh Field Corbett (Ladies Hockey), Finbar Griffin (Rugby), Kieran Coleman (Badminton), Catriona O'Sullivan (Ladies Basketball), Darren O'Brien (Soccer) and Gerald Cunningham (Orienteering).

Outstanding 1st Year Student — Mr. Tony McCarthy, Soccer. The winners are pictured above with Pat O'Mahony, General Manager, and Prof. Paddy Meehan, President, UCD Athletic Union Council, following the presentation of the awards, which were designed by Vincent Browne.

Final test for Down, Armagh

CORN DE BURCA and the National Junior League title are destined for Ulster. At Leitrim on Sunday Down and Armagh will meet in the climax of the competition.

Winners of the title in 1980, Armagh have cruised through their games. However, they were placed in division three and played the division four winners in the semi-final. Down faced a more difficult path to the final and arrived with credit.

The postponement of the original date leaves both sides with only one week to their Ulster championship semi-finals. Nevertheless, they will be keen to pick up this trophy and have a psychological boost for the championship.

Cork and Limerick meet at Grenagh tonight to decide the resting place for the Munster senior and minor cups. Cork will be expected to extend their run of senior titles to eleven on the trot.

With renewed enthusiasm engendered by a great county final, Cork will be looking for signs of a good championship run. Limerick, who have entered a team in the Open Draw, will field their best twelve as this competition does not grade.

The minor final should be close. Limerick, who received a walkover from Kerry, are handicapped by the loss of top forward Claire O'Callaghan with a knee injury. Her Charleville schoolmates, Rosin Daly, Tracey Watson, Bernie O'Brien and Maire O'Sullivan will make it hot for Cork.

This will be Cork's third game. They were really tested by a strong Tipperary side and ran up a big score against

Camogie

a poor Clare outfit. Fiona O'Driscoll, Lyn Dunlea, Hilda Kenneally, Eithne Duggan and Susan Fahy will try to keep the cup in Cork.

Wexford scored a one-point win over Dublin in the semi-final of the Leinster senior championship. At Rathnure on Saturday, they will attempt to win a cup which has not rested in the county for a decade. Once again, Kilkenny supply the opposition. On their League final form, Kilkenny will be extremely hard to overcome.

The Leinster minor title has eluded Kilkenny since 1976. But confidence is high that this record will be readjusted on Saturday. The great under fourteen teams of the past three years have matured into a fine minor side which brushed aside the challenge of Wexford, Carlow and Dublin.

Bridget Mullally (Kilkenny) was an impressive winner of the Feile Skills Competition. Nicola Moore (Dublin), Claire Lynch (Galway) and Teresa McAtamney filled the minor placings.

TONIGHT

Munster Championship Finals
At Grenagh, Co. Cork — 7.0, minor Cork v Limerick; 8.0, senior Cork v Limerick.

SATURDAY

At Nowlan Park (3.0): Leinster Minor Final — Kilkenny v Westmeath.

At Rathnure (7.0): Leinster Senior Final — Wexford v Kilkenny.

National Coaching Course, at Gormanston College.

SUNDAY

At Leitrim, Co. Down (3.0): National Jun. League Final — Down v Armagh.



Barryroe camogie players Cora Keohane (left), Olive Sexton (centre) and Mairead Sexton, who are on the Munster Under 12 team for the INTO Camogie Skills semi-finals at Croke Park on August 7. (Examiner)

Youth has fling

PICK of the Cork Camogie games this week will be the second rounds of the Under-18 Championship on tomorrow and Monday night. Over the remainder of the week a number of Junior, Under-16 and Under-14 League games will be decided.

There are a number of interesting clashes in the Under-18 Championship, pick of which should be the meeting of Brian Dillons and Bishopstown at the Tank Field.

Bishopstown, who have had such a marvellous run at under age level in recent years, will probably start slight favourites. They have very experienced performers in Aine Buckley, Sheenagh Morley and Deirdre Carroll and together with their up

and coming stars in Karen Higgins, Edel Ryan, Eithne Duggan and Blathina Keating combine to form a very strong outfit. But they would not want to underestimate Brian Dillons, who can call on players of the calibre of Karen Mellerick, Aileen Barry, Mary Mulcahy, Gail Fleming and Claire Barry.

In the remaining games, Blackrock, who will be looking to their ace players, Ber Cashman, should have the edge on a Catherine McSweeney led Douglas side.

Glen Rovers, aided by a home venue will be expected to reverse the result of their recent Under-16 Championship game against Newcestown. They can call on Denise Cronin, Tracy Riordan and Carmel Currid and it is difficult

to see Hilda Kenneally and Co. holding them this time.

The clash of Killeagh and Inniscarra at Inniscarra could be a close affair. Killeagh will have the services of the Leahy sisters, Ina and Imelda, Sandra Landers and Breda Kelly. But they could find the going tough against an Inniscarra side that will include such fine players as Irene O'Keeffe, Maria O'Brien and Fiona O'Driscoll.

Congratulations to Killeagh Under-14 team, who kept the Cork flag flying in Offaly last weekend and who were only narrowly beaten in the Feile Na nGael final by a Galway side. Gillian Conlon of Bishopstown finished fifth in the Feile skills competition.

Tomorrow: Junior "A" League. Ballincollig v Cloughduv, 7.30 p.m.; Under-18 Championship 87: Glen Rovers v Newcestown at Glen Rovers, 7.45 p.m.; Under-14 League: Glen Rovers "B" v Delany's at Delany's, 11.30 a.m.

Monday: Under-18 Championship 87: Douglas v Blackrock at Douglas, 7.45 p.m.; Inniscarra v Killeagh at Inniscarra, 7.45 p.m.; Brian Dillons v Bishopstown at Brian Dillons, 7.45 p.m.

Wednesday: Junior "B" League: Youghal v Middleton at Youghal, 7.30 p.m.; Blackrock v Brian Dillons at Brian Dillons, 7.30 p.m.; Sarsfields v Ballinora at Sarsfields, 7.30 p.m.; St. Fannaghans v Bishopstown at Bishopstown, 7.30 p.m.

Thursday: Under-16 League 88, all at 7.45 p.m.: Fr. O'Neills v Killeagh at Fr. O'Neills; Castle-

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U-16 Leagues Killagh 5-7 Fr. O'Neills 2-0, Valley Rovers 9-0, Douglas 1-0, Ballinora 4-0 Inniscarra 6-2, Glen Rovers 2-4 Grenagh 1-0, St. Finbarrs 7-1 Valley Rovers 2-0, Glen Rovers A 5-9 Sarsfields 1-1, Aghabullogue 5-4 Barryroe 2-2, Killeagh 7-8 Watergrasshill 2-0, Grenagh 3-0 Brian Dillons 1-1, Delany's w.o. Sarsfield absent, Killeagh w.o. Cloyne absent.

Junior B Leagues—Kilbrittain 1-4 Inniscarra 2-2, Grenagh 4-3 Eire Og 0-4, Courcy Rovers 2-1 Grenagh 1-1, Kilbrittain 2-2 Aghabullogue 1-2, Bishopstown 3-4 Middleton 0-2.

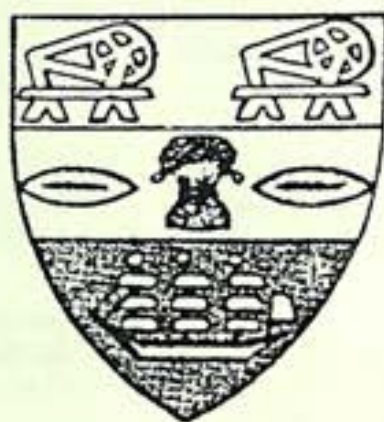
Intermediate League—Glen Rovers 9-1, Watergrasshill 4-1, St. Finbarrs 6-8, Glen Rovers 2-4, Glen Rovers 2-5 Eire Og 1-5.

U-18 Championship quarter final—Glen Rovers 2-6 Cloughduv 2-4.
Semi-finals—Killeagh 3-3 Bishopstown 0-1, Glen Rovers 5-2 Aghabullogue 2-5.



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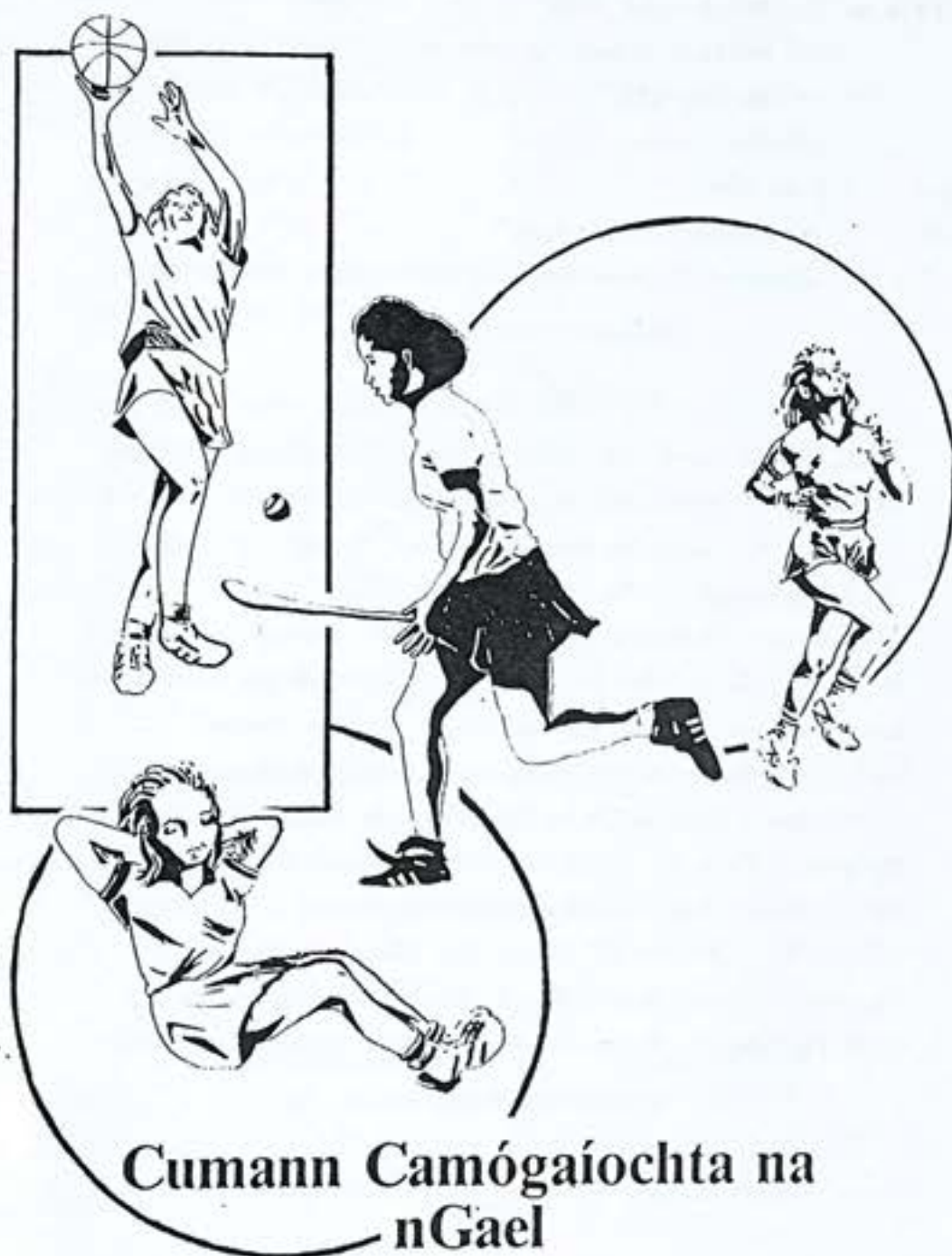
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• A rare camogie selection ... the Rest of Ireland team that won the Millennium Exhibition match against Dublin at Croke Park.
Back row from left: Sandie Fitzgibbon (Cork), Noeleen Quinn (Clare), Ann Ryan (Galway), Clare Cronin (Cork), Breda Holmes (Kilkenny), Mary McMullan (Antrim), Mary Kelly (Galway).
Front row: Elsie Cody (Wexford), Linda Mellerick (Cork), Gertrude O'Leary (Wexford), Pauline O'Brien (Clare), Angela Downey (Kilkenny), Ann Downey (Kilkenny), Pauline O'Brien (Limerick), Catherine O'Loughlin (Clare).

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Kilkenny for Title No. 4

BY OWEN McCANN

WITH the National League Finals at Senior and Junior completed for another year interest in camogie is already turning strongly to the up-coming campaigns for the All-Ireland titles in the various grades.

There will be a number of interesting innovations this season. For one thing, the playing time will be extended from fifty to sixty minutes for the senior and junior championships.

This move is one that most followers, and players, will welcome. Time and again it has been argued that the 50 minutes playing time that has been the norm until now, was much too short.

The extra ten minutes should add to the appeal of matches, and will hardly impose any real strain on the players. After all, a feature of the modern game in all grades is the high level of fitness of the players.

Another new move is the admission of London to a place

in the All-Ireland junior championship. This will be the first appearance of a team from the British capital at junior, but an old camogie link is still being forged nonetheless in championship play.

London did compete in the All-Ireland senior championship for a number of years during the 'Fifties, but did not qualify for a final appearance. Perhaps the junior trend setters of 1988 will go on quickly to pioneer the way in this regard.

At any rate, London will be in a position to field a strong team, as the sport there gains new recruits, while clubs at home lose out unfortunately through emigration. But at least it is pleasing that players are not being lost completely to the sport as a result of having to go abroad.

London's return to the championship scene, even at junior, should also benefit the progress of the sport in the British capital. It ensures that players there have an added incentive to keep up their efforts on behalf of

camogie, and that should lead in time to improved standards on the club scene in London.

There are seven clubs there, and the general standard is already good. The Exiles will bring a welcome new dimension to the junior grade, and help to focus new interest in a championship that understandably tends as in other branches of Gaelic sport to be overshadowed by the senior title chase.

London will make their junior debut in a quarter-final tie against the champions of Munster.

As for senior grade, Kilkenny will be striving to complete their first run of four successive All-Ireland championships. No county has achieved such a feat since a run of four titles in succession by Cork in 1970-1973.

The Noreiders will have most of last season's all-conquering team that won the League as well as the championship available, including the Downey twins, Angela and Anne.

MILLENNIUM GAME

Both were prominent in the National League again this year, and also impressed when helping the Rest of Ireland to beat Dublin in the camogie contribution to the Millennium programme of matches at Croke Park.

Eight counties will compete at senior, and Dublin, in particular, must be wondering when they are going to avoid Kilkenny in the O'Duffy Cup competition. They lost to the Kilkenny girls in the All-Ireland finals of 1985 and 1986, and again last year in both the League final, and in an All-Ireland semi-finals as well as the 1988 League Final.

Now, the draw has decreed that Dublin must travel to challenge Kilkenny in the first round on July 24. There could hardly be a more difficult started for any team than that, but the Dubs can take some encouragement from the fact that they visited Kilkenny for their first round National League title

in April, and came away with a division of the spoils.

There is a world of difference between the League and the championship. Still, Dublin are unlikely to be in the least overawed by their task in round one, and with players of the calibre of Una Crowley, Germaine Noonan, Edel Murphy, Anne Cooper, Anne Byrne and Ann Colgan in their squad, the Dubs will not be easily dismissed at such an early stage of the knock-out series.

Cork, who were runners-up for the last year's All-Ireland championship are in the other half of the draw. They lost to Kilkenny in the League earlier this year, and dropped another point when they drew with Dublin in Dublin. As a result, they failed to reach the knock-out stages of the League.

But as I have said already it might be unwise to read too much into that League form in looking for guidelines to the championship. The game is on a firm footing in Cork, the county has a rich pool of top class players, and will undoubtedly put a strong foot forward in the championship.

The Leesiders will help to usher in the competition with a visit to Limerick on July 10.

Wexford will have Clare as visitors on the same day, and the winners of those ties will meet in a semi-final. A Cork-Wexford clash looks a distinct possibility.

The All-Ireland senior final has been arranged for September 25 at Croke Park, and will have the national junior championship final as the curtain-raiser as usual nowadays.

The All-Ireland minor final will be the first of the season. That game will be played on August 7.

COACHING COURSE

Camogie continues to recognise the importance of coaching in furthering the cause of the sport. Here the major event is the National Coaching course, which has been arranged for Gormanstown on July 2-3.

Gradam Tailte, camogie's annual day of individual competition for the player of the year in each county, will be staged on July 16.

Much later in the season the major end of the campaign event will be the All-Ireland club championship decider on November 13. If a replay is necessary that will be played two



• Angela Downey (Kilkenny) breaks past Carmel Gray (Dublin) in The National League Final.

Plenty, then, to look forward to in camogie in the coming months, and many keen and entertaining games also in

prospect.

Finally: A forecast for the All-Ireland title — Kilkenny to maintain their dominance for another year.

Experienced Wexford can end Clare hopes

WEXFORD and Clare get the 1988 All-Ireland Senior Championship off to an attractive start on Sunday. In the second fixture listed in the competition, Cork are away to Limerick.

Clare and Wexford have not met in the championship since 1979 when Wexford had a comfortable win. In the meantime, Wexford have the better record in the competition reaching the semi-finals for the past five years.

A recent win over Dublin in the Leinster senior championship will raise Wexford's hopes. They field a more experienced side than their visitors. Players like Elsie Cody, Gertrude O'Leary, Catherine Murphy, Anne Reddy, Stella Sinnott and Jackie Codd know what is required and will bring their younger team-mates along.

Clare include several girls who won All-Ireland junior medals in 1986. Gone from the scene, however, is Maura McNicholls who is concentrating on golf. Pauline O'Brien, Helen Cusack, Patricia O'Grady, Catherine O'Laughlin, Catherine Molloy, and Carmel Wall will press hard for victory in a game which is within the scope of either team.

In an unusual move, Lim-

Camogie

erick sought the regrading of several senior players last autumn and also entered a team in the Open Draw. It can be argued that some of their better players are graded junior. Their junior team has qualified for the Munster Final against Tipperary and is unlikely to be broken up at this stage.

In the circumstances, a few familiar faces may appear. Brid Stokes, Bernie O'Dea, Helen Collins, Rose Fitzgerald, and Helen Moynihan, all of whom have given great service to the county, are expected to be in action. It is unlikely that they will be able to fill the gaps with players of sufficient calibre to stop Cork.

Limerick, fielding a mixture of seniors and Juniors, stayed with Cork in the Munster senior final last week but crumbled in the second half to allow Cork retain the title. Cork fielded an experimental side with newcomers Karen Mellerick, Clare McCarthy and Liz O'Neill getting a run.

Karen Mellerick, a sister of Linda, impressed when moved to full forward and is

worthy of retention. Whether Cork can afford to continue with Sandie Fitzgibbon in defence is questionable. Her ability to cover ground and feed the attack is needed at midfield. Clare Cronin, Marion McCarthy, Anne Leahy, Linda Mellerick, Anne O'Donovan and Collette O'Mahony should see Cork through to the semi-final.

The semi-finals of the Ulster Junior championship will be decided on Sunday. Holders Armagh meet Tyrone in what should be a very close game. In the second semi-final Down should prove too strong for Antrim.

All-Ireland junior champions Kildare must be favourites to overcome Laois in the Leinster championship despite their poor showing in the league semi-final. Carlow will test Kilkenny in the second fixture. The Offaly v. Westmeath clash has been deferred to Tuesday 12th.

FIXTURES — Sunday 10th July.
All-Ireland Senior Championship
at Adare — 3.00 Limerick v. Cork.
At Monomolin 3.00 Wexford v. Clare.
Leinster Junior Championships
At Nowlan Park: 3.00 Carlow v. Kilkenny, At Clane 3.00 Kildare v. Laois

TUESDAY
Leinster Junior Champ. Mullingar
8.00 Westmeath v. Offaly.

All too easy for Cork

Limerick 1-4,
Cork 4-18

LINDA MELLERICK was the Cork scoring star when she contributed 3-7 in their big win over Limerick in the All-Ireland open draw senior championship at Adare, Co. Limerick yesterday.

The game was over as a contest by half-time, at which stage Cork led by 4-8 to 0-2 and just about the only satisfaction for Limerick was an excellent display by Helen Collins.

Kathy Landers, Collette O'Mahony, Mary Ring and Sandy Fitzgibbon all did well for Cork, who were not seriously tested and whose true strength will not be known until they meet stiffer opposition.

Cork: M. McCarthy, M. Ring, S. Fitzgibbon, A. Delaney, K. Landers, C. Cronin, C. O'Mahony, M. Spillane, L. Mellerick, A. Leahy, L. O'Neill, K. Mellerick.

Limerick: C. O'Driscoll, B. O'Dea, G. Coleman, J. O'Shea, H. Collins, R. Fitzgerald, P. Scanlon, P. Twomey, N. Noonan, B. Chawke, A. Madigan, B. Stokes.

Referee: Kathleen McNicholas (Clare).



Cork's Liz O'Neill whips this ball away from her Limerick opponent.

Linda Mellerick leads the way

LIMERICK..... 1-4
CORK..... 4-18

LINDA MELLERICK, who scored three goals and seven points, was the Cork star when they crushed Limerick in the All-Ireland senior camogie championship at Adare, Co. Limerick yesterday.

Scorers—Cork: L. Mellerick (3-7), C. O'Mahony (0-6), K. Mellerick (1-1), C. Cronin, M. Spillane (0-2 each).
Limerick: A. Madigan (1-0), H. Collins, R. Fitzgerald, B. Chalk, B. Stokes (0-1 each).

GALWAY SEEKING FURTHER HONOURS

THE All-Ireland minor camogie semi-finals are scheduled for Sunday with two very attractive matches in store. The champions are in the hunt for further honours when they journey north to Portmore to face Armagh.

Galway seem to be able to turn out quality teams at will in under-age camogie. Already this season, St. Raphael's ran away with senior and junior colleges' titles and Pearses impressed in winning division one of Feile na nGael.

This year's Galway minor side is a polished outfit. Names like Emer Hardiman, Imelda Maher, Olive Costello, Siobhan Keane, Aileen Brett and Claire Lynch are already well known outside the county. These girls will spearhead the Galway challenge against Armagh.

Armagh won the Ulster title for the first time in 1987. They acquitted themselves well against Cork in the semi-final. This season, they dispatched Fermanagh, Derry and Cavan to earn a semi-final place. Olive Leonard, Colette Conway, Deirdre Connolly, Yvonne McKenna and Helena Murray hope to set Armagh on course to the final.

CAMOGIE

The fruits of hard work with the county U-14 team over the past three years are clearly to be seen in the Kilkenny side which will take the field against Cork in the second semi-final.

Built around classy players like Esther Kennedy, Geraldine Ryan, Mary McGrath, Bridget Mullally, Sinead Millea and Deirdre Lannon, Kilkenny cruised past Wexford, Carlow, Dublin and Westmeath.

Opponents on Sunday will be Cork, who are no strangers to the minor scene. Cork won their 13th Munster title following a hard-earned victory over Tipperary and two easy outings against Clare and Limerick.

Cork, too, have their stars. Hilda Kenneally, Imelda Leahy, Lyn Dunlea, Fiona O'Driscoll and Una Murphy are survivors from last season's All-Ireland final. Newcomers who are fitting in well include Eithne Duggan, Susan Fahy, Claire Murphy, Aisling O'Leary and Catherine Monahan. The clash of these talented sides is an exciting prospect.

Cork unchanged for Kilkenny clash

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THERE is a full programme of games listed on the camogie front for the coming week with top of the bill being the All-Ireland minor semi-final on Sunday between Cork and Kilkenny at Nolan Park.

On the local front, the '87 under-18 championship is nearing its concluding stages and will see Killeagh and Bishopstown meet in the semi-final on Monday night at Killeagh and on the same night Glen Rovers and Cloughduv clash at the Glen Field in the quarter-final. The remainder of the week will see the continuation of the Junior "A", "B" and Under-16 Leagues.

On Sunday next, Munster minor champions Cork could face a tough game when they take on the Leinster champions Kilkenny in the semi-final of this season's All-Ireland Championship.

In Munster, Cork ran out convincing winners with fine victories over Tipperary, Clare and Limerick, but Sunday's game is expected to be their toughest to date. Kilkenny are the Leinster champions for the past three years and will be in a position to field a number of last year's side.

In Leinster they looked a very impressive side and on form could trouble the Cork girls on Sunday. The Cork selectors have made no changes in the side that defeated Limerick in the Munster final two weeks ago.

Bishopstown keeper Aisling O'Leary once again commands the number one position with club mate Claire Murphy and Blathin Keating filling the full-back and centre-back positions. Susan Fahy from Brian Dillons is named at right corner back with Eire Og's Una Murphy in the left corner.

The midfield positions go to Hilda Kenneally (Newcestown), Catherine Monaghan (Glen Rovers) and Imelda Leahy (Killeagh). Bishopstown girl Edel Ryan is named at centre-forward with team mate Eithne Duggan, Fiona O'Driscoll (Fr. O'Neills), who captains the side, and Cloughduv's Lyn Dunlea completing the full forward trio.

In the under-18 championship games on Monday night, Bishopstown, who can call on such marvellous performers as Sheenagh Morley, Aine Buckley, Edel Ryan and Blathin Keating, should have the edge on Killeagh even though Killeagh girls Ina Leahy, Breda Kelly and Imelda Leahy

could have other ideas about this, and in the second game Glen Rovers will be expected to account for Cloughduv when they meet at the Glen Field.

Sunday, July 17

All-Ireland Minor Championship semi-final: Cork v. Kilkenny, at Nowlan Park, at 3.30 p.m.

Monday, July 18

Under-18 Championship: Glen Rovers v. Cloughduv, at Glen Rovers, at 7.30 (referee Deirdre O'Shea); Killeagh v. Bishopstown, at Killeagh, at 7.30 (referee Fr. O'Neills).

Junior "B" League '88: Grenagh v. Courcy Rovers, at Courcy Rovers, at 7.30 (referee Kilbrittain); Barryroe v. Aghabullogue, at Barryroe, at 7.30 p.m. (referee Newcestown); St. Fannahans v. Youghal, at St. Fannahans, at 7.30 (referee St. Catherine's).

Tuesday, July 19

Under-16 League '88 re-dated from July 14: Castlemartyr v. Fr. O'Neills, at Castlemartyr, at 7.30 (referee Fr. O'Neills); Killeagh v. Watergrasshill, at Killeagh, at 7.30 (referee Watergrasshill); Bishopstown "A" v. Bishopstown "B" at Bishopstown, at 7.30 (referee Bishopstown); Sarsfields v. Glen Rovers "A" at Sarsfields, at 7.30 (referee Glen Rovers); Brian Dillons v. Grenagh, at Grenagh, at 7.30 (referee Brian Dillons); Ballinora v. Newcestown, at Newcestown, at 7.30 (referee Ballinora); Cloughduv v. Ballincollig, at Cloughduv, at 7.30 (referee Ballincollig).

Wednesday, July 20

Junior "B" League '88: Aghabullogue v. Kilbrittain, at Aghabullogue, at 7.30 (referee Eire Og).

Under-16 League '88: St. Finbarrs v. Douglas, at St. Finbarrs, at 7.30 (referee Douglas); Inniscarra v. Eire Og, at Inniscarra, at 7.30 (referee Eire Og); Barryroe v. Ballincollig, at Ballincollig, at 7.30 (referee Barryroe).

Thursday, July 21

Junior "B" League '88: Inniscarra v. Newcestown, at Newcestown, at 7.30 (referee Cloughduv); Barryroe v. Ballinora, at Ballinora, at 7.30 (referee Bishopstown); Bishopstown v. Ballinure, at Bishopstown, at 7.30 (referee J. Hamill).

Under-16 League '88: Killeagh v. Castlemartyr, at Killeagh, at 7.30 (referee Castlemartyr).

Kilkenny create history

Kilkenny 3-3, Cork 1-8

KILKENNY created a bit of history when they beat Cork in a thrilling All-Ireland minor camogie semi-final at Nowlan Park, Kilkenny, yesterday to qualify for their first final in the grade.

A great goal from the talented Bridget Mullally three minutes from the end gave the home side victory and a place in the final against Galway.

Cork led for most of the way after taking the lead with a point from Catherine Monaghan in the second minute.

After playing against the stiff breeze in the opening half, the Leesiders looked well placed when they were 0-5 to 0-1 ahead at the interval.

However, Kilkenny were a transformed team in the second-half and they always had their opponents under pressure and in the 18th minute Orla Ryall had a goal to reduce the arrears to the minimum 2-3 to 1-7.

Cork hit back with a point from Edel Ryan but the side was upended by that late and great effort by Mullally.

Scorers—Kilkenny—B. Mullally 1-3, O. Ryall and D. Lannon 1-0 each.

Cork—F. O'Driscoll 0-5, P. Murphy 1-0, E. Ryan 0-2, C. Monaghan 0-1.

Kilkenny—V. Wall, B. Barniville, G. Dillon, U. Murphy, E. Kennedy, T. Milles, A. Cullen, P. Treacy, B. Mullally, O. Ryall, M. McGrath, D. Lannon. Subs. G. Ryan for Treacy, S. Milles for McGrath.

Cork—A. O'Leary, C. Murphy, U. Murphy, B. Keating, S. Fahy, H. Kenneally, C. Monaghan, E. Leahy, E. Duggan, E. Ryan, L. Dunlea, F. O'Driscoll. Sub. P. Murphy for E. Ryan.

Referee—Rosanne Merriman (Kildare).

Galway girls edged out

GALWAY 3-5
ARMAGH 4-7

But, Galway's hopes were quickly dashed — Olive Leonard scored another Armagh goal.

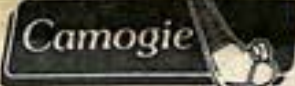
THE Galway minor camogie team's bid for a 3-in-a-row ended in Armagh on Sunday in the All-Ireland semi-final.

Armagh who fielded a classy side, settled early and before Galway knew what hit them Sharon McGowan and Veronica Donnelly had scored a goal each.

Galway's Emer Hardiman replied with two points, but, Armagh's Olive Leonard quickly pointed. Then, Kate Fennell sent the ball to the net giving Galway the equaliser.

However, Olive Leonard proved to be a thorn in Galway's side and she added another point to Armagh's score. Sharon McGowan also pointed for Armagh three times, stretching their lead. Galway's Emer Hardiman then pointed and a goal by Fiona Brett left Armagh leading by just two points at half-time.

On the resumption, Galway were awarded a free and Emer Hardiman pointed. Armagh dominated throughout and a quick goal by Olive Leonard saw Galway's Emer Hardiman scoring a goal leaving only a point between the sides.



Kilkenny's chance?

KILKENNY'S superiority in senior camogie is undisputed. Strangely enough they have failed to make any real impact in either junior or minor grades. Hopes are high of a breakthrough at minor level following an impressive run in Leinster by a very talented twelve.

Particular attention has been paid to young players in recent years. Three Leinster Under-14 Championships were won by a side which has now blossomed into a fine minor team. Wexford, Carlow, Dublin and Westmeath were overcome by Kilkenny to record their first Leinster minor title for 12 years.

Kilkenny now find themselves in the All-Ireland semi-finals. They face Cork in Nowlan Park on Sunday. Their performances to date have boosted confidence. The Kilkenny side is very strong in all sectors.

Cork are no strangers to All-Ireland minor semi-finals. They have only lost two games in Munster in fifteen years and have won the All-Ireland title eight times. This season Cork were hard pressed by Tipperary but had plenty to spare over Clare and Limerick.

All-Ireland minor champions for the past two years, Galway travel to meet Armagh in the second semi-final. Whether the competition is Feile na nGael, Community Games, All-Ireland Colleges or inter-county minor, Galway sides are special in underage camogie.

Bernie Farrelly will defend her Gradam Tailte at the U.C.D. Grounds, Belfield, on Saturday. The main challenge will come from Claire Jones (Kilkenny), Teresa Bracken (Roscommon), Edel Murphy (Dublin) and Eileen Kehoe (Wexford).

FIXTURES

Saturday—Gradam Tailte, Belfield (11.0).

Sunday—All-Ireland Minor Semi-finals — At Nowlan Park (3.30) — Kilkenny v. Cork. At Portmore (3.00) — Armagh v. Galway.

Once relaxed, camogie girls starred

KILKENNY 3-3 (12 pts)
CORK 1-8 (11 pts)

KILKENNY put in a storming second half, but even at that they needed a big finish to defeat talented Cork in a thrilling minor (under-16) camogie all-Ireland semi-final at Nowlan Park on Sunday.

Goals by the big hearted Orla Ryall and the skilful Bridget Mullally during the closing seven minutes earned the brave locals a place in their first minor all-Ireland, which will be away to Armagh on August 7.

Indeed, the pressure of trying to qualify for that first final appeared to get to Kilkenny during the opening half. The players seemed tense and all caught up, and after playing with the breeze things looked bleak when they trailed by 0-1 to 0-5 at the interval.

But the winners were lifted by the half-time 'pep talk', including a telling contribution from senior star, Angela Downey-Browne, and blossomed into full bloom during the second moiety. But Cork, who have won this all-Ireland eight times in all, didn't go down easily and it was only two minutes from time that the Noreiders at last got in front.

Those closing two minutes were hectic as the Leesiders mounted an onslaught, and on at least two occasions, classy home goalkeeper, Veronica Wall made good saves and earned Kilkenny an historic success.

Cork, with full-forward and captain, Fiona O'Driscoll in great form made good use of the chances that came their way during the opening half. Although they led by 0-5 to 0-1 at the break, they hadn't dominated their opponents, who had shot five wides.

The winners were a transformed side in the new half, and were more positive in their approach. With the addition of Geraldine Ryan — she played with a broken toe — in midfield, they got on top and cork 'keeper, Ashling O'Leary did well early on to stop a fine drive from Bridget Mullally.

The Tullogher girl had a point a few minutes later, but O'Driscoll replied to that. The same pair swapped points again, before Mullally ripped open the Cork defence in the 15th minute with a cute hand pass that sent Deirdre Lannon through for a goal (0-7 to 1-3).

The Noreiders joy was short lived after that score, because Cork hit back for a fine goal from reserve, Patricia

Murphy who looked a very able performer.

However, the winners retained their high spirits, and in another attack two minutes later Bridget Mullally pushed the ball through the Cork defence and Orla Ryall finished to the net (1-7 to 2-3).

Again the losers hit back, this time for a point from Edel Ryan. But the home side finished in a blaze of glory, and the lively Mullally raced through the visitors defence and crashed home a terrific winning goal.

Will take beating

If the winners can relax and perform as they did during the second half in the upcoming all-Ireland, then they will take beating. On Sunday, 'keeper Veronica Wall was in great form, as were Bridget Barnaville, Esther Kennedy, Tracey Millea and Bridget Mullally and interval substitute, Geraldine Ryan helped tune-in a midfield that had been a little off key during the opening half.

Cork's best were Fiona O'Driscoll, Hilda Kenealy, Una Murphy and Edel Ryan.

The Scorers

Kilkenny: B. Mullally (1-3, points two 30's, one free); O. Ryall, D. Lannon (1-0 each). **Cork:** F. O'Driscoll (0-5, three frees), P. Murphy (1-0); E. Ryan (0-2); C. Monahan (0-1).

The Teams

Kilkenny: Veronica Wall (Lisdowney); Bridget Barnaville (Lisdowney); Una Murphy (Tullogher); Esther Kennedy (St. Lactain's); Gillian Dillon (St. Lactain's); Patricia Treacy (Dicksboro); Ashling Cullen (Thomastown); Tracy Millea (St. Brigid's); Orla Ryall (St. Brigid's); Bridget Mullally (Tullogher); Mary McGrath (St. Brigid's); Deirdre Lannon (Thomastown). Subs: Geraldine Ryan (St. Paul's) for Treacy; Sinead Millea (St. Brigid's) for M. McGrath.

Cork: A. O'Leary, C. Murphy, U. Murphy, B. Keating, S. Fahy, H. Kenealy, C. Monaghan, E. Leahy, E. Duggan, E. Ryan, L. Dunlea, F. O'Driscoll. Sub: P. Murphy for E. Ryan.

Referee: R. Merriman (Kildare).

Camogie kingpins — and no doubt about it

Kilkenny 2-13
Wexford 0-2

KILKENNY confirmed their superiority in Leinster camogie circles when they won their fourth under-14 championship in-a-row when they scored a comprehensive win over Wexford at Bunclody on Saturday. Kilkenny are already Leinster champions in the senior and minor grades.

Having twice beaten Wexford in this competition, the Noreiders confirmed their superiority. It is interesting to note that their winning margin on Saturday was exactly the same as when they beat them at Nowlan Park. The score on that occasion was Kilkenny 4-12, Wexford 2-1. They also beat Wexford in their away game, in their first game in the competition by 2-6 to 2-2.

Kilkenny laid the foundations of victory in the first half when they built-up a 0-7 to 0-1 interval lead although playing against the breeze. With Vanessa Butler dominating midfield, the winners forwards got plenty of possession. Here the two stylists, Bridget Mullally and Sinead Millea picked off their points. Indeed, the lead would have been much more only Bridget Mullally was off target with her free taking.

Kilkenny continued where they left off after the interval, and goals by substitutes Patrick O'Keeffe and Imelda Kennedy gave them an easy win. The victory would have been more emphatic but for a wonderful display of goalkeeping by Jenny Fortune, who made four superb saves.

Never under pressure

Siobhan Holden in the Kilkenny goal was only tested once during the game. The defence was never under pressure. Paula Dowling was a solid fullback. Bridget Wall got in many long relieving clearances. Marie Maher, who has two more years in this grade, and Margaret Hickey also did well. Vanessa Butler was the outstanding player at midfield, and scored a wonderful point in the first half. Janet Sweeney playing in her first full game, put in a good performance. Orla Ryall, who played against Cork in the recent minor semi-final while suffering from the flu, developed a chest infection which made her a doubtful starter and it was only in the second half that she came into her own.

Top class scores

Bridget Mullally was in devastating form, and some of her first half scores were out of

the top drawer. Sinead Millea was little if anything behind. The scoring feats of this pair put the Noreiders in a class apart in Leinster. Elaine Nolan tried hard at full-forward but failed to score. Elizabeth Dermody also had a couple of attempts at goal saved. Patricia O'Keeffe and Imelda Kennedy both scored very good goals. Mary Brennan did well in defence.

Best for the losers were Jimmy Fortune, a top class goalie, cillish Somers, Letty Kavanagh, Marie O'Loughlin and Valerie Cummins.

The scorers

Kilkenny: B. Mullally (0-6, one free); S. Millea (0-5); I. Kennedy, P. O'Keeffe (1-0 each); V. Butler, O. Ryall (0-1 each). **Wexford:** M. O'Loughlin (0-2).

The Team:

Kilkenny: S. Holden (St. Scutins); P. Dowling (St. Lactain's); M. Hickey (St. Lactain's); B. Wall (Lisdowney); M. Maher (Tullaroan); J. Sweeney (Tullaroan); O. Ryall (St. Brigid's); V. Butler (Thomastown); S. Millea (St. Brigid's); B. Mullally, capt (Tullogher); E. Dermody (St. Lactain's); E. Nolan (Tullogher). Subs: P. O'Keeffe (Thomastown); I. Kennedy (St. Lactain's); M. Brennan (Lisdowney).

Wexford: J. Fortune, M. Somers, S. O'Connor, E. Somers, D. Maguire, V. Cummins, L. Kavanagh, A. Fogarty, M. Harris, M. O'Loughlin, A. Gordon, L. Murphy. Sub: C. Cousins.

On the four teams

TWO of the Kilkenny side created history by winning their fourth Leinster under-14 medal.

They were Bridget Wall and Orla Ryall. Both were substitutes on the 1985 team, and they played on the last three winning teams. Sinead Millea is eligible next year, and will be hoping to win a fourth Leinster title as a player.

Top of the class

KILKENNY have now moved to the top of the roll of honour for Leinster under-14 camogie titles won. They have five victories.

In addition to the present four-in-a-row (1985 — 1988), they also won in 1982. Dublin have four titles, 1978, 1980, 1983 and 1984. Wexford were victorious in 1979 and 1981.

Eight still eligible

EIGHT of the players who figured in Saturday's win are eligible next year.

They are Paula Dowling, Margaret Hickey, Marie Maher, Janet Sweeney, Sinead Millea, Elizabeth Dermody, Imelda Kennedy and Mary Brennan.

Winners, winners, winners

BRIDGET MULLALLY, Orla Ryall and Sinead Millea have also won Leinster minor medals this year.

Orla Ryall was winning her third Leinster medal for 1988. In addition to these wins, she captained the Presentation convent, Kilkenny to their victory in the Leinster minor colleges final.

Sinead Millea, who lost in that final, has also won three Leinster medals this season. She was goalkeeper on the Mercy convent, Callan team

that won the Leinster senior colleges 'B' final.



DUBLIN CAMOGIE NOTES

The Dublin senior and junior teams are double involved this weekend when they travel to Kilkenny to take on the Noreiders in the open draw and also the Leinster semi-final. It is very unfortunate that the two matches clash on the same day as it deprives the junior selectors of availing of the services of some players who have been chosen to line out

on the senior side.

The players in question are Denise O'Leary, Ann Cooper and Ann O'Mahony. All three played for the junior team that defeated Meath to reach this stage of the competition. They now find themselves part of a senior side that will try to dethrone All-Ireland and National League holders Kilkenny.

FIXTURES

AT LISDOWNEY

Open Draw Championship: Kilkenny v Dublin, 3.30.
Leinster Junior Semi-final: Kilkenny v Dublin, 2.30.

Dublin (Senior Team): Ann Byrne (captain), Ann O'Mahoney, Mairead Cronin, Denise O'Leary, Germaine Noonan, Cathy Walsh, Edie Murphy, Catherine Ledwidge, Louise Lynch, Ann Cooper, Mary Keane, Marie Connell, Toni O'Byrne, Suzanne Doyle, Carmel Gray, Joan Gormley.

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Champs entertain Dubs

ALL-IRELAND senior camogie champions, Kilkenny open the defence of their title this week-end when they entertain Dublin.

The Dubs will be visitors to Lisdowney on Sunday, and are expected to mount a serious challenge to Kilkenny, who are going for their fourth successive all-Ireland victory.

The Dubs have always been a tough nut to crack in the championship, and they are travelling to Lisdowney in confident mood.

The locals have been unable to get in much collective training because of club games, but the spirit among the girls is very good and they are determined to get that four in a row.

The Kilkenny juniors will also be in action at Lisdowney, and again the opposition will be provided by Dublin. The juniors have made good progress during the League, and a win cannot be discounted.

The Kilkenny junior panel is — Veronica Wall (Lisdowney),

Chrissie Ryan (Shamrocks), Sandra Ashe (Tullagher), Teresa Fennelly (Shamrocks), Kay Dunphy (Ballycallan), Marina Downey (Lisdowney), Joan Lanigan, Margaret O'Keefe (Thomastown), Ann Dunne, Ann Walsh (Mooncoin), Ann-Marie Hughes (Ballycallan), Marie Tobin (Lisdowney), Bridget Sharkey (Lisdowney), Elaine Butler (Freshford), Lizzy Whelan (Blacks & Whites), Ber Brennan (Lisdowney), Ellen O'Hara (Freshford), Carmel Ryan (Shamrocks), Lizzy Fogarty (Lisdowney).

CAMOGIE FIXTURES

Under-14 Leinster final at Buncloody on Saturday — Wexford v. Kilkenny (3 p.m.).

Leinster junior semi-final at Lisdowney on Sunday — Kilkenny v. Dublin (2 p.m.).

All-Ireland senior open draw championship at Lisdowney — Kilkenny v. Dublin (3.30 p.m.).

Co. Board meeting at O'Loughlin's on Monday (9 p.m.).

Champs go marching on

Kilkenny 2-11
Dublin 1-11

DEFENDING all-Ireland open draw senior camogie champions Kilkenny, showed they are all out to retain their title when they hammered Dublin in this one-sided game at windy Lisdowney on Sunday.

The Noreiders, who are on the trail of another League/Championship double, pounded the visitors into submission during an all-action opening half.

The Dubs had first use of the strong wind but they had no

answer to Kilkenny's power attack, and turned over 1-1 to 1-4 behind. Early second-half scores for the home side completely demoralised the losers.

Along with the Downey twins, others who did very well for the winners were Rita Wemyss and newcomers Frances Rothwell and Helen Holmes.

Scorers

Kilkenny: Angela Downey-Browne (2-3); Ann Downey (0-4); Jo Dunne, Claire Jones, Breda Holmes, Anna Whelan (0-1 each).

Team

Kilkenny: Marie Fitzpatrick, Rita O'Neill, Helen Holmes, Frances Rothwell, Biddy O'Sullivan, Claire Jones, Ann Downey, Anna Whelan, Jo Dunne, Breda Holmes, Angela Downey, Breda Cahill.

Camogie

Kilkenny through to last four

KILKENNY.....2-11
DUBLIN.....1-1
ALL-IRELAND League and Championship holders Kilkenny qualified for the semi-final of the 1988 Championship with a devastating win over Dublin in the opening round at Lisdowney yesterday.

The home side played with the advantage of the blustery wind in the opening half and were slightly lucky to be in front by 1-3 to 1-1 at the break. However, they overwhelmed the visitors in the second period and added 0-8 without reply.

SCORERS — Kilkenny — A. Downey (2-3), Anne Downey (0-4), J. Dunne, C. Jones, B. Holmes, A. Whelan (0-1 each). Dublin — E. Murphy (1-1).

Leinster J.C. Semi-final — Dublin, 3-9; Kilkenny, 1-4.

Community Games

RESULTS of the Leinster Community Games at Skerries yesterday were:

Boys Soccer, semi-final — Kilcloon (Meath) 3, St. Canice's (Kilkenny) 2; Tullamore (Offaly) 5, Trinity (Dublin) 4. Final — Tullamore 3, Kilcloon 0.

Girls Soccer, semi-final — Drumlish (Longford) 1, Rathvule (Curlow) 0; Rahan (Offaly) 0, Lakeside (Wicklow) 2. Final — Drumlish 0, Lakeside 3.

Camogie, semi-final — Boardmill (Meath) 0, Castlewarren (Kilkenny) 11-1; Shinrone (Offaly) 5-6, Blanchardstown (Dublin) 1-2. Final — Shinrone 1-2, Castlewarren 2-0.

Dublin again fail

ONCE AGAIN Dublin were not able to overcome Kilkenny in the first round of the All-Ireland championship. And it's sad to relate that Dublin didn't manage one score from play.

Selector, Phyllis Breslin agreed that Dublin had sixty per cent of the play, but that their finishing let them down.

"Our defence did well," states Phyllis, "and Mairead Cronin did a fine job marking Angela Downey."

Yet, as ever, Angela made a telling contribution, as did her sister, Ann. Overall it's a fabulous Kilkenny team who are now seeking their fourth title in succession.

"I can't see them being stopped," comments Phyllis.

They easily beat Dublin in the League final, yet Phyllis remains optimistic about the future of the Dubs.

"We have a very young side and we are building all the time. All we lack is the experience and a bit of drive."

Two players who performed well for Dublin were Ann O'Hanlon and Denise O'Leary.

The Dublin junior had a good win over Kilkenny to reach the Leinster final.

Glen and Killeagh meet again

IN a repeat of the Cork Senior Camogie Championship final, Glen Rovers and Killeagh will battle it out once again for Under-18 honours at Ballincollig, tomorrow night and a real classic encounter is on the cards.

En route to the final, Glen recorded fine victories over Newcestown, Cloughduv and then went on to defeat Aghabullogue in the semi-final. In these games, players like Tracy Riordan, Denise Cronin, Fiona Twomey, Catherine Monaghan and Patricia Murphy played major roles and, if they find form again, could cause major problems for the Killeagh girls.

Killeagh, on the other hand, looked a very impressive side all through the campaign and will be very anxious to add this title to the senior and Felle Na nGael titles already won this year.

They are in a position to call on five of their successful senior panel, including such fine performers as the Leahy sisters, Ina and Imelda; Breda Kelly, Patricia Greene and goalkeeper Cathy Buckley and, if they produce the goods, a very close contest is in store.

Spirited Glen hold out

Glen Rovers 0-7

Killeagh 0-5

GLEN ROVERS captured the Cork County Under-18 camogie championship at Ballincollig last night, but Killeagh can blame themselves for their defeat as in the second-half they shot a litany of wides.

After five minutes the Glen went ahead with a point from Patricia Murphy, but Killeagh quickly hit back when Breda Kelly equalised. The Glen led at the interval by 0-3 to 0-2.

Some good points by Catherine Monaghan saw the Glen stretch their lead, but like the senior final Killeagh came storming back. However, erratic shooting proved very costly. With time ticking away Glen held a two points lead when Noreen Barry fastened on to a loose ball in front of the Glen goals, but her effort skimmed the upright and with it Killeagh's last chance.

Scorers: Glen Rovers—C. Monaghan 0-4 (0-2 from thirty), P. Murphy, O. Murphy, F. Twomey 0-1 each.

Killeagh—B. Kelly 0-3 (0-1 from thirty), S. Linehan 0-1 (from thirty), J. Linehan 0-1.

Glen Rovers: M. O'Leary, D. Cronin, U. Horgan, E. McCarthy, T. O'Riordan, C. Monaghan, L. O'Mahony, M. Kenneally, F. Twomey, P. Murphy, M. O'Flynn, O. Murphy.

Killeagh: C. Buckley, Ina Leahy, Imelda Leahy, J. Linehan, S. Linehan, B. Kelly, T. Gould, P. Green, S. Cahalane, M. O'Regan, A. Motherway, N. Barry.

Referee — Rose Desmond (Bishopstown).

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Pictured at the launching of the History of Fr. O'Neills Camogie Club are, Carri Shanahan, Chairman, presenting a copy of the book to Fr. Martin O'Riordan, President; Hannah Ahern, Treasurer, presenting a copy to Fr. Joe Kenneally PP, and Margaret Ahern, Secretary, presents copy to Marie Kearney, Vice-Chairperson, Cork County Camogie Board.

Camogie history is now written

Few camogie clubs have embarked on writing their history, but in the parish of Ladysbridge, where Fr. O'Neills hail from, a new book was launched at the conclusion of their annual tournament, won by Sarsfields, who beat the home side 4-9 to 2-10 in the final.

It deals with the foundation of camogie in Ballymacoda and Ladysbridge and deals with other clubs in the southern section of the Barony of Imokilly.

It also incorporates the history of Cork camogie, and the successes attained by clubs like Killeagh, Youghal, Ballintotis, Whitegate,

Fr. O'Neills, Cloyne, Middleton and Imokilly.

While camogie is the central theme of the book, there is a huge volume of historical items relating to the parish, ones which make it an ideal book for every household in East Cork.

Miss Carri Shanahan in announcing the history of the club, at the presentation of the awards after the final of their tournament, stated that it was an historical occasion, as the seeds of the book were sown over 40 years ago, not until now did they bear fruit.

She stated that the difficulties in compiling such a book can only be

gauged by the dedicated people that worked so hard to see it established.

"In addition to camogie, which was the prime aim of the committee, it was felt that the locality had so much history, it was essential to incorporate the olden days of Ballymacoda and Ladysbridge," said Ms Shanahan, Chairperson of the Fr. O'Neills club.

Fr. Kenneally, in paying tribute to all involved in compiling the book singled out Mrs Carmel Shanahan, who was Chairperson of the club in 1987, stating she had worked extremely hard in ensuring that the true facts were available. She

had, he said, spent many days travelling to Middleton and other areas researching for the right formula for what in the future will be a very historic document.

Marie Kearney, Sarsfields and vice-chairperson of the Cork County Camogie Board described it as a superb achievement and looking through it saw her own name on page seven, when Imokilly was rekindled.

Mrs Josie Knowles, Middleton, who refereed the tournament and did so much for camogie in east Cork, was also the recipient of one of the books.



Glen Rovers' Fiona Twomey keeps her eye on the ball as Killeagh's Anne Motherway comes in to challenge, during the Cork County Under-18 final at Ballincollig.

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LIMERICK IN SEMIS

Limerick.....2-6
London Ireland.....0-3
LIMERICK camogie team went one step further towards winning an All Ireland as they defeated London in a closely contested All Ireland quarter final on Sunday last in Newtown.

Limerick will meet the winners of the Leinster Final between Dublin and last year's junior champions, Kildare, in the semi final.

London, on their first visit to Ireland, were a force to contend with. They played fast, ground hurling, were very sharp to the ball and seemed to have the upperhand in the first half against a lack-lustre Limerick team.

They were the first to score and threatened the Limerick back line throughout the first half. Limerick withstood the pressure on the backs and held London to 3 points. However, Limerick were never a threat in this half and it was only in

the last two minutes that Pauline McCarthy was on target to get two points for Limerick.

Limerick came out a different team in the second half. They played with more spirit and determination and the deadlock was broken when Ida Quaid goaled. This was followed very quickly by another goal from Maisie Clifford. London didn't die easily. They still attacked the Limerick back line but they were well cut out by Margaret Guiry and Helen Clifford.

Elizabeth and Angela O'Sullivan got the upper hand at centre field and Ida Quaid, now playing at centre forward, gained possession on a number of occasions and scored three points from play. Ann Linchan added another to being the final score to 2 goals and 6 points for Limerick and 3 points for London-Ireland.

The result could have been very different if the London girls kept up the pace of play for the whole hour. Ida Quaid's goal was the turning point of the match and she made a big impact on the team.

TEAMS

Limerick—H. Sheehy (captain); M. Guiry, H. Clifford, E. O'Grady; M. Treacy, M. Clifford, M. Linchan; E. O'Sullivan, P. McCarthy, A. Sheehy, A. Linchan and A. O'Sullivan. Subs. used: I. Quaid and M. Magner.

FIXTURES

Senior Championship semi finals:

Saturday, August 6—
Croagh/Kilfinny v. Newtown, in Coolyroe, at 6.45 p.m.

Saturday, August 6—
Granagh/Ballingarry v. Star Rovers, in Coolyroe, at 7.45

Camogie

London in for warm welcome

A WARM welcome awaits the London team which will travel over to play the Munster champions in the quarter-final of the All-Ireland Junior Camogie Championship at the weekend. Congress approved their entry to competitive inter-county camogie.

It is over thirty years since a London team contested the All-Ireland championship. In those days the only competition available was at senior level and they found the going too tough. With the influx of Irish girls seeking employment, London are in a position to field a strong side.

Many of the names on their panel of players are already well known on this side of the Irish Sea. Caroline McNamara and Tricia Ryan helped Clare to win All-Ireland Junior honours. Margo Cassidy, sister of Limerick's Brid-Stokes, picked up an All-Ireland club medal with Croagh-Kilfinny.

Teresa Finneran fielded in the colours of Roscommon and Carmel Dunne represented Kilkenny at junior level. The large Westmeath contingent includes Laura Dolan, Rita Francis, Julie Drumm and Christina O'Malley. Orla Scully (Dublin), Laura Ryan (Meath), Teresa Ahern (Limerick) and English girl Elizabeth Roberts will challenge for places on the team.

It falls to Limerick to act as hosts and opposition to London. They fought back to register a victory by a single point in the Munster Junior final against Tipperary on Saturday night. The faster Tipperary girls used the wind to good effect to build up a lead. Limerick had to call on their experience to get them out of trouble.

Many of the Limerick side have played senior camogie. Participation in the higher grade will stand to them. Captained by goalkeeper Helen Sheehy, Limerick will look to Pauline McCarthy, Mairead Treacy, Maisie Clifford, Liz O'Sullivan, Liz O'Grady and Mary Linchan to see them through to a semi-final place with the Ulster champions.

Tyrone and Down will contest the Ulster Junior final. The early promise shown by Armagh in winning the National Junior League did not materialise. They failed to come to grips with a lively Tyrone side in the semi-final.

Tyrone have benefitted by the return of Sheila Burke. Sheila is figuring at full-forward and very much involved in the scoring. Down proved much too good for a weak Antrim side in the second semi-final.

With Teresa Allen, Noreen O'Prey, Fionnuala McGrady, Nuala McCartan and Donna Greeran in form, Down will press very hard for victory. But Catherine Daly, Anne Burke, Pauline Vallyelly, Anne Jordan and Anne McKenna will not give in easily.

Kildare girl Bernie Farrelly retained her Gradam Tailie trophy in style. Showing all-round ability and excellent control with her stick, she headed the list. Another young talented player, Catherine O'Loughlin (Clare), finished as runner-up. Claire Jones (Kilkenny) and Michelle Davis (Offaly) filled the minor placings.

SUNDAY

All-Ireland Junior Championship quarter-final — At Bruff, 3.0, Limerick v London.

Galway's Juniors in control

GALWAY 3-13
ROSCOMMON 0-4

GALWAY junior camogie team had a convincing victory over Roscommon in the Connacht Championship final on Sunday last at Hyde Park, Roscommon.

Galway's defence was in superb form but Ann Coleman and Imelda Hobbins were outstanding for the winners. Patricia Finneran was arguably the best player on the field but received little support from her team-mates.

Now it's showdown time

THE UPSURGE in interest in camogie in the county is reflected in the crammed programme of games, and this week is typical of the relentless series of matches.

Two county finals will be played this week. The first on Wednesday (7.30) will feature Freshford and Mooncoin in the junior decider, and then on Thursday (7 p.m.) great rivals, Shamrocks and St. Paul's, will clash in the senior decider. Both games will be played at Callan.

The senior tie is a repeat of last year's final, which turned out to be a thrilling game. In a tense finish, the experienced St. Paul's edged through on a 2-7 to 0-12 scoreline. That was St. Paul's 24th success.

St. Paul's have provided the backbone of the Kilkenny team for years and they have an experienced core of players. The Downey twins, Angela

and Ann, along with Breda Holmes, Claire Jones and Catherine Neary have an abundance of honours between them.

No doubt St. Paul's will miss those two great servants, Liz Neary and Bridie Martin-McGarry, who will not be playing. Mrs. McGarry is pregnant at the moment and with Liz Neary will be sorely missed from the defence.

All of which must give Shamrocks hope. They went close last year and, given any decent break, they will be there or thereabouts at the finish again this time.

Junior final

Both Freshford and Mooncoin will be seeking their first title in the junior decider. The Southerners will be hoping for third time lucky, because they lost the finals of 1986 and '87.

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CHANCE TO CATCH UP ON LEAGUE POSITIONS

NOW that players and mentors are enjoying a well-earned break from playing activities for the holiday fortnight, it is a good time to take a look at the up to date position of the various camogie leagues.

At senior level, the 1987 League is not yet completed with a few vital games still to be decided. St. Finbarrs are presently on top with full points from four games, while next in line are Glen Rovers, who dropped two points to Na Piarsaigh.

The 1987 Intermediate League is now ready for the final stage and this game, which will be played on August 24, will see Glen Rovers and St. Finbarrs in opposition.

In the first League final of '88, Castlemartyr and Bishopstown will battle it out on August 23 at Inniscarra to decide the destination of the Junior "A" League title.

At Junior "B" level the '88 League is well underway with Newcestown, Ballinora, Sarsfields and Bishopstown all doing well in their sections.

The '88 Under-18 League is not yet started but the Under-16 League is well underway and here Bishopstown and St. Finbarrs both have full points in the City South section. Glen Rovers are unbeaten in the City North section, while in the Mid-Cork section both Newcestown and Aghabullogue have

full points.

In the East Cork section, Killeagh are on top of the table with full points from three games.

In the '88 Under-14 League, Barryroe, Aghabullogue and Killeagh have all qualified in their sections and they await the outcome of the Bishopstown "A" and Glen Rovers match in the City section before the draws for the semi-final can be made.

The draws for the Junior "A" and Junior "B" Championships were made at last week's County Board meeting and are as follows:

Junior "A" Championship: (A) Castlemagner v. Cloughduv. (B) St. Catherine's v. Inniscarra. (C) Bishopstown v. Ballincollig. (D) Douglas v. St. Fannahans. Semi-finals: C v. A; B v. D.

Junior "B" Championship — Preliminary round: Inniscarra v. Aghabullogue. First rounds: (B) Barryroe v. Sarsfields. (C) Middleton v. Bishopstown. (D) Courcey Rovers v. Youghal. (E) A v. Brian Dillons. (F) Ballinora v. St. Fannahans. (G) Blackrock v. Ballinure. (H) Kilbrittain v. Eire Og. (I) Newcestown v. Grenagh. Quarter-finals: (J) G v. B. (K) I v. D. (L) H v. F. (M) C v. E. Semi-finals: K v. J and L v. M.



A Glen Rovers midfielder about to clear the ball as her Killeagh opposite rushes in to intercept during the final of the 1987 Cork County under-18 camogie championship in Ballincollig. (Pic: Richard Mills)

New name on Minor trophy

IN fourteen years of competition, the plinth of the All-Ireland Minor Championship Cup bears only four names: Cork (8), Galway (4), Dublin (1) and Down (1) have been the successful counties.

A new name will be added following next Sunday's novel final at Portmore as Armagh and Kilkenny contest their first final. Kilkenny are, of course, kingpins of senior camogie but they have so far failed to make any real impact on the minor or junior grades.

They won the Leinster minor championship from 1974 to 1976 but went out at the semi-final stage of the All-Ireland competition. In recent years the fruit of hard work in coaching youngsters in the skills of camogie has paid off. Four Leinster under fourteen titles have been won.

These girls form the backbone of a very good minor side which overran Wexford, Carlow, Dublin and Westmeath. They were in difficulty for much of the semi-final against Cork but rallied to snatch a late winner.

EXCELLENT KEEPER

In Veronica Wall, Kilkenny have an excellent goalkeeper. Esther Kennedy, Brideet Bar-



naville, Una Murphy and Gillian Dillon do not believe in giving opponents time to settle on the ball. At midfield, Tracey Millea, Ger Ryan and Aisling Cullen are good strikers.

When Kilkenny got moving in the semi-final their forwards combined and looked very dangerous. Feile Skills champion, Bridget Mullally possesses a fine shot and is very accurate from frees. Mary McGrath, Deirdre Lannon and Orla Ryall add power to the sector.

Armagh dispatched Fermanagh, Derry and Cavan en route to retaining their Ulster title. They showed no inhibitions when tackling the All-Ireland champions, Galway in the semi-final. Before the visitors had time to settle, Armagh were two goals to the good and held the initiative.

SUNDAY

All-Ireland Minor Final—
Armagh v Kilkenny, Portmore, Co. Armagh, 3.0.

Leinster Junior Final—
Dublin v Kildare.

This week . . .

50 years ago

FOR the seventh time in eight years Clonakilty qualified for the final of the Cork County Senior Football Championship when they had an 0-8 to 0-3 win over Imokilly in the semi-final at the Cork Athletic grounds. The teams were: Clonakilty — T. Santry, M. Finn, C. Kiely, D. McCarthy, P. Nyhan (captain), J. Cahalane, J. Sullivan, M. Cleary, D. Cullinane, J. Crowley, T. O'Reilly, J. Cullinane, J. Fitzpatrick, J. Regan, J. Griffin. Imokilly — C. Luttrell (captain), T. Fenton, R. McSweeney, W. Forrest, J. Moynihan, B. Forrest, C. Duggan, M. McSweeney, S. McCarthy, W. Campbell, T. O'Sullivan, D. A. Considine, W. O'Sullivan, J. Keane, S. O'Driscoll.

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THE Munster Motor-Cycle and Car Club was established at a meeting held in Desmond's Hotel in Cork, where the following committee was elected: Chairman, Mr. G. Wyse; Joint Hon. Secretaries, T. Roche and T. Clydesdale; Hon. Treasurers, Roche and Clydesdale; Committee, Messrs. J. J. Horgan, C. B. Forrest, M. C. O'Donoghue, J. P. Frost, C. F. Quirke, W. Lee and H. B. Hill.

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DUNLOPS (2-3) and UCC (3-0) played a very exciting draw when they met in the semi-final of the Cork County Senior Camogie Championship at Tivoli Sportsfield. The teams were: Dunlops — C. Cashman, M. Delaney, H. Delaney, B. Desmond, N. Tyner, M. McCarthy, E. Lyons, E. Casey, E. Keating, N. Sheehan, E. Stanton, A. Power. UCC — B. Cronin, S. Lehane, M. Hegarty, I. Conlon, N. Collins, M. Cronin, I. Kelleher, M. Brennan, E. Brennan, K. Buckley, E. Tyoon, K. Fleming, M. O'Brien.

DUBLIN CAMOGIE NOTES

TOUGH TASK FOR JUNIORS

The Dublin junior team play old rivals Kildare in the Leinster Final in Glinalbyn tomorrow (3.0) in a game that could turn out to be the best these two counties have ever contested. Dublin are still smarting over their defeat by Kildare in last year's championship. And see tomorrow's tussle as the ideal opportunity to exact their revenge.

All Ireland junior champions of last year Kildare will be more than anxious not to lose their provincial crown, and the chance of making their third appearance in Croke Park next September. However, Dublin will be equally determined to make up for all the disappointments they have had in the championship in the past number of years.

Indeed if Dublin play as well as they played against Kilkenny in the semi-final then Kildare will be in for a very torrid time. In that game Dublin looked very sharp indeed, and with the benefit of the two extra weeks they will have further improved.

They have nothing to lose in this game. The pressure is all on Kildare as they try to compensate for their recent league defeat at the hands of Galway and with home advantage to the Dubliners, the "Lilywhites" task is made all the harder.

Dublin will not be able to start this final with the same formation as that against Kilkenny, as Suzanne Doyle has been promoted to senior ranks since and would not have been available anyway as she is on holidays at the moment. However, the bulk of the team that shone that day should take the field tomorrow.

Certainly, Carmel Gray, Patsy Murphy, Joan Shields and Cheryl Whittaker will make life difficult for anything the Kildare forward line will throw at them, while Crumlin star Phyllis Dawson and young Joanne Murphy around the middle of the pitch have the ability and energy to make things happen in front of them.

Full forward Adele Camp-

bell had what was possibly her best ever game for her county in the semi-final and her promptings from this vital position brought out the best in her fellow attackers, while at the same time she helped herself to two goals and a point.

Dublin will need to be wary of Kildare. They are a very battle hardened outfit, and are always difficult to overcome. Players like Rose Merriman, Miriam Malone, Geraldine Dwyer and camogie all star Bernadette Farrelly will not succumb very easily, and if the Metropolitans are to survive tomorrow they will have to keep a close watch on these players.

In the belief that Dublin are fed up with being defeated by Kildare in so many important games in latter years, I think that home advantage and a very determined will to advance to an All Ireland semi-final date with Munster champions Limerick, can see the city girls achieve their ambition this time.

Camogie — Leinster JC Final
— Kildare 3-7, Dublin 2-7.

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Prayers answered as Kilkenny sweep to historic first win

KILKENNY 5-6
ARMAGH 2-5

THE KILKENNY minor camogie team stopped in Dunleer, Co. Louth, to attend Mass on Saturday on the first stage of their journey North. Learning who the strangers were, and that they were on an all-Ireland final mission, the priest prayed four times for the success of the travellers.

The following day those prayers were answered when Kilkenny battled courageously to defeat Armagh in a thrilling minor all-Ireland final at beautiful Portmore. This was the Noreiders' first success at this level, and Armagh were also trying to break their duck. The scoreline was totally misleading. Ten minutes from the end the sides were level at 2-5 each, and Kilkenny was like a boxer on the ropes waiting for the knock-out punch. Somehow they managed to survive, and a Deirdre Lannon goal lifted the siege.

There was still five minutes of magnificent play remaining as Armagh fought for the equaliser. They were narrowly wide at both sides of the posts on four occasions. Then Lady Luck smiled on Mary McGrath and her shot from 20 metres somehow ended in the net.

The great challenge of the Northerners was finished. In the remaining few minutes Kilkenny added a point and a goal to run out flattering ten-point winners.

Defeated favourites

A few weeks ago at this venue Armagh defeated favourites Galway, and some

wondered was it a fluke result. Kilkenny had not long to wait to find out. Armagh, although playing against the breeze, dominated the first half. In control at midfield, the losers mounted constant pressure.

But for the fact that they rose to the challenge, the winners would have been swamped by the interval. Armagh threw away chances, and the wides tally at the interval read: Armagh 8, Kilkenny 1.

Armagh took the lead with a great goal by Pauline McCreesh (1-3 to 0-3). Kilkenny, as they were to do again in the second half, replied with a goal almost from the puck-out. This left the scores level at the interval (1-3 each).

Even after the Kilkenny goal, Armagh came back and it must have been the Dunleer priest's prayers that kept the ball out of the net, because three of the losers' forwards failed to finish chances.

For the second half Kilkenny moved Orla Ryall to midfield, Bridget Mullally to centre-forward and Sinéad Mullally was introduced at corner-forward. Orla Ryall was opposed by Olive Leonard, the Armagh county junior county player and the girl who wreaked havoc against Galway when scoring 2-2. She had been moved to

centre of midfield where she had a great first half.

Orla Ryall had a good five minutes on her at the start of the half, and Bridget Mullally and Sinéad Millea slotted points to put the Noreiders ahead 1-5 to 1-3.

Then Armagh, with Mairéad Donnelly commanding at centre-back, Olive Leonard in control at midfield and Patricia McEvoy, Pauline McCreesh and Deirdre Connolly dangerous in attack, threw everything at their opponents.

Took lead

Urged on by their near 1,000 supporters, they took the lead with a great goal from Deirdre Connolly. The Noreiders were undaunted, and two minutes later were back in front when Sinéad Millea put Bridget Mullally through for a goal (2-5 to 2-3). The standard of play at this stage was the highest seen in this grade in years.

Armagh pushed forward and levelled the scores with two wonderful points (2-5 each). With ten minutes to go it looked good — no, great — for the home side. Another Armagh score would have given the home side their greatest ever victory. They were narrowly wide with a couple of shots.

Angela Downey was doing more running at this stage than she did in many a senior all-Ireland as she urged the girls on to greater effort. Her husband, Ted, the team trainer, was equally busy. Then came the switch that changed the game. Gillian Dillon was moved to midfield and Orla Ryall dropped back to left-back.

Gillian got in a measure of success against Olive Leonard,

while Tracy Millea got more into the game. This gave the Noreiders more of the play and the 100 supporters who had travelled the 360-mile round trip got something to shout about when Bridget Mullally set up Deirdre Lannon for a powerful goal to put Kilkenny 3-5 to 2-5 head. Kilkenny weathered the storm, although the players were out on their feet.

Five minutes from time came that Mary McGrath goal, and the Northerners collapsed.

Disbelief

The full-time whistle saw the Kilkenny supporters swarm on to the field to congratulate their heroines, while the Armagh girls fell to the ground in disbelief.

President of the Camogie Association, Mary O'Callaghan (Cork) said Armagh had learned a lesson that Cork had learned in the past, Kilkenny are never beaten until two minutes after the final whistle.

It was unfortunate that for the first time in the 15-year history of the competition that no runners-up medals were awarded. No team deserved them more than Armagh.

The losers had stars in Mairéad Donnelly, Miriam Anderson, Helena Murray, Olive Leonard, Deirdre Connolly, Pauline McCreesh and Patricia McEvoy.

● The scorers

Kilkenny: D. Lannon (2-1); B. Mullally (1-4, one free, one '65'); M. McGrath (2-0); S. Millea (0-1). Armagh: P. McCreesh, C. Conway (1-0 each), P. McEvoy (0-2); H. Murray (0-2, one free, one '30'); D. Connolly (01).

● The teams

Kilkenny — Veronica Wall (Lisdowney); Bridget Barnaville (Lisdowney); Una Murphy

(Tullagher); Esther Kennedy (St. Lactain's); Gillian Dillon (St. Lactain's); Tracy Millea (St. Brigid's); Aisling Cullen (Thomastown); Geraldine Ryan (St. Paul's); Bridget Mullally (Tullagher); Orla Ryall (St. Brigid's); Mary McGrath (St. Brigid's); Deirdre Lannon

(Thomastown). Sub.: Sinéad Millea (St. Brigid's).

Armagh — H. Mone, C. Browne, Y. McKenna, M. Donnelly, M. Anderson (capt.), O. Leonard, H. Murray, C. Conway, V. Donnelly, P. McCreesh, D. Connolly, P. McEvoy. Sub.: D. McCusker. Referee: F. McGrady (Down).

HOW THEY PLAYED

Veronica Wall — Had another great game in goal. She made many vital saves; could not stop the shots that beat her.

Bridget Barnaville — One of the highlights was her clash with Patricia McEvoy. Bridget played a big part in the victory by holding this dangerous forward to two points.

Una Murphy — The outstanding player for the winners. Quick in the pull, decisive in the tackle and fearless when blocking, she had the game of her life.

Esther Kennedy — Another defender who rose to the occasion. She was at her best in the second half when Armagh pressure was at its greatest.

Gillian Dillon — Got in many great clearances. Her move to midfield in the last 10 minutes helped the Noreiders win vital possession.

Tracy Millea — Played her best camogie in the last quarter when she blocked down opponents on two occasions to take vital possession.

Aisling Cullen — Came up against a tough opponent in Collette Conway. She tried hard against a fast player. Gave good

service to the team throughout the campaign.

Geraldine Ryan — Struck a lot of ball, although caught for pace a few times. Was the best of the midfield trio.

Bridget Mullally — Was closely marked. Accurate from frees, she was involved in two vital goals. Scored one herself and set up Deirdre Lannon for the other.

Orla Ryall — Kept a great player, Mairéad Donnelly, reasonably quiet in the first half. Had her best spell in the five minutes after the interval when moved to midfield.

Mary McGrath — Played a captain's part. Was on hand to score a vital goal in the first half, and also scored the goal that eased the worries of Kilkenny.

Sinéad Millea — Played her part in the victory by scoring a nice point. Also involved in one of the goals when she put Bridget Mullally through.

Deirdre Lannon — Best of the forwards. Kept her goal-scoring record intact. Her two goals were brilliant efforts. Also hit a glorious point. Worked extremely hard in the closing stages and held the ball to deny Armagh possession.

Cork girls set for another final

Wexford have not appeared in an All-Ireland senior camogie championship final since 1977, and they appear to have a difficult assignment in their bid to bridge that long gap when they visit Cork at Ballinlough in the first semi-final of the season.

Cork were runners-up to Kilkenny in last year's All-Ireland final, and they have a good number of that side again available. They opened the current campaign with a flourish when, inspired by brilliant Linda Mellerick, who scored a thundering 3-7, they trounced Limerick at Adare by 23 points.

However, the Leesiders are probably not as powerful a side as that big win suggests, as Limerick did not look a strong outfit. Still, that bright start must encourage Cork.

Wexford have an experienced team, with players of real ability and class. They had a good first round win over Clare, and will not be in the least overawed by that big first round success by Cork.

The Leinster girls can undoubtedly provide a much more demanding challenge this time for the Leesiders. But Linda Mellerick, Marion McCarthy, Mary Ring, Sandy Fitzgibbon, Clare Cronin and their colleagues should bring Cork into another All-Ireland final.

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Colette O'Mahony (St. Finbarrs)

Vital game for Cork girls

BIG game of the coming weekend on the camogie front will be the All-Ireland senior championship semi-final on Sunday between Cork and Wexford. On the club front the 88 Intermediate League gets underway on Wednesday night while the remainder of the week will see a number of Junior B and Under 16 league games decided.

The Cork selectors have made a number of changes in their side for next Sunday's vital semi-final clash against Wexford at Ballinlough. The team shows three changes in personnel while there are also a number of positional switches from the side which defeated Limerick in the first round. Killeagh's Patsy Keniry comes in at right corner back in place of Sandy Fitzgibbon who is now named in her more familiar place of midfield. Patricia Fitzgibbon, who is a regular member of the panel for a number of years, is named at right corner forward while Mary Geaney, who is reported to have been playing very well of late, regains her place at full forward.

The remainder of the line-out will see regular goalkeeper Marian McCarthy once again between the posts. Mary Ring is named at full back with club mate Ann O'Donovan filling the left corner back position. Cathy Landers will be in her usual position at centre back while St. Finbarrs pair Claire Cronin and Colette O'Mahony join Sandy Fitzgibbon at midfield. There is an injury doubt surrounding Lynda Mellerick and as a result of this the selectors have left the position of centre forward vacant. Lynda will go through a fitness test on Sunday morning and the selectors will await the result of this before naming a replacement. Ann Leahy who was centre forward for the first outing against Limerick now moves to left corner forward.

Down through the years Wexford have always proved to be very strong opposition for Cork and in last year's semi-final clash Cork did well to pull away in the final

quarter. This year Wexford are reported to have prepared very well for this game and will be very determined to reap the rewards on Sunday. In their first outing against Clare, they had a 7-11 to 4-6 victory over Clare and this certainly must be a good indication of their scoring power. They have very experienced performers in Elsie Cody, Ann Reddy, Jackie Codd, Gertrude O'Leary and Bernie Higgins and these girls are certain to leave no stone unturned to insure a Wexford victory but likewise the Cork girls have been in regular training for the past couple of months. They have played two challenge games in recent weeks and appear to be shaping up very well and if they maintain this form on Sunday they will be expected to advance to yet another All-Ireland final meeting with old rivals Kilkenny.

FIXTURES

Sunday, August 14: All-Ireland Senior championship semi-final, Cork v Wexford at Ballinlough at 3 p.m.

Monday, August 15: Under 16 League 88, St. Finbarrs v Blackrock at St. Finbarrs at 7.30. Ref. Blackrock.

Wednesday, August 17: Intermediate League 88, Eire Og v Watergrasshill at Ovens at 7.30, ref. Cloughduv; Glen Rovers v Ballinora at Ballinora at 7.30, ref. Deirdre O'Sheal; St. Finbarrs v Aghabullogue at St. Finbarrs at 7.30, ref. June Hamill; Cloyne v Brian Dillons at Cloyne at 7.30, ref. Fr. O'Neill. Junior B League 88: Blackrock v Bishopstown at Blackrock at 7.30 ref. Ballinure; Grenagh v Kilbrittain at Grenagh at 7.30, ref. Castle-magner.

Thursday, August 18: Under 16 League 88, Watergrasshill v Cloyne at Watergrasshill at 7.30, ref. Cloyne; Inniscarra v Aghabullogue at Inniscarra at 7.30, ref. Aghabullogue; Cloughduv v Barryroe at Cloughduv at 7.30, ref. Barryroe.

Wexford seek the limelight

CORK were disappointed with their performance in last year's All-Ireland Senior Camogie final and they are very keen to get another chance to prove themselves. On Sunday, at Ballinlough, they field against Wexford in the semi-final of the championship with the prize of a place in the final against Kilkenny or Galway awaiting the winners.

Wexford are no less eager to reach Croke Park; they have been out of the limelight for a number of years and would dearly love to be part of All-Ireland Day. So the scene is set for a great tussle and both camps report that training is going well.

At Monamolin, last August, Cork and Wexford struggled to find their scoring touch in the semi-final of the championship. When it looked as if the match could end all square, defensive errors let Irene O'Leary slip in for two goals to secure Cork's place in the final.



The counties met in the National League in April but that game is no indicator of form. Wexford travelled with four recognised seniors and were well beaten. Wexford scored 7-11 against Clare in the opening round but must be concerned that 4-6 was registered against them.

Cork had no real opposition in their first round tie when Limerick fielded a makeshift side which made Cork look better than they really are. Cork will be without Val Fitzpatrick, who has returned to America; Eileen Dineen and Ger McCarthy, both in London, from the team which played Wexford last season.

PROBABLE SIDE

Marion McCarthy will be named in goal when the Cork selectors sit down to pick their team. The full-back spot will go to team captain Mary Ring. Sandie Fitzgibbon, Anne Delaney, Cathy Harnedy and Patsy Keniry are in the running for the halfback line.

The selectors will choose from Clare Cronin, Colette O'Mahony, Mary Spillane, Irene O'Leary and Liz Dunphy for midfield. The attack should comprise of the Mellerick sisters, Linda and Karen, Anne Leahy and Liz O'Neill.

SUNDAY

All-Ireland Senior Championship semi-final — Cork v Wexford, at Ballinlough, Co. Cork.

Cork girls in final

CORK..... 2-9

WEXFORD..... 2-2

CORK booked a place in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie final with a decisive seven points victory over Wexford at Ballinlough, yesterday.

With the home side leading by 1-5 to a goal at half-time, Wexford took advantage of a strong wind to come within two points with ten minutes to go.

Their hopes of victory were shattered by Linda Mellerick, who hand-passed the ball into the net and followed with a similar style point in the closing minutes of the game.

Scorers: Cork — L. Mellerick 1-3; M. Geany, 0-3; Ann Leahy 1-0; C. O'Mahony, A. Delaney and C. Cronin, 0-1 each. Wexford — C. Murphy 1-0; C. O'Leary 1-0; A. Reddy 0-2 (frees).

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CORK GIRLS IN THE DECIDER

CORK 2-9 WEXFORD 2-2

CORK powered their way into the All-Ireland senior camogie final with a decisive seven points victory over Wexford in the semi-final at Ballinlough yesterday.



Cork's Claire Cronin gets the ball away during their All-Ireland senior camogie semi-final at Ballinlough. —(Picture: Dan Linehan)

The Cork girls set the pace with Linda Mellerick scoring two points and midfielder Colette O'Mahony one point in the early stages of the game without reply. But then, for a period of eight minutes, their continuous pressure yielded nothing and they were shocked into action in the 18th minute when Wexford's Gertrude O'Leary goaled to leave the sides level.

IMPRESSIVE GOAL

A minute later, a Mary Geaney free rebounded off the crossbar and Ann Leahy struck it in the air, scoring an impressive goal. This was followed by points from Ann Delaney-O'Donovan and Claire Cronin, the latter being the player of the match, dominating midfield. On the restart Cork's Mary Geaney got two points in quick succession and it was not until the 16th minute that Wexford replied with an Ann Reddy free. For minutes later there was a goalmouth melee and the ball came out to Catherine Murphy who goaled for Wexford. With another Ann Reddy point from a free, and having wind

advantage, Wexford really came to life with Jackie Codd and Eileen Kehoe starting to come more and more into the game. However, the forwards failed to capitalise on a plentiful supply of the ball and Linda Mellerick put the final touches to the Cork victory with a spectacular run from midfield, finishing the ball to the back of the net with a hand pass. A minute later she almost repeated the move, this time sending the ball slightly higher and over the bar to add another point to the score just as the full-time whistle blew. Scorers — Cork: L Mellerick 1-3, M Geaney 0-3, A Leahy 1-0, C O'Mahony, A Delaney-O'Donovan and C Cronin 0-1 each. Wexford — C Murphy 1-0, G O'Leary 1-0, A Reddy 0-2 (frees). Cork — M McCarthy, M Ring (capt.), P Kinery, C Landers, A Delaney-O'Donovan, C Cronin, C O'Mahony, S Fitzgibbon, A Leahy, L Mellerick, P Fitzgibbon, M Geaney. Subs. — C McCarthy for P Fitzgibbon and E O'Leary for A Leahy. Wexford — A Kavanagh, E Coady, S Sinnott, T Fitzhenry, B Higgins, C Murphy, C Harding, A Reddy, G O'Leary, J Codd, E Kehoe, A M O'Connor. Subs. G Codd for A M O'Connor. Ref. Kitty McNicholas (Clare).



Cork's Ann O'Donovan (Glen Rovers) breaks with the ball during the senior camogie championship semi-final against Wexford at Ballinlough, Cork. (Picture: Dan Linehan)

●THE Cork senior camogie team (below) who defeated Wexford in the All Ireland semi-final in Ballinlough over the weekend.

Examiner



Camogie gets back into full swing

AFTER the holiday recess Camogie gets back into full swing over the coming week with a number of vital games down for decision. On Sunday the Cork under-18 team play Clare in the first round of the Munster Championship at Grenagh while on the club front there are two League finals listed. In the first of these Bishopstown play Castlemagner in the '88 Junior 'A' League final at Inniscarra on Tuesday while on Wednesday night at Ballincollig Glen Rovers and St. Finbarr's will battle it out in the 1987 intermediate league final. The remainder of the week will see a number of interesting clashes decided in the junior, under-16 and under-14 leagues.

The Cork under-18 team open their Munster campaign on Sunday with a first round tie with Clare. Cork the present holders of the title have been very successful at this level down through the years and going on minor successes in the past two years will be expected to advance again on Sunday. Due to a number of players being on holidays the Cork selectors will not be in a position to name their team until later in the week but it is certain to

include a number of last years side who are still eligible including such fine performers as goalkeeper Brid Walsh, Irene O'Keeffe, Karen Mellerick and Lorraine Kelly.

In the first of the League finals on Tuesday night Bishopstown will be expected to have the edge on Castlemagner. Both teams will be bidding for their first Junior 'A' title and this should certainly result in very keen competition. Castlemagner won the Junior 'B' championship in 1985 but up to this year failed to make any impression at Junior 'A' level. In this year's campaign they have shown great improvement with players like Carmel Henchion, Aine Murphy, Liz Twomey and Catherine and Moira Sheehan all playing well in their recent league games but on this occasion it is difficult to see them overcoming a Bishopstown side that will include such experienced performers as Rose Desmond, Elaine Buckley, Sheenagh Morley and Deirdre Carroll.

The clash of old rivals Glen Rovers and St. Finbarr's in the intermediate league final on Wednesday promises to be another classic encounter. St. Finbarr's

have already defeated Glen in an earlier round but Wednesday's final is expected to be a much closer affair. Glen Rovers who recently won the under-18 championship will field a number of this successful side including such fine players as Tracy Riordan, Patricia Murphy, Catherine Monaghan and Fiona Twomey and these girls are certain to make things difficult for a Barrs side that will be looking to Claire Cronin, Yvonne O'Neill, Carol Ann Dennehy and Deirdre O'Sullivan to carry them through.

Newcestown, Barryroe v Ballinora at Ballinora at 7.30. Ref. Barryroe. Ballincollig v Aghabullogue at Aghabullogue at 7.30. Ref. Ballincollig. Blackrock v Valley Rovers at Valley Rovers at 7.30. Ref. Blackrock. St. Finbarr's v Douglas at St. Finbarr's at 7.30. Ref. Douglas.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23 JUNIOR 'A' LEAGUE FINAL '88

Castlemagner v Bishopstown at Inniscarra at 7.30. Ref. Irene O'Keeffe.

INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE '88

Ballinora v Killeagh at Killeagh at 7.30. Ref. Josie Knowles.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24 INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE FINAL '87

St. Finbarr's v Glen Rovers at Ballincollig at 7.30. Ref. Mairead Donovan. Junior 'B' League '88: Courcy Rovers v Aghabullogue at Aghabullogue at 7.30. Ref. Cloughduv.

Under-16 League '88: St. Catherine's v Watergrasshill at St. Catherine's, 7.30. Ref. Watergrasshill. Na Piarraigh v Brian Dillons at Brian Dillons at 7.30. Ref. Na Piarraigh.

Under-14 League '88: Glen Rovers v Bishopstown 'A' at Bishopstown at 7.30. Ref. Glen Rovers. Delany's v Grenagh at Grenagh at 7.30 (play off). Ref. Sheila O'Brien.

Under-16 League '88: Inniscarra v Cloughduv at Cloughduv at 7.30. Ref. Inniscarra. Newcestown v Barryroe at Barryroe at 7.30. Ref. Newcestown.

FIXTURES FRIDAY, AUGUST 19 JUNIOR 'B' LEAGUE '88

Kilbrittain v Newcestown at Kilbrittain at 7.30. Ref. Courcy Rovers. Sarsfields v Bishopstown at Sarsfields at 7.30. Ref. Brian Dillons.

UNDER-16 LEAGUE '88

Eire Og v Ballinora at Ovens at 7.30. Ref. Ballinora. Glen Rovers 'B' v Na Piarraigh at Na Piarraigh at 7.30. Ref. Glen Rovers.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21 MUNSTER U-18 C'SHIP

Cork v Clare at Grenagh at 3 o'clock.

MONDAY, AUGUST 22 UNDER-16 LEAGUE '88

Inniscarra v Newcestown at Inniscarra, at 7.30. Ref.

Limerick need an early boost

THE semi-finals of the All-Ireland Junior Camogie Championship matches, Galway with Down at Ballyholland, and Limerick with Kildare at Ballybrown.

Kildare are defending their title. All four semi-finalists are previous holders of the New Ireland trophy.

Limerick's thoughts were far from Croke Park at half-time in the quarter-final game against London. They had been overrun by a fitter, faster team and had their backs to thank for the fact that they were still in the game.

As London obviously tired, Limerick came into the game and picked off vital scores. No doubt, they will have worked hard in the past three weeks. Helen Sheehy, Marguerite Guiry, Helan Clifford and Mairead Treacy give little away.

Despite the loss of five regulars, Kildare fashioned a good win over Dublin in the Leinster final. Kildare will be forced to find



replacements for Nuala Kerrigan, Pat Keatley, Geraldine Dwyer and Aisling Treacy again on Sunday.

But the team which has tasted the atmosphere of Croke Park in 1986 and again last year will want to make it three-in-a-row.

FIXTURES

Sunday — All-Ireland Junior Championship Semi-finals — At Ballyholland, Co. Down (3.0) — Down v Galway. At Ballybrown, Co. Limerick (3.0) — Limerick v Kildare.

CAMOGIE — All-Ireland Junior Semi-finals — Galway 4-8; Down 1-5; Limerick 1-10; Kildare 2-6.

O'Neill stars for Bishopstown

Bishopstown 2-14, Castlemagner 0-7

A brilliant display by Cork senior panellist, Liz O'Neill was the feature of Bishopstown's comprehensive win over Castlemagner in the Junior 'A' League final at Ballyanley last evening.

Liz starred at midfield and got great support from Elaine Buckley and the pair controlled this sector and gave their forwards an ample supply of the ball in both halves.

The winners led by 1-8 to 0-2 at the interval after playing with the wind and although Castlemagner came more into the game in the second-half they could not penetrate a very sound defence in which Liz Towler was really outstanding.

Scorers — Bishopstown: R. Desmond 1-4, L. O'Neill 1-3, E. Buckley 0-6, D. Crema 0-1.

Castlemagner: C. Sheehan 0-6, A. Murphy 0-1.

Cork get crucial goals

Cork 5-5, Clare 2-8

CORK had to fight desperately hard to retain the Munster Under-18 camogie title by defeating Clare at Grenagh yesterday and their ability to score goals was crucial to the outcome of an exciting contest.

Clare were the better side in opening half and aided by a three point contribution from Catherine O'Loughlin, built up a 0-5 to 0-1 lead after 20 minutes before Cork struck with a goal and two points to lead at the break.

That one point margin flattered them, but they added two fast goals in the early minutes of the second-half and despite a fine Clare rally, these goals were very important to the overall result.

The Clare girls fought all the way and when O'Loughlin smashed home a goal with a minute left, to cut the deficit to three points, they had high hopes of salvaging the game.

There was no joy in the end though, for determined Cork responded with a fine goal by Fiona Twomey who brought her personal tally to 2-2 to ensure Cork's retention of the title.

Clare: C. O'Loughlin 1-6, U. Kavanagh 1-0, F. Phelan and A. O'Dwyer 0-1 each.

Cork: B. Walsh, D. Cronin, E. Buckley, D. Ryan, T. O'Riordan, H. Kenneally, V. Twomey, B. Kelly, F. Twomey, L. Dunlea, F. O'Driscoll, L. Kelly, Subs. B. O'Sullivan for Twomey, I. O'Keeffe for O'Driscoll.

Clare: S. O'Brien, M. O'Halloran, C. O'Brien, M. Collins, L. O'Donnell, R. Baker, C. Tobin, U. Kavanagh, P. Phelan, C. O'Loughlin, A. Whyte, A. O'Dwyer, Subs. C. Moroney for O'Donnell (inj), R. Rael for A. Whyte.

Limerick bridge 13 year gap

Limerick 1-10
Kildare 2-6

LIMERICK qualified for the All-Ireland junior camogie final for the first time in 13 years when they beat holders Kildare at Ballybrown, Co. Limerick yesterday.

Kildare led by a point, 1-3 to 0-5, at half-time. But thanks to the great marksmanship of Pauline McCarthy, who scored 1-8, Limerick went five points in front midway through the second-half and held out for an exciting victory.

Kildare: T. Hanley 2-0, M. Malone 0-5, B. Farrelly 0-1.

Limerick: H. Sheehy (captain), M. Guiry, E. O'Grady, F. Broderick, M. Treacy, A. O'Sullivan, E. O'Sullivan, M. Lenihan, P. McCarthy, A. Lenihan, M. Clifford, I. Quaid.

Kildare: R. Merriman, A. Dargan, T. Farrelly, M. Treacy, A. Merriman, K. Elliott, M. Malone, B. Farrelly, M. Johnson, E. Maloney, T. Hanley, L. Conway.



The Cork team (left) and Clare, who met in the Munster Under-18 camogie final at Grenagh on

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(Picture: Richard Mills)



Cork's Fiona O'Driscoll and Clare's Clodagh O'Brien tussle during the Munster Under-18 camogie final at Grenagh yesterday. (Examiner)

Barrs' title

ST. FINBARR'S 3-4
GLEN ROVERS 2-5

In an exciting game at Ballincollig, St. Finbarr's took their third successive Cork County intermediate camogie title, with a fine win over arch rivals Glen Rovers.

From the throw-in it was a very close affair, and at half-time the sides were level, 1-3 each.

After the resumption St. Finbarr's got two fast goals and looked to be in a good position, but the Glen fought back and were only two points behind entering the final minutes. In extra-time the Glen were awarded a close-in free, but the Barrs defence stood firm, in particular Fiona O'Sullivan who was outstanding throughout for the Barrs.

Other players to shine for the Barrs were 'keeper and captain Carol Anne Dennehy, Yvonne O'Neill, Deirdre O'Sullivan, Valerie Cotter and young substitute Janice O'Connell. Glen's best were Tracy Riordan, Fiona Twomey, Mandy Kennefick and Helena Mullins.

MARY MORAN'S CAMOGIE COLUMN

HIGH scoring has been a feature of the two Open Draw Championship matches played to date. This is not surprising as Congress 1988 extended the playing time of senior championship matches from fifty to sixty minutes.

The performances of Kilkenny in the National Senior League Final gives them the rating of top contenders for the Open Draw Championship title. They have registered victories over all opposition by a three goal margin this season.

Kilkenny have made light of the loss of two outstanding players, Bridie McGarry and Liz Neary. They have marshalled their forces well and introduced promising new talent. Of the newcomers, Marina Downey looks the most exciting prospect. Her obvious skills have enabled her to fit into the free moving Kilkenny forward line.

It appears at this stage that Angela Downey and Breda Holmes will be key figures in the outcome of the championship. With 2-5 to her credit in the League Final, Angela is providing as elusive and dangerous as ever. Little behind her is Breda Holmes whose searing runs create havoc in opposing defences.

Angela Downey captained Kilkenny to success at All-Ireland level in 1977 and again in 1987. As leader of the Kilkenny team again this season she hopes to move into second place in the record books. Only Sophie Brack, who lead Dublin to victory six times, has captained a winning team in the All-Ireland Senior Championship more than twice.

The interest of players in the Rest of Ireland team which played Dublin in the Millennium Exhibition was very satisfactory. All twenty one players approached expressed their

delight at being asked. The game produced some excellent play although the final score was lower than expected.

The full sized hurling pitch posed problems for the players. Many tended to shoot from too far out with the result that the goalkeepers had the sliothar well covered. Some players felt that the big pitch reduced the amount of action for them individually.

The Rest of Ireland team contained many links with G.A.A. stars. Angela Cooney and Anne Ryan are sisters of Galway hurlers, Joe Cooney and Eanna Ryan. Elsie Cody is married to Brian Cody, the former Kilkenny fullback. Anne and Angela Downey are daughters of

Rest of Ireland versus Dublin in Millennium exhibition game produced some excellent play

former Kilkenny star, Shem Downey. On the Dublin side, Carmel Gray is a daughter of Jimmy Gray.

Miriam O'Callaghan and her many helpers must reflect with great satisfaction on the 1988 Feile na nGael. The highly efficient Offaly lady saw that the carefully laid plans of her committee were carried out to the letter. With the result, the sixteen visiting teams thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Laois-Offaly.

While the honours were taken by the visiting clubs, I was particularly impressed with the standard of local sides, Shinrone and Drumcullen. Offaly will soon shake off the weak county tag.

A particularly good side from Pearses (Galway) collected the main prize by defeating Killkeagh (Cork) in the final of Division One. Wolfe Tones (Shannon) pipped Newtown-

standrum (Limerick) in Division Two. Burgess (Tipperary) captured Division Three honours at the expense of Raharney (Westmeath). In Division Four, Ardagh (Mayo) proved too good for Letterkenny.

The top half dozen in the Feile Skills Competition were of a very high standard. Bridget Mullally (Kilkenny), who strikes the ball very hard for a fourteen year old, was the clear winner. Nicola Moore (Dublin) had to be content with the runner-up spot for the second year. Claire Lynch (Galway) and Teresa McAtamney, niece of former Antrim great Mairead McAtamney filled the minor placings.

Winning the Feile Skills Competition must never become an end in itself. Players who do well should be seen to shine in matches. We did not have to wait long to see Bridget Mullally put her skill to good effect. Her rasping shot from the wing in the dying minutes of the All-Ireland Minor semi-final sent Cork out of the championship and Kilkenny through to their first final.



Breda Holmes (Kilkenny) showing skill and ball control as she races through the Dublin defence in the National League Final.

Kilkenny have beaten all opposition by a 3 goal margin this season

GALWAY FACE STIFF TASK

CAMOGIE

IT FALLS to Galway to attempt to halt Kilkenny in their bid for four All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship titles in succession. At Glenamaddy on Sunday (2.00) Galway face the daunting prospect which this multi-talented Kilkenny side presents.

Galway did not have it all their own way against Antrim in the opening round. It took them quite some time to overcome the northern challenge. On the other hand, Kilkenny showed that they retain their appetite and efficiency in disposing of Dublin.

Dedication and commitment to training has been a

problem with the Galway seniors for some years. Nobody doubts that the county contains sufficient talented players to do well in the championship. But until the senior players knuckle down to the hard grind of proper preparation, success will remain aloof.

The result of Galway's junior game with Down will have an impact on the selection of the senior side. Some members of the junior panel have impressed recently and will come into consideration for places if

Galway's run in the junior championship comes to an end.

Ann Ryan, who injured her hand while playing for the Rest of Ireland team, is back in action. Anne Gallagher and the Briscoe sisters are unavailable and a doubt exists regarding the availability of Anne Fahy, Brid Stratford, Madge Hobbins, Mary Kelly, Deirdre Costello, Patricia Mitchell and Teresa Raftery should be in Galway's plans.

Kilkenny's coach, Tom Ryan had some hard words for his side at half-time in the Dublin game. His team seemed to saunter through the first half and were only two points in front despite a

strong wind advantage. Kilkenny simply moved up a gear in the second half and added eight points without reply.

The Kilkenny team plays with great confidence. Without Deirdre Malone, the defence held Dublin scoreless from play. The effortless catching and driving of the ball is a feature of their defenders.

Kilkenny seem to measure their game. When danger lurks, they step up the pace and notch a few scores. With no obvious weaknesses in their side and a number of potential match-winners, it is difficult to envisage anything but a Kilkenny victory.

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Galway out to rock Kilkenny

UNDEFEATED in eleven championship outings, Kilkenny seem poised to reach Croke Park on September 25 for yet another All-Ireland senior camogie championship final. At Glenamaddy next Sunday, Galway have an opportunity of creating a surprise.

They have not contested a senior final since 1962, although in recent years they have enjoyed considerable success in minor and junior ranks but the fruits of this good showing have not filtered through to the senior team.

The younger players are prepared to work hard for their achievements, but the allegation has been made time and again that the Galway seniors are not willing to knuckle down to the job. Irrespective of ability no side may expect success



without considerable input of time and effort.

The result of the Galway v Down junior semi-final is awaited before the senior selectors pencil in their starting twelve. Some of the juniors would certainly be in the running if their interest in the junior championship was ended.

Sunday — All-Ireland Senior championship semi-final — Galway v Kilkenny, Glenamaddy (2.0).

COMMUNITY GAMES NATIONAL COMMUNITY GAMES FINAL

IN MOSNEY: BOYS — U-14 Long Jump — 1. G Mander (Dublin); 2. F Hurley (Wicklow); 3. T Duarte (Cork). Shot — 1. J Flynn (Waterford); 2. J Mulhane (Clare); 3. J Galvin (Cork). U-17 Wheelchair — 1. G Mulqueen (Limerick); 2. M Barry (Dublin); 3. J Dunne (Offaly). U-16 Basketball Semi-Final — Cork (Farrenree) 88; Monaghan (Castleblaney) 57. U-15 Vollyball Semi-Finals — Cork (Mayfield) 2; Donegal (Milford) 0. Galway (Loughrea) 2; Dublin (Ardmore) 0. U-14 Hurling Semi-Finals — Tipperary (Nenagh) 18-14; Donegal (Killygordon) 2-0. Galway (Clarebridge) 8-5; Offaly (Shinrone) 2-3.

GIRLS: Long Jump — 1. C Ingerton (Cork); 2. S Colboun (Donegal); 3. A Furlong (Wexford). Shot — 1. R Morrin (Laois); 2. M Liston (Limerick); 3. A Power (Dublin). U-14 Long Puck — 1. O Broderick (Galway); 2. M Maguire (Donegal); 3. V Cummins (Wexford). U-13 Basketball Semi-Finals — Cork (Mallow) 55; Monaghan (Monaghan Town) 17. Dublin (Balally) 51; Roscommon (Ballaghaderreen) 20. U-16 Basketball Semi-Finals — Cork (Blarney) 77; Donegal (Milford) 36. Galway (Conamara/Ar-Theas) 86; Dublin (City) 63. U-14 Camogie Semi-Finals — Cavan (Arna-Killeshandra) 3-1; Limerick (Ballingarry-Granagh) 0-1. Roscommon (Na Knockcroghy) 1-1; Kilkenny (Castletown) 0. U-16 Bollyball Semi-Finals — Tipperary (Clonmel) 2; Monaghan (Ballybay) 0. Galway (Loughrea) 2; Dublin (Ardmore-Montroue) 0. U-17 Wheelchair — 1. N Dredge (Dublin); 2. S Lyons (Limerick); 3. J McAlee (Offaly).

Brilliant Killeagh were never tested

KILLEAGH 6-9 LISMORE 1-3

KILLEAGH advanced to the final of the Munster Senior Club Camogie Championship at Burgess yesterday and their authority highlighted the difference in standards between camogie in Waterford and Cork.

At no stage were Killeagh tested and once Pat Linehan blasted home a fantastic goal in the 15th minute there was only one team in the contest.

Two more goals, one each from Vera Motherway and Patricia Fitzgibbon and some good points, saw Killeagh ahead at the interval by 3-4 to 0-1, Orla O'Flynn getting the point for Lismore from a 30.

On the resumption Killeagh hammered home two fast goals, one each from Fitzgibbon and Motherway. At that stage they replaced Marion Sweeney, Cathy Buckley and Patsy Keniry, yet they remained in control throughout.

Lismore, with Carmel Murphy scoring 1-1 and Patricia Bolger 0-1, took the bare look off the scoreboard. They had good triers in Ann Ryan, Terry Caples, Carmel Murphy, Patricia Bolger, Mary Murphy; while Killeagh were inspired by the tremendous Pat Linehan, Cathy Landers, Vera Motherway and Patsy Keniry.

Scorers for Killeagh — V Motherway 3-0, P Linehan 1-3, T Leahy 1-3, P Fitzgibbon 1-3.

Lismore — C Murphy 1-1, O Bolger and O Flynn 0-1 each.

Killeagh — C Buckley, P Keniry, M Sweeney, C Landers, A M Landers, S Spillane, M Spillane, B Kelly, P Linehan, I Leahy, V Motherway, P Fitzgibbon. Subs. B Landers for M Sweeney, Bernie Landers for C Buckley and P Greene for P Keniry.

Lismore — M Curran, T Caples, A Ryan, M Kearney, C Caples, C Murphy, E Daly, J Murphy, A M O'Gorman, M Murphy, P Bolger, O Flynn.

Referee — H Sheehy (Crokes, Limerick).

REMEMBERING A GREAT SIDE

WITH Dublin county camogie very much down in the doldrums at present after the demise of its four teams in the recent championships, perhaps the time is opportune to reflect on one of the greatest triumphs in Dublin's camogie history.

To be more precise, it is now time to recall the wonderful achievement of the CIE club from Inchicore and the very successful and unforgettable season they had way back in 1948.

Due to administrative disagreements, Dublin broke away from the Central Council of the Camogie Association and did not take any part in the All-Ireland Championship.

However, CIE were granted permission to represent the county in the premier competition. This was a great honour for this very homely club from Inchicore and undaunted, they set about their task with unbounded relish and enthusiasm.

They had within their ranks many household names of that era, none more so than the legendary Kathleen Mills, who remains to this day many people's choice as the greatest player ever to grace a camogie field holding as she proudly does a record of 15 All-Ireland senior medals.

Also on their books were well known players Kathleen Coady, Mona Murphy, Brenda and May Neville, Rita

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Manifold, May Fitzpatrick and Sophia Brack.

Indeed, Sophia is still very active within camogie circles as she is now the registrar for both the Dublin County Board and Leinster, along with being a selector for the provincial team.

It is in the annals of history now that CIE grew stronger with every game they played that season and to everyone's amazement, except possibly their own, the club went on to achieve the ultimate in success and amid great scenes of jubilation and excitement, they captured the All-Ireland trophy in Croke Park in the autumn of 1948!

In order to commemorate this notable event of 40 years ago a committee has come together to organise a function which will be held in the CIE club, Inchicore on Friday, 21st October next from 8.00 p.m. to 1.0 a.m. with the admission price of £7.50 per ticket.

This will surely be a night tinged with nostalgia for the Inchicore club. While the organising committee of Sophia Brack, May Deegan, Carmel Hanley, Joan Keegan and Carmel Cooper have made tremendous inroads into contacting most of this great team, they are still unaware of the whereabouts

of Kathleen Coady.

They believe that she may be resident in England but so far, their efforts have failed to reach any reward. If any of our readers have any knowledge of how or where Kathleen may be contacted, the committee would be very indebted to them if they could ring either Carmel Cooper at 480859 or Joan Keegan at 500191.

Any ex-members of the CIE club who would be interested in joining in the celebrations are very welcome to come along and are asked to get in touch by phoning either of the above mentioned as soon as possible because numbers will be limited and admission will be strictly by ticket only.

Killeagh on the double

Killeagh 1-8, Limerick Junior Selection 0-1

HAVING earlier disposed of Lismore in the Munster Club semi-final, which doubled for the Killeagh tournament, the home side had another good victory (1-8 to 0-1) over the Limerick Junior side that are taking part in the All-Ireland Championship in a few weeks time.

The Limerick side were forced to line out without of Helen Clifford, Liz O'Sullivan and Mary Clifford who were injured in the first semi-final where they beat Na Piarsaigh Cork by 3-6 to 1-6.

Some magnificent scores by Patricia Fitzgibbon and Pat Linehan killed off the challenge of Limerick

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KILKENNY GO FOR 4



Captains clash. Kilkenny's Angela Downey is pursued by Cork's Mary Ring.

ULTAN MACKEN looks at Sunday's Camogie Final.

THE meetings of Cork and Kilkenny have resulted in some of the greatest matches in modern hurling.

Who can ever forget their meeting in 1972, when both teams were at the height of their powers?

For this year's Camogie Final, to be played in Croke Park on Sunday, there is a clash of these two counties also. This year's final pairing is a repeat of last year's final. Kilkenny have an extra special reason to win this year's match as they are going for four in a row.

One Cork official spoke to me about Kilkenny's captain and star player, Angela Downey. "Controlling her is our biggest problem." Talking about captains, there is an interesting clash in next Sunday's match. Angela Downey is a daughter of Shem Downey and the Cork captain this year is Mary Ring, a daughter of Christy. These two famous hurlers met in the 1946 All-Ireland clash when Christy helped his county win the McCarthy Cup.

In this year's matches leading up to the All-Ireland,



Action from the Dublin-Kilkenny game.

Kilkenny defeated Dublin and Galway with a good deal of ease to qualify for the match. Cork meanwhile beat Limerick and Wexford and have high hopes then that they will not suffer defeat like last year.

The Kilkenny team is led

very ably by Angela Downey as a corner forward. She is a deadly taker of opportunist scores. The Cork captain, Mary Ring, while playing in the full-back position, will not be in direct confrontation with the Kilkenny captain.

Other Kilkenny players to look out for are Breda Holmes in the forwards, Anne Downey (a sister of Angela) who plays at midfield, Claire Jones, and Marie Fitzpatrick, who is a terrific goalie.

One of the stars of this Cork team is their goalie, Marion McCarthy, who, like Christy Ring, has eight All-Ireland titles and in this match is aiming for her ninth. Then there is Sandie Fitzgibbon who as well as being a skilful camogie player is also an international basketball player. Claire Cronin is also an extremely effective picker-off of scores.

These are some of the players you should look out for if you go to the match in Croke Park. You can see highlights of the match on RTE 2 on Sunday night. Michael O Muirceartaigh is the commentator.

Four in a row is not uncommon in camogie apparently. Dublin at one stage won an amazing ten in a row. Cork have won four in a row. Kilkenny going into this match will have the favourites tag on their backs.

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KILKENNY ARE SET TO MAKE HISTORY

KILKENNY camogie history looks set to be made at Croke Park on Sunday, when Angela Downey hopes to lead her all-conquering team to their fourth All-Ireland title in a row. However, they first have to shake off the determined challenge of Mary Ring's Cork team, who, although not expected to win, certainly give a good account of themselves, and should prove a less of a pushover than previously thought.

According to Kilkenny County secretary Mary Fennelly, the team have trained harder than ever before for this title and are as enthusiastic today as they were four years ago when they set out on their historic trail.

One thing that is certain is that Kilkenny are in no way overconfident about this match, with Mary Fennelly setting the mood for Sunday. "One thing you learn is never to underestimate Cork, because that's when they're at their most dangerous."

"We have had the upper hand in the camogie world for the past three years, but during that time Cork have been rebuilding. As a county they're always quite good in all sports, and in camogie there is great rivalry between the two finalists."

Hard to beat

"I would be very worried about certain aspects of their game notably their forward line, especially centre forward Mary Geaney. They are also a tough side to beat in the centre field."

Kilkenny, who are also going for their third league and championship double, will doubtless feel the loss of two of their most influential players, Bridie McGarry and Liz Neary who have both retired from the game.

However, their replacements are more than ample graduates from the Kilkenny camogie nursery. Helen Holmes, a sister of center-forward Brede, has been given the task of replacing McGarry. The young St. Paul's club player who lines out at right full on Sunday, came on as a sub in last year's final and has remained an integral part of the team ever since.

Left full Francis Rothwell, replaces Neary at the back, and will have the task of marking speedy Cork forward, Anne Leahy.

As always, the ace in the Kilkenny pack is Angela Downey, who has been with Tom Ryan's team for four years. The 31-year-old school-teacher is perpetually dangerous — as she showed in the National League final in June, when in front of a partisan crowd in Crumlin, she led by example and scored 2-5 of Kilkenny's 3-10 total in their victory over Dublin.

Slightly slower

Despite the 3-1 to 2-4 winning margin, Kilkenny always looked slightly slower to the ball than the metropolitans in that game. Is fitness a factor that worries Mary Fennelly, on the eve of the final?

"We have been training for the four-in-a-row since March, which is a long time in camogie, and the girls have never been so fit. When we faced Dublin in the championship first round, we again expected to be a yard slower, but we found that we had gained so much pace in the meantime."

"I personally don't think that the Kilkenny team has never ever looked so sharp, and I believe that Angela will lift the trophy on Sunday afternoon."

By DARREN HUGHES

Although the black and ambers disposed easily of Dublin in the first round of the Open draw championships, they had a hard time seeing off the challenge of Galway in the semi's. Cork, on the other hand, had a slightly easier path to the final, with the Leesiders hardly being extended against Limerick and Wexford.

The final is a repeat of last year's fixture and Cork, captained by Mary Ring, daughter of Christy, will be hoping for a somewhat better display than the one which saw them trail by 9 points at half time in a game they were never allowed to gain a hold on.

Cork will be hoping that certain positional switches

from last year's team will strengthen the side on Sunday. After months of experimenting with various combinations, they seem sure that they have hit upon that magic formula.

Free-scoring

In particular, Anne Leahy and Linda Mellerick have proved to be an asset to the free-scoring side since their move from defence to the forward line.

The woman with the most unenviable task in camogie is Mary Spillane, who is faced with the task of marking Angela Downey. According to Co. Board PRO, Mary Moran, she will have her work cut out.

"Angela is almost impossible to contain for an entire match, in fact I've never seen it done. I don't envy Mary Spillane, because if anyone's going to damage our title hopes it's Angela."

There is little doubt in anyone's mind that Kilkenny will rule the midfield on Sunday, as the solid line of Angela Downey, Brede Holmes and Angela's sister Anne should prove too much for Sandy Fitzgibbon, Claire Cronin and Colette O'Mahony.

If Cork are to have any hope at all it must lie with their forwards, who have proved themselves time after time to be the fastest in the game.

However, even the pace and accuracy of Irene O'Leary and Mary Geaney (sister of Kerry footballer Dave), stands little chance of ending the reign of Kilkenny. According to Mary Moran, "We can only hope".



● CAMOGIE twins Angela (centre) and Anns Downey getting a word of advice from Kilkenny team trainer Tom Ryan.



Colette O'Mahony, left, and Linda Mellerick, who play for Cork in the All-Ireland senior camogie final against Kilkenny at Croke Park on Sunday.

Cork's nice blend!



Liz O'Neill - the first Bishopstown girl to gain inclusion on the Cork senior camogie panel.

ON Sunday, for the second year in a row, Cork and Kilkenny clash in the All-Ireland senior camogie final. In the curtain raiser, Galway and Limerick meet in the junior decider.

Kilkenny will be seeking their fourth title in a row and their seventh in all. Cork have 14 titles to their credit, the last one coming in 1983 when five of the present panel, Marian McCarthy, Claire Cronin, Cathy Landers, Sandy Fitzgibbon and Noelle O'Driscoll, were on the team.

En route to this year's final Cork defeated Limerick in their first outing and then went on to account for Wexford in the semi-final. Kilkenny proved too strong for Dublin and Galway.

The Cork selectors have made two changes from the semi-final side. Mary Spillane, who was a regular member of the side up to last year, comes in at right corner-back in place of clubmate Patsy Keniry, while

Na Piarsaig's Irene O'Leary, who was also a regular on the team last season, regains her place at corner-forward to the exclusion of Patricia Fitzgibbon. Marian McCarthy is once again between the posts, Mary Ring, who captains the side, is named at full-back with the corner-back positions going to Mary Spillane and Ann Delaney. Cathy Landers will be at centre-back with the midfield positions going to Sandy Fitzgibbon, Claire Cronin and Colette O'Mahony. Lynda Mellerick is named at centre-forward with Irene O'Leary, Mary Geaney and Ann Leahy completing the full-forward line.

Kilkenny are forced to line out without three of last year's winning side, namely Rita Weynes, Liz Neary and Bridie McGarry and they will be a big loss to them.

Their line out will see Maria Fitzpatrick once again commanding the number one position. Regular

corner-back Biddy O'Sullivan moves to full-back in place of Rita Weynes while the corner-back positions will be filled by newcomers Helen Holmes and Frances Rothwell.

Deirdre Malone takes over at centre-back in place of Bridie McGarry with the midfield positions going to regulars Claire Jones, Ann Downey and Anna Whelan. Breda Holmes slots in at centre-forward with Breda Cahill, Joe Dunne and Angela Downey completing the full-forward line.

Going on past performances one would have to favour Kilkenny, but Cork have put a lot of effort into their preparations this year and will face this game with confidence. On paper they are a very experienced and talented side and if they find form on the day could just edge it. But it will take a trojan effort if they are to succeed in bringing the title back to the Lee.

FIXTURES

Tomorrow: Junior 'B' Championship '88: Aghabullogue v Brian Dillons at Aghabullogue, 6 p.m.; Ballinure v Blackrock (replay) at Ballinure, 6 p.m.

Sunday: All-Ireland senior championship final, Cork v Kilkenny at Croke Park, 3.30. All Ireland junior championship final, Galway v Limerick at Croke Park, 2 p.m.

CORK PANEL: Marian McCarthy, Mary Ring, Ann Delaney, Mary Spillane, Cathy Landers, Sandy Fitzgibbon, Colette O'Mahony, Claire Cronin, Lynda Mellerick, Ann Leahy, Mary Geaney, Irene O'Leary, Patsy Keniry, Noelle O'Driscoll, Liz Dunphy, Liz O'Neill, Clare McCarthy, Fiona McCarthy, Ann Marie Landers, Karen Mellerick.

KILKENNY TEAM: Maria Fitzpatrick, Biddy O'Sullivan, Helen Holmes, Frances Rothwell, Deirdre Malone, Claire Jones, Ann Downey, Anna Whelan, Breda Holmes, Breda Cahill, Joe Dunne, Angela Downey.

CORK TEAM IS VERSATILE

VERSATILITY would appear to be the name of the game where the Cork camogie team is concerned because three of the girls who face Kilkenny in the All-Ireland senior-final at Croke Park on Sunday have represented their country at other codes of sport, writes GERRY McCARTHY.

Mary Geaney, is of course, the best known because, apart from her prowess with the caman,

Kilkenny bank on Downeys

the hockey fields, where she played in goal for Ireland on many occasions.

Indeed, she holds the distinction of having led her country to Triple Crown success and Cork to

a national senior camogie title.

Mary is a Kerrywoman, who's late father, Con, and brother Dave, won All-Ireland senior football medals in the green and gold.

Reverting to Cork, Sandy Fitzgibbon is a basketball international and Anne Leahy has represented her country at volleyball. Their captain Mary Ring,

is a daughter of hurling immortal Christy.

Kilkenny, too, have an international. She is Ann Downey, who has played squash for Ireland. She and her twin, Angela, are daughters of former Nore-side hurling star Shem.

Kilkenny's goalkeeper, Mari Fitzpatrick, holds the unusual distinction of having appeared in a county hurling final. She did so as an outfield player with Piltown under-12s.

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THE CURRENT giants and all conquering heroes on the camogie scene, Kilkenny, will be in Croke Park again on Sunday chasing another national title.

This time the talented ladies will be seeking the county's eighth all-Ireland senior title, and the opposition will be provided by mighty Cork, the vanquished side in last year's thrilling showdown.

For the Noresiders this latest final will be another special occasion, for they will be chasing another milestone in the history of the game in the county. The players will be after a never before achieved four-in-a-row, for this county at any rate.

But when one considers the Kilkenny ladies have been winning all around them during the past four years, it is no wonder they have been re-writing the history books almost annually. Last year there was the first three-in-a-row. And on Sunday they will be

looking for their seventh national title in four years.

Few teams, hurling, football or even camogie have put together such a fabulous run in Gaelic games in modern times. And when this all conquering charge comes to an end, for it must some day, then the current crop of Kilkenny camogie players must surely be counted among the greats.

Enthusiasm tops

"You would think after all the wins and all the effort that went into them that the girls

would be losing their enthusiasm", Camogie Board secretary, Mary Fennelly said. "Nothing could be further from the truth. These girls are amazing, and even trainer, Tom Ryan has been taken aback by their attitude. "The will to win is as good as ever".

That is good news for Kilkenny, and surely bad news for challengers Cork, who were out-played and out-run by finely tuned opponents last season. For the records, the score in the all-Ireland was 3-10 to 1-7.

Interest in camogie is at an all time high in the county at present. The game is being played in more schools, and by more clubs than ever before. And obviously the people on the streets are taking note, because when Kilkenny arrived back with the O'Duffy Cup 12 months ago in the region of 3,000 turned out for the welcome home reception.

In some ways the arrival at this high point has been achieved very fast. The county only won their first senior title in 1974! So the last six have been won in the space of 12 years. One every second year is not a bad average at all. Add to that the county's first victory at minor level, which was achieved last month

by the Ted Brown (Angela Downey's husband) trained team, and you can see the county is going places in the game. The only all-Ireland the county has failed to win is at junior level, but things are improving in that department too.

Game is healthy

Cork have never been far from the camogie summit. It took a backs-to-the-wall effort from the Kilkenny minors to defeat the Leesiders in the all-Ireland semi-final, so the game in the deep South is healthy right down the line. The Munster girls have 14 senior titles to their credit.

It is interesting to have a look at the Cork team, and bear in mind what happened in last year's final. Two first half goals from Breda Holmes gave the Noresiders a 2-3 to 0-2 lead, and things were more-or-less decided.

The Munster girls had a good team then, but were shattered by those two scores from Holmes. This time they haven't strayed too far from that team. They have named seven of the same players (Marie McCarthy, Mary

Ring, Claire Cronin, Collette O'Mahony, Linda Mellerick, Irene O'Leary, Ann Leahy) and have upgraded three of the '87 subs, Mary Spillane, Mary Geaney and Cathy Landers. Obviously they believe they had a good crop last season, and there was no need for wholesale changes.

Kilkenny have experienced change too, and missing this time will be Bridie McGarry, Rita Wemyss-O'Neill and the retired Liz Neary. That big hearted performer, Deirdre Malone will take over the onerous centre-back duties from Mrs. McGarry, while Helen Holmes will step in for her first all-Ireland, as will Leaving Certificate students, Breda Cahill and Frances Rothwell.

Won league comfortably

"The team has been changing slowly, but surely down the years", Mary Fennelly explained. "We have a good mix of youth and experience, and the competition is there for places".

That good "mix" helped Kilkenny take the Camogie League "comfortably" earlier this year. But there has been a strain on the

This was an enthralling match, and players, sitting nature have been proceedings continuing the final whistle.

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Cork are ready now



Cork senior camogie captain Mary Ring of Glen Rovers.

THERE is an air of quiet confidence in the Cork camogie camp and expectations are high that the senior team will wrest the All-Ireland title from holders Kilkenny on Sunday at Croke Park.

The memory of last year's defeat still lingers and the Cork girls are intent on avenging that reverse. They know they have a hard job ahead but feel that they have never been so well prepared.

Last year a relatively inexperienced and young team took to the field and were overawed by the big occasion.

"This year everyone knows what to expect and they are really looking forward to the final. They have never trained so hard, and the dedication has exceeded all my expectations," said trainer Con Malone, who took over the reins from Tom Knott this year.

"The team is much fitter and faster and there is a nice combination of new players, and some of the old regulars. Morale is high and confidence in their ability to win are features of this Cork team," added Con.

The training session on Tuesday night was a winding down workout, and it contrasted greatly with the type of hero worship which accompanies the Cork football team. A few young lads played football in one corner of the Ballinlough pitch and the only onlookers were selectors and Bord officers.

"It's very disappointing that the camogie team, which has reached two All-Irelands in a row is ignored, both at these training sessions and indeed on the big day. The only supporters who travel to cheer the girls are families, friends and former players," said PRO Mary McCarthy.

"When you look at it camogie is the cinderella of Irish sport. We get very little encouragement as is evident from the almost total lack of sponsorship we receive, despite making representations to many different companies, financial institutions and businesses," Mary concluded.

Added treasurer Kay Dunne: "In order to get the team to Croke Park we had to run our own fundraising events, which have proved successful enough. But the cutbacks and the sacrifices the girls have had to make themselves are unbelievable.



Cork senior camogie coach Con Malone chatting with members of the panel who will play Kilkenny in Sunday's All-Ireland final at Croke Park. (Picture by Des Barry)

"We even had to go to Galway to get sponsored jerseys, and Connollys have proved most supportive, while Sunbeam have provided the socks. But we had to buy the skirts ourselves so the girls will have to hand them back after the game."

But despite all this, the girls are delighted to have reached the final and are raring to go.

Mary Spillane of Killeagh, who came on as a sub in the final last year is confident of a Cork victory. "We are certainly tougher and faster and I think we will take Kilkenny on Sunday," she said.

Glen Rovers player Sandy Fitzgibbon is also an international basketball player and a member of the Blarney club. She reckons it's much harder to get fit and fast out on the camogie pitch, but that they have all managed to reach peak form.

"Playing in the All-Ireland final means as much to me as playing for Ireland in a basketball

tournament. I think this is going to be Cork's year and our attitude in training and to our matches has been completely different and much more positive," she said.

Marion McCarthy of Eire Og does not feel in the least bit insulted when she is called the "old timer" of the team. She is certainly the most experienced with eight All-Ireland medals to her credit. As 'keeper she has the enormous task of keeping the backs together and ensuring that they hold out the Kilkenny forwards.

"I firmly believe that we are going to win. We had a good number playing in Croke Park for the first time last year and they were somewhat overawed, but now they know what to expect and have learned from their experiences.

"I don't expect it to be easy, but there is not a team in Ireland that can stop us in our present good form," she said.

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Classic All-Ireland encounter

CROKE PARK is the place to be on Sunday next for all camogie enthusiasts, when the All-Ireland Senior and Junior Championships Finals for 1988 will be decided. Arch rivals Cork and Kilkenny will contest the senior final, while the Junior Final will see Galway and Limerick in opposition.

Just like an All-Ireland hurling final there is something special about a Cork/Kilkenny camogie final and Sunday's game promises to be no exception, with a classic encounter on the cards.

Kilkenny decisively defeated Cork in last year's decider, so Cork will have it all to prove this time out.

Kilkenny the holders, will be seeking their fourth title in-a-row and their eight in all; while Cork have 14 titles to their credit the last one coming their way in 1983. Five of the present panel, Marian McCarthy, Sandy Fitzgibbon, Cathy Landers, Claire Cronin and Noelle O'Driscoll played in that final.

The Cork team shows two changes in personnel

from the semi-final side. On to the team comes Killeagh player Mary Spillane. Mary comes in at right corner back to the exclusion of club-mate Patsy Keniry, while Irene O'Leary comes in at left corner forward in place of Patricia Fitzgibbon. The remainder of the line-out will see regular goalkeeper Marian McCarthy once again between the posts.

Kilkenny's line-out will see Maria Fitzpatrick once again commanding the number one position. Regular cornerback

they are to bring the O'Duffy Cup back to the Lee after a lapse of four years.

On the local front there are two Junior B Championship games listed for Saturday night.

In the first of these, Aghabullogue are at home to Brian Dillons side and here the homeside will be fancied to advance while in the second game there should be very little between Ballinure and Blackrock when they replay their first round game at Ballinure.

Tomorrow (Saturday):

Junior B Championship 88
Aghabullogue v Brian Dillons at Aghabullogue at 6 p.m. (Ref. Cloughduv); Ballinure v Blackrock (re-play) at Ballinure at 6 p.m. (Ref. Douglas).

Sunday, Sept 25:

All-Ireland Senior Championship Final: Cork v Kilkenny at Croke Park at 3.30.

All-Ireland Junior Championship Final: Galway v Limerick at Croke Park at 2 p.m.

Cathy Landers, Killeagh, at centre-back for Cork on Sunday

Biddy O'Sullivan moves to full back in place of Rita Wyenes; while the corner back positions will be filled by newcomers Helen Holmes, sister of centre forward Breda and Frances Rothwell.

Deirdre Malone takes over at centre back in place of the unavailable Bride McGarry who is certainly a big loss to the Kilkenny side while the midfield positions go to Claire Jones, Ann Downey and Anna Whelan.

Breda Holmes is named at centre forward with Breda Cahill, Joe Dunne and Angela Downey completing the full forward line.

Cork prepared very well for this game under the expert eye of coach Con Malone and in recent training sessions looked to be very sharp.

On paper they are a very experienced and strong outfit and if they find form on the day could be in there with a real chance, but only a top class performance by all players will suffice if

Four-in-a-row bid by Kilkenny

THE great Kilkenny machine motors on. Three All-Ireland and three National League titles in four years, they run onto Croke Park on Sunday in search of further honours. It falls to Cork to halt the advance.

The sides met in last year's decider and Kilkenny finished ten points clear.

Kilkenny have had to replace three from that side. Two of these are positional in defence. Helen Holmes, sister of centre-forward Breda, slots in at right-back and Frances Rothwell takes over from Biddy O'Sullivan at left-back. Biddy is moved to the vacant full-back position.



Cork show four changes in personnel. The 1987 captain Val Fitzpatrick is in America. Full-back Eileen Dineen is now settled in London. Cathy Landers-Harnedy and Mary Geaney were brought into the game last year. They both start on this occasion.

Galway won the All-Ireland Junior championship in 1985. They are now back for further honours and captain Geraldine Heavey, Ann Carty, Rita Coen, Hilda Flannery, Suzanne Burke and Imelda Hobbins have the craft to do well.

Limerick, on the other hand, are an experienced outfit and Pauline McCarthy, Helen Sheehy, Marguerite Guiry, Angela O'Sullivan, Frances Broderick, Ide Quaid and Helen Clifford will not let an opportunity of an All-Ireland medal pass by easily.

KILKENNY — M. Fitzpatrick, B. O'Sullivan, H. Holmes, D. Malone, F. Rothwell, C. Jones, A. Downey, A. Whelan, B. Cahill, B. Holmes, A. Downey (capt.), J. Dunne.

CORK — M. McCarthy, M. Ring (capt.), M. Spillane, C. Landers-Harnedy, A. O'Donovan, S. Fitzgibbon, C. Cronin, C. O'Mahony, A. Leahy, L. Mellerick, I. O'Leary, M. Geaney.

LIMERICK — H. Sheehy, M. Guiry (capt.), E. O'Grady, M. Treacy, H. Clifford, M. Lenihan, F. Broderick, E. O'Sullivan, M. Clifford, P. McCarthy, I. Quaid, A. O'Sullivan.

GALWAY — J. Whiskey, R. Divilly-Coen, T. Dolphin, G. Heavey (capt.), G. Fahy, S. Burke, A. Carty, A. Coleman, M. Grealley, M. Treacy, H. Flannery, I. Hobbins.

Cork senior camogie captain Mary Ring

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Anne Delaney-Donovan (on left) will be playing in her first All-Ireland Camogie final at Croke Park on Sunday with Marian McCarthy (on right) who holds the most All-Ireland medals of the Cork players. Pic by Des Barry.

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MEET THE PLAYERS

Marion McCarthy
Club: Eire Og
Position: Goalkeeper
Marion tops the list of All-Ireland senior medal-holders currently playing. She won four out the field and four more as a goalkeeper. A great ballplayer, she shows excellent judgement and coolness under pressure.
Main honours - 8 All-Ireland senior; 2 Gael-Linn senior; 2 National League, 14 Munster senior, Cork and Munster Club championship medals; B & I award winner; Munster player.

Mary Ring
Club: Glen Rovers
Position: Full-back
Captain of Cork this season. Should Cork win, Mary will make a unique record. Her father, the late Christy Ring, captained Cork to win All-Ireland honours. No father and daughter combination has ever achieved such a distinction. Mary has settled in well since moving to full-back.

Main honours - Captained Glen Rovers to win All-Ireland Club Championship; All-Ireland Junior medal; 3 Cork senior championship medals; represented Munster.

Mary Spillane
Club: Killeagh
Position: Right-back
A strong wholehearted player, Mary has won a place of her own on the team this year. She is capable of playing equal-

ly well in defence or at midfield.

Main honours - All-Ireland Club; All-Ireland Junior; National League; Feile na nGael; Munster player.

Cathy LandersHarnedy
Club: Killeagh
Position: Centre-back
Main honours - 4 All-Ireland senior; All-Ireland Club; All-Ireland minor; Gael-Linn; National League and 8 Cork senior championship medals.

Ann Delaney-O'Donovan

Club: Glen Rovers
Position: Left-back
Ann has represented Cork at every level. A great catcher of the ball, she keeps a tight rein on her opposite number.

Main honours - 2 All-Ireland minor; All-Ireland Club; 2 All-Ireland junior; All-Ireland senior; 3 Cork senior championship.

Sandie Fitzgibbon
Club: Glen Rovers
Position: Right-wing

Main honours - All-Ireland Colleges; 3 All-Ireland minor; All-Ireland Club; All-Ireland senior; National League; Rest of Ireland player.

Clare Cronin
Club: St. Finbarrs
Position: Centrefield

A key player in the Cork team for many years, Clare prepares very diligently for matches to ensure that she will be at her best. Fast with great ball skill,

she excels at a range of sports.

Main honours - All-Ireland Colleges; 2 All-Ireland minor; 4 All-Ireland senior; Gradam Tailte; National League; Ashbourne Cup; B & I award; Rest of Ireland team.

Colette O'Mahony
Club: St. Finbarrs
Position: Left-wing

Main honours - 2 All-Ireland minor; National League; Munster minor, junior and senior medals.

Ann Leahy
Club: Killeagh
Position: Right forward

Main honours - All-Ireland junior; All-Ireland Club; Gael-Linn; National League; Cork senior championship.

Linda Mellerick
Club: Glen Rovers
Position: Centreforward

Fast accurate player who is particularly good at carrying the ball. Linda starred as a colleges player with St. Patrick's and played with Brian Dillons before joining Glen Rovers.

Main honours - All-Ireland minor; All-

Ireland junior; National League; Rest of Ireland team.

Irene O'Leary
Club: Na Piarasigh
Position: Left forward

Main honours - Munster medals at colleges, minor, junior and senior levels; All-Ireland junior; Munster player.

Mary Geaney
Club: Eire Og

Position: Full-forward
Main honours - 3 All-Ireland senior; 2 National League; Cork and Munster medals; Munster player.



Liz Dunphy (on left) and Cathy Landers who will help Cork in the Camogie final against Kilkenny on Sunday at Croke Park.

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MEET THE PLAYERS



Helen Holmes (23). St. Paul's. 5'4". Teacher. Birth date: June 4.



Ann Downey (31). St. Paul's. 5'1". Skin and Hide employee. Birth date: June 1.



Deirdre Malone (23). St. Brigid's. 5'6". Farmer. Birth date: June 26.



Angels Downey-Browne (31). St. Paul's. 5'1". Teacher. Birth date: June 1.



Biddy O'Sullivan (26). Shamrocks. 5'9". Farmer. Birth date: September 23.



Jo Dunne (27). Shamrocks. 5'9". Office Clerk. Birth date: December 14.



Claire Jones (25). St. Paul's. 5'8". Army Officer. Birth date: May 3.



Breda Holmes (25). St. Paul's. 5'6". Teacher. Birth date: March 10.



Marie Fitzpatrick (21). St. Brigid's (Ballycallan). 5'5". Secretary. Date of birth: April 5.



Marina Downey (19). Lisdowney. 5'4". 7½ st. Secretary.



Siobhan Ryan (22). Shamrocks. 5'1". Office clerk. Birth date: January 4.



Anna Whelan (25). Lisdowney. 5' 1". Bar person. Birth date: March 7.



Francis Rothwell (17). Mooncoin. 5'7". Just completed her Leaving Cert. Birth date: December 18.



Margaret O'Keeffe (21). Thomastown. 5'6". 9½ st. Student. Birth date: January 18.



Rita O'Neill (28). Shamrocks (Ballyhale). 5'6". Shop Assistant. Birth date: January 30.



Breda Cahill (18). St. Brigid's. 5'3". Just completed her Leaving Cert. Birth date: August 22.

Kilkenny on course

The glittering success story that is Kilkenny in senior camogie appears firmly on course for further honours today. The girls from the Nore side bid to advance their hopes of a fourth All-Ireland title in succession when they visit Galway at Glenamaddy in the second semi-final.

Kilkenny, who have most of last year's title winning side again available, are showing no signs of losing their match-winning sparkle. They retained the National League in June, and in their last outing to the championship, the brilliance of the Downey sisters, Angela and Anne, Jo Dunne, Breda Holmes and Claire Jones did much to

prompt the way to an unexpectedly clear-cut 13 points win over keen rivals Dublin.

All of which points to an uphill task for Galway, a county that has not had a direct interest in a final since 1962. It is unlikely that the home players, however, will be over-awed by their opponents.

The game is also strong in the county, and the senior team has a solid framework of capable players. But, even with a ground advantage, it is difficult to see Galway offsetting the gulle, class, teamwork and scoring power of the cool, confident champions.

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Preview of All-Ireland Camogie Finals

KILKENNY HARD TO BEAT

CORK face Kilkenny, the class team of modern camogie, in the All-Ireland Senior Final at Croke Park on Sunday. With both teams showing a number of changes from last year's final, it is difficult to draw direct comparisons.

Dual All-Ireland and National League champions, Kilkenny have proved time and again that they are a cut above the rest. Ten points ahead at the finish of last year's final, they were far superior to their Cork opponents.

However, Cork will recall that little went their way on that occasion. Players found difficulty in settling into positions which they were not accustomed to. Early in the match the Cork forwards were narrowly off target on a number of occasions.

In the meantime, Kilkenny's

great utility player, Liz Neary has retired. Centreback Bridie McGarry and fullback Rita Weymes are unavailable. Consequently, Kilkenny have had to re-arrange their defence.

Cork show four changes in personnel from the team which started in last year's final. The 1987 captain, Val Fitzpatrick is presently in America and fullback Eileen Dineen has settled in London. Two players, who came on in the course of the 1987 decider, Cathy Landers-Harnedy and Mary Geaney, will start on this occasion.

Marie Fitzpatrick will take her usual position in the Kilkenny goal. Biddy O'Sullivan has been switched to fill the vacant fullback spot. Former midfielder, Deirdre Malone is named at centreback with the two newcomers, Helen Holmes and Frances Rothwell in the left and right halfback positions.

It is a lot to ask Cork to



● IN OPPOSITION . . . Ann Whelan, Kilkenny (left) and Cork forward Ann Leahy.

make up a ten point deficit in twelve months. A high standard of performance will be required from every Cork player if the champions are to be dethroned. But if they take the field in the right frame of mind, it will be a great contest.

Limerick return to Croke Park after an absence of a decade to face Galway in the Junior Final. An experienced team with five championship matches behind them, they are capable of doing well. The Limerick defence of Helen Sheehy, Marguerite Guiry, Mairead Treacy and Helen Clifford will be hard pressed

to contain a lively Galway attack.

Galway qualified following an easy run in the Connacht championship and with a majority of teenagers in their side, will depend on speed and energy.

KILKENNY — Marie Fitzpatrick, Biddy O'Sullivan, Helen Holmes, Deirdre Malone, Frances Rothwell, Clare Jones, Ann Downey, Anna Whelan, Breda Cahill, Breda Holmes, Angela Downey (Capt), Jo Dunne.

CORK — Marion McCarthy, Mary Ring (Capt), Mary Spillane, Cathy Landers-Harnedy, Ann O'Donovan, Sandie Fitzgibbon, Clare Cronin, Colette O'Mahony, Anne Leahy, Linda Mellerick, Irene O'Leary, Mary Geaney.

Anne has a double mission

BY ANN MOONEY

WIN, lose or draw the All-Ireland final against old rivals Kilkenny in Croke Park on Sunday next, for one Cork player, this will be her last time to hold a camogie stick in any match for at least two years.

A P.E. teacher in St. Mary's High School, Midleton, right forward Anne Leahy, is giving up two years to work as a volunteer with Viatores Christi in Peru.

"It's something I have always wanted to do, and I leave on Tuesday next, so this is my last camogie match for quite a while. I hope it will be a winning one," she said.

The Killeagh player is a keen sportswoman and has represented Ireland in volleyball, although she has now given up this sport at international level to concentrate on camogie.

Anne will work with the Sisters of Charity in Peru and will be involved in development work and the establishment of adult literacy courses.

At this week's training session in Ballinlough, an air of quiet confidence was evident among team members, trainer and selectors.

"Last year's defeat by Kilkenny is still fresh in our minds. We have been in the process of rebuilding the team and then many of the players were young and inexperienced and failed to live up to the big occasion.

"They have learned from their mistakes and are full of confidence. They have trained extremely hard and are fit and fast. I expect that we will win, although Kilkenny will be no walkover," said trainer Con Malone.

Three of the most experienced players on the team goalie Marion McCarthy of Eire Og, centre back Cathy Landers-Harnedy of Killeagh and centrefield player Clare Cronin of St. Finbarrs, feel the combination of experience and youth will see them on the winning trail on Sunday.

"We are much more in control, and certainly more relaxed about Sunday's big match. We are fitter and faster than we have ever been," said Clare.



Cork's Anne Leahy.

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MARY MORAN'S CAMOGIE COLUMN

Kilkenny are a multi-talented outfit
with no obvious weaknesses

BUT

Cork are determined to prove a point and
will not fail for lack of effort

AS Kilkenny captain, Bridie McGarry held the O'Duffy Cup aloft to the cheers of delighted supporters in Croke Park last September, the Cork players pledged that they would return to try again. Now twelve months later, they have booked their place in the 1988 final.

Cork were disappointed with their performance and have looked forward to the opportunity of proving that they are capable of greater things. While, at the time of writing, Kilkenny have yet to play Galway, it would indeed be a surprise if the western county stopped the champions.

Early pressure by Cork in the 1987 final yielded no return. In fact, Cork had to wait until the seventeenth minute to register their first score. A looseness in defence was punished by Kilkenny. Cork found themselves in trouble and sought goals to bring them back into the game.

A tight Kilkenny defence refused to yield. Ann Downey dominated mid-field and her sister, Angela, picked off the winning scores.

Has anything happened since to boost Cork's chances? Kilkenny were far sharper when the sides met in the National League in early March. Cork improved to draw with Dublin and defeat Wexford. They had a runaway win over Limerick and a seven point victory over Wexford in the championship.

Cork have lost two stalwarts in Val Fitzpatrick and Eileen Dineen both of whom are out of the country.

Many would hold that the players are better positioned with Linda Mellerick and Ann Leahy returned to the attack. The side is captained by Mary Ring, whose late father, Christy carried home All-Ireland Hurling cups.

There is no doubt that this Kilkenny team is a multi-talented outfit. Strong in every sector of the field and showing no obvious weaknesses, Kilkenny will be very difficult to stop. But Cork are determined to prove a point and will not fail from lack of effort.



• Bridget Mullally (Kilkenny) who capped a great season by adding an All-Ireland Minor medal to her Feile Skills trophy.

Kilkenny have already notched the first leg of a potential double. For the first time in their history, they won the All-Ireland Minor Championship. Players with a bright future include Veronica Wall, Esther Kennedy, Tracey Millea, Geraldine Ryan, Mary McGrath and fourteen year old Bridget Mullally who added a minor medal to the Feile Skills trophy she won in Birr.

In their colourful outfits, the London team got off to a dashing start against Limerick in the quarter-final of the All-Ireland Junior Championship. Playing at a lightning pace, the London girls had their Limerick counterparts at sixes and sevens. However, they found problems in turning their territorial advantage into scores.

As the game wore on, the effects of the long journey told. London tired and allowed Limerick into the game. Teresa Finneran, Tricia Ryan, Majella O'Neill, Margo Cassidy and Brenda Daffy more than held their own. London will have learned from the experience and will be able to pace themselves better when the 1989 championship comes around.

Many G.A.A. clubs have published their histories. But few camogie clubs have embarked on such an ambitious project as the Fr. O'Neills Club in East Cork. Their newly published 148 page book covers not only the history of the club but extends to chronicle the social life of the area. It is an example for other clubs to follow.



LUICHÍ CEANNAIS NA LÉIREANN SA CHAMÓGAÍOCHT

1988



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Fáilte ón Uachtarán



Tá áthas orm go bhfuil sé de phribhléid agam fáilte a chur romhaibh go léir anseo inniú chuig Cluichí Ceannais Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael. Lá mór inniú é dos na foirne atá ag imirt, Cill Chainnigh agus Corcaigh, Luimneach agus An Ghaillimh.

It is a great honour and privilege for me to welcome you here today to the high point of our year's activities. Playing in an All-Ireland Final is something which many players dream of, but today, for those participating, that dream has come true.

To the four teams involved may I say that, even though there will be only one winner in each final, I wish you all the best of luck and hope you will look back on this occasion as an experience which was well worth while.

Cork and Kilkenny, who oppose each other in the Senior game, have provided us with many thrilling games. I feel sure today's will be no exception.

In the Junior we have Limerick and Galway, two counties which have done tremendous work to promote not only our game but all aspects of Irish culture.

This is a day for the players and I sincerely hope that those involved will take home treasured memories of the occasion, be they winners or losers.

Today there will be no real losers because our Association, which is going from strength to strength, will have proved again that our national games are on a sounder footing than ever. My thanks to all our players, administrators and supporters for making today what it is.

Is mór agam é fáiltiú roimh ár n-aoidheanna, pátrúin, imreoirí, réiteoirí, maoir agus oifigigh. Táimid go mór faoi chomaoin ag Cumann Lúthchleas Gael a chuireann Páirc an Chrócaigh ar fáil dúinn.

Tá súil agam go mbeidh an-lá agaibh uilig.

Máire Ní Cheallacháin

CLÁR AN LAE An Ghaillimh v. Luimneach

Sóisear — 1.45 i.n.

Réiteoir: RÓIS NIC GIOLLA MHEIDHIR (Cill Dara)

Cill Chainnigh v. Corcaigh

Sinsear — 3.30 i.n.

Réiteoir: BELLE MHIC LOCHLIANN (An Dún)

Banna Ceoil Ard Aidhin a bheidh ag seinm

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NA RÉITEOIRÍ

SINSEAR



BELLE MHIC LOCHLAIN
(An Dún)

Tá an-taithí ag Belle ar chúrsaí réiteoir-eachta. Belle O'Loughlin has officiated at every level from Colleges, Clubs, Inter-provincial, national Senior and Junior Leagues, Minor, Junior and Senior Championships.

Tá an grád a bainte amach san oiliúint aici agus tá baint aici le foirne a contae féin. Is Cathaoirleach Coiste Contae An Dúin faoi láthair í.

SÓISEAR



RÓIS NIC GIOLLA MHEIDHIR
(Cill Dara)

ROSE MERRIMAN is a very experienced goalkeeper and has been a regular on the Cill Dara team for the last eight seasons. This experience was evident when Cill Dara won the New Ireland Cup for the first time in 1987.

Iar-imreoir le Scoil Mhuire, Clane. She is the holder of Junior, Gael-Linn, National League and Leinster medals.

Rose has refereed at Club, County and Interprovincial level.

Go n-éirí go geal le Róis agus le Belle sna cluichí Ceannais inniú.

NA MAOIR CHÚIL

LEAN MHIC DHOINNLEIBHE
COLETTE NÍ LUAIN (An Dún)
GRÁINNE NÍ CHILLEÁIN
TREASA NIC DHONAILL

ANTOINETTE NIC GIOLLA MHEIDHIR
GEARÓDÍN UÍ DHUIBHIR (Cill Dara)
CAITLÍN NIC UILEAGÓID
CAIT BHREATNACH

NA MAOIR LÍNE

MÁIRE NÍ CHONAILL
GEARÓDÍN NÍ DHUINN (Áth Cliath)

BREANDA NÍ SHIRIDEÁIN
MÁIRE NIC AOGÁIN (Áth Cliath)

Na Sóisir - An Ghaillimh v Luimneach

Youth versus Experience

WITH the majority of the Galway team still enjoying the status of teenagers, the pendulum of youth swings heavily in favour of Galway. Allied to youth are the attributes of speed, enthusiasm and a willingness to work together.

But this Galway side has much more than that. The ability to impart skill is very much part of the Galway set-up. Their record in colleges camogie surpasses any other area of the country. A steady stream of players is constantly surfacing with proficiency in the basics of the game.

Tá an Ghaillimh chun tosaigh i glúige Chonnacht leis na blianta beaga anuas. The pattern was no different this year. The semi-final against a seasoned Down team proved easier than expected. Galway won comfortably by 4-8 to 1-5.

Galway have a good record in the competition. They reached the final on four previous occasions, 1972, '73, '79 and '85, losing in 1973 only.

Nano McHugh led Galway to their initial success over Wexford in 1972. Seven years later, Galway were back again. Marion Freeney received the New Ireland Cup at the finish of a close encounter with Cork.

Perhaps the most impressive display by a Galway team was turned in by the 1985 side which defeated Armagh by five goals. Éna Ní Cheannáin a bhí ina captaen ar an ócáid sin.

Limerick made one appearance in a Junior Final. The team, which contained talented stars in Geraldine O'Brien, Margie Neville, Carrie Clancy, Brid

Stokes, Vera Mackey and Brigid Darcy, had their moment of glory in 1977. Carrie, an captaen bróidiúl, a ghlac leis an gcorn.

The girls tried their luck in the senior ranks for several years. They came within an ace of achieving the ultimate aim of any player when they failed to Cork in the 1980 Final replay, having drawn 3-4 to Cork's 2-7.

Limerick have found it difficult to make a real impression since then. In recent years a number of players with senior experience have sought regrading with a view to regrouping their resources.

The present side includes many players with considerable experience. Pauline McCarthy and Helen Clifford were with Limerick for the 1980 senior final. Helen Sheehy, Marguerite Guiry, Elizabeth O'Grady, Maisie Clifford, Mairead Twomey and Frances Broderick have won Gael-Linn junior medals with Munster.

Bhuaidh Luimneach or Chorcaigh, Ciarraí agus Tiobráid Árann i gCraobh na Mumhan. The inclusion of London in the championship gave them the benefit of an extra game. In the semi-final, Limerick ousted the reigning All-Ireland champions, Cill Dara.

Limerick have a sound defence and a fair sprinkling of talented players throughout the field. Nerves have frequently been a factor in the junior final. The side to overcome this condition and settled down to play their normal game is likely to succeed. Go raibh an-chluiche ann.

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AN GAILLIMH

(1)
Siobhán Whiskey
JOAN WHIRISKEY
(Kiltulla-Killimordaly)

2
Ríte Ní Dhuibhiolla-Uí Chadhain
RITA DIVILLY-COEN
(St. Mary's, Glenamaddy)

3
Triona Dhoilfin
TRIONA DOLPHIN
(Mullagh)

4
Gearóidín Ní Éimhigh (Captaen)
GERALDINE HEAVEY
(Kiltulla-Killimordaly)

5
Gearóidín Ní Fhathaigh
GERALDINE FAHY
(Mullagh)

6
Siobhán de Búrca
SUSANNE BURKE
(Gort)

7
Áine Ní Chárthaigh
ANNE CARTY
(Kiltulla-Killimordaly)

8
Áine Ní Cholmáin
ANN COLEMAN
(Athenry)

9
Máiread Nic Raollaigh
MARGARET GREALLY
(St. Mary's, Glenamaddy)

10
Máire Ní Threasaigh
MARY TREACY
(Eskehill)

11
Hilde Ní Fhlannabhra
HILDA FLANNERY
(Kiltulla-Killimordaly)

12
Imelda Ní Oibicín
IMELDA HOBBS
Mullagh

(13) Máire Ní Mhuireasa (Mary Morrissey) Athenry; (14) Gearóidín Ní Linneáin (Caroline Linnane) Gort; (15) Póilín Sheoigh (Pauline Joyce) Turloughmore; (16) Póilín Nic an Iarla (Paula Earls) Kiltulla-Killimordaly.

Foireann na Gaillimhe

1. **Joan Whiskey** (Kiltulla-Killimordaly). 3 Connacht Colleges Senior B Championships with Presentation College, Athenry. All-Ireland minor and two Connacht Junior championship medals.
2. **Rita Divilly-Coen** (St. Mary's, Glenamaddy). 2 Connacht junior championship and a Galway senior county championship medals. Married to well known Galway hurling goalkeeper, Tommy Coen. Is múinteoir chorp oideachais.
3. **Triona Dolphin** (Mullagh). The stylish half-back has collected 8 All-Ireland medals including Féile na nGael, All-Ireland junior and senior and All-Ireland minor awards.
4. **Geraldine Heavey** (Kiltulla-Killimordaly). Captaen. d'Imir sí le Clochar na Toirbheirte, Béal Átha an Rí. Holder of two Connacht junior championship medals, she has National League experience with the senior team.
5. **Geraldine Fahy** (Mullagh). d'Imir sí le Coláiste Rafael, Béal Locha Ríach. 2 junior and 4 senior All-Ireland Colleges and an All-Ireland minor medal.
6. **Susanne Burke** (Gort). Is scoláire in Iarbhuinscoil Naomh Íosaif, Gort, i. Connacht U-14 championship. County junior league and championship and 2 All-Ireland Minor medals.
7. **Ann Carty** (Kiltulla-Killimordaly). Is iarscoláire le Clochar na Toirbheirte, Béal Átha an Rí. 3 Connacht colleges senior B county championship under-18 and junior medals.
8. **Anne Coleman** (Athenry). Anne played in the All-Ireland Club final against Crumlin in 1985. Has won county championship medals in 1985 and 1986. Is deirfiúir leis an bpeileadóir Mattie agus leis an iománaí, Micheál, i.
9. **Margaret Greally** (St. Mary's, Glenamaddy). An all-round sportsgirl, she enjoys basketball, tennis and badminton. She played colleges camogie with St. Mary's, Ballygar. Holds two Connacht junior medals.
10. **Mary Treacy** (Eskehill). Mary led the Galway minors to All-Ireland success in 1957. Represented Portumna College in the Connacht Colleges championships. All-Ireland minor medals in 1986 and 1987.
11. **Hilda Flannery** (Kiltulla-Killimordaly). d'Imir sí le Clochar na Toirbheirte, Béal Átha an Rí. 3 Connacht Colleges Senior B and Galway junior league and championship medals. Second season with Galway juniors.
12. **Imelda Hobbs** (Mullagh). An outstanding college player with St. Raphael's, Loughrea. 2 junior, 4 senior All-Ireland Colleges and 1 All-Ireland Minor medal.
13. **Mary Morrissey** (Athenry). Ag imirt le sinsir an chlub ó 1984 i leith. Won a county league medal in 1984 and a county championship medal in 1986.
14. **Caroline Linnane** (Gort). A pupil of St. Colman's Vocational School, Gort, Caroline has won several medals with the successful Gort club. Is the holder of two All-Ireland minor medals, 1986 and 1987.
15. **Pauline Joyce** (Turloughmore). Played with Presentation College, Athenry, in the 1979 All-Ireland Colleges senior final. Holds a Connacht Colleges senior medal and a Connacht minor medal.
16. **Paula Earls** (Kiltulla-Killimordaly). Past pupil of New Inn Vocational School. She holds 2 Connacht junior medals, County junior league and championship medals.

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LUMINEACH

(1)
Eibhlín Ní Shithigh
HELEN SHEEHY
(Croagh-Kilfinny)

2
Mairéad Ní Ghadhra (Captaen)
MARGUERITE GUIRY
(Croagh-Kilfinny)

3
Éilís Ní Ghráda
ELIZABETH O'GRADY
(Knockaney)

4
Mairéad Ní Threasaigh
MAIRÉAD TREACY
(Granagh-Ballingarry)

5
Eibhlín Ní Chlúmháin
HELEN CLIFFORD
(Star Rovers)

6
Máire Ní Loingeacháin
MARY LENIHAN
(Dromcollogher)

7
Proinséas Ní Bhudair
FRANCES BRODERICK
(Newtownshandrum)

8
Éilís Ní Shuilleabháin
ELIZABETH O'SULLIVAN
(Star Rovers)

9
Maisie Ní Chlúmháin
MAISIE CLIFFORD
(Ballyagran)

10
Póilín Nic Cárthaigh
PAULINE MCCARTHY
(Star Rovers)

11
Ide Nic Uaid
IDA QUAID
(Granagh-Ballingarry)

12
Aingeal Ní Shuilleabháin
ANGELA O'SULLIVAN
(Star Rovers)

(13) Una Ní Shithigh (Agnes Sheehy) Croagh-Kilfinny; (14) Eibhlín Ní Chaingne (Helen Cagney) Ballyagran; (15) Áine Ní Loingeacháin (Ann Lenihan) Dromcollogher; (14) Briainín Ní Bhriain (Bernie O'Brien) Granagh-Ballingarry.

Foireann Luimníní

- Helen Sheehy** (Croagh-Kilfinny). Former colleges player with Scoil Pól, Kilfinane. Inter-County Referee. Iar-Rúnaí an Choiste Chontae. All-Ireland Club, 2 Gael-Linn junior, Munster junior and 5 Limerick senior medals.
- Marguerite Guiry** (Croagh-Kilfinny). Captaen. Has captained Munster to win the Gael-Linn trophy. Won a host of medals from u-14 to senior with her club. Munster junior and club championship and 2 Gael-Linn medals.
- Elizabeth O'Grady** (Knockainey). Elizabeth helped Knockainey to win Limerick junior and u-21 championships. Munster Gael-Linn team and 2 Munster junior medals.
- Mairead Treacy** (Granagh-Ballingarry). Mairead holds a full range of Limerick medals from U-14 to senior. Two Gael-Linn and 2 Munster junior championship medals.
- Helen Clifford** (Star Rovers, Bruff). Won a Féile na nGael medal in 1975. Helped Limerick to win Munster U-18 and junior championships. Won county intermediate with Bruff and county senior with St. Oliver's.
- May Lenihan** (Dromcollogher). Céimí Chorp Oideacháis ó Choláiste Thomond. Mary holds Purcell Cup medals and has represented the Higher Colleges. C.C.I.A. League and Munster junior championship medals.
- Frances Broderick** (Newtownshandrum). Frances captained St. Mary's, Charleville, to win All-Ireland Colleges junior championship. All-Ireland Colleges 7-a-side, Féile na nGael, Limerick underage, junior and intermediate medals. Ar fhoireann na Mumhan a bhuaigh an Gael Linn, Sóisear i 1987.
- Liz O'Sullivan** (Star Rovers, Bruff). Liz holds both Dublin and Limerick senior medals. She won the Dublin medal with Crumlin and the Limerick medal with St. Oliver's. Has a Munster junior championship medal.
- Maisie Clifford** (Ballyagran). Maisie has won junior and intermediate championship medals with Ballyagran. She assisted Munster to win the Gael-Linn junior trophy and has 2 Munster medals.
- Pauline McCarthy** (Star Rovers, Bruff). She was on the Limerick team which won the All-Ireland junior in 1977 and played in the All-Ireland senior final in 1980. Holds Gael-Linn senior and junior, All-Ireland Club and Munster medals. Is imreoir críochnaithe i.
- Ida Quaid** (Granagh-Ballingarry). Ida impressed when she came on against London and won a place of her own for the final. She has many underage, Féile na nGael, junior and senior club medals.
- Angela O'Sullivan** (Star Rovers, Bruff). Is iar-imreoir le scoil Naomh Pól i. Senior county county medal with St. Oliver's, 1978, a Gael-Linn and a Munster junior championship medal.
- Agnes Sheehy** (Croagh-Kilfinny). Is deirfiúir le Helen i. A member of the highly successful Croagh-Kilfinny sides from U-12 to senior. Her collection includes Purcell Cup, Gael-Linn junior, Munster club and junior medals.
- Helen Cagney** (Castletown/Ballyagran). Helen won the Féile Skáils Competition in 1985 and helped St. Mary's, Charleville, to win the All-Ireland junior and 7-a-side championships. 4 Munster colleges Munster junior medals.
- Anne Lenihan** (Dromcollogher). Is deirfiúir le Máire i. Has won county junior and intermediate league medals. A student at U.C.G., she has represented the Combined Universities.
- Bernie O'Brien** (Granagh-Ballingarry). A prominent member of the St. Mary's, Charleville side which won 2 All-Ireland junior and 7-a-side championships. Won many Limerick underage medals and a Munster junior medal.

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LUMNEACH



CHUN TOSAIGH (ó chlé): E. Ní Shithigh, S. Ní Mhaoláin, P. Ní Bhuadair, M. Ní Threasaigh, M. Ní Chlúmháin, P. Ní Cárthaigh, A. Ní Shúilleabháin, Á. Ní Mhaolchathaigh.
AR CHÚL (ó chlé): M. Ní Ghádhra (Captaen), U. Ní Shithigh, Á. Ní Loineacháin, E. Ní Ghráda, I. Ní Uaid, E. Ní Shúilleabháin, B. Ní Bhriain, E. Ní Chainne, E. Ní Chlúmháin-Uí Chárthaigh, E. Ní Lionáird.

AN GHAILLIMH



CHUN TOSAIGH (ó chlé): M. Ní Mhuireasa, P. Sheoigh, T. Dhoillín, G. Ní Eimhigh (Captaen), I. Ní Oibicín, M. Ní Threasaigh, H. Ní Fhlannabhra, S. Whiskey.
AR CHÚL (ó chlé): G. Ní Fhathaigh, Á. Ní Mhuirí, C. Ní Linneáin, S. de Búrca, Á. Ní Chártaigh, M. Ní Raollaigh, Á. Ní Cholmáin, R. Ní Dhuibhiolla-Uí Chadhain.

An Cluiche
Ceannais 1987 -
ó chlé, Irin Ní
Laoire
(Corcaigh),
Deirdre Ní
Maoileoin (Cill
Chainnigh),
Noelle Ní
Dhrisceoil
(Corcaigh) agus
Áine Ní
Dhúnaigh (Cill
Chainnigh).



Rogha is togha na gClub

THE cherished dream of every club is to capture the All-Ireland Club Championship. Success gives status and recognition to the club. Names like St. Paul's, Buffers Alley, Austin Stacks, Celtic, St. Patrick's Glengoose, Killeagh, Ballygran and Glen Rovers do not require their county in brackets to identify them to camogie followers.

Prior to the inauguration of the Club Championship in 1964, the yardstick used to rate a club was the number of its players who found places on a winning county team. For example, ten Old Aloysians, led by Renee Fitzgerald, played on the Cork team which won the All-Ireland Senior Championship in 1939.

A feat unlikely to be equalled was accomplished in 1948 by the C.I.E. Club which was based in Inchicore, Dublin. Because of prevailing circumstances, C.I.E. were granted permission to represent the county in the All-Ireland series.

With a number of top players in their ranks, they tackled the task with relish. The team grew in confidence with every game. Amid scenes of great jubilation and excitement, C.I.E. achieved their goal and became All-Ireland Senior Champions.

Tá áit faoi leith ag baill na foime céanna i stair na camógáilochta.

Three members of that C.I.E. team share the massive total of thirty-six All-Ireland senior medals between them. The legendary Kathleen Mills carved a special niche in the history of camogie with her record collection of fifteen All-Ireland senior medals.

Not far behind were colleagues Sophie Brack and Kathleen Cody. Sophie still holds the record as the player to captain the greatest number of All-Ireland winning teams. Sé huairte a ghlac sí le Corn Ó Dubhthaigh ar son Átha Cliath.

The C.I.E. team which defeated Down 11-4 to 4-2 in 1948 could lay claim to the title of first All-Ireland Club Champions. The winning team was Rita Manifold, Mary O'Meara, Catherine Bowler, May Fitzpatrick, Carmel Nulty, Jean Hannon, Kathleen Cody, Kathleen Mills, Brenda Neville, Joan Cosgrave, May Neville and Sophie Brack. Sadly the great C.I.E. Club disbanded in the sixties.

Deirdre (Belfast) had every reason to rejoice and reflect on fifty years earlier in the season. For thirty years, Deirdre was one of the top clubs in the country.

But perhaps their greatest achievement was survival and triumph over adversity in the past two decades. Conditions in Belfast have been far from conducive to the promotion of sport, yet Deirdre refused to be disheartened. Brave hearts prevailed and the West Belfast club continues to flourish.

Is as Deirdre d'an-chuid d'Oidigh an Chumann. The best known is, of course, Nears Uí Mhuiri who served as Uachtarán and won the respect and admiration of followers far and wide. Nancy, also an accomplished player, helped Antrim to win the All-Ireland Senior Championship in 1945/46/47.

Another Deirdre girl who will be long remembered is Sue Cashman. The energetic, sweet-striking Sue captained the 1967 Antrim team which broke Dublin's 11-year monopoly of the All-Ireland Senior title. She and Una O'Connor are the only camogie players to have been honoured with a Caltex Award, while Angela Downey, Naomh Pól, is the only camogie recipient of a Texaco Award.



Sadhbh Ní Bhric,
C.I.E., Áth Cliath

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CILL CHAINNIGH

(1)
Máire Nic Giolla Phádraig
MARIE FITZPATRICK
(Ballycallan)

2
Brid Ní Shúilleabháin
BIDDY O'SULLIVAN
Shamrocks

3
Eibhlín Nic Thomáis
HELEN HOLMES
(St. Paul's)

4
Deirdre Ní Mhaoileoin
DEIRDRE MALONE
(Ballycallan)

5
Proinséas Rothwell
FRANCES ROTHWELL
(Mooncoin)

6
Clár Nic Sheoin
CLARE JONES
(St. Paul's)

7
Áine Ní Dhúnaigh
ANN DOWNEY
(St. Paul's)

8
Anna Ní Fhaoláin
ANNA WHELAN
(Lisdowney)

9
Brid Nic Cathail
BREDA CAHILL
(St. Brigid's, Callan)

10
Brid Nic Thomáis
BREDA HOLMES
(St. Paul's)

11
Aingeal Ní Dhúnaigh (Captaen)
ANGELA DOWNEY
(St. Paul's)

12
Seosaimhín Ní Dhuinn
JO DUNNE
(Shamrocks)

(13) Marina Ní Dhúnaigh (Marina Downey) Lisdowney; (14) Siobhán Ní Riain (Siobhán Ryan) Shamrocks; (15) Mairéad Ní Chaoimh (Margaret O'Keefe) Thomastown; (16) Rita Wemyss (Rita Wemyss) Shamrocks.

CORCAIGH

(1)
Muireann Nic Cárthaigh
MARION McCARTHY
(Éire Óg)

2
Máire Ní Rinn (Captaen)
MARY RING
(Glen Rovers)

3
Máire Ní Spealáin
MARY SPILLANE
(Killeagh)

4
Cátriona Nic Giolla Andreis-Uí Airneada
CATHY LANDERS-HARNEDY
(Killeagh)

5
Áine Ní Dhúlaine-Uí Dhonnabháin
ANNE DELANEY-O'DONOVAN
(Glen Rovers)

6
Sandra Nic Giobúin
SANDIE FITZGIBBON
(Glen Rovers)

7
Clár Ní Chróinín
CLARE CRONIN
(St. Finbarrs)

8
Colette Ní Mhathúna
COLETTE O'MAHONY
(St. Finbarrs)

9
Áine Ní Laocha
ANNE LEAHY
(Killeagh)

10
Linda Ní Mhaoilgheiric
LINDA MELLERICK
(Glen Rovers)

11
Irene Ní Laoire
IRENE O'LEARY
(Na Píarsaigh)

12
Máire Ní Ghéibheannaigh
MARY GEANEY
(Éire Óg)

(13) Éilís Nic Dhonnchaidh (Liz Dunphy) Sarsfields; (14) Éilís Ní Néill (Liz O'Neill) Bishops-town; (15) Pádraigin Nic Giobúin (Patricia Fitzgibbon) Killeagh; (16) Noelle Ní Dhrisceoil (Noelle O'Driscoll) Éire Óg.

Gabhtar buíochas le Cumann Lúthchleas Gael a chuir Páirc an Chrócaigh ar fáil dúinn.

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CILL CHAINNIGH



CHUN TOSAIGH (ó chlé): D. Ní Mhaoileon, M. Ní Dhúnaigh, Aingeal Ní Dhúnaigh (Captaen), A. Ní Fhaoláin, A. Ní Dhúnaigh, S. Ní Riain.
AR CHÚL (ó chlé): M. Ní Chaoimh, P. Rothwell, E. Ní Thomáis, B. Ní Thomáis, M. Ní Giolla Phádraigh, R. Wemyes, B. Ní Shúilleabháin, S. Ní Dhuinn, C. Ní Sheoin.

CORCAIGH



CHUN TOSAIGH (ó chlé): A. Ní Laocha, I. Ní Laoire, M. Ní Cárthaigh, C. Ní Chroinín, M. Ní Rinn (Captaen), A. Ní Dhulainne-Uí Dhonnabháin, S. Ní Giobúin, P. Ní Giobúin, P. Ní Innéiri.
AR CHÚL (ó chlé): C. Ní Cárthaigh, M. Ní Spealáin, C. Ní Giolla Aindreis-Uí Airtneada, K. Ní Mhaoilgheiric, F. Ní Cárthaigh, L. Ní Mhaoilgheiric, C. Ní Mhathúna, E. Ní Dhonnchaidh, M. Ní Ghéibheanaigh.

Foireann Chorcaí

1. **Marion McCarthy** (Éire Óg). 8 All-Ireland Senior medals, 4 as goalkeeper and 4 outfield. 2 National League medals. Captaen Corcaí i 1986 nuair a bhíodar Sraith-chomórtas na hÉireann. 2 Gael-Linn, 13 Munster Senior and many Cork and Munster club medals. B + I Award, 1980. A top class badminton player.
2. **Mary Ring** (Glen Rovers). Captain. Former colleges player with St. Aloysius. 1 All-Ireland Junior medal, Munster Senior, Junior and Club medals, and 3 Cork Championship medals. Represented Cúige Mumhan. Captaen Glen Rovers a bhuaidh an Chraobh-chomórtas Idir-Chlub i 1986. Daughter of famous hurler, Christy Ring.
3. **Mary Spillane** (Killeagh). National League, All-Ireland Junior and Club (Killeagh, 1980) medals, and has represented Cúige Mumhan at Junior and Senior levels. Féile na nGael winner with Killeagh.
4. **Cathy Landers-Harnedy** (Killeagh). Captaen ar fhoireann Chorcaí a bhuaidh an Chraobh i 1983. Iar-imreoir le Loreto, Youghal. 4 All-Ireland Senior, 1 All-Ireland Club, 1 All-Ireland Minor, 2 Gael-Linn, 5 Cork Senior Championship and several Munster medals.
5. **Anne Delaney-O'Donovan** (Glen Rovers). All-Ireland at Minor, Junior, Senior and Club levels. Iar-imreoir le U.C.C. Coaches St. Aidan's Community School. Has represented Cúige Mumhan.
6. **Sandie Fitzgibbon** (Glen Rovers). Ar fhoireann North Presentation a bhuaidh Corn Sceilge in 1980. All-Ireland medals at Senior Club, Minor and Colleges levels. Captaen ar fhoireann Chorcaí a rug Sraith-chomórtas na hÉireann lei i 1984. Ar fhoireann na Mumhan. 1st player to win 3 All-Ireland Minor medals. An international basketball player.
7. **Clare Cronin** (St. Finbarr's). Starred with St. Aloysius which brought Corn Sceilge to Cork for the first time. Gradam Taithe and B + I Award winner. 4 All-Ireland Senior, 2 All-Ireland Minor, National League, All-Ireland Colleges and Corn Mhic Giolla Bhride medals.
8. **Collette O'Mahony** (St. Finbarr's). Former Sacred Heart Colleges player. Captaen ar fhoireann Chorcaí a bhuaidh Craobh na hÉireann i 1983. 1 National League medal, 2 All-Ireland Minor and several Munster Championship medals.
9. **Anne Leahy** (Killeagh). Muinteoir Corpoideachais. Coached St. Mary's, Middleton, to win the 1987 Munster 1st years competition. All-Ireland Junior, Club, Gael-Linn (Junior), National League medals, and several Cork and Munster medals. Has represented Ireland at volleyball.
10. **Linda Mellerick** (Glen Rovers). Former colleges player with St. Patrick's. 1 All-Ireland Minor & 1 All-Ireland Junior medal. d'Imir sí le foireann na Mumhan.
11. **Irene O'Leary** (Na Piarasigh). Captaen ar fhoireann shóisireach Chorcaí a bhuaidh Craobh na nÉireann i 1984. Former North Presentation player. Munster Colleges, Minor, Junior and Senior medals.
12. **Mary Geaney** (Éire Óg). Captaen ar fhoireann Chorcaí a bhuaidh an Chraobh i 1980. 3 All-Ireland Senior, 2 National League and many Munster and Cork Championship medals. Former captain of the Irish Hockey team. Excels at golf, badminton and football. Daughter of Con and sister of Dave, both of whom have won All-Ireland Football medals with Ciarraí.
13. **Liz Dunphy** (Sarsfields). Ar fhoireann Naomh Pádraig a bhuaidh Corn Sceilge i 1981. All-Ireland Junior, Coláisti, National League and Gael-Linn Junior medals.
14. **Liz O'Neill** (Bishopstown). An chéad bhliain leis an sinsir di Munster Junior, under-18 and Gael Linn (Junior) medals.
15. **Patricia Fitzgibbon** (Killeagh). Patricia won the A.I.B. Junior Player of the Year Award for her performances with the Cork Juniors in 1984. A noted colleges player with Loreto, Youghal, she fielded with the Munster Colleges in the interprovincial series. All-Ireland Junior and Club, Junior Gael-Linn, Kilmacud Sevens, Cork and Munster Championship medals. Captaen ar Chill Ea i 1988.
16. **Noelle O'Driscoll** (Éire Óg). 3 All-Ireland Senior, 1 All-Ireland Junior, Cork and Munster Championship medals. Captaen ar fhoireann U.C.C. a bhuaidh Sraith-chomórtas C.C.I.A. Is deirfiúr le Nancy i, a bhí ina captaen ar Chorcaigh, sinsear agus sóisear. A teacher in Cill Chainnigh.

Foireann Chill Chainnigh

1. **Maire Fitzpatrick** (Ballycallan). Féile na nGael Skills winner, 1980. Has represented Vocational School, Mooncoin, and Cill Chainnigh at every level. 3 All-Ireland Senior, 3 National League and 3 Gael-Linn medals.
2. **Biddy O'Sullivan** (Shamrocks). Iar-imreoir le Tullogher. 4 All-Ireland Senior, 5 National League and 5 Gael-Linn medals.
3. **Helen Holmes** (St. Paul's). Won under-14, under-16, Junior and Intermediate Championships with St. Brigid's, Ballycallan. Iar-imreoir le Carysfort College. Cill Chainnigh Senior Championship and Leinster Club medals with St. Paul's. Is deirfiúr le Breda i. 1 All-Ireland Senior Medal.
4. **Deirdre Malone** (Ballycallan). Ar a cumas imirt in ionad ar bith ar an bpáirc. 4 All-Ireland Senior and 3 National League medals.
5. **Frances Rothwell** (Mooncoin). An dara bhliain di leis na sinsir. Bhuaidh sí Craobh Laighean faoi-14 leis an gcontae. Holds All-Ireland and Leinster Cross-Country Championship medals. 1 senior All-Ireland medal.
6. **Clare Jones** (St. Paul's). Former College player with St. Patrick's, Shannon. Captaen ar fhoireann an Chláir a bhuaidh an Chraobh Shóisireach i 1981. d'Imir sí le U.C.G. AIB Junior Player of the Year award. 2 All-Ireland Senior medals.
7. **Ann Downey** (St. Paul's). Joint B + I award winner with twin sister, Angela, in 1986. 7 All-Ireland Senior, 6 National League, 8 Club Championship and 5 Gael-Linn medals. International squash player.
8. **Anna Whelan** (Lisdowney). Ar an bhfoireann i 1980 i leith. 4 All-Ireland Senior, 5 National League and several Leinster medals.
9. **Breda Cahill** (St. Brigid's, Ballycallan). Imríonn sí le Scoil Bhride, Calainn. Has won honours with her club at every grade from under-12 to under-21. d'Imir sí le foireann Shóisireach Chill Chainnigh. 1 Senior All-Ireland and 1 National League medal.
10. **Breda Holmes** (St. Paul's). Former captaen of Carysfort College. 3 All-Ireland Senior, 3 National League and 1 Gael Linn medal. B + I award, 1987.
11. **Angela Downey** (St. Paul's). Captaen. Will go into Camogie annals as the player of the decade. Texaco Award, 1986, 3 B + I Awards, 7 All-Ireland Senior, 6 National League, 8 Club Championship and 6 Gael-Linn medals. Gradam Taithe winner, 1984, '85, '86.
12. **Jo Dunne** (Shamrocks). Iar-imreoir le Carrickshock. 6 All-Ireland Senior and 5 National League and Gael-Linn medals.
13. **Marina Downey** (Lisdowney). Captained the Vocational School, Cill Chainnigh team. Iar-Mhionúir leis an gContae. 1 National League medal. An chéad bhliain leis na sinsir di.
14. **Siobhán Ryan** (Shamrocks). Leis na sinsir le ceithre bhliain anuas. All-Ireland Senior and National League medals. Daughter of coach, Tom.
15. **Margaret O'Keefe** (Thomastown). Member of Vocational School, Thomastown, which won Leinster Colleges Junior Championship. d'Imir sí le Má Nuat i gCorn Mhic Giolla.
16. **Rita Weymes** (Shamrocks). Lárthosach anuraidh. Lán-chúl inniu. 2 All-Ireland Senior, 2 National League medals.

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Captaen Clúiteacha

Gan amhras, d'fhéadfaí a rá go mbriseann an dúchas trí shúile na bpáistí i leith na gcaptaen inniu. The brilliance of Christy Ring, captaen Corcaí, was a major factor in the defeat of Cill Chainnigh in the 1946 hurling final. Shem Downey, on the losing side that day, displayed all the artistry of a Noresider in the 1947 Final when Cill Chainnigh overcame Corcaigh. Christy Ring was a gallant loser on that occasion.

A n-iníonacha siúd atá ina gcaptaen ar na foirne i mbliana, Aingeal Ni Dhúnaigh ar Chill Chainnigh agus Máire Ni Rinn ar Chorcaigh.

Aingeal was the delighted recipient of Corn Ó Dubhthaigh in Cill Chainnigh's defeat of Corcaigh in the 1987 Final. Will she create yet another piece of history for her county by leading it to a second successive victory under her captaincy and to a four-in-a-row. Nó an dtógfaidh Máire an Corn ar ais cois Laoi and emulate her father's feat of forty-two years ago? Victory for Corcaigh would banish her disappointment at being on the losing side in 1987. Go n-éirí go geal leis an mbeirt imreoir seo. Sár-imreoirí, spórtúla, grolad.



Aingeal Ni Dhúnaigh, Cill Chainnigh, le Máire Ni Rinn ar a tóir i gCluiche Ceannais na hÉireann, 1987.

Na Sinsir - Cill Chainnigh v Corcaigh Can Cork Halt Kilkenny's Four-In-A-Row Bid?

It is generally accepted in camogie circles that if any team has what it takes to halt Kilkenny, it is Cork. Kilkenny have developed into such an able and proficient unit that they are well beyond the reach of many teams.

As the Cork players stood silently watching Bridie McGarry accept the O'Duffy Cup last September, they knew in their hearts that they had not done justice to their ability. They pledged to return and try again. Bheadh lá eile ag an bPaorach.

On reflection, Cork will recall inexplicable misses from good positions early in the game. The Cork defence looked vulnerable and unsettled and had difficulty coping with the searing runs of Breda Holmes and Angela Downey.

What has happened in twelve months to suggest that the scene will be any different? An unprepared Cork team lost to Kilkenny in the opening game of the National League in March. The team has not been defeated since.

Con Malone accepted the rôle of coach and has worked hard with the panel. The Cork team shows four changes in personnel from the side which started against Kilkenny last September. Eileen Dineen is now married and living in London and Val Fitzpatrick is in the United States.

Cathy Landers-Harnedy and Mary Geaney, who did well when they came on in last year's final, have secured places of their own. More importantly, players are placed in what are considered their normal positions.

Kilkenny show changes in personnel. The great all-rounder, Liz Neary has

retired. Lis could perform effectively in several positions which gave the Kilkenny selectors many options. Bridie McGarry and Rita Weymes are also absentees.

Into the team come Helen Holmes, Frances Rothwell and Breda Cahill. While these are all good players, their experience is limited. Two of the newcomers are positioned in defence. Beidh a seacht ndícheall á dhéanach acu inniu.

If Cork are to succeed, they must exert considerable pressure on the Kilkenny defence. Kilkenny can, of course, withdraw Ann Downey from midfield if the backs are not in control. They will hope that such a course of action will not be necessary. Ann is a tower of strength in midfield and the principal feeder of the attack.

When a team has been together for some time and enjoyed success, a high level of understanding and belief in one another prevails. This is very true of Kilkenny. They play with patience knowing that they have the qualities to come out on top in the end.

It will be vital for Cork to avoid conceding frees. The accuracy and power of Ann and Angela Downey in this aspect of the game would cruelly punish any lapses.

Killeagh were three goals down with defeat staring them in the face at half time in the Cork county final. A total unwillingness to accept defeat swung the game around in dramatic fashion. Cork could take a leaf from Killeagh's book and approach the game in an unflinching state of mind. Anything could happen then.

Pé scéal é, go raibh sár-chluiche idir na sean-chairde agus sean-iomaitheoirí seo.

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Buaiteoirí an B + I

1975 Brigid Doyle (Loch Garman)

One of seven sisters to win All-Ireland senior medals, Brigid was a powerful centreback. Captain of Wexford in 1969 when they won the All-Ireland title.

1976 Bridie Martin (Cill Chainnigh)

A player with delightful skills, Bridie captained two winning Kilkenny sides, 1985 and 1987. Now Bridie McGarry, she won 7 All-Ireland senior medals.

1977 Angela Downey (Cill Chainnigh)

Her artistry and competitiveness have made her the top exponent of the modern game. Texaco Award winner and 3 times winner of Gradam Tálte. 7 All-Ireland senior medals.

1978 Pat Moloney (Corcaigh)

An elusive forward who weaved her way with ease through opposing defences. As Pat Linehan, she captained Cork to win in 1982. 7 All-Ireland senior medals.

1979 Mairéad McAtamney (Aontroim)

The best player to emerge from Antrim in recent decades. A beautiful striker of the ball, Mairéad captained the winning Antrim team in 1979. 2 All-Ireland senior medals.

1980 Marion McCarthy (Corcaigh)

An outstanding goalkeeper with a great hand, cool temperament and excellent ball control. Won 4 All-Ireland senior medals in outfield positions and 4 more in goal.

1981 Liz Neary (Cill Chainnigh)

An extremely versatile player, Liz easily adapts to any position in the field. Gave valuable service to Kilkenny. Captained winning sides in 1981 and 1986. 7 senior medals.



CLÁR NÍ CHRÓINÍN
Corcaigh B&I, 1983.

1982 Mary O'Leary (Corcaigh)

An opportunist forward who cracked home many a goal for Cork. Sister of All-Ireland hurler Seanie, she won 4 All-Ireland senior medals.

1983 Clare Cronin (Corcaigh)

An all-action player with delightful ball skills, Clare excelled as a colleges player, a minor, and later as a senior. Winner of Gradam Tálte, she has 4 All-Ireland senior medals.

1984 Yvonne Redmond (Ath Cliath)

A key player in Dublin's All-Ireland team, Yvonne proved herself to be a top class goalkeeper. Won Club Championship medal with Crumlin as well as an All-Ireland medal with Dublin.

1985 Lia Neary (Cill Chainnigh)

The consistently high standard maintained by Liz earned her a second title. Enjoyed an outstanding career which reaped All-Ireland honours at colleges, club and senior levels.

1986 Downey Twins (Cill Chainnigh)

Unable to separate the value of Ann and Angela, the judges made a joint award. Ann's skill and workrate make her contribution to Kilkenny immense. 7 All-Ireland senior medals.

1987 Breda Holmes (Cill Chainnigh)

Breda blossomed into a top rate forward in 1987. Her lightning runs and clever use of the hand-pass have changed the course of many games. 3 All-Ireland senior medals.



BRÍ NIC THOMÁIS
Cill Chainnigh B&I, 1987.

Mionúir Chill Chainnigh Abú

Cluiche stairiúil a bhí i gCraobhchluiche na Mionúir i mbliana. Bhain an dá fhoireann, Cill Chainnigh agus Ardnhacha, an chraobh amach don chéad uair amach. Bí an chéad uair dóibh bheith in iomaíocht lena chéile.

The honours in this historic Minor Final went to Cill Chainnigh, giving the county its first All-Ireland title at this level and its reward for years of effort with aos óg an Chontae.

When the All-Ireland Colleges championship was inaugurated in 1969, the young players of Kilkenny were very much to the fore. Presentation, Kilkenny, emerged as the first champions and retained their title in the following season.

Players who were later to grace All-Ireland senior finals showed exceptional promise at an early age. Included on those Presentation, Kilkenny, teams were Helena O'Neill, Liz Neary, Teresa O'Neill, Carmel Doyle and Ann Phelan.

Strangely enough, Kilkenny made no impact in the early years of the All-Ireland Minor championship. Three Leinster titles from 1974 to 1976 was the measure of their success. Little was heard of the Kilkenny minors in the following decade.

The Kilkenny under fourteen team drew attention with resounding victories in the Leinster championship from 1985. It was obvious that this side contained players of exceptional ability.

With three Leinster under-14 titles to its credit, this group of players was ready for an onslaught on the minor championship. Ted Browne, husband of Angela Downey, took command of the operation. The Leinster counties were soon to learn that Kilkenny meant business. Wexford, Carlow, Dublin and Westmeath had to concede in turn.

Nowlan Park was the setting for an attractive semi-final fixture with Cork. Cork had the better of the first half and led by 0-5 to 0-1 at the break. A tremendously exciting second half had the crowd on their toes. In typical Kilkenny fashion, the home side snatched victory in the dying moments.

A pleasing aspect of the game was the high standard of skill exhibited by players from both teams. Although disappointed to be leaving the

minor ranks without a medal, Cork's Hilda Kenneally, Fiona O'Driscoll, Imelda Leahy, Claire Murphy and Catherine Monaghan will certainly be seen at other levels.

Kilkenny travelled to scenic Portmore in Co. Armagh for their first taste of an All-Ireland minor final. Armagh had knocked out favourites Galway and a repeat of their semi-final form was eagerly awaited.

The Armagh girls played with great commitment, but a lack of accuracy in the opening half cost them dearly. Six goals were scored in a great second half. Two late efforts by Kilkenny swung the game in their favour and saw Corn Tailteann heading to the Noreside for the first visit.

An bhfuil mianach i gCill Chainnigh Craobh eile a rugadh leo? Veronica Wall, Esther Kennedy, Tracy Millea, Deirdre Lannon, Una Murphy, Bridget Barnaville and Orla Ryall will be to the fore. Fourteen-year-old Bridget Mullally will remember 1988. She won the Féile Skills Competition, scored the goal which beat Cork and won Leinster and All-Ireland medals. Ba cheart go bhféicfi ag an leibhéal seo arís iad.



BRÍ NÍ MHAOLALAIH a bhuaigh Craobh na Mionúir le Cill Chainnigh agus Comórtas na Scileanna i bhFéile na nGael.

No strangers to Croke Park



MARION NIC CÁRTHAIGH
Corcaigh



PÓILÍN NIC CÁRTHAIGH
Luimneach



ÁINE NÍ DHÚNAIGH
Cill Chainnigh



IMELDA NIC OIBICÍN
An Ghaillimh

An Raibh Fhios Agat . . .

An interesting record will be made if Cork win today. Christy Ring captained Cork to All-Ireland success in 1946, 1953 and 1954. His daughter Mary leads Cork this afternoon.

Cork player Anne Leahy heads off to Peru tomorrow to work with the destitute and underprivileged for the next two years. Former Cork stars Nuala Guilly and Pat Linehan also gave their services to aid the poor of the Third World.

The Kilkenny team which won the 1988 All-Ireland Minor Championship has strong G.A.A. connections. Gillian Dillon is a daughter of former hurling full-back, pa Dillon. Joe Millea, who won an All-Ireland hurling medal in 1969, had daughters Sinead and Tracy on the team. For good measure, Orla Ryall is a daughter of Tom Ryall, author of the Kilkenny G.A.A. history.

Strong links exists between camogie and this year's successful Galway hurling team. Anne Coleman, who fields for Galway today, is a sister of midfielder, Michael Coleman. Joe Cooney and Eanna Ryan are brothers of well-known Galway stars, Angela Cooney and Anne Ryan.

The highly acclaimed Galway hurling trainer, Cyril Farrell has coached All-Ireland winning camogie sides on seven occasions. A teacher in St. Raphael's, Loughrea, Cyril has groomed teams which won 4 senior and 3 junior All-Ireland Colleges titles.

If Kilkenny win today, Angela Downey will become the ninth player to captain her county successfully on two occasions. Bridie McGarry, Liz Neary and Dublin girls Maura Gill, Peggy Griffin, Doreen Rogers, Gerry Hughes, Una O'Connor and Kay Ryder are the others. The

amazing record of six occasions is held by Sophie Brack (Dublin).

If Cork are successful today, goalkeeper Marion McCarthy will join Gerry Hughes and Kay Ryder in third place with nine medals on the list of All-Ireland senior medal holders.

If Kilkenny win, twin sisters, Angela and Ann Downey will join Marion McCarthy on the eight medal mark.

Limerick defender Marguerite Guiry is a daughter of former Limerick and Munster player, Bunty Guiry.

Angela Downey has played in 10 All-Ireland Senior Finals (including replays). She scored an accumulative total of 9 goals and 33 points in finals.

Today's matches are the first 60 minute finals.

There are three sets of sisters on the Limerick panel: Helen and Agnes Sheehy; Mary and Anne Lenihan and Elizabeth and Angela O'Sullivan.

Kilkenny goalkeeper, Marie Fitzpatrick won a medal as player of the match while fielding with the Piltown under-11 hurling team.

Cork defender Ann O'Donovan is a daughter-in-law of Donie O'Donovan, who coached the All-Ireland winning Cork Football team in 1973, and Sheila (nee Cahill) O'Donovan, who field in goal for Cork in the All-Ireland Finals of 1955 and 1956.

Lyn Dunlea, who captained St. Mary's, Macroom, in the All-Ireland Colleges junior final is a daughter of Nuala (nee Humphries) Dunlea, who fielded with Cork in the 1969 All-Ireland senior final.

Craobh na hÉireann, Sinsear: Áth Cliath 26, Corcaigh 14, Cill Chainnigh 7, Aontroim 6, Loch Garman 3.

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Na Coláistí chun tosaigh

Presentation College, Athenry enjoyed their position as the most successful college in the country for a decade. Six All-Ireland championships in the seventies put them on top of the league. Midge Poniard, Una Jordan, Anne Burke, Breda Coady, Noreen Treacy and Anne Morris are well remembered.

A senior and junior double by neighbours, St. Raphael's, Loughrea, last April has edged Athenry into second place. The top college of the present day has won seven All-Ireland colleges titles in four years. Both colleges achieved senior-junior doubles on the same day but a four-in-a-row of senior titles is a record special to St. Raphael's.

Four girls have been part of that extraordinary achievement. Deirdre Costello, the most skilful player on the colleges scene for many a day, captained St. Raphael's in 1985. Her exceptional skills played a big part in Galway's success in the 1985 All-Ireland junior final.

Imelda Hobbins, the 1988 captain, is a very accomplished forward. Goal-keeper Caroline Loughnane was rarely beaten for a goal in the four years. Ger Fahy showed her versatility and value to St. Raphael's by turning in consistently good performances in a number of positions. Both Imelda and Ger will be in action for Galway today.

M'fheadar an sárófar éacht Choláiste Rafael? Seans go gcuirfidh siad féin leis.



Ó chlé: Cearlúinín Ní Lachtáin, Deirdre Ní Coisteala, Imelda Ní Oibicín agus Gearóidín Ní Fhathaigh.

Cailíní Londain - fáilte rompu ar ais

THE admission of London to a place in the All-Ireland Junior Championship added interest to the competition. London had, of course, competed in the all-Ireland Senior Championship in the fifties but failed to reach a final.

Escalating emigration made many new recruits available to the London clubs over the past two years. The game expanded rapidly. Eight clubs now participate in regular competition. With many experienced players among the exiles, the standard in London is good.

The London County Board indicated that it was taking the venture seriously when they brought over two members of the National Coaching Course last February.

Wearing the colours of the four provinces, London made their junior debut against Limerick at Newtown. Anyone who believed that Limerick had an easy task on hands was in for a rude awakening. London set a lightening pace. First to the ball and crisp in their striking, they left the Limerick girls trailing some yards behind.

Unfortunately from London's point of view, they were unable to convert an almost monopoly of possession into scores. A struggling Limerick side was, therefore, able to keep in touch. The long

hours of travel took their toll in the second half when London visibly tired. Limerick availed of the slackening pace to score the goals necessary to secure their advance.

There was no shortage of skill in this London side. Roscommon's Teresa Finneran gave a powerful display at mid-field. Tricia Ryan (Clare), Majella O'Neill (Kilkenny) and Caroline McNamara (Clare) impressed in defence. Against her former Limerick colleague, Margo Cassidy created problems in front of goal until she retired injured.

London will learn from this experience. Like many sides before them, they know that it is extremely difficult to win a championship at the first attempt. With new players arriving in London weekly, their choice is constantly growing wider. Experience of playing together and better pacing over the hour could see a London team in Croke Park in the not too distant future.

The London team which played at Newtown was Rita Francis, Tricia Ryan, Majella O'Neill, Caroline McNamara, Mary Whelan, Teresa Finneran, Christine O'Malley, Brenda Duffy (Capt.), Anne Foudy, Treena McKenna, Julie Drumm and Margo Cassidy.

Go dté foireann Londain ó neart go chéile.

FOIREANN LONDAIN



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Kilkenny take

title!

KILKENNY 4-11

CORK 3-8

THE KILKENNY camogie machine rolls on. Yesterday at Croke Park, they won the O'Duffy Cup for the fourth successive time and the eighth in all as they successfully resisted a spirited Cork challenge.

By Gerry McCarthy

The losers, backed by the strong breeze, struck an early goal and might have had a second but for a smart save by the winners' keeper, Marie Fitzpatrick.

It was even then obvious that Angela Downey would pose problems for Cork before all present were impressed by the awesome attacking power unleashed by Kilkenny between the sixth and 13th minutes.

The champions struck their first telling blow when Breda Holmes goaled from a melee that developed after Cork's Marion McCarthy had saved smartly from Angela Downey.

Next, Clare Jones got possession well outfield, thundered through the Cork defence and crashed to the net. Within two minutes she centred high from the right wing. Angela Downey caught

the ball and once again the green flag waved.

Kilkenny were leading by 3-2 to 1-1 against the elements and Cork looked on a hiding to nothing. The losers, to their credit, regrouped and by the interval trailed by only four points, 3-3 to 1-5.

Cork, with Cathy Landers-Harnedy and Linda Merrerick setting the headline, really threw down the gauntlet to the champions after the resumption. Mary Geaney doubled a high cross form Mellerick to the winners' net and that goal stood despite protests concerning "square ball."

Only two points then separated these teams but Clare Jones hit a Kilkenny point from the puck-out and Ann Downey stretched their lead from a free.

Nine minutes from time Breda Holmes got possession from a throw-in, soloed almost to the goal-line and shot past marion McCarthy. That put the champions seven points clear and seemingly in an impregnable position.

KILKENNY — M. Fitzpatrick; B. O'Sullivan, H. Holmes, D. Malone, P. Bothwell, C. Jones (1-1), Ann Downey (0-4), A. Whelan, C. Cahill, B. Holmes (2-1), Angela Downey (1-3), J. Dunne (0-1). Sub. — M. Downey (0-1) for H. Holmes.

CORK — M. McCarthy, M. Ring, M. Spillane, C. Landers-Harnedy, A. Delaney-O'Donovan, S. Fitzgibbon (0-1), C. Cronin, C. O'Mahony (1-1), A. Leahy (1-0), L. Mellerick (0-3), I. O'Leary, M. Geaney (1-3). Sub. — L. Dunphy for O'Leary.

Referee — Belle McLoughlin (Down).



● BREDA HOLMES (Kilkenny) jumps in and knocks the ball away from Cork defender Anne Delaney-O'Donovan at Croke Park.

Picture by AUSTIN FINN

GALWAY SHINE THROUGH!

GALWAY 3-4
LIMERICK 1-5
GALWAY yesterday won the All-Ireland junior camogie title for the fourth time when they beat Limerick by five points in the final at Croke Park, writes GERRY McCarthy.

Their victory owed much to Imelda Hobbins' ability to poach scores plus the resolutions of their defence, in which the outstanding Triona Dolphin was ably abetted by Rita Divilly-Coen, Geraldine Heavey and Geraldine Fahy.

Limerick had first use of

the strong breeze but made little impression on the solid Galway rearguard. Indeed, their entire first-half total of four points came from placed balls, struck by Maisie Clifford.

Galway, in sharp contrast, twice broke through goals. The first came after 13 minutes when Imelda Hobbins doubled Triona Dolphin's high free to the opposing net. The second arrived in the 19th minute when the full-forward got possession from a long clearance and outpaced the Limerick defence before shooting past Helen Sheehy.

Galway, then, were in the happy position of leading by 2-1 to 0-4 after facing the elements. Ann Coleman stretched their advantage with a point immediately after resuming but the losers were back in contention in the 33rd minute when Imelda Quinn hit a smart goal.

Maisie Clifford got the equaliser after 41 minutes but Galway rose to the challenge. Hobbins again pointed them ahead and the decisive score came on the three-quarter hour when Ann Coleman's long shot went to

the net off Helen Sheehy's hand.

Limerick gallantly tried to retrieve the situation but the winners' defence stood firm against a succession of frees.

GALWAY: J. Whiskey, R. Divilly-Coen, T. Dolphin, G. Heavey, G. Fahy, S. Burke, A. Carty, A. Coleman (1-1), M. Greally, M. Treacy, H. Flannery, I. Hobbins (2-3). Sub: M. Morrissey for Flannery.

LIMERICK: H. Sheehy, E. O'Grady, M. Treacy, H. Clifford, M. Guiry, E. O'Sullivan, P. Broderick, M. Lenihan, A. O'Sullivan, M. Clifford (0-5), H. Cagney, I. Quaid (0-1). Subst: P. McCarthy for O'Grady, A. Lenihan for Cagney.

Referee: Rose Merriman (Kildare).



Good Goalie . . . Kilkenny goalkeeper Marie Fitzpatrick clears her goalmouth with Biddy O'Sullivan in support.



● ANNA WHELAN of Kilkenny, about to win possession in yesterday's camogie final.

KILKENNY MAKE IT FOUR

Missed chances costly for Cork

By Barry Coughlan
Kilkenny 4-11
Cork 3-8

KILKENNY grabbed their fourth successive All-Ireland senior camogie title at Croke Park yesterday, and again it was at old rivals Cork's expense.

The trend of play in the opening minutes suggested Cork were capable of victory but the major reason for defeat was that they failed to take a succession of first-half chances.

In the end, one had to admire the skill and clinical play which Kilkenny strung together. Their finishing in the first period was absolutely superb, but Cork deserved more than to trail by four points at the interval.

But they only have themselves to blame. They had no less than 11 wides and as Kilkenny, marshalled and spurred on by Angela Downey, hit the goal trail as Cork scorned three glorious opportunities through a combination of bad finishing and excellent goalkeeping from Marie Fitzpatrick.

Cork had a great start with Ann Leahy smashing home a fine goal within a minute but Downey's brilliance brought Kilkenny back into it with two snap points and inside the first 10 minutes they had snatched two goals, from Brenda Holmes and Clare Jones.

Despite those setbacks, Cork played with spirit and

set up the chances, but they also failed to take them and it must have been really frustrating.

Kilkenny are a fine side. To beat them, opportunities must be taken. There were times in the second-half when Cork looked capable of victory, although they were always fighting from behind.

When they launched their most furious assaults, many of them spearheaded by Linda Mellerick, Kilkenny always seemed to have something in reserve. They had Angela Downey, who took more than one defender with her everywhere. They had Ann Downey, who had a very fruitful second-half outing.

Cork, against the wind in that second-half, battled bravely on but really didn't have a chance. Colette O'Mahony's 23rd minute goal brought them close, but Kilkenny responded with three points in quick succession. It was, for them, further proof that they had more scoring power.

Scorers: Kilkenny, A. Downey 1-3, B. Holmes 2-1, C. Jones 1-1, A. Downey 0-4, M. Downey and J. Dunne 0-1 each. Cork: M. Geaney 1-3, C. O'Mahony 1-1, A. Leahy 1-0, L. Mellerick 0-3, M. Spillane 0-1. Kilkenny: M. Fitzpatrick; B. O'Sullivan, H. Holmes, D. Malone, F. Rothwell, C. Jones, A. Downey, A. Whelan, B. Cahill, B. Holmes, A. Downey, J. Dunne.

Cork: M. McCarthy; M. Ring captain, M. Spillane, C. Landers-Harney, A. Delaney, O'Donovan, S. Fitzgerald, C. Cronin, C. O'Mahony, A. Leahy, L. Mellerick, L. O'Leary, M.



Cork forward Colette O'Mahony getting in her shot at goal past Kilkenny defender Deirdre Malone, watched by Helen Holmes during the All-Ireland senior camogie final at Croke Park yesterday. (Picture by Des Barry)

O'Leary, L. O'Neill for M. Spillane.
Referee: B. O'Loughlin (Down).

Galway take it

Galway 3-4
Limerick 1-5
GALWAY powered their

the All-Ireland junior final at Croke Park yesterday and yet in the early stages of the game it was Limerick who looked the better side.

For the first 12 minutes Limerick were in control two points to the good and, seemingly, coasting. But although Pauline McCarthy proved to be a scoring ace, they had no Imelda Hobbins.

Galway's challenge with two goals to put her side into a 2-0 to 0-3 lead within 18 minutes. She added another point to which McCarthy responded but Galway maintained their three points lead to the break.

Elizabeth O'Sullivan added to the advantage with an early second-half point, but while Ida

on level terms Galway played out the remaining quarter in control.

Hobbins had a point and when Ann Coleman struck a goal, the last point by substitute Mary Morrissey was merely the icing on the cake.

Scorers: Galway, I. Hobbins 2-2, A. Coleman 1-0, E. O'Sullivan and M. Morrissey 0-1 each.

Galway: J. Whirskey; H. Divilly-Coen, T. Dolphin, G. Heavey, G. Fahy, S. Burke, A. Carty, A. Coleman, M. Greally, M. Treacy, H. Flannery, I. Hobbins, Sub. M. Morrissey for H. Flannery.

Limerick: H. Sheehy; M. Guiry, E. O'Grady, M. Treacy, H. Clifford, M. Lenihan, F. Broderick, E. O'Sullivan, A. Lenihan, P. McCarthy, I. Quirke, A. O'Sullivan, Subs. A. Sheehy for M. Lenihan, M. Clifford, M. Guiry.

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'CATS' COMPLETE 4-IN-A-ROW IN THRILLING FINAL

By John Knox.

Pics by Tom Brett

KILKENNY 4-11; CORK 3-8

BATTLE hardened Kilkenny had to call on all their vast experience, and still they needed a bit of luck, to defeat courageous Cork in an incident packed all-Ireland senior camogie final at Croke park on Sunday.

The winners put in a storming finish when backed by the near gale force wind, and three late unanswered points gave them a comfortable margin of victory.

But generally there were few comfortable moments for either side in a final that was fiercely competitive. Cork learned lessons from last year's final, and had a good game plan that included mauling their opponents in some quarters. Kilkenny, out for their first four-in-a-row and their 8th title in all, were determined in the extreme and that estimable quality helped sway a few minor battles that went a long way towards winning the war at the finish.

Examples were Angela Downey's two early points; a cracking individual goal from Clare Jones in the 12th minute and a like score from Breda Holmes in the 15th minute, just after she had got up off the ground after receiving attention for a facial injury. Those efforts were vital, as was Kilkenny's ability to hit back on most occasions when the Leesiders scored, something which prevented Cork getting into a run that could have proved costly.

The winners lived dangerously during the opening half, when their opponents threw away chance after chance. Would you believe Cork had 12 wides in that half?

Great work

On top of that, the Leesiders had plenty of reason to be grateful to sterling full-back, Biddy O'Sullivan, who rescued them from perilous situations on more than one occasion. Clare Jones, too, did great work in this half, and during the third quarter Ann Downey was in a class of her own, and her two points from 30s' were badly needed at a time the defending champions were finding the going tough.

Kilkenny won the toss and conceded first use of the strong wind to Cork. The challengers got off to a lightening start, and in the second minute Anne Leahy got through to palm a goal after two defenders failed to clear the ball.

Lucky for Kilkenny, the sting was taken out of that setback when captain, Angela Downey picked off two great points before five minutes had passed. Then in the 6th minute Kilkenny took the lead, and never lost it. Breda Holmes fired in a shot at 'keeper, Marion McCarthy in the Canal End goal. The effort was blocked out, and Angela Downey rushed in and pushed the ball near the line, and Miss Holmes followed-up to get the final touch (1-2 to 1-0).

At the other end Helen Holmes saved a palmed effort from Mary Geaney on the line,

after Anne Leahy had split the winners defence wide open with a piercing run. Things just would not go right for Cork at this stage, and within seconds they shot their fourth wide.

Good use of chances

At the other end the champions made very good use of the chances that came their way, and their next score was a goal. Jo Dunne knocked a good pass out the field, and the strong running Clare Jones gathered and blazed through the Cork defence and crashed home a goal (2-2 to 1-0).

Irene O'Leary pulled back a point for Cork in the 13th minute, but again the champions had a sharp reply. This time Breda Holmes won a ball on the Hogan Stand side and hand passed to Clare Jones in midfield. The latter belted the ball towards the posts, and Angela Downey fielded well before shooting low into the net (3-2 to 1-1).

From here to the break the Leesiders got on top but too often they missed chances. Still, by half-time they had reduced the deficit to 1-5 to 3-3, and one time had put three scores in-a-row together.

Linda Mellerick caused a lot of problems for the champions in the new half, and she epitomised the Cork belief that they could still win. Indeed, during most of the next quarter they put Kilkenny under considerable pressure. Two great catches in defence by Ann Downey, followed by her two steady points from 30s', did a lot to curtail the champions losses in the 10 minutes immediately after the change around (3-5 to 1-7).

After the challengers had missed an easy chance from a free in the 42nd minute, the puck-out was won by Angela Downey, who raced through for another top class point. Minutes later Cork were right back in the hunt, when Linda Mellerick crossed from the right and Mary Geaney finished to the net with an overhead stroke (3-6 to 2-7). The winners disputed this score, but the referee let it stand after consulting with her umpires.

Looked bleak

That threw the match wide open again, and a point within seconds from Clare Jones helped ease the mounting pressure on the champions. Ann Downey then picked off a point from a free after a foul on Breda Holmes, and things began to look bleak for Cork.

When Breda Holmes goaled for the winners in the 41st minute — she won possession from the throw-in when play resumed after she had received attention for an injury — to improve the Kilkenny lead to 4-8 to 2-7, the final of '88 looked over.

Battling Cork just would not give in, and during the next five minutes they hauled themselves right back into contention. First Linda Mellerick pointed, and in the 54th minute Mary Geaney blocked an attempted clearance from Kilkenny 'keeper, Marie Fitzpatrick back into the net. A single score separated the team with six minutes remaining (4-8 to 3-8).

When their backs were to the wall, Kilkenny showed the quality of real champions, and during the next three minutes they picked off points per Marina Downey, a great score from 55 yards, Joe Dunne and Breda Holmes to finish handsome winners, on the scoreboard at any rate.

"This is the greatest day in my camogie career", Kilkenny captain, Angela Downey conceded when she received the O'Duffy Cup. A good team was topped by a great one.

The losers had star performers in Mary Ring, Cathy Landers-Harnedy, Anne Leahy, particularly during the opening 20 minutes, Clare Cronin, Colette O'Mahony and Irene O'Leary, who didn't reap the scoring rewards she might have.

● The Scorers

Kilkenny: Breda Holmes (2-1); Angela Downey-Browne (1-3); Clare Jones (1-1); Ann Downey (0-4, three 30s, one free); Jo Dunne, Marina Downey (0-1 each).

Cork: Mary Geaney (1-3, point 30, point free); Colette O'Mahony (1-1); Linda Mellerick (0-3); Anne Leahy (1-0), Irene O'Leary (0-1, free).

FIGURES OF THE GAME

FIRST HALF

	Gs	Ps	Fs	Ws	30s
Kilkenny	3	3	3	3	1
Cork	1	5	6	12	1

SECOND HALF

	Gs	Ps	Fs	Ws	30s
Kilkenny	1	8	4	4	2
Cork	2	3	7	5	0

TOTALS

	Gs	Ps	Fs	Ws	30s
Kilkenny	4	11	7	7	3
Cork	3	8	13	17	1

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Angela Downey, the Kilkenny captain, raises the cup in triumph after her county had gained another All-Ireland camogie title at Croke Park yesterday. — (Photograph: Ray McManus)



Runaway Rothwell . . . Frances Rothwell breaking away to make a good clearance for Kilkenny.

Kilkenny carry too much body

KILKENNY 4-11
CORK 3-8
CORK'S challenge in the all-Ireland senior camogie final at Croke Park yesterday may not have faded into obscurity like the numbers on their backs, but they were held at bay long

CAMOGIE FINAL

Pat Roche

enough for Kilkenny to record their fourth successive triumph in the series.

Cork's obscure numbers, fancy though they looked from close quarters, constituted a huge headache for the reporter. Nobody on a losing side wishes to be easily identified but this was stretching it too far.

Cork's opening goal came so soon after the throw-in that it was

something of a feat to pick up the scorer. She was Ann Leahy, who in an early show of ebullience, stormed through the Kilkenny defence to hand slip a great goal.

By the time the first quarter had ended, however, there was a clear indication of Kilkenny's skills and intent. They missed nothing and streaked away to a 2-2 to 1-0 lead in most convincing manner.

Angela and Ann Downey, on their way too winning their ninth all-Ireland senior medals, were performing in a manner that fully deserved the honour.

Angels was constantly buzzing around the Cork rearguard and she usually fed off the huge supply coming in from her sister, Ann, and Clare Jones.

Along with Breda Holmes, their St. Paul's clubmate, the Downeys took a great deal of watching, but Jones scored the best goal of the match — Kilkennys second after 41 minutes. She used her great physical strength to cut through the cover and mercilessly rammed the ball to the net.

KILKENNY — M Fitzpatrick; B O'Sullivan, H Holmes, D Malone, F Rothwell, C Jones (1-1), Ann Downey (0-4), A Whelan, B Cahill, B Holmes (2-2), Angela Downey (1-3), J Dunne (0-1). Subs — M Downey for H Holmes.
CORK — M McCarthy; M Ring, M Spillane, C Lenders-Harrod, A Delaney-O'Donovan, S Fitzgibbon (0-1), C Cronin, C O'Mahoney (1-1), A Leahy (1-0), L Mellerick (0-3), I O'Leary, M Geaney (1-3). Subs — L Dunphy for O'Leary.
Referee — B McLoughlin (Down).

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All-Ireland hat-trick

THE ALL conquering Kilkenny camogie ladies completed an All-Ireland hat-trick for the county this year.

Added to the ladies O'Duffy Cup win were the victories of the county junior and minor hurlers.

The latest success was the camogie team's seventh in four years.

In 1985 they won the league/championship double. In 1986 they collected the all-Ireland. There was another league/championship double in '87. And this time there was another fantastic double.

What more can they achieve? Perhaps the five-in-a-row?

Deirdre battled on

BIG HEARTED Kilkenny centre-back, Deirdre Malone received a nasty knock on the head during the game and had to receive attention.

She finished the match and joined in the team celebrations on Sunday night. But on Monday the St. Brigid's (Ballycallan) girl was taken into hospital in Dublin for further observation.

Links with the past

SUNDAY'S camogie final held a number of direct links with the 1947 all-Ireland senior hurling final.

Angela and Ann Downey are daughters of Shem Downey, who played at right corner-forward in that game. Breda Cahill is a second cousin of Bill Cahill, who was Kilkenny's full forward in the '47 final.

Mary Ring, the Cork full-back and captain, is daughter of the late Christy Ring, who played centre-forward for cork in that historic final.

They have 63 medals

THE Kilkenny senior camogie panelists hold 63 all-Ireland medals between them. The figures are:

8 each: Angela and Ann Downey; 7: Jo Dunne; 5 each: Biddy O'Sullivan, Anna Whelan, Deirdre Malone; 4 each: Marie Fitzpatrick, Breda Holmes, Siobhán Ryan, Rita Wemyss.

3: Claire Jones; 2 each: Helen Holmes, Frances Rothwell, Breda Cahill; 1 each: Marina Downey, Margaret O'Keefe.

Clare a junior winner too

CLARE JONES is also the holder of an all-Ireland junior medal. She won it with her native Clare, when she captained the side to victory in 1981.

HOW THEY PLAYED

MARIE FITZPATRICK

Brought off one or two good saves, but was caught badly for the losers last goal. Her use of the ball was first rate.

BIDDY O'SULLIVAN

Played one of her greatest games ever. When Kilkenny were a bit unsteady at the back in the early stages she did a lot of important covering. A good striker with right or left. A star performer.

HELEN HOLMES

Her best moment was in the 8th minute when she took a goalbound effort from Mary Geaney off the line. She also won good possession that led to Kilkenny's third goal.

DEIRDRE MALONE

Took a knock on the head during the first half and had to vacate the centre-back duties for a while. She thundered back into the game, and by the finish was completely in control.

FRANCES ROTHWELL

She turned in a terrific second half, and was commanding during aerial raids. Gave more than expected in her first senior final. A girl (17) with a bright future in the game.

CLARE JONES

Another one who stood out when Kilkenny most needed inspiring performers during the opening 20 minutes. Used her strength well to win unexpected possession in 60-40 situations. When the pressure was greatest she was at her best.

ANN DOWNEY

Will find it difficult to cap this showing. Popped up in defence when most needed, and was also on hand in attack when required. In between she helped control midfield. On a day when free takers had their difficulties, she was utterly dependable, and Kilkenny needed her to be.

ANNA WHELAN

She played a good steady game, although tightly marked. She didn't stray too far from her sector of duty, and broke even in the exchanges.

BREDA CAHILL

Was always prepared to take on responsibility, and

sacrificed herself for the good of the team. Was always on hand to lend a colleague assistance.

BREDA HOLMES

It wasn't one of her most striking showings, but still she bagged 2-1. Luck didn't always run her way, but it certainly did for her second goal when she careered through the Cork defence before palming the ball into the net.

ANGELA DOWNEY

Her first two scores were vital and won back lost ground quickly. Her goal was a gem, and outlined her undoubted class as a score getter. Was closely policed, but still managed to cause considerable trouble to the Cork defence.

JO DUNNE

Stepped up on her performance of last year, and broke a lot of dangerous ball in front of the Cork goal. Her clever pass for Claire Jones goal was an excellent piece of play.

MARINA DOWNEY

Was given one chance, and she scored a fine point from 55 yards. Came in at a crucial time in the match, and settled into the fray like a veteran.

Did you Know?

Twins join Marion

KILKENNY twins, Angela and Ann Downey, joined Cork's Marion McCarthy on the all-time honours list. The trio have won eight all-Ireland senior camogie medals each.

The attendance at Croke Park on Sunday was in the region of 5,000.

The 1988 camogie all-Ireland finals were played over 60 minutes for the first time.

Kilkenny goalkeeper, Marie Fitzpatrick, won her first Gaelic medal for hurling. She was a member of a Piltown under-11 championship winning side.



Angela and Ann Downey, Kilkenny's All-Ireland hat-trick winners, smiling after making vital contributions to Kilkenny's All-Ireland victory. (Photo: Tom Brett)



The Cork senior camogie team defeated by Kilkenny in the All-Ireland final at Croke Park on Sunday.

(Picture by Des Barry)

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Army attack . . . Kilkenny's Clare Jones (a Lieutenant in the Army) breaks past Cork defender Colette O'Mahony.

FOUGHT BACK

INDEED, they were heroic: their cause looked lost beyond redemption after 15 minutes as Kilkenny led 3-2 to 1-1 though playing into the wind — but they fought back so furiously that they came near victory.

The southern girls — like the footballers on the previous Sunday — made a great start: in the second minute a run and palm by Ann Leary brought a goal. The goal seemed to sting Kilkenny into high endeavour and for about twelve minutes they produced camogie of the finest quality.

Cork can thank goalie, Marion McCarthy, for staving off annihilation.

In this period their forwards were being relentlessly closed down, the midfielders were struggling — and the backs were chasing black-and-amber shadows.

Angela Downey opened the score-storm with two points; then in minute eight Breda Holmes slashed in their first goal.

Clare Jones added another after a great run in the twelfth minute.

Three minutes later came the best goal of the match. Breda Holmes made a run down the right and hand-passed inside to Clare Jones who chipped towards the far post; Angela Downey pounced — the net billowed.

Cork were now seven points down and would face the wind on the turn-over.

It was a daunting prospect — but led by centre-forward Linda Mellerick the red-and-whites began to show their grit.

And for the rest of the first half they dominated territorially in a manner that owed little to the wind.

Alas, they repeated the errors of last year's final; their followers groaned at a stream of wides from good positions.

Kilkenny's confidence was now shaken — and it showed in a most untypical miss by Angela Downey in the 21st minute.

The black-and-amber heroine in this period was keeper, Marie Fitzpatrick; her serendipity in melees was remarkable.

A HUGE FREE

AND yet Cork should have got a few goals; they missed an especially good chance in the 22nd minute when a huge free from Mary Ring threw the defence into confusion.

However, their spree of supremacy produced four fine points from Mary Geaney, Anne Leahy and Linda Mellerick (2).

Kilkenny's only score in this period was a point from a free by Ann Downey.

And so at half-time it was 3-3 to 1-5 — and Cork's followers feared the wrath to come.

When the teams came out again, the wind seemed to have lessened but it was still blowing steadily towards The Railway goal.

Cork, nevertheless, scored first; Linda Mellerick put over a great point. Then Ann Downey pointed a free.

Linda scored another great point. Ann again replied from a free. At the three-quarter stage it was 3-6 to 1-7.

Then Linda from the far right dropped a long ball towards the far post; Mary Geaney batted to the net.

The goal was allowed after fierce protests — now it was 3-4 to 2-7. And the Cork Kop would not be mistaken for the Luton Girls Choir.

Kilkenny hopes of four in a row looked shaky — but full-back Biddy O'Sullivan and midfielder Ann Downey steadied the boat.

Ann pointed another free. Then Linda made a tremendous run and shot from close in; Marie Fitzpatrick saved — an unseemly brawl, mainly verbal, followed.

Kilkenny lifted the siege, and got a close-in free which led to a melee from which Breda Holmes goaled.

Cork came back with a point. And then Marie Fitzpatrick made her only mistake. She dallied in a moment of no danger: Colette O'Mahony blocked down her stroke — the rebound went to the net.

A great clearance by Frances Rothwell led to a Kilkenny revival. A huge point by Marina Downey made it 4-9 to 3-8.

Jo Dunne and Breda Holmes made the final score 4-11 to 3-8. I missed the junior final — but a friend told me that both Galway and Limerick played brilliantly; Galway won by 3-4 to



Cork forward Anne Leahy about to grasp the ball while being challenged by Kilkenny player Deirdre Malone.

Kilkenny master class on way to their 8th title

KILKENNY4-11
CORK3-8

KILKENNY, the supreme team of modern camogie, won their 8th All Ireland title in a memorable game at Croke Park yesterday, watched by an estimated attendance of 4,000.

It was also their fourth title in succession and they well deserved their six points triumph.

Cork got a wonderful start with a goal from Anne Leahy at the Hill 16 end after two minutes but they trailed at half time by 3-3 to 1-5. Kilkenny's first score came from Breda Holmes from close in in the 6th minute.

In the 11th minute Clare Jones burst through for their second goal and two moments later Angela Downey fired in a third goal after a lovely catch following a splendid pass from Jones.



The always dangerous Holmes raced away in the 51st minute to score Kilkenny's fourth goal and despite second half goals from Mary Geaney and Mary Spillane, Cork were unable to bridge the gap.

Scorers—Kilkenny: Claire Jones (1-1), Anne Downey (0-4), Breda Holmes (2-1), Angela Downey (1-3), Jo Dunne (0-1), Marina Downey (0-1). **CORK:** Mary Spillane (1-0), Collette O'Mahony (0-1), Anne Leahy (1-0), Linda Mellerick (0-3), Mary Geaney (1-3).

KILKENNY: M. Fitzpatrick; B. O'Sullivan, H. Holmes, D. Malone; S. Rothwell, C. Jones, A. Downey; A. Whelan, B. Cahill; B. Holmes, Angela Downey, J. Dunne. **Subs:** M. Downey for H. Holmes (54 mins).

CORK: M. McCarthy; M. Ring, M. Spillane, C. Landers-Harnedy; A. Delaney-O'Donovan, S. Fitzgibbon, C. Cronin; C. O'Mahony, A. Leahy; L. Mellerick,

I. O'Leary, M. Geaney. **Subs:** L. Dunphy for O'Leary and L. O'Neill for Spillane.

GALWAY3-4
LIMERICK1-5

GALWAY won an exciting National Junior final by five points earlier at Croke Park yesterday.

They led at halftime by 2-1 to 0-4 and despite a brave comeback bid by Limerick Galway were worthy victors. Their two first half goals came from Imelda Hobbins while Pauline McCarthy scored all of Limerick's first half points.

Scorers: Galway—Anne Coleman (1-1), Imelda Hobbins (2-2), M. Morrissey (0-1). **Limerick:** Pauline McCarthy (0-5), Ida Quaid (1-0).

GALWAY: J. Whiskey; R. De Villy-Coen, T. Dolphin, G. Heavey; G. Fahy, S. Bourke, A. Carty; A. Coleman, M. Grealley; M. Treacy, H. Flannery, I. Hobbins. **Sub:** M. Morrissey for Flannery (42 mins).

LIMERICK: H. Sheedy; M. Guiry, E. O'Grady, M. Treacy; H. Clifford, M. Lenihan, F. Broderick; E. O'Sullivan, A. Lenihan; P. McCarthy, I. Quaid, A. O'Sullivan. **Subs:** A. Sheehy for M. Lenihan and N. Clifford for Guiry, H. Cagney for A. Lenihan.

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Camogie

Killeagh in search of title again

THE All-Ireland Club Championship, one of the most popular competitions in camogie, certainly arouses great interest. The matches listed for Sunday should prove to be no exception. Provincial finals are scheduled in Ulster and Munster. The semi-finals of the Leinster Championship are also listed.

Five times champions of Munster, Killeagh are back in the hunt. A gripping second half display ousted Glen Rovers in the Cork County final. On Sunday, they act as hosts to Sixmilebridge (Clare).

Killeagh can call on Cathy Landers-Harnedy, Mary Spillane, Patricia Fitzgibbon and Patsy Keniry from the Cork panel. Cork forward, Anne Leahy has already headed for Mexico on the first leg of her journey to Peru and will not be available. Pat Lenihan, Marion Sweeney, Betty Joyce and Ina Leahy will also don the green and black.

Clare have yet to make an impact in this championship. Sixmilebridge suffered a heavy defeat at the hands of Glen Rovers last year. But, with players of the calibre of Patricia O'Grady, Noeleen Quinn, Leslie O'Flynn, Mary Ann McInerney and Yvonne McInerney in their ranks, they are capable of greater things.

Broadford (Kildare) face a tough obstacle in Buffer's Alley (Wexford). The Alley are old hands at the Club Championship. Gertrude O'Leary, Elsie Cody, Ann-Marie O'Connor, Stella Sinnott and Jackie Codd know what is needed to advance.

Eglish, who ran Glen Rovers so closely in the All-Ireland semi-final last season, meet Swatragh in the Ulster final. Both teams impressed in the run-up to the final. Whichever side emerges will be worthy representatives of Ulster.

SUNDAY

MUNSTER CLUB FINAL at Killeagh at 12.00 — Killeagh v Sixmilebridge.

LEINSTER CLUB SEMI-FINALS at Caddamstown, Co. Kildare at 2.00 — Broadford v Buffer's Alley. At Kilkenny at 2.00 — St. Paul's v Celtic (Dublin).



CORK'S Mary Geaney tries to pass two Kilkenny defenders, Biddy O'Sullivan (left) and Helen Holmes, during yesterday's All-Ireland senior camogie final at Croke Park yesterday.

Action all the way on camogie

THERE will be plenty of action on the camogie front this coming weekend with a number of vital games down for decision. Pick of these games will be the two provincial finals on Sunday which will see Cork and Limerick in action in the Munster under-18 final, while Killeagh clash with the Clare County Champions Sixmilebridge in the Munster Senior Club final. On the local front the Junior "A" Championship semi-finals will be decided while there are also three Junior "B" Championship games listed.

On Sunday next at Collierue, the Cork under-18 team defend their Munster crown when they clash with Limerick in this season's decider and here the Cork girls face a tough challenge. Both these sides had the narrowest of victories, so Limerick

are hungry for success at this level and will be very determined to do well this time out. Limerick are a very talented side and in a position to call on a number of players from the successful St. Mary's School in Charleville, including such fine performers as Claire O'Callaghan, Frances Broderick, Helen Cagney and Bernie O'Brien and if these girls play to form Cork are sure to have it tough.

The Cork team was not available at the time of writing but is expected to be along the same lines as the side that defeated Clare in the semi-final with Brid Walsh, Denise Cronin, Fiona Twomey, Tracy Riordan, Breda Kelly, Deirdre Ryan and Fiona O'Driscoll all gaining places.

On Sunday morning at Sixmilebridge, Killeagh play the home side in the

Munster Club final and here the cork girls will be expected to do well.

Killeagh, who last won the title in 1984, are a strong all-round side and even though they will be without the services of Ann Leahy, who has gone abroad, they are still in a position to call on such experienced performers as Pat Lennihan, Cathy Landers, Betty Joyce, Marion

Sweeney, Mary Spillane and Patsy Keniry and if these girls produce the goods it is difficult to see them being halted on this occasion.

On the local front, Bishopstown and Castle-magner meet in the first of the Junior "A" Championship semi-finals.

Both these sides have already met in the League final when the

city girls were successful and on that performance will be fancied again this time out.

They have fine performers in Liz O'Neill, Rose Desmond, Sheenagh Morley, Bernei Power and Aine Buckley and it is difficult to see Castle-magner putting a stop to their progress despite the efforts of Carmel Henchion, Aine Murphy, Liz Twomey and



Pictured at a reception in the Cork Examiner for the Cork camogie team last night were back row (left to right): Mary Moran, (PRO Camogie Board); Lily O'Sullivan (Registrar Cork County Board); Denis Conroy, Chairman Cork County Board; Mary O'Callaghan, National President Camogie Board; Michael Morrissey, Chairman City Division Board; Tim Cramer, Director, Cork Examiner; Kay Dunne, Treasurer, Cork Camogie Board; Con Malone trainer. Front row (left to right): Tom Aberne, Sports Editor Cork Examiner; Mary Ring, Captain Cork team; Nora Newman, President Cork Camogie Board; Shiela Golden, Chairperson (do); Marie Kearney, Vice-Chairperson (do); Mary McCarthy, P.R.O.

—(Examiner)

Time to look back

Due to Cork's involvement in the All-Ireland football final on Sunday next there are no camogie games listed for the coming weekend. As a result of this we will take the opportunity of taking a look at the up to date position of the championships.

The Intermediate Championship is well underway with all first round games with the exception of one completed. In these games Glen Rovers defeated Brian Dillons, Aghabullogue overcame St. Finbarrs and Ballinora came out on top against Watergrasshill. The outstanding first round game between Eire Og and Cloyne is scheduled for October 16. On the same day Ballinora and Aghabullogue meet in the first of the semi-finals while the second semi-final between Glen Rovers and the winners of the Eire Og and Cloyne game will be played on Monday, October 31.

The Junior 'A' Championship is now at final stage and this game between Bishopstown and St. Catherine's is fixed for Sunday, October 23, at Midleton at 2.30.

The Junior 'B' Championship is also reaching the concluding stages with the first semi-final between Sarsfields and Newcestown scheduled for October 23. On the same day Eire Og and Ballinora will meet to decide who meets Bishopstown in the second semi-final.

The Under-16 Championship will be getting underway shortly with all first round games listed for Sunday, October 23, and Sunday, October 30.

For the first time this year the Cork County Board have decided to enter a team in the Junior National League. Cork made a disappointing exit in the first round of this year's Championship against Limerick and it is hoped that by competing in the League a good foundation will be made for next year's Championship.

Cork will play two games in this series before the end of this year while the remaining games are fixed for early in 1989. On Sunday, October 30, Cork play Galway at a Cork venue and on November 20 they play Down at a Down venue. The remainder of the games will be against Dublin, Wexford and Kildare.