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## SCORING DEFENDER IN CAMOGIE

# GERMAINE NOONAN — SUCCESS IN TWO SPORTS

By Marty Morrissey

In Dublin's fair city where the girls are so pretty, a Dublin senior camogie selector in 1981 first set his eyes on Germaine Noonan. Unlike Molly Malone, Germaine was not wheeling a wheel-barrow but yielding a hurley in Marino.

The young lady was so impressive at club level, displaying not alone skill but also courage and commitment that a decision was reached to give her an opportunity to play at inter-county level.

Both Germaine Noonan and Joan Gormley made their debuts for the Metropolitan side on the same day and both ended up in the same place after the match — surrounded by doctors and nurses, dancing to their every need in the Mater Hospital.

Unfortunately for Germaine, she had torn a cartilage in her knee and as a result she did not play for the rest of the year. It took her over a year to fully regain her form and confidence and she was back fighting for her place on the side in 1983.

The G.A.A. were to celebrate their Centenary in 1984 and at the beginning of that year Germaine made a decision that she was going to become a permanent member of the Dublin team and play an integral part in her country's quest for All-Ireland success.

The history books will show that Germaine's ambition was fulfilled and her commitment rewarded, as in the month of September 1984 Dublin defeated Tipperary in the All-Ireland final at Croke Park.

Germaine contributed enormously to a famous victory by not alone playing well, but also scoring a goal despite playing at corner-back!

Germaine Noonan's first contact with the game of camogie was at the tender age of ten when the Marino Camogie club was founded in 1974. They won the Under-11 League and Championship but 1976 was by far the most successful year for the Marino ladies, as they came, they saw and they conquered every other camogie team in Under-11, 12, 13 and 14, in both League and championship competitions.

Their successful campaigns were due to a dedicated group of people, none



Germaine Noonan.

more so than Connie and Kay Lyons, two sisters who were both former Dublin players.

After attending St. Vincent De Paul's Primary School, Germaine entered the Post-Primary world at Maryfield College in Griffith Avenue. Under the guidance of Tony Woods, the school won several Leinster B. Colleges titles. While she was a student at Maryfield College, Germaine was selected on the Dublin Minor team in 1978 and indeed has the distinction of scoring seven goals and a point against Kildare in the Leinster Championship.

Unfortunately they lost the All-Ireland Minor Final to Cork by five points but several of that team went on to represent their county at Senior level including Yvonne Redmond and Jo Holden.

### ASHBOURNE TITLES

After successfully completing her Leaving Certificate examination, she enrolled

in U.C.D. pursuing a degree in Commerce. During four hectic but wonderful years four Ashbourne titles were deservedly won by the Belfield Camogie team inspired on more than one occasion by the brilliance of Germaine Noonan.

Pat Power, Eamon O'Shea, Cormac Bonner and Mick Purcell, all notably from Tipperary, were the inspirational figures in U.C.D. at the time.

To confirm their superiority on the camogie field, U.C.D. also won the Dublin County Championship in 1982. (Interestingly thirteen years after the Marino Club was founded, many observers feel that Germaine could win her second County Championship medal, this time with her native club, as Marino have been producing sparkling displays so far this season).

Germaine's parents Dominic and Mary and her brothers Gregory and Dominic (Jnr), are justifiably proud of Germaine's achievements on the camogie fields of Ireland. She is presently working in the West coast of Clare as a Commerce teacher in St. Joseph's Secondary School, Spanish Point and even there, in an area dominated by Gaelic football, she has made a dramatic impact.

Last year, she trained and coached the schools ladies football team to their first All-Ireland Ladies Football title. She has a keen interest in all sports and indeed included among her ambitions is to attend (in person) the Olympics.

Despite her interest in various sports her heart lies in camogie and particularly in the camogie world around the River Liffey. Under the guidance of Rita Whyte, Phyllis Breslin and trainer Ann Carey, Germaine Noonan is quietly confident that Dublin will be a much more potent force in 1987 and she hopes that once again the All-Ireland Senior Camogie title will return to the streets broad and narrow of Dublin's fair city.

# Three vital clashes this weekend

The Senior Championship continues this coming week with three vital clashes down for decision. In the first of these St. Finbarr's and Fr. O'Neill meet at Carrigtwohill on Sunday night. On Wednesday night Killeagh and Sarsfields will battle it out at Caherlag and in the third game Glen Rovers play Blackrock on Thursday night.

On the inter-county scene the Cork minor team play Kerry in the Munster minor semi-final on Saturday and the coming week will also see a number of under-14 and under-16 league games decided.

Sunday night's championship game between Fr. O'Neill's and St. Finbarr's promises to be an exciting affair. St. Finbarr's have been very impressive in the Championship campaign in the last two years, but have yet to make the big breakthrough and will be hoping that '87 might be the lucky year for them.

They will be without the services of Claire Cronin this season and she is sure to be a big loss to them but they can still call on such experienced performers as Margaret Farrell, Marie O'Sullivan and Stephanie Curtin and these together with their up-and-coming young players in Colette O'Mahony, Paula Carey, Niamh Coughlan and Deirdre Ryan combine to form a very strong outfit.

Fr. O'Neill's impressive winners of last year's Intermediate Championship, will field at senior level for the first time in the history of their club and this will be a big occasion for them. They are basically a young side and could find the going tough against a more experienced Barrs side, but they have nothing to lose and if players like Ann Marie Griffin, Margaret Finn, Mary Kennefick and Fiona O'Driscoll play to form, it could be an exciting tussle.

On Wednesday night, Killeagh play Sars and here the Killeagh girls will be expected to advance. Sars had a fine victory over a disappointing Na Piarsaigh side last weekend, but it is difficult to see them holding a Killeagh side that has

done exceptionally well in their recent senior league games. In fact Killeagh have won all their league games with the exception of their drawn game with Glen Rovers and now await the outcome of the Glen's final two games with Eire Og and St. Finbarr's, which will decide if they are the eventual winners or if they go into a play-off with the Glen. During these games, players like Patsy Keniry, Ann Leahy, Ann Marie Landers, Marion Sweeney and Breda Landers have all shown excellent form.

In their first round game with Na Piarsaigh Sars looked a useful side with players like Liz Dunphy, Eileen Noonan, Valerie Twomey and Marcella Fitzpatrick playing a major role in the final quarter, but only top class performances from these girls will suffice again if they are to stop the progress of the Killeagh girls.

In the final Championship game, Glen Rovers will be expected to account for a young Blackrock side. Glen, who are one of the most fancied sides in the competition again this year, are a very experienced outfit and will be one of the most difficult sides to overcome this season.

They can call on such marvellous players as Val Fitzpatrick, Sandy Fitzgibbon, Therese O'Callaghan, Marie Mackey and Mary Ring, and with this sort of talent available to them it is difficult to see them being halted.

Blackrock are a very young side and must be considered unlucky to be drawn against last year's champions in the first round. They will be hoping that their more experienced players Una and Bridget Joan Hyde, Claire Ronan and these together with their younger players, Ber Cashman and Catherine Healy, will rise to the occasion and who knows could cause a major surprise in this year's competition.

The Cork minors hold a very impressive record at Munster level in the past decade and they will be hoping to reach yet another Munster final when they play Kerry in this year's semi-final on Saturday.

The team shows one change in personnel and one positional switch from the team that defeated Waterford in the first round. Catherine McSweeney, Douglas, who did well when she came on in this game, retains her place at left corner forward to the exclusion of Valerie Ellis and Imelda Leahy moves to right corner forward in a direct switch with Niamh Cotter.

**Cork Team:** Maria O'Brien, Claire Barry, Denise Cronin, Eileen Buckley, Fiona O'Driscoll, Hilda Kenneally, Niamh Cotter, Clare O'Regan, Fiona O'Driscoll, Imelda Leahy, Lyn Dunlea, Catherine McSweeney.  
**Subs:** Elaine Barry Murphy, Karen Higgins, Helena Kiely, Una Murphy, Valerie Ellis, Gillian Ryan, Eithne Duggan.

**UNDER-14 LEAGUE**  
Aghabullogue v Ballinora, at Ballinora, 7.30 (Ref. Aghabullogue); Newcestown v Eire Og, at Newcestown, 7.30 (Ref. Eire Og); Barryroe v Inniscarra, at Barryroe, 7.30 (Ref. Inniscarra); Douglas v Bishopstow "A", at Bishopstow, 7.30 (Ref. Douglas).

**SATURDAY, MAY 23**  
Munster Minor semi-final: Cork v Kerry, at Douglas, 5.30 p.m.

**SUNDAY, MAY 24**  
Senior Championship: St. Finbarr's v Fr. O'Neill's, at Carrigtwohill, 7 p.m. (Ref. Rose Mackey).  
Under-16 league: Bishopstow "A" v Mourneabbey, at Bishopstow, 3 p.m. (Ref. Blackrock).

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 27**  
Senior Championships: Sarsfield v Killeagh, at Caherlag, 7.30 p.m.

**UNDER-14 LEAGUE**  
St. Catherine's v Castlemartyr, at St. Catherine's, 7.30 (Ref. Castlemartyr); Glen Rovers "B" v Sarsfields, 7.30 (Ref. Glen Rovers); Cloughduv v Aghabullogue, at Aghabullogue, 7.30 (Ref. Cloughduv).

**THURSDAY, MAY 28**  
Senior Championship: Glen Rovers v Blackrock, at Ballinlough, 7.30 p.m.

**UNDER-14 LEAGUE**  
Valley Rovers v St. Finbarr's, at Valley Rovers, 7.30 (Ref. St. Finbarr's).

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## O'MAHONY BRILLIANT FOR 'BARR'S

St. Finbarrs 1-15, Fr. O'Neills 2-2

A superb display by Colette O'Mahony gave St. Finbarrs their passage to the second round of the Cork County Senior Camogie Championship at Carrigtwohill last night.

Leading by 0-6 to 0-1 at the break, O'Mahony pointing five of the Barrs scores, they continued where they left off in the second half with O'Mahony punishing Fr. O'Neills with three more points.

**Scorers** — St. Finbarrs: C. O'Mahony 1-11 (0-7 from frees), M. Farrell 0-2, C. O'Leary and P. Carey 0-1. Fr. O'Neills: M. Kennefick 1-1, M. Hyde 1-0, M. Sloane 0-1.

**St. Finbarrs:** M. O'Sullivan, D. Ryan, N. Coughlan, A. Christy, C. Cronin, S. Curtin, C. O'Mahony, D. Christy, M. Farrell, M. Henchion, P. Carey, C. O'Leary.

**Fr. O'Neills:** E. Hennessy, F. Bernard, R. O'Donoghue, N. O'Driscoll, C. Shanahan, M. Finn, M. Sloane, F. O'Driscoll, M. Hyde, M. Ahern, A. Flavin, M. Kennefick.

**Referee** — Rose Mackey (Glen Rovers).

## Sars go so close

Killeagh 2-4, Sarsfields 2-4

KILLEAGH and Sarsfields served up a thriller in the Cork County camogie championship at Caherlag last night. Sarsfields should have won but in the end were lucky to escape with a draw.

With four minutes to go Killeagh took the lead for the first time when Shirley Spillane cracked home a great goal, followed by a point from Betty Joyce to leave them 2-4 to 1-4 ahead. Undaunted, Sarsfields, who beat Na Piarsaigh in the first round, came thundering back and when Patricia Fitzgibbon brought off a superb save Lilian Zinkant was in fast to level the scores.

Sarsfields, aided by a stiff breeze, went ahead after just three minutes when Lilian Zinkant pointed a 30. Two minutes later Sars went further ahead through Sheila Barry who with her sister Eithne and Valerie Twomey made the Killeagh defence work exceptionally hard.

### CLOSE IN FREE

Sarsfields continued to dominate but winning a close in free Betty Joyce pointed for Killeagh.

Sarsfields continued to press but Dolores Joyce goaled for Killeagh in the 20th minute to leave Sars leading at the break by 1-3 to 1-1. On the changeover Sars went further ahead with a point each from Sheila Barry and Lilian Zinkant. Leading by 1-4 to 1-1 it looked as if Killeagh were on their way out when Marion Sweeney pointed.

Sarsfields hung on to their two points lead until the 45th minute when in an all out onslaught Shelley Spillane's goal was followed by a great point from Betty Joyce and it looked as if the Glanmire girls' gallant effort was doomed to failure. But they refused to give in and in a nail biting finish Zinkant was on hand to equalise.

**Scorers** — Killeagh: S. Spillane 1-0, D. Joyce 1-0, B. Joyce 0-2, M. Sweeney 0-1, A. Leahy 0-1. Sarsfields: L. Zinkant 1-3 (0-3 from frees), S. Barry 1-1.

**Killeagh:** P. Fitzgibbon, B. Landers, V. Motherway, M. Spillane, A. Leahy, A.M. Landers, S. Spillane, I. Leahy, B. Joyce, B. Kelly, M. Sweeney, D. Joyce. Sub. M. Motherway for D. Joyce.

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

**Referee** — B. McDonnell (Na Piarsaigh).

# Kilkenny, Dublin to qualify

## CAMOGIE ROUND-UP

THE gap in standard between Division One and Division Two of the National Senior Camogie League will be measured on Sunday when the two semi-finals are scheduled. Kilkenny, winners in Division One travel to Ballindereen to tackle Galway while Clare, the second Division Two side entertain Dublin, at Kilkishen.

The finish within the sections was very tight. Kilkenny managed top spot by a single point in Division One whereas Galway and Clare were tied in Division Two. Many followers already picture a Kilkenny v Dublin final. The opinion is widespread that a gulf in class and experience exists.

Clare and Galway are in a similar position. Recent winners of the All-Ireland Junior championship, both have promoted their better players and are building towards an effective senior team. However, it takes time

to bridge the gap between junior and senior grades and it may be a bit too soon to expect either to overcome the might of Kilkenny or Dublin.

The Dublin coach will have no problem motivating her side. Pipped by one point by Kilkenny earlier in the competition, the Dublin players will be extremely anxious to get another tilt at Kilkenny and to ake a major title from them.

There are many chances on the Dublin team from that which fielded in Croke Park last September. Barbara Redmond and Anne Colgan, who did not take part in 1986, have returned to the side. Mary Keane and Toni O'Byrne with a wealth of experience between them joined with the established players, Marion Conroy, Edel Murphy, Mary Mernagh,

O'Byrne to form a very strong unit.

Pauline O'Brien, Helen Cusack, Catherine O'Loughlin, Maura McNicholas and Carmel Wall have made progress since joining the Clare senior side. But they will come up against a higher level of competition than previously sampled on Sunday.

Anne Gallagher, Anne Murray, Eileen Howley, Bridie Cunniffe, Angela Cooney and Anne Ryan have caught the eye in the Galway colours. They too will find the speed, teamwork and talent of Kilkenny very difficult to cope with. If Liz Neary, Biddy O'Sullivan, Anne Downey, Clare Jones, Jo Dunne and Angela Downey perform as they have done in previous games it will be Kilkenny for the final.

Germine Noonan and Carmel Five matches are listed in the National Junior League. Most important are the games for unbeaten Kildare and Meath. Kildare with three victories in the bag should take another important step towards retaining their title when they play Cavan at Clane.

Meath make the trip to Kilkenny but have the ability to make it a profitable one.

The semi-finals of the Munster minor championship are listed for Saturday. Cork with skilful youngsters

in Clare O'Regan, Fiona O'Driscoll, Hilda Kenneally, Eileen Buckley and Lynn Dunlea should be too strong for Kerry. Limerick include Helen Cagney, Claire O'Callaghan, Eve Watson and

Bernie O'Brien from the Charleville senior school team for their game with Clare. With several strong clubs and colleges to choose from, Clare will put a very strong team together.

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## Glen girls score emphatic victory

Glen Rovers 5-14 Blackrock 0-4

GLEN ROVERS set out in defence of their county, Munster and All-Ireland club camogie championship titles with an emphatic 5-14 to 0-4 victory over Blackrock in a first round championship game played at Ballinlough last evening.

The champions were forced to line out without three members of their All-Ireland winning team, Sandy Fitzgibbon and June Hamill, injured and Ger McCarthy who was away on holidays and U-16 star, Denise Cronin, celebrated her debut with a great second half goal after she was brought into the side. Two players made their return, Denise Cotter who took a year off to

study and Claire McCarthy, who spent last season in the US.

They still found the right formula and were never in any real danger of losing their title despite a spirited first-half performance from Blackrock who fielded a young side.

They had outstanding players in goalkeeper Michelle Barry, back playing competitive camogie after two years, and junior inter-county player Claire Ronan.

But, this time, enthusiasm was no match for flair, confidence and panache, as the champions took control through players like V. Fitzpatrick, who scored a grand total of 1-10, Denise Cotter, who celebrated her return with 1, and Ann Connolly, whose two first half goals put paid to whatever hopes Blackrock might have had of causing an upset.

The champions led 4 to 0-3 at half-time and never looked like losing control of the situation.

Scorers for Glen Rovers: V. Fitzpatrick 1-10, A. Connolly 2-0, D. Cotter 1-1, D. Cronin 1-0 and M. Currid, T. O'Callaghan and D. Cotter 0-1 each.

Scorers for Blackrock: C. Ronan and U. O'Connor 0-2 each.

Glen Rovers: F. McCarthy, M. Ring, D. Deane, A. Delaney, O'Donovan, M. Mackey-Ryan, M. Currid, V. Fitzpatrick, D. Cronin, T. O'Callaghan, C. McCarthy, D. Cotter, A. Connolly-Hourihan.

Blackrock: M. Barry, B. Maher, G. Cashman, C. Ronan, B. O'Connor, D. Murphy, H. Jordan, C. Lyons, U. O'Connor, J. Deasy, T. Keane, C. Fleming, Sub., P. O'Shea for C. Fleming. Referee: Betty Joyce (Kilkenny).

CAMOGIE: JBL semi-final-Bishopstown 1-10 St. Panahans 0-0; U18C-Killeagh 8-4, Erins Own 0-0; SC-Sarsfields 1-6, Na Piarsaigh 0-0; SL-St. Finbarr's 3-10, Na Piarsaigh 4-6; SL-Killeagh 1-8, Glen Rovers 1-8; U16L-St. Finbarr's 3-0, Douglas 0-1.

## Camogie notes

The Dublin junior and minor teams advanced to the next round of the Leinster Championship when they both overcome Offaly at Silverpark last Sunday. The minor team who started the day's proceedings has a deserving and convincing victory and great credit is due to the selectors Carmel Harley, Sean Ward and Maura Brady who have put together a very determined and skilful combination. Certainly on this performance they seem destined for honours this season.

In the second game the juniors, even though they ran up a big total against their opponents, were not too impressive. Their defence appeared to be a little shaky at times although not under any severe pressure and the forward line are inclined to depend on the skills of Geraldine Dunne to get their scores.

Further back the field Cheril Whittaker, Carmel Gray and Denise O'Leary also contributed to the scoreline and the selectors will be hoping that forward Ann Cooper will recover from her back injury in time for the tougher games ahead.

Ann is not available for tomorrow's trip to Tipperary in the National League so the team will start the game as they lined out against Offaly. Tipperary were comprehensively beaten by Kilkenny last time out so the Metropolitans should overcome them to gain two more valuable points.

On the club scene the final of the Senior 'B' championship will be contested between St. Monica's and St. Oliver Plunketts. Both had good wins over Celtic and Ballyboden in last Tuesday's semi-finals and are eagerly looking forward to their clash in the final. In the Senior 'A' championship Marino scored a narrow win over Celtic and so qualified for their second appearance in the

final at this grade.

Their opponents as yet are unknown as in a very closely fought game U.C.D. and reigning champions Crumlin fought out a draw. U.C.D. looked dead and buried in the second half but two magnificent goals by youngster Joan Tobin put the cat among the pigeons and so the two teams must meet again on Wednesday next.

# Dublin to advance

DUBLIN travel south tomorrow in search of a place in the final of the National Senior League. Their semi-final opponents tomorrow are the current All Ireland junior champions Clare but it would be a major upset if the Dubliners failed to secure a place in the final. In the other semi-final Kilkenny, who have already beaten Dublin in the current league, face western opponents in Galway.

If, as expected Kilkenny and Dublin come through tomorrow, they will meet in the final at a Kilkenny venue on June 7.

For tomorrows clash the Dublin selectors keep faith with the side that started the game against Kilkenny but they have made a positional change. Barbara Redmond who has manned the full forward berth in all the games to date switches to the left wing from where her clubmate Mary Mernagh moves to the edge of the square.

Elsewhere Brenda Kenny retains the right back position in place of Germaine Noonan who was unavailable for the Kilkenny game. All in all it is a team more than capable of overcoming tomorrows hurdle with the possibility of yet another meeting with current camogie kingpin Kilkenny very much on the horizon.

The finals of the Dublin Féile na nGael competition was a resounding success on Saturday last with St. Monica qualifying to represent the county in the National Féile in Clare. St. Monicas certainly deserved their success for in all their four games they never conceded a score.

Their outstanding players throughout a most enjoyable day for all concerned were Julie Kavanagh, Veronica Trehy and Alison Waters. The prize for the best dressed team went to Naomh Brid. The committee wishes to remind all thosetaking part that the finals of the camogie skills competition will take place on Friday next in Fairview Park at 7.00 p.m.

On Tuesday and Wednesday next in Russell Park there are championship finals scheduled for both rights. On Wednesday defending champions, who had a magnificent victory over U.C.D. in the semi-final take on the challenge of a youthful and enthusiastic Marino side who will be strewing for their first ever senior 'A' championship title.

Certainly their display against Celtic will have given them confidence but they will have to be at their best of de throne the experienced Crumlin girls. Anna Byrne,

Mary Mernagh, Liz O'Sullivan, Ana Condon, Anne Heavey and Bernie Toner were in sparkling form against U.C.D. Marino however, have their own stars in Mary Kavanagh, Ger Fagan, Denise O'Leary, Maura McNicholas, Patricia Clinton and Carmel O'Byrne and if they can settle down in the first quarter of an hour Crumlin will have their hands full.

Already the southsiders have a league victory under their belts against their opponents and their two games against U.C.D. coupled with their experience of having competed in the last two club championship may sway the result in their favour and so complete a treble of victories in the county championship.

In the Senior 'B' final St. Monicas will be hoping to atone for last years disappointment at this stage of the competition when they take on the tenacious Oliver Plunketts side who have reached this final at their first attempt. With senior inter-county star Louise Lynch and former Erin's Isle player Michelle Donnelly in their line up Oliver Plunketts should shade the issue although young Louise Curry and junior player Geraldine Dunne will have other ideas.

## TOMORROW

National Senior League — Semi-final — Clare v Dublin, Kilkenny (2.00).

Phoenix Park — Senior 'B' League — Kilmore v Slabh Bloom (12.15); Ballyboden v Crumlin (1.30). Inter League — Ballymore v Thomas Davis (11.00); NaOMH Aofie v Portobello (11.00); Round Towers v Good counsel (1.30). Junior 'A' League — St. Annes v St. Monicas (2.45); An Caisleain v Crumlin (2.45).

Junior 'B1' League — St. Oliver Plunketts v St. Annes (1.30); Junior 'B2' — Trinity Gaels v Naomh Aofie (12.15); St. Oliver Plunketts v Na Fianna (2.45); Lorcán O Tooles v Raheny (4.00). Junior 'C1' League — St. Marks v Trinity Gaels (11.00); Erins Isle v Crumlin (12.15); Good Counsel v Craobh Chiarain (2.45); Naomh Mearog v Cumann Setanta (4.00). Junior 'C2' Championship Final — Cuala v St. Johns (4.00).

## TUESDAY

Russell Park — Junior 'A' Championship Final — Beann Eadair v An Caisleain (6.30). Senior 'B' Final — St. Monicas v St. Oliver Plunketts (7.45).

## WEDNESDAY

Russell Park — Inter Championship Final — Thomas Davis v Clanna Gael (6.30); Senior 'A' Final — Marino v Crumlin (7.45).

## THURSDAY

Phoenix Park — Inter League — Naomh Aofie v Round Towers (7.45). Junior 'B1' League — Naomh Padraig v Clanna Gael Fontenays (6.30). Junior 'C2' League — Naomh Aofie v Clontarf (6.30); Naomh Fionbarra v Round towers (6.30). Mobhi Road — Under 15 Championship Final (6.30); Junior 'C1' Final (7.45).

Fr. Collins Park — Junior 'B2' League — Na Fianna v Trinity Gaels (7.00).

Pearse park — Junior 'C1' League — St. Marks v Crumlin (6.30).

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# Unlucky Clare

DUBLIN 1-10

CLARE 2-5

Despite a tremendous second half performance, Clare failed narrowly to hot favourites Dublin in the semi-final of the national senior camogie league at Kilkishen on Sunday.

The visitors dominated the first half and at the break were 1-6 to 0-2 in front. Indeed they could have been much further ahead at this point but missed chances proved costly for them.

Clare showed a tremendous improvement in the second period and with the home side's defence in top gear, the Banner County side set up attack after attack and with five minutes to go were only one point in arrears after Patricia O'Grady had scored a tremendous goal.

Best for the Clare side were Leslie O'Flynn, Helen Cusack, Liz Condon, Patricia Ryan, Sheila O'Halloran, Patricia O'Grady and Noelle Comyns.

CLARE ..... 2-6  
LIMERICK ..... 2-3

Clare got off to a winning start in the junior championship when they scored a three point win over Limerick at Kilkishen on Sunday. This was a very closely contested game throughout and victory could have gone either way.

Scorers for Clare who will

meet Kerry in the semi-final at a Clare venue on June 28, were Mary Higgins 1-1, Cora Fahy 1-0, Patricia O'Grady 0-3, Teresa Naughton and Frances Phelan 0-1 each.

## INTO FINAL

CLARE ..... 0-7  
LIMERICK ..... 1-1

Limerick, hot favourites to win the Munster minor title, were shocked by Clare at Ballygran on Saturday evening last in the semi-final.

Limerick had already accounted for Tipperary in the first round when they had no less than 7-6 to spare and they included a number of the successful Charleville colleges team of this season.

On the evening Clares determined and more skillful play won the day and they never allowed their opponents to settle. Catherine O'Loughlin gave them the lead with a fine point after only two minutes and this was followed by a like score from Frances Phelan.

The Clare defence of Linda Quinn, Mairead O'Halloran and Clodagh O'Brien marked very tightly while Emma O'Halloran was rock solid between the posts.

Points followed from Ann O'Dwyer, Catherine O'Loughlin and Audrey Carrig before Kilnamosna Catherine O'Loughlin had another to leave Clare ahead at the break.

Limerick piled on the pressure after the re-start and had a point ten minutes into this half. This was quickly followed by a goal. Clare refused to give in however and Ann Bourke sent over a great point to put Clare through to the final and a meeting with Cork at a Clare venue.

CLARE: E. O'Halloran, Bridge, L. Quinn, do., M. O'Halloran, St. Josephs, C. O'Brien, Bodyke, A. Sheridan, Shannon, M. McMahon, do., A. Burke, Bodyke, J. Joward, St. Josephs, C. O'Loughlin, Kilnamosna, F. Phelan, Shannon, A. O'Dwyer, Bodyke, A. Carrig, Shannon. Sub. M. Collins, Scariff for A. Carrig.

## U. 14 SEMI-FINALS

Roslevan will be the venue on this Friday evening for semi-finals in the U. 14 A and B championships. Shannon will be represented in both games meeting Bodyke in the A semi-final at 6.30 and then taking on Eire Og in the B semi-final at 7.30 p.m.

## MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Clare camogie board will take place on Tuesday night next, June 2, at the Queens Hotel at 8 p.m.

## PILOT SCHEME

A major camogie pilot scheme will be launched in Kilkenny on this Saturday and Sunday. Six senior county teams will participate in a competition which will be played on full length GAA pitches. The competition is being hosted by Kilkenny and the following draws, on a league basis, for 12, 13 and 15 a side games were made:

Group 1: Kilkenny v Clare (15); Cork v Kilkenny (13); Clare v Cork (12).

Group 2: Galway v Down (15); Wexford v Galway (13); Down v Wexford (12).

Group 3: Kilkenny v Galway (12); Cork v Wexford (15); and Down v Clare (13).

The games will commence at 1 p.m. on Saturday at Nowlan Park and O'Loughlin Gaels with the finals at 2 p.m. at Nowlan Park on Sunday. There will be a banquet in Hotel Kilkenny on Saturday night for all the teams.

## COLLEGES CAMOGIE:

# Two Munster Camogie Titles for Scariff

Last week was a memorable one for those involved with the camogie club in Scariff Community College. Two Munster titles were captured with victories in the intermediate and u. 15 deciders

over Cork opposition. Scariff had failed narrowly in the inter. final last year and obviously there was great joy when they beat St. Mary's, Macroom at Macroom on Tuesday of last week. Twenty four

hours later they scored a good win over St. Pats, Cork, in the u. 15 decider at Scariff.

SCARIFF ..... 1-7  
ST. MARY'S,  
MACROOM ..... 1-6

In view of their tremendous effort last season when they

went down by the narrowest of margins in the final, it was only fitting that Scariff Community College should capture the provincial colleges intermediate title on this occasion. A tremendous effort by all members of the panel and their coach Jacko Treacy was responsible for this great success.

Scariff played against the wind in the first half of last week's final and they set about their task in determined mood. The winners defence and midfield excelled in the first half and they led at the break on the score of 1-3 to 0-5.

Macroom stepped up their display in the second period and hit back to go in front by a point. Scariff were not to be denied and two points by Pauline O'Brien gave them victory.

SCARIFF: Sinead O'Brien, Margaret Nugent, Evelyn O'Brien, Ann Burke, Nuala O'Brien, Jillian Sexton, Paula O'Brien, capt. Clodagh O'Brien, Geraldine Sexton, Noelle Boyce, Una Kavanagh, Marie Collins. Subs. A. O'Dwyer for G. Sexton, Aileen Minogue for C. Hurley, Deirdre Sheedy Teresa Callinan, Ann Marie McGrath, Ann O'Regan, Ann McNamara, Myra McNamara.



Scariff, Munster Colleges Intermediate Camogie Champions.

# New size pitch experiment

The size of the camogie pitch has evoked discussion in recent times. Many hold that the modern player is fitter than her predecessor. They suggest that an increased playing area would provide greater scope for the participants and a more entertaining spectacle for supporters.

This experiment will be put to the test in Kilkenny over the weekend. Six senior county sides will take part in a variety of matches to be staged on a full sized hurling pitch. The fixtures will vary from twelve-a-side games to matches with thirteen and fif-

teen on each team. The scoring space applicable to hurling will be in use. In addition the goalkeeper may not be tackled in the square.

However, not all camogie followers are in agreement with these proposals. Many close to the game see the emphasis being placed on strength and stamina rather than on skill. Both sides to the argument can assess the situation in Kilkenny and note their views on a questionnaire which will be available.

The only National League match listed matches Armagh with Derry. With only one point from three games, Derry

are experiencing a particularly bad run in the campaign. Armagh lie second to section leaders Kildare and should add to Derry's tale of woe.

The Ulster Junior Championship opens on Sunday with Cavan at home to Donegal. Cavan won out in Ulster in 1984 but slipped back some-what in the meantime. Ita Brady, Bernie O'Callaghan, Olive Scorr and Rosita Brady remain from their 1984 All-Ireland final side and have been joined by Catherine Freeman and Louise Carbin.

Donegal have yet to win an Ulster championship. Despite great work being done at col-

leges level in the county it is difficult for their players to gain the experience necessary to make their pressure felt at this level. Ita Blake, Ann Marie McCarron, Anne McGrath, Mary Harrold and Margaret Curran will work hard in an attempt to reach the second round.

Tipperary have a home match with Waterford in the Munster Junior Championship on Saturday. Their league performance suggests that they will have difficulty in overcoming the neighbours. On the other hand, Waterford collected four league points even if in a lower division.

## More players, bigger pitch — the big camogie experiment

ONLY A puck of the ball may shortly separate women from men on the hurling field. For the fairer sex are fast bridging the gap on their hurling counterparts.

Camogie players are now more skilful and fitter than ever. And, this has led to moves inside the association to increase the number of players on a team from 12 to 15, and increase the pitch to a full-size hurling one.

The present camogie pitch is three-quarters the size of the G.A.A. one.

Such is the groundswell of opinion that Kilkenny is the venue for a unique experiment this weekend. Six senior county teams including Kilkenny will take part in a pilot scheme to assess 12-a-side, 13-a-side and 15-a-side teams on a full-length G.A.A. pitch.

The event will be played off on a tournament basis with the first round games on Saturday at two venues, and the finals on Sunday.

The results of the various size teams will be assessed by both camogie and G.A.A. personnel including local hurling personalities Dermot Healy and Eddie Keher, and camogie expert Ann Carroll.

Players and spectators will also be canvassed for their opinions and the issue will

probably be the main topic at the Camogie Association's annual congress. The Kilkenny assessors will also submit recommendations on the proposed changes to the meeting.

"There is grave dissatisfaction with the present 12-a-side teams. Because of the greater emphasis on physical training and coaching players are fitter than ever and many are pressing for a bigger challenge", local camogie figure Mary Fennelly told the 'People'.

Kilkenny Co. Board is organising the weekend's events and has attracted five other senior sides to take part — Cork, Wexford, Down, Galway and Clare. Not taking part is Dublin, who Kilkenny meet in the league final on Sunday week.

## FULL LENGTH PITCHES SOON FOR CAMOGIE ?

ONLY a puck of the ball may soon separate women from men on the hurling field following a unique camogie experiment in Kilkenny this weekend.

For about 120 senior players from Cork, Clare, Wexford, Kilkenny, Galway and Down spent Saturday and Sunday playing on a full-length pitch on teams of 12, 13 and 15-a-side.

The present camogie pitch is only three-quarters of the size of a GAA pitch and teams are 12-a-side.

"There is grave dissatisfaction with the present team size," said Mary Fennelly, former National Camogie President, and current Secretary of the Kilkenny Co.

Board, who organised the experiment.

"Because of the greater emphasis on physical training and coaching players are fitter than ever and many have been pressing for a bigger challenge."

Assessing the weekend experiment were Kilkenny hurling personalities, Eddie Keher and Dermot Healy, former Offaly trainer and Bernie McNally, Belfast, President of the CCIA, Ann Carroll, National Camogie Coach

and Mary Hanley, Clare, President of the Primary School Board.

All players filled in questionnaires on the experiment and their views with those of the assessors will now be studied.

But Mary Fennelly said last night that another weekend of competitions may be necessary before a final decision is made on what recommendations should be put before next year's rule changing Camogie Congress.



Camogie captains attending the experimental rules week-end at Hotel Kilkenny (from left): Elsie Cody (Wexford), Carmel Wall (Clare), Bridie McGarry (Kilkenny), Val Fitzpatrick (Cork), May Kelly (Galway), Teresa Allen (Down). (Photo: Tom Brett)

## Bridget and Sinéad star

KILKENNY ..... 7-5

OFFALY ..... 2-2

KILKENNY'S under-14 team had a convincing win over Offaly in a game played in wet and windy conditions at Rath, Co. Offaly, on Saturday.

Playing against the wind in the opening half, Bridget Mullally opened the scoring for Kilkenny with a goal, followed by a goal by Orla Ryall from a sideline cut.

B. Mullally hit goal once again as did Sinéad Millea before the break.

At half-time the score was Kilkenny 4-1, Offaly 2-1.

Kilkenny made two changes before the second half with Una Murphy replacing Fiona Dalton and Catherine Whitehead in for Siobhán Darmody. With the aid of the wind, Kilkenny increased their lead with scores from top

scorers Bridget Mullally and Sinéad Millea.

This was a good display by Kilkenny. The defence played well, holding Offaly to just one point (from a free) in the second half. The final score was Kilkenny 7-5, Offaly 2-2.

Best for Kilkenny were Bridget Barnaville, Gillian Dillon, Tracy and Sinéad Millea and Bridget Mullally

who showed tremendous skill throughout the game.

Scorers: B. Mullally 4-4, Sinéad Millea 2-1, O. Ryall 1-0.

Team: Elaine Nolan, Bridget Barnaville, Ciara Butler, Bridget Wall, Fiona Dalton, Gillian Dillon, Aisling Cullen, Orla Ryall, Tracy Millea, Siobhán Darmody, Bridget Mullally, Sinéad Millea.

Subs.: Una Murphy for Fiona Dalton, Catherine Whitehead for Siobhán Darmody.

# Cliff-hanger predicted as Kilkenny mentors hopeful



KILKENNY goes in search of the national senior camogie league title on Sunday in what should be a classic showdown. In a repeat of their thrilling first round clash which the locals won by a point, Kilkenny take on Dublin in the final, at Nowlan Park.

And, it is set to be another cliff-hanger between two of the major forces in the country. This is something of a revenge mission for the Noreiders, as last year it was the Dubs who sent them packing out of the league.

The previous year, it was Kilkenny who beat Dublin in a replayed league final and went on to win the championship. So rivalry between the sides is intense.

To get to the final Kilkenny beat Wexford, Cork and Dublin in the first round. In the semi-final they beat Galway by nine points, despite a below-par performance.

The team is shaping up well and probably has greater talent and skill in its ranks than the Dubs. But, their opponents are fitter and this could prove a major factor.

The Kilkenny mentors are fairly confident of victory which would prove a great boost to championship hopes.

The team has not been named but the panel is: Marie Fitzpatrick, Liz Neary, Bridie McGarry, Biddy

O'Sullivan, Deirdre Malone, Chaire Jones, Nora Whelan, Ann Downey, Ann Whelan, Rita Weymes, Jo Dunne, Breda Holmes, Angela Downey, Sioghán Ryan.

It may be increased to include one or two players from the junior side.

## Kilkenny again thwart Dublin

KILKENNY 4-8  
DUBLIN 1-5

ONCE again, Dublin had to bow to a superior Kilkenny side in a final of the Senior National League at Nowlan Park yesterday when the home side put their name on the AIB Trophy for the fourth time.

It was a disappointing game, which never rose to great heights, and though the visitors had most of the play in the half they could not find the net. The winners were in front by 1-4

to 0-3 at the interval and they never looked back.

**Scorers — Kilkenny —** Ann Downey (1-4), Angela Downey (1-2), B. Holmes, J. Dunne (1-0 each), L. Neary, C. Jones (0-1 each). **Dublin —** B. Redmond (1-0), E. Murphy (0-4), L. Lynch (0-1).

**Leinster Colleges M. Final —** FCJ Buncloody 1-3, Presentation Kilkenny 0-3. **Dublin Colleges Senior League Final —** Assumption Walkinstown 5-3, The Donaghies 1-0.

## Forward to another Kilkenny victory

KILKENNY are in line to complete the big camogie double of the All-Ireland senior championship and National League when they have keen rivals Dublin as visitors today at Nowlan Park in an intriguing League decider.

Dublin are rebuilding after losing their second All-Ireland senior final in succession to Kilkenny last September. They were beaten just once in the current League and that was by the Noreiders in the group series last month at Leopardstown. That defeat was no disgrace, however, as Dublin were only pipped by a point near the end of a closely contested match (2-4 to 1-6).

It would seem, then, that Dublin are on the right track.

Marie Keane (Crumlin) and Louise Lynch (Oliver Plunkett's) have come into the attack since last year's All-Ireland final, and can help to ensure some testing problems for the home rearguard.

Anne Colgan, centre back, and Barbara Redmond, full-forward, who won All-Ireland senior medals in 1984 but did not play last season, are back in action this year, and their experience and skills will be invaluable.

Germaine Noonan, Marion Conroy and Edel Murphy are others who may do much to burnish the Dub's quest for a title that has eluded the county since 1983. Dublin have appeared in every final in the meantime.

Kilkenny, who last won the League in 1985, field a strong team with all but half-back Anne Holden of last year's All-Ireland title winning side available. Deirdre Malone, a substitute on the title winning team, comes into the defence.

An interesting move by Kilkenny is the playing of Liz Neary, who captained the team from full-back to the All-Ireland crown last year, at full-forward. Breda Holmes

moves back to centre forward and Rita Weymes, who was at No. 10 in the championship final, is now full-back.

Teamwork will again be a Kilkenny strong point, and the side also has confidence and dash. Angela Downey, Jo Dunne in attack, Anne Downey at midfield and Bridie McGarry and Biddy O'Sullivan in defence are match-winners.

An interesting final looks in prospect, one that should also prove a worthwhile guide to the championship hopes of both counties.

Dublin are sure to strive all the way, but the presence of Angela Downey, with her tremendous skills and scoring flair, suggests that Kilkenny have more to recommend them in attack. The forwards, in fact, should tip the scales Kilkenny's way.

**KILKENNY —** M. Fitzpatrick; R. Weymes; D. Malone, B. McGarry, B. O'Sullivan; C. Jones, Anne Downey, A. Whelan; J. Dunne, B. Holmes, Angela Downey; L. Neary.

**DUBLIN —** T. O'Byrne; M. Conroy; G. Noonan, A. Colgan, P. Clinton; U. Crowley, E. Murphy, K. Walsh; L. Lynch, M. Keane, C. O'Byrne; B. Redmond.

## Home ground can give edge to Kilkenny

DUBLIN for so long undisputed kingpins of camogie have yet to defeat Kilkenny in a national final. With the championship only a few weeks away, it would be a tremendous boost to Dublin if they were to overcome their keen rivals in the National Senior League final at Newland Park on Sunday.

Dublin often enjoy the edge over Kilkenny early in the season, but this has not been the case this year. Kilkenny got into their stride earlier than usual winning all matches in their section of the National League.

Since losing to Kilkenny, Dublin miss the services of midfielder Anne Holden who has emigrated. Crumlin player Mary Mernagh had to sit out last week's county final with a leg injury and must be considered a doubtful starter. In addition, Breda Kenny, Toni O'Byrne and Marie Connell have plans to visit the States for the summer.

No new talent was unearthed when Crumlin defeated Marino to retain their Dublin Senior title. Indeed it was one of the poorest finals seen for some years. The champions had to rely heavily on the accuracy of free-taker Anne Heavey to see them through.

Dublin will need to step up considerably on their performance against Clare if they are to topple Kilkenny. Marion Conroy, Una Crowley, Carmel O'Byrne, Edel Murphy and Barbara Redmond are capable of doing better and lifting the game of those around them.

Unlike Dublin, Kilkenny took part in the rules experiment last weekend. However, they appeared to be holding themselves for next Sunday's final. Liz Neary will be back to steady the defence and a much more determined effort is expected from Angela Downey, Jo Dunne, Bridie McGarry, Anne Downey and Breda Holmes.

On home ground and with strong vocal support, it looks like another victory

### EXPERIMENTAL RULES

Difference of opinion still exists with regard to the experimental rules. Much hard thinking requires to be done before motions are formulated to Congress, 1988. Those leaving Nowlan Park were agreed on two points.

Kilkenny had organised a most enjoyable weekend and the odds on a very impressive Wexford team for the All-Ireland race need to be considerably shortened.

Kildare play their final National Junior game in their section. It would be a major surprise if Tyrone upset their plans at this stage. Clare, who defeated Limerick by two points in the Munster Junior championship, will attempt to repeat the dose at Ballyagran. A Clare victory is necessary to maintain the pressure on Dublin.

Louth have accounted for

Wicklow and Fermanagh but face a stern test in Westmeath. A win here is important for both sides. The result of the fourth League match between Offaly and Laois will not affect the group since the outcome of the Meath v Waterford game on June 21 will decide that issue.

The big names have survived the first round in the Cork County Championship. The only surprise was the drawn game between Killeagh and Sarsfields. Blackrock, Na Piarsaigh, Aghabullogue and Fr. O'Neills have made their exit. The winners of the replay will join St. Finbarrs and Elro Og as challengers to the champions, Glen Rovers.

Carlow field strong goal away from winning the Leinster Junior championship last season. They launch their attack on the title on Sunday with Kilkenny as opposition.

Carlow field strong players in Mary Doyle, Breda Foley, Nuala Quirke, Sadie O'Brien and Agnes Smithers and may prove too strong for a Kilkenny team whose form has been erratic in the League.

Armagh play Antrim in a preliminary round of the Ulster Junior Championship on Sunday. As Antrim do not participate in the National Junior League, their form is unknown. Armagh have had several outings in the Maguire Cup and National League and may prove to be too experienced for Antrim.

### FIXTURES

**SATURDAY —** National Junior League — Westmeath v Louth, Turin (7.0).

**SUNDAY —** National Senior League Final — Kilkenny v Dublin, Nowlan Park (3.0). National Junior League — Limerick v Clare, Ballyagran (2.30).

# Fourth league title — now for the double!

KILKENNY ..... 4-8  
DUBLIN ..... 2-6  
KILKENNY senior camogie team downed the Dubs on Sunday to collect its fourth national league title.

And the win comes as a very timely boost to the side's hopes of retaining its championship crown.

This league final at Nowlan Park was billed as a thrilling showdown between two intense rivals and immensely strong camogie forces.

In a first round league meeting Kilkenny pipped Dublin by a point while last year it was Dublin who sent the Noreiders packing.

The championship has also witnessed them at odds in some tremendous battles but unfortunately this was not one of their spectacular duels.

In a final which turned out to be a damp squib, Kilkenny proved far too strong for their lacklustre opponents.



Deirdre Malone

After missing some golden opportunities in the first half, the Dubs seemed demoralised in the second as Kilkenny got a firm grip on the game.

The eight-point winning margin indicates the dominance of the locals.

Claire Jones opened the scoring for the home side with a point following a well-executed pass from Breda Holmes. Kilkenny added three more points before Angela Downey scored a stylish goal just before the break, leaving Kilkenny ahead by 1-4 to 0-4.

Dublin should have had a bigger tally but for their forwards who were way off target. And the bite really went out of their game after a good attempt at an early goal in the second half was saved by Kilkenny goalie Marie Fitzpatrick.

Kilkenny moved up a gear in this half and Ann Downey sealed the issue when she sent the ball to the back of the net from a free, following a point from Jo Dunne.

Further goals came from Angela Downey and Jo Dunne.



Biddy O'Sullivan

Deirdre Malone was a star defender for Kilkenny.

Scorers were Angela Downey (2-3), Ann Downey and J. Dunne (1-2 each), C. Jones (0-1).

On the winning team were: M. Fitzpatrick, R. Weymes, D. Malone, B. McGarry, B. O'Sullivan, C. Jones, Anne Downey, A. Whelan, J. Dunne, B. Holmes, Angela Downey, L. Neary.

Others on the panel were: J. Lanigan, T. Fennelly, B. Cahill, F. Rothwell, A. Cleere, S. Ryan, N. Whelan, E. Butler.

Opponents too experienced

KILKENNY junior team found Carlow too strong in Myshall on Saturday evening, in the Leinster junior championship.

Carlow, a team with a wealth of experienced players at this level, had a final score of 3-15 to Kilkenny's 2-3.

In their first year playing together, although well beaten on the day, Kilkenny should be a force to be reckoned with in the future.

Scorers: J. Lanigan, C. Dunphy (1-0 each), F. Rothwell, B. Cahill, L. Whelan (0-1 each).

Team: M. Lawlor, A. Hennessy, S. Ashe, F. Rothwell, K. Darmody, A. Cleere, T. Fennelly, J. Lanigan, B. Cahill, C. Dunphy, E. Butler, L. Whelan. Sub.: C. O'Loughlin for C. Dunphy.

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# Focus on the Féile

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FOCUS on the Camogie front this weekend will be on the Féile na nGael Blitz to be held on Saturday at St. Finbarrs and Ballincollig G.A.A. grounds commencing at 10.30. The semi-finals will be held next Tuesday night with the final scheduled for Thursday night.

In the only other games listed Glen Rovers and Blackrock meet in the Senior League next Thursday night while on Wednesday night Glen Rovers and Brian Dillons will battle it out in the Under-14 League.

The following is the full programme of Féile na nGael games:

Saturday at St. Finbarrs — Section G: Fr. O'Neills, Aghabullogue, St. Catherine's. Section H: St. Finbarrs, Douglas, Barryroe. Section I: Eire Og, Brian Dillons, Grenagh. Section J: Churchtown, Cloughduv, Glen Rovers.

Pitch 1 — 10.30 a.m. Fr. O'Neills v Aghabullogue; 11.10 a.m. St. Finbarrs v Douglas; 11.50 a.m. Fr. O'Neills v St. Catherine's; 12.30 p.m. St. Finbarrs v Barryroe; 1.10 p.m. Aghabullogue v St. Catherine's; 1.50 p.m. Douglas v Barryroe.

Pitch 2 — 10.30 a.m. Eire Og v Brian Dillons; 11.10 a.m. Churchtown v Cloughduv; 11.50 a.m. Eire Og v Grenagh; 12.30 p.m. Churchtown v Glen Rovers; 1.10 p.m. Brian Dillons v Grenagh; 1.50 p.m. Cloughduv v Glen Rovers.

Quarter-finals 3.00 p.m. 'K' G v 'I'; 'L' H v 'J'.

Section A: Newcestown, Ballinora, Ballincollig. Section B: Inniscarra, Bishopstown A, Castlemar-

tyr. Section C: Watergrasshill, Blackrock, Killeagh. Section D: Bishopstown B, Valley Rovers, Na Piar-saigh.

Pitch 1 — 10.30 a.m. Newcestown v Ballinora; 11.10 a.m. Inniscarra v Bishopstown A; 11.50 a.m. Ballinora v Ballincollig; 12.30 p.m. Bishopstown A v Castlemartyr; 1.10 p.m. Newcestown v Ballincollig; 1.50 p.m. Inniscarra v Castlemartyr.

Pitch 2 — 10.30 a.m. Watergrasshill v Blackrock; 11.10 a.m. Bishopstown B v Valley Rovers; 11.50 a.m. Blackrock v Killeagh; 12.30 p.m. Valley Rovers v Na Piar-saigh; 1.10 p.m. Watergrasshill v Killeagh; 1.50 p.m. Bishopstown B v Na Piar-saigh.

Quarter-finals 3.00 p.m. 'E' C v 'A'; 'F' D v 'B'. Semi-finals: winners of E v winners of L; winners of K v winners of F.

Fixtures: Saturday, Féile na nGael Blitz at St. Finbarrs and Ballincollig G.A.A. Grounds, 10.30 a.m.

Tuesday, June 9, Féile na nGael semi-finals at St. Finbarrs, 7 and 8 p.m.

Wednesday, June 10, Féile na nGael Skills competition at St. Finbarrs at 7.30 p.m. Under 14 League, Glen Rovers "B" v Brian Dillons at Glen Rovers, 7.30 p.m.

Thursday, June 11, Senior League, Glen Rovers v Blackrock at Glen Rovers, 7.30 p.m. Féile na nGael Final at St. Finbarrs, 7.30 p.m.



Bishopstown under-14 camogie team pictured with the trophy after defeating Glen Rovers in the under-14 Féile na Gael final at St. Finbarr's H&F Club.

## Bishopstown girls come out on top

Bishopstown 3-0  
Glen Rovers 0-1

BISHOPSTOWN will be Cork's representatives in the Camogie Féile na nGael again this year when a Mary Collins hat-trick decided the Cork final at Togher last evening.

Bishopstown's best players were Aisling O'Leary, their dependable goalkeeper and captain who is playing in her third season, Orla Higgins and Gillian Collins, while Deborah Gibson, Karen O'Callaghan and Maguerite Kennelly tried hardest for the Glen who were appearing in their first final. Orla Murphy scored their point.

Bishopstown A. O'Leary, C. Crowley, G. O'Connell, O. Higgins, C. O'Carroll, G. Sugrue, G. Conlon, L. Rowe, B. Geary, A. White, D. Moynihan, M. Collins. Subs. T. Murphy for Geary, injured and D. Ni Chroinin for Rowe, injured. Glen Rovers A. Conway, L. O'Mahony, T. Dunlea, E. McCarthy, M. O'Leary, D. Gibson, S. Murphy, K. O'Callaghan, M. Kennelly, O. Murphy, J. O'Neill, L. Murphy. Sub G. Brosnan for O'Mahony injured. Referee, M. Maher (Douglas).



Glen Rovers who played Bishopstown in the under 14 Féile na Gael camogie final at St. Finbarr's H. & F. Club.

## BISHOPSTOWN DEFEND TITLE

BISHOPSTOWN, the holders, will play Glen Rovers in the Féile na nGael Under-14 camogie championship final tonight at St. Finbarr's grounds, Togher, Cork at 7 o'clock and the final will be followed by the skills competition with each of the 22 competing clubs having two representatives involved.

Bishopstown making a determined bid to retain their title had a one goal win, 2-1 to 1-1, over Aghabullogue over the weekend in the semi-finals while Glen Rovers scored a 2-1 to 0-1 win over Killeagh in the other semi-final clash.

Between 30 and 40 children will be involved in the skills competition with just one representative from Cork going through to the All-Ireland skills final to be held at Cusack Park, Ennis, Co. Clare at the end of the month.

Blackrock 1-1; Glen Rovers A 7-2, Na Piar-saigh nil. Senior League: Glen Rovers 4-10, Eire Og 1-3. Féile na Gael semi-finals: Glen Rovers 2-1, Killeagh 0-1; Bishopstown 2-1, Aghabullogue 1-1.

CAMOGIE U-14 League: Sarsfields 4-1, Glen Rovers B 1-0; Ballincollig 3-1,

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# Kildare machine receives a jolt

## CAMOGIE

HIGH-flying Kildare had their wings clipped somewhat in the opening round of the Leinster Junior Championship. The National Junior League and Leinster Junior champions were sailing impressively through the current League until they encountered Louth in the opening round of the Leinster Championship.

The Louth side put up a great show against their fancied rivals and were unlucky not to win. Kildare escaped with a single point to spare and journey to Rathdrum next Sunday to tackle Wicklow.

Wicklow also had an uncomfortable passage in the opening round. Only two points separated them from Westmeath. Their National League showing has not been great and they will need to lift their game if they are to achieve a semi-final spot.

The performance of the Dublin Juniors in the National League augurs well for a good championship run. With several players at their disposal who field regularly in top-class club fare, Dublin will be expected to account for Meath at Silverpark.

Meath have performed well in the current League. But their opponents to date have been Division Four standard.

Ulster Council have two Junior Championship matches listed for Sunday. Down, who did not participate in the National League, tackle Monaghan at Ballyholland. The county had to promote a number of players to the senior team

and consequently will field a young side.

Monaghan accounted for Wicklow and Fermanagh in the League and have a reasonably good side.

The second game matches Tyrone and Fermanagh. Fermanagh's efforts in the National League to date have only yielded a single point and team mentors will be calling for a greater exertion from all concerned.

Following a poor start to the League, Tyrone picked themselves up somewhat to score a moral-boosting win over Armagh. Their players should guide Tyrone to the next round.

Champions Kilkenny came to life in the second half of

the National League Final last Sunday. The champions took complete control in the second half exposing limitations in all sectors of the Dublin team. Dublin have a lot of work to do if they are to realise their Championship ambitions.

Kilkenny must remain odds-on favourites for the All-Ireland Championship. A south Leinster pairing of Kilkenny and Wexford is a real prospect for the final.

Three National Junior League matches are listed for Sunday but their results will have no bearing on the outcome of the competition. Wexford who are long out of the running meet Galway who slipped against Clare. Derry, who returned to form against Armagh, tackle Carlow while Armagh travel to Cavan.



Sandra O'Sullivan (Inniscarra), winner of the Cork camogie skills competition held at St. Finbarr's Club, Toghher. She now represents Cork in the national finals which will be held in Clare at the end of the month.

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# Cork must improve on recent performances

BIG attractions this coming week on the camogie front will be the Munster Senior Final tomorrow between Cork and Limerick and the eagerly awaited Senior Championship replay between Killeagh and Sarsfields on Monday night. Next week will also see a number of Under-14 and Under-16 League games decided.

Down through the years Cork have held a very impressive record at Munster senior level, but tomorrow's game will have to show a big improvement in recent performances if they are to be successful this season. Cork failed to win any of their National League games and even though they had a fairly comprehensive victory over Clare in the Munster semi-final their performance on the night was anything but impressive. The Senior Championship replay between Sarsfields and Killeagh on Monday night promises to be another thriller. The drawn game was an exciting affair and

certainly kept the spectators on their toes right up to the final whistle. Sars went very near to causing a major upset in this year's championship and must be considered unlucky not to have done so, but Killeagh showed what an experienced and determined side they are when they came thundering back into the game in the final quarter.

A lot of camogie enthusiasts will say that Sars will have missed their chance but the Riverstown girls have been playing very well this season. They had a surprise victory over Na Piarasigh in their first round game and their performance in the drawn game was first-class. They have an excellent leader in Liz Dunphy and have other fine performers in Eileen Noonan, Marcella Fitzpatrick, Valerie Twomey and Breda Sullivan and these girls are certain to leave no stone unturned to achieve a much needed senior victory for their club.

In the drawn game Killeagh were without the services of Patsy Keniry and on the night proved a big loss to them. She will be expected to return to the side for Monday's game and her presence could have a big bearing on the outcome.

One of their key centre-field players, Ann Marie Landers, is due to be married on Wednesday but she is also expected to play. These girls together with other experienced performers in Marion Sweeney, Ann Leahy, Mary and Shelly Spillane and Vera Motherway combine to form a very strong outfit but only a top-class performance will suffice on this occasion if they are to qualify to meet Eire Og in the semi-final on June 23.

## FIXTURES

**Tomorrow** — Munster Senior Final: Cork v. Limerick at Kilmeedy at 7.0.

**Monday, June 15** — Senior Championship replay: Killeagh v. Sars-

fields at Caherlag at 7.30 (referee Brenda Newman).

**Tuesday, June 16** — Under-16 League: Killeagh v. Castlemartyr at Killeagh at 7.30 (Cloyne).

**Wednesday, June 17** — Under-14 Leagues: Cloughduv v. Ballinora at Cloughduv at 7.30 (Ballinora); Bishopstown 'A' v. Blackrock at Blackrock at 7.30 (Bishopstown); Ballincollig v. Valley Rovers at Ballincollig at 7.30 (Valley Rovers); Aghabullogue v. Newcestown at Aghabullogue at 7.30 (Newcestown); Na Piarasigh v. Grenagh at Grenagh at 7.30 (Na Piarasigh).

**Thursday, June 18** — Eire Og v. Barryroe at Ovens at 7.30 (Barryroe); Fr. O'Neills v. Castlemartyr at Fr. O'Neills at 7.30 (Castlemartyr); St. Catherine's v. Killeagh at Killeagh at 7.30 (St. Catherine's); Watergrasshill v. Churchtown at Churchtown at 7.30 (Watergrasshill).

Cork girls  
far too  
good

Limerick 1-2,  
Cork 3-9

CORK proved far too strong for Limerick in a one-sided Munster Senior championship Camogie tie at Kilmeedy on Saturday night and they were full value for their 13 points winning margin.

Limerick were never in the game with a chance of success as Cork powered their way to their huge success.



The Cork camogie team which beat Limerick 3-9, 1-2, in the Munster Final at Kilmeedy, Co. Limerick.

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No hurley but still in control during the Cork County Camogie Championship game between Glen Rovers and St. Finbarr's.

# Glen girls in a different class

Glen Rovers 7-13  
St. Finbarrs 1-7.

ALL-IRELAND club title holders, Glen Rovers, coasted to the easiest of victories over St. Finbarrs, in the semi-final of the County Senior Camogie Championship, at Caherlag, on Saturday night.

Except for the opening minutes, playing with a stiff breeze, did St. Finbarrs match the powerful Glen who led at the interval by 3-3 to 1-4, their goals coming from Ger McCarthy (2-0) and Denise Cotter, while Collette O'Mahony, goaled for St. Finbarrs, from a close in free, in the 24th minute.

Once Ger McCarthy got her third goal, as early as the 5th minute of the second half, there was only one team in it. One of the highlights of the second half was a superb free from Mary Ring, who struck a shot from her own 10 metres line to score a super goal.

In addition to Mary Ring, Anne Delaney O'Donovan, Marie Murphy Ryan, Mary Currid, Val Fitzpatrick, Ger McCarthy and Sandy Fitzgibbon excelled for the winners, while Deirdre Ryan, Collette Cronin, Collette O'Mahony, Deirdre

Christie, were best for the Barrs.  
 Scorers: Glen Rovers — G. McCarthy 4-4; V. Fitzpatrick 0-6; J. Hammond 1-0; D. Cotter 0-1; T. O'Callaghan 0-2. Scorers for St. Finbarrs — C. O'Mahony 1-0; M. Currid 0-1; M. O'Farrell 0-1; M. O'Leary 0-1.  
 Glen Rovers: F. McCarthy, M. Ring, D. Deane, A. Delaney-Ryan, O'Donovan, M. McCarthy, S. M. Currid, V. Fitzpatrick, S.

Fitzgibbon, T. O'Callaghan, McCarthy, D. Cotter, A. nolly-Houlihan, S. McCarthy for A. Cotter, Houlihan, J. Hammond for Cotter.

St. Finbarrs: M. O'Sullivan, D. Ryan, N. Coughlan, Chrístie, C. Cronin, O'Mahony, V. O'Mahony, Christie, S. Currid, O'Farrell, C. O'Leary, Referee: M. Maher.

## 'BARRS REMAIN UNDAUNTED

THE Senior Camogie Championship dominates the local scene this coming week with two first class semi-finals down for decision. In the first of these Glen Rovers and St. Finbarrs meet at Caherlag on Saturday night, and on Tuesday night Killeagh and Eire Og will battle it out at Riverstown.

In the remainder of the games Brian Dillons and Douglas play in the 1986 Junior 'A' League Final on Sunday, while on Wednesday night St. Finbarrs and Cloyne clash in a vital Intermediate League tie at Togher.

Saturday's semi-final clash between St. Finbarrs and Glen Rovers promises to be one of the most interesting of the championship games to date. Predictably St. Finbarrs will be underdogs with Glen Rovers very much fancied to take the honours again this year.

The Barrs will have nothing to lose and are sure to give it everything they have got. They are without the services of Claire Cronin this year and she is a big loss to them but they can still call on such fine players as captain Margaret Farrell, Colette O'Mahony, sisters Ann and Deirdre Christie, Niamh Coughlan, Colette Cronin and these together with the younger members of the team Paula Carey and Deirdre Ryan are sure to leave no stone unturned to achieve victory for their club.

Down through the years Killeagh and Eire Og have had many close encounters and Tuesday's semi-final clash between these two sides promises to be no exception. Eire Og have been unlucky with this year's draw and as a result of receiving a walk over from UCC in their first round game will play their first championship game on Tuesday night and this is sure to be a disadvantage to them.

Killeagh have an excellent leader in team captain Ann Leahy and

have other experienced players in Marion Sweeney, Betty Joyce, Patsy Keniry and Mary and Shelly Spillane and if these girls play to form could make things difficult for an Eire Og side that is sure to include Eileen Dinneen, Margo Twomey, Noelle O'Driscoll, Mary Geaney and Clare O'Regan.

In the Junior 'A' League final on Sunday, Brian Dillons will be expected to retain the title. They are a strong all round side and with players of the calibre of Lynda and Karen Mellerick, Liz O'Sullivan, Vivienne O'Brien and Aileen Barry available to them it is difficult to see them being halted despite the efforts of Douglas girls Mary and Liz Maher, Liz Lynch and Catherine McSweeney.

### FIXTURES

This (Friday) evening: Under 14 League — Glen Rovers A v Glen Rovers B at Glen Rovers, 7.30 (Ref. Glen Rovers).

Tomorrow, June 20: Senior Championship Semi-final — Glen Rovers v St. Finbarrs at Caherlag, 7.30.

Sunday, June 21: Junior A League Final — Douglas v Brian Dillons at Riverstown, 6.00 (Ref. Brenda Newman).

Under 14 League: Bishopstown B v Ballincollig at Bishopstown, 12 noon (Ref. Ballincollig).

Tuesday, June 23: Senior Championship semi-final — Killeagh v Eire Og at Riverstown at 7.30 (Ref. Marie Kearney).

Wednesday, June 24 — Intermediate League, St. Finbarrs v Cloyne at St. Finbarrs at 7.30 (Ref. Brenda Newman).

Under 14 Leagues, Bishopstown A v Bishopstown B at Bishopstown at 7.30 (Ref. Bishopstown). Sarsfields v Na Piarasigh at Na Piarasigh at 7.30. (Ref. Sarsfields). Glen Rovers v Brian Dillons at Brian Dillons at 7.30. (Ref. Glen Rovers).

Thursday, June 25 — Under 14 Leagues, Inniscarra v Cloughduy at Inniscarra at 7.30 (Ref. Cloughduy). Blackrock v St. Finbarrs at Blackrock at 7.30 (Ref. St. Finbarrs). Douglas v Valley Rovers at Valley Rovers at 7.30. (Ref. Douglas).



Battling for possession during the Cork Co. Camogie Championship between Glen Rovers and St. Finbarrs at Caherlag on Saturday

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1986 CLARE ALL-IRELAND TEAM

## First Feile Na nGael Winners

Being the first Clare team to win a Camogie title, this very young Eire Og side must be congratulated in bringing such an honour to the county.

With ten of this side under 13, great things must be in store for Eire Og.

Having taken Waterford in the semi-final, after extra time, they met Fermanagh in the final. Despite the youth and lesser physique than the strong and older Fermanagh side, their display and sheer determination was a delight to watch.

All scores came from the forward line of u-12 players.

When captaining Clare to the All-Ireland Junior title, Maura McNicholas won every medal possible at her age. These include county medals from u-12 to senior level, Munster u-18, Junior, Gael Linn and All-Ireland Vocational Schools.

Maura, now based in Dublin, will be greatly missed by the Eire Og club.

Apart from playing she played a major part in the training of under-age players.

Her skill, determination and scoring ability has rewarded her with the A.I.B. award for the best Junior All-Ireland player.

Well done and best wishes for the future.

—EIRE OG CAMOGIE CLUB



Pictured above is Maura McNicholas holding aloft the A.I.B. Cup after captaining Clare to the All-Ireland Junior title.

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**WOLFE TONES, SHANNON, UNDER-12 CO. CHAMPIONS 1986.** Front Row (from left): Tracy McCashin, Sinead Keary, Emma McDade, Karen O'Callaghan, Monica Riordan, Bernadette Nesbitt, Aine Murphy. Middle Row: Breege Lally, Niamh Doyle, Kathleen Lally, Suzy Hickey, Kathy Stinson, Deirdre Shanahan, Orfhlaith Ni Neill. Back Row: Annette O'Donovan, Julie Smith, Shiofra Nicola Fitzgerald, Debbie McDonagh, Maxine Johnson, Marian Costello, Deirdre O'Sullivan.



**WOLFE TONES, SHANNON, UNDER 18 CO. CHAMPIONS 1986.** Front Row (from left): Michelle McInerney, Josephine Murphy, Frances Phelan, Tara Magee, Susan Justice, Evan Drysdale (capt.), Liz Keane, Moira McMahon, Lorna O'Flaherty. Back Row: Sharon McGrath, Noleen Alford, Patricia Diviney, Catherine Molloy, Mary Higgins, Elaine McTeggart, Audrey Carrig, Angela Sheridan, Joy Kelly.

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**WOLFE TONES, SHANNON, UNDER 16 CO. CHAMPIONS 1986.** Front Row (from left): Michelle Halpin, Elaine O'Shaughnessy, Patricia Diviney (capt.), Josephine Murphy, Frances Phelan, Liz Keane, Moira McMahon. Back Row: Michelle McNerney, Noleen Alford, Sharon McGrath, Catriona May, Angela Sheridan, Audrey Carrig, Loraine Moran, Colette McCashin.



**WOLFE TONES, SHANNON, UNDER-14 CO. CHAMPIONS 1986.** Front Row (from left): Elaine Purcell, Niamh Watson, Karen McNeill, Aine Nic Cormaic, Moira McMahon (capt.), Serena Ryan, Shirley Lakes, Carmel Howard. Back Row: Joanne O'Donnell, Maxine Johnson, Loraine Moran, Debbie McGettrick, Aedin Neylon, Siobhan O'Driscoll, Louise Fitzgerald, Siobhan Purcell, Colette McCashin. Missing from picture are: Audrey Carrig, Joanne Meehan and Debbie Kelly.

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## Three Trophies for Bodyke Camogie Club

Bodyke Camogie Club since its formation in 1983 has gone from strength to strength. 1986, like the previous two years, brought major success to this East Clare club.

The under 14 girls started the season in a lively note by winning their league final defeating Truagh in a most exciting game. The junior team continued on the winning path bringing the A league title to the parish, beating Kilmaley in the decider. The same girls completed the double, capturing the Junior B championship final.

Bodyke's under 16 team reached the final of the league

putting up a good performance against the Shannon club who emerged winners.

The dedication to training of Bodyke young ladies has proved most fruitful as the club display three trophies this year.

The club is proud to have had one of their members on the victorious All-Ireland junior team, well done, Pauline O'Brien. Sincere thanks must be extended to the trainers and selectors for the season, Matt O'Brien, Mary Bourke, Philip Hogan and Ethne O'Brien.



*Bodyke Junior A League and B Championship Winners 1986. Back (from left) Bridget McGrath, Mariona O'Brien, Kathleen Moloney, Marie Kelleher, Ann Burke, Anne Quigley and Noreen Tobin. Front: Evelyn O'Brien, Joan Kelleher, Sinead O'Brien, Pauline O'Brien, Clodagh O'Brien, Gilian Sexton, Aishling Moloney. Missing from photo., Mary Dinan, Chris Quigley and Carmel Kelleher.*



*Bodyke, Under 16 A Runners-Up 1986. Back (from left) Joan Kelleher, Jane McNamara, Catherine McNamara, Gilian Sexton, Noreen Tobin, Anne O'Dwyer, Ann Marie McGrath, and Moira McNamara. Front: Evelyn O'Brien, Geraldine Sexton, Bridget Ann Long, Sinead O'Brien, Clodagh O'Brien, Ann Burke, and Ann McNamara. Missing from photo, Mairead McNamara.*



**BODYKE UNDER 14 LEAGUE WINNERS 1986**

*Back (from left) Orla Slattery, Ann McNamara, Niamh Hogan, Ann O'Dwyer, Moira McNamara, Mary O'Grady, and Niamh Wiley. Front: Elaine Slattery, Sinead McNamara, Noreen Moloney, Sinead O'Brien, Ann Marie McGrath, Una Pearl, Hazel Slattery, Caroline Hogan, Yvonne Hogan.*

# Dublin's Juniors can do it

The Dublin junior county team are certainly commanding the attention at the moment. Tomorrow they take on Clare in what will be their third outing in 11 days. Last Wednesday week they gave a rather inept performance when they struggled to overcome an enthusiastic Meath side and so qualified for another crack at famous rivals Kildare in the Leinster semi-final.

Then on Sunday they improved a 100 p.c. and thoroughly outclassed a disappointing Kilkenny team in the National League. Tomorrow they continue their assault on the junior league with the visit of Clare to Silver Park at 3.00 p.m.

This is a vital game for both counties. As matters stand at present Clare must win while a draw will suit the Dubliners. Either way it will be Dublin or Clare who will contest the National League semi-final.

Following that marvellous victory over Kilkenny, the selectors have made just one change in personnel. Geraldine Brady starts a county match for the first time this season replacing Marino's Mary Kavanagh who is bound for Australia. Geraldine takes her place at right back in a defence which has not yet really been tested. However, spearheaded by the brilliance of the very much in form Denise O'Leary, Cathy Hickey, Patsy Murphy and captain Ann Heavey have done all that has been asked of them so far.

Michelle Donnelly has been turning on some marvellous performances for her club and county in recent weeks and aided and abetted by the industrious Carmel Gray and Phyllis Dawson, this trio make up a very strong centre field sector.

The forward line had been finding it difficult to amass scores against Meath last week but the combination the selectors employed against Kilkenny came up trumps.

Gráinne O'Mahony, Ann Cooper, Adele Campbell and Geraldine Dunne turned on the style and if they can give a repeat performance tomorrow Dublin will be well on the road to victory. Geraldine Dunne has also proved herself to be a prolific scorer from dead ball situations.

Taking everything into account Dublin seem to be coming into form at just the right moment, but they would be foolish to underestimate the ability of this Clare team.

As reigning All-Ireland junior champions the Banner County have had to find a completely new side this season and so far in their games to date they have made excellent progress with the loss of just one point to near neighbours Galway in the league.

I saw them recently when they defeated Limerick in the Munster Championship and in their team that day they included three players who had already turned out for their seniors in the semi-final of the senior league and Clare only lost that game by a goal against the Dubliners.

So the Metropolitans should be forewarned. However, I think that Dublin have a better all round team and by 4.15 p.m. or thereabouts tomorrow I would confidently expect them to have qualified for a place in the league semi-final.

## Expert advice for coaches

CAMOGIE coaches will assemble at Kilmacud Crokes Club on Saturday to listen to experts covering team preparation and injuries. In the first Medical / Coaching Seminar to be organised by the Camogie Association, a top team of professionals will impart their knowledge.

Former Galway goalkeeper, Eileen Naughten, now a Consultant Paediatrician, will chair the Seminar. Her team of speakers will include Professor Moira O'Brien, Eileen Murphy and Mary McCreery whose expertise is much sought after by Irish Olympic team members.

There is no doubt that the majority of county teams could improve their approach and preparation to their championship and league campaigns. This is a great opportunity for all

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coaches to gain maximum benefit.

If the right set of results emanate from next Sunday's National Junior League matches, the way will be clear for the play-off stages.

At Silverpark Dublin will test the new Clare team which has been performing so well — they were held to a draw by Galway but won their remaining games. Dublin head the table with full points and a draw would be sufficient to see them through.

Only Monaghan stand between Louth and a place in the last four. Louth, All-Ireland champions in 1982, have a clean sheet to date. Viv Kelly, Noleen Maguire,

Nellie Dowdall and the Crehan sisters should wrap it up for them.

Section Four reads Meath six points, Waterford five points. These counties meet at Enfield to decide which will go forward to meet Kildare. Waterford are already out of the championship and will be very anxious to salvage something from the season. However, Meath are quietly confident of coming out on top.

The Ulster Junior championship continues on Sunday with the meeting of Armagh and Derry. Neither may look back on their League showing with much satisfaction. Armagh have the advantage of a pre-

liminary round match in which they defeated Antrim and they can earn a semi-final place.

Down, Derry, Cavan and Armagh are the last four in the Ulster Minor championship. If colleges camogie is any yardstick, the clash between Derry and Down should produce a great game. Armagh may edge out Cavan in the second match.

Wexford meet Laois in the Leinster Junior Championship. Laois is still regarded as a weak county and while they are making great strides they may find Wexford too hot to handle. Minor champions in 1986 and junior title-holders in 1985, Wexford have the material to do well in the competition and should not slip up at this stage.

## KILLEAGH GO THROUGH

By Noel Spillane

Killeagh 4-5 Sarsfields 0-6

KILLEAGH made no mistake this time around when they crushed Sarsfields by an 11 points margin in their Cork County senior camogie championship replay at Caherlag last night.

Playing against the wind and sun in the opening half, Killeagh led 0-4 to 0-3 at the interval but a superb second half performance that yielded four cracking goals gave them a comprehensive victory.

Sarsfields will rue the goal-scoring chances they missed in the opening minutes of the second-half when they made a determined bid to find the net but once Cork minor, Breda Kelly netted the first of her two goals minutes later, the game began to slip away from them.

Making full use of the wind, the goals flowed through Kelly, who made it 1-4 to 0-3 and then midway through Betty Joyce goalied to make it 2-5 to 0-4. Two more goals from Kelly and Joyce in the closing five minutes settled the contest.

Breda Kelly was the inspiration behind last night's Killeagh win but Patsy Keniry, Betty Joyce, team captain Ann Leahy and Ann Marie Landers all played vital roles.

For Sars Ann Brady, Liz Dunphy, Eileen Noonan, Val Twomey and Lilian Zinkant did their utmost to salvage the game.

Scorers Killeagh: B. Joyce 2-2 (0-2 frees), B. Kelly 2-0, P. Keniry 0-2, M. Sweeney 0-1. Sarsfields: L. Zinkant 0-6 (0-3 frees). Killeagh: P. Fitzgibbon; M. Spillane, V. Motherway, B. Landers; P. Keniry, A.M. Landers, S. Spillane; B. Kirby, A. Leahy (capt); B. Kelly, B. Joyce, M. Sweeney. Sarsfields: L. Twomey; G. Barry, E. Noonan, M. Fitzpatrick (capt); L. Dunphy, M. Brady, B. O'Sullivan; A. Brady, E. Barry, S. Barry, L. Zinkant, V. Twomey. Referee: Brenda McDonnell (Na Piarsaigh).

## EASY FOR DUBLIN

DUBLIN ..... 9-6  
CLARE ..... 1-4

DUBLIN recorded a convincing win over Clare in the semi-final of the National Junior camogie league at Leopardstown on Sunday last.

The Dublin girls deserved their victory but Clare should have been closer at the final whistle. Dublin got off to start with some fine scores and this put them on the road to victory. Clare's scores came from Patricia O'Grady (1-1), Mairead Bergin (0-2) and Francis Phelan (0-1).

The Clare camogie exhibition which is on all this week at the de Valera Library in Ennis will be visited on this Friday by National camogie Secretary, Sheila Wallace and National P.R.O., Mary Moran.

## Dublin girls prevail

DUBLIN 9-6  
CLARE 1-4

CLARE had no answer to Dublin in a one-sided quarter-final at the National Junior Camogie League played at Leopardstown yesterday.

The winners made all the running in the opening half and they had a 5-3 to 1-2 lead at the interval. They continued on the offensive in the second half and

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added 4-3 to Clare's 0-2.

SCORERS — Dublin — E. Campbell 4-0, G. Dunne (2-3), L. Lynch (1-3), A. Cooper and G. O'Mahoney (1-0 each), M. Donnelly (0-1).

Clare — P. O'Grady 1-1, Clare — P. O'Grady (1-1), M. Bergin (0-2), P. Devaney (0-1).

# BUSY TIME AT 'FEILE'

Teams travelling to Feile na nGael which will be staged in Clare this weekend are assured of at least three matches. The change in format to League competition has been widely welcomed. To fit in the additional games, the participating counties are divided into four divisions.

In line for a record three-in-a-row will be reigning champions, Mullagh (Galway). Leading the Mullagh challenge will be Emer Hardiman, who collected an All-Ireland Colleges Senior medal with St. Raphael's earlier in the season. Others to watch out for on this skilful Mullagh combination are M. Connaughton, M. Garvey, P. Connolly and A. Cormican.

Shannon, Kilkishen, Kilmaley and Eire Og will provide stiff resistance on the local front. Bishopstown (Cork), St. Monica (Dublin) and the Kilkenny representatives will come into the reckoning.

Keady, Loughiel, Granagh-Ballingarry and Dromasess will be among the visitors to Clare. Feile provides great entertainment and those who make the journey to view the action will be well rewarded. The Feile Skills Competition is scheduled for Shannon on Saturday at 2.30.

Cork chase their twelfth Munster Minor title when they face Clare in the provincial decider on Thursday night. Only Claire O'Regan, Niamh Cotter and Fiona O'Driscoll remain from the Cork side which overcame Clare last season. These are joined by promising newcomers Eileen Buckley, Lynn Dunlea, Imelda Leahy, Hilda Keeneally and Denise Cotter.

There is talent aplenty on the Clare side. Catherine O'Loughlin, who created havoc in the Kildare defence at Croke Park last September will lead the attack. She will be joined by Frances Phelan, Linda Quinn, Mairead O'Halloran, Audrey Carrig and Ann O'Dwyer. Clare had a great win over a fancied Limerick side and will make a great bid for honours.

These two counties will also be in action in the Munster Junior Championship this coming weekend. Clare have the easier task of accounting for Kerry. On League form the Clare girls should advance without undue effort.

Cork travel to Tipperary to meet the local side which has already taken care of Waterford. The Cork twelve includes a large number of former Minors. Karen Mellerick, Jean Paula Kent, Liz O'Sullivan, Paula Carey, Evelyn Healy and Breda Kelly should give a good account of themselves.

Tipperary did not impress in the League. The win over Waterford will have given the side a boost. However, they will need to play to their full potential to advance.

Leinster Minor champions, Wexford defend their title

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against Kilkenny in the semi-final of the Leinster Minor Championship. Wexford fielded a big strong side last season which ran Galway to seven points in the All-Ireland Final.

With a number of that team still available, Wexford hope to do well. These sides provided a great contest when they met in the 1986 Leinster Minor Final. Kilkenny have already taken care of Carlow and will throw down the gauntlet to Wexford.

Dublin, who had easy games against Offaly and Meath, tackle Kildare in the second semi-final. Kildare, on the other hand, disposed of Louth and Westmeath and have a nice little side. Dublin, who have such a large selection at their disposal should reach the final.

Glen Rovers are through to another Cork County Final. In dealing with St. Finbarr's in the semi-final, the Glen girls showed just how difficult they will be to stop. Eire Og and Killeagh, the two remaining teams, will require to step up their game if they are to halt the Blackpool side.

## Eire Og master Killeagh

Eire Og 4-6  
Killeagh 3-6

EIRE OG qualified for the Cork County Senior Camogie championship final when they scored an exciting win over Killeagh in last night's semi-final clash at Riverstown.

Two goals in two minutes just before half-time from Vera Motherway and Marion Sweeney hauled Killeagh back into the game giving them a 2-1 to 1-3 interval lead.

Within a minute of the restart Eire Og were back in front, 2-3 to 2-1, when the impressive Clare O'Regan netted. Marion Sweeney and Noelle O'Driscoll, direct from a free, exchanged goals before Deirdre Callinan hit the crucial fourth goal for Eire Og four minutes from the end of a thrilling contest.

Killeagh, however, were unable to provide adequate cover for Ann Marie Landers, who is on honeymoon and Barbara Kirby, who has returned to America.

Eire Og: M. McCarthy, E. Dineen, M. Donovan, J. Shanahan, M. Twomey, N. Halpin, J. Mackey, K. Doherty, N. O'Driscoll, M. Geaney, D. Callinan, C. O'Regan. Subs. M. Higgins for M. Twomey and A. O'Leary for N. Halpin.

Killeagh: P. Fitzgibbon, M. Spillane, B. Joyce, B. Landers, P. Keniry, S. Spillane, A. Leahy, B. Kelly, E. Leahy, V. Motherway, T. Ryan, M. Sweeney. Referee - Maria Kearney (Sarsfields).

# CORK MINORS AND JUNIORS IN ACTION

BOTH the Cork minor and junior camogie teams will be in action this coming weekend. In the first of these games the Cork minor team play Clare in the Munster final at Ballincollig tonight while the Cork junior team play Tipperary in the Munster semi-final at a date and venue to be announced.

The Feile na nGael competition is also being held in Clare over the weekend and here Bishopstown will carry the Cork flag.

The Cork minors defend their Munster crown in what promises to be one of their biggest challenges to date. En route to the final, Cork had easy victories over Waterford and Kerry but could face tough opposition from a Clare side which accounted for a strong Limerick side in the semi-final.

The Cork team shows one change in personnel from the team which beat Kerry.

Ballincollig's Elaine Barry-Murphy comes in at corner-forward to the exclusion of Catherine McSweeney. Maria O'Brien from Inniscarra will once again guard the posts. Denise Cronin will be at full-back with Clare Barry in the right corner and Eileen Buckley in the left corner. The centre-back position falls to Fiona O'Driscoll, while the midfield line will be Clare O'Regan, Niamh Cotter and Hilda Keeneally. Imelda Leahy moves to half-forward with Lynn Dunlea in her usual position at full-forward and Elaine Barry-Murphy and Fiona O'Driscoll from Fr. O'Neills on the wings.

All these girls are accomplished club players but have yet to be really tested at inter-county level. Only top-class performances will do if they are to account for a Clare side that will include senior full-forward Catherine O'Loughlin, Frances Phelan, Linda Quinn and Audrey Carrig.

The Cork junior team

lost their Munster crown last season to Clare and will be very anxious to do well again this season. They received a bye in the first round and now face Tipperary in the semi-final. The team shows a number of changes from last year's side. Playing for the first time in the red jersey will be goalkeeper Rose Desmond from Bishopstown, who captains the side. Vivienne O'Brien from Brian Dillons takes over at full-back with Niamh Coughlan and Margaret Finn on the wings. Na Piarais's Evelyn Healy is in the vital centre-back position while the midfield positions fall to Karen Mellerick, Liz O'Sullivan and Paula Carey. Therese O'Callaghan is in her usual position at centre-forward with Mary Kennefick at full-forward and Irene O'Keefe and Breda Kelly on the wings.

## CORK MINOR PANEL:

M O'Brien, C Barry, D Cronin, E Buckley, F O'Driscoll, C O'Regan, N Cotter, H Keeneally, I Leahy, F O'Driscoll, L Dunlea, E Barry-Murphy, H Kiely, U Murphy, V Ellis, G Ryan, E Duggan, C McSweeney, K Higgins.

## CORK JUNIOR PANEL:

R Desmond, N Coughlan, V O'Brien, M Finn, E Healy, K Mellerick, L O'Sullivan, P Carey, T O'Callaghan, I O'Keefe, M Kennefick, B Kelly, E Hennessy, V Motherway, C Ronan, T Riordan, A Murphy, L O'Neill, J P Kent, M Walsh, H Barry.

## TONIGHT: Munster

Minor final, Cork v Clare at Ballincollig, 7.30. Munster Junior semi-final, Cork v Tipperary (Time and venue not yet known).

## TUESDAY, JUNE 30:

Under-14 League: Cloughduv v Newcestown at Cloughduv, 7.30; Castlemartyr v Killeagh at Castlemartyr, 7.30.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 1:

Under-14 League: Ballincollig v Valley Rovers at Ballincollig, 7.30.

## THURSDAY, JULY 2:

Under-14 League: St. Catherine's v Watergrasshill at Watergrasshill, 7.30; Fr. O'Neills v Churchtown at Fr. O'Neills, 7.30; Na Piarais v Glen Rovers 'B' at Glen Rovers, 7.30; Grenagh v Brian Dillons at Grenagh, 7.30; Eire Og v Inniscarra, 7.30; St. Finbarrs v Bishopstown 'B' at Bishopstown, 7.30.

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# Cork look set to win another Munster final

BY NOEL SPILLANE

CORK who have a monopoly of the situation when it comes to Munster and All-Ireland minor camogie titles will be hoping to win their sixth Munster crown in succession when they face Clare in tonight's Munster minor final at Ballincollig, Co. Cork at 7.30 p.m.

Since Cork began playing minor camogie thirteen years ago they have won eleven Munster championships and eight All-Irelands and tonight they face a Clare side that have yet to win a provincial title.

Cork show just one change from the team that beat Kerry in the semi-finals with Ballincollig's Elaine Barry Murphy coming in at corner-forward to the exclusion of Catherine McSweeney.

The Cork team is - Maria O'Brien (Inniscarra), Denise Cronin (Glen Rovers), Fiona O'Driscoll (Inniscarra), Clare Barry (Brian Dillons), Eileen Buckley (Aghabullogue), Clare O'Regan (Eire Og) capt; Niamh Cotter (Brian Dillons), Hilda Kenneal-

ly (Newcestown), Fiona O'Driscoll (Fr. O' Neills), Imelda Leahy (Killeagh), Elaine Barry-Murphy (Ballincollig), and Lynn Dunlea (Cloughduv).

Cork will bank heavily on the form of team captain Clare O'Regan who crashed home 1-2 in Eire Og's 4-6 to 3-6 win over Killeagh to qualify for the Cork county senior final in mid-week. Along with Niamh Cotter and Hilda Kenneally in midfield and Fiona O'Driscoll on the wing, Cork look set to add to their provincial haul of trophies.

The danger from Clare comes in the form of Catherine O'Loughlin who plays on the county senior team as well as from Frances Phelan, Linda Quinn and Audrey Carrig.

The Munster junior semi-final between Cork and Tipperary will go ahead in Tipperary on Sunday but a venue and time have yet to be arranged. Both teams are anxious to take in the Munster S.H.C. semi-final replay between Cork and Limerick at Thurles that afternoon.

## Bishopstown girls are Cork representatives

THE Bishopstown Under-14 camogie team will be Cork representatives this weekend in the national finals of Féile na nGael, which are being staged in Clare from June 26-29 inclusive.

Bishopstown won the Cork Féile na nGael title recently from a record entry of 24 teams, defeating Inniscarra, Valley Rovers, Aghabullogue and Glen Rovers on their way to becoming champions.

In the past few weeks the girls have been pre-

paring diligently for Clare under their coach Cllr. Patrick Murray and his co-selectors Sheila Harrington and Rose Desmond.

The strength of the team lies in the defence with team captain Aisling O'Leary, full-back Cecilia Crowley and centre-back Orla Higgins, all having played on last year's team.

Resolute wing back Grace O'Connell was also on last year's squad, Cliona O'Carroll and Deborah Woodman, though in their first Féile, are

also very stalwart defenders. Gillian Conlon, a sub in 1986, has emerged as an excellent centre this year and is ably supported by Lourde Rowe and Gráinne Sugrue.

Skilful Deirdre Moynihan can play either as a centre or as a forward as can courageous Aine White. Bernadette Geary, Mary Collins, Kathleen Kelleher, Deirdre Ní Chroinín and Tracey Murphy, whilst all new to Féile are capable forwards whilst experienced Edel Kearney was on last year's team.

Niamh Santry and Ann Kelly complete a very determined squad who possess a great deal of skill and courage and will be anxious to do both their club and county proud in Clare.

The Bishopstown girls will be hosted by the Kilmaley club from Clare for the weekend and will meet their hosts in their first match. In their second match, they face the Kilkenny champions and in their final group match they will meet Eire Og - another Clare team.

## Feile in Clare again

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FÉILE NA nGAEL will be staged in Clare this weekend for the second year in succession. While the Clare clubs are not hosting as many visitors as they did last season, lively competition is anticipated.

In the past, some visitors complained that they played only one match. Taking the huge cost of bringing a team to Feile into account, they considered that the competition should be organised in such a way to give each team a number of games.

The organising committee has responded with League set up which ensures a minimum of three games for each side. To fit in the additional matches, the camogie section now stretches to four divisions. Mullagh will capture the limelight in Division One. The Galway club won the premier event in 1985 and

1986 and are chasing an unprecedented three-in-a-row. Spearheading the Mullagh challenge will be scoring forward, Emer Hardiman, who collected an All-Ireland Colleges senior medal with St. Raphael's earlier in the season.

Emer will be supported by promising youngsters in M. Garvey, A. Cormican, P. Connolly and M. Connaughton.

Clare and Cork meet on tomorrow night in the final of the Munster Minor Championship. Cork, who have an excellent record in this competition, field only three members of the team which won the 1986 championship.

Wexford defend their provincial title against Kilkenny in the semi-final of the Leinster Minor Cham-

pionship. Runners-up to Galway in the 1986 All-Ireland final, Wexford field a good strong side.

Dublin, winners over Offaly and Meath, face Kildare in the second semi-final. Kildare have advanced to this stage at the expense of Louth and Westmeath. Dublin maintain a more impressive record in the competition and are likely to enhance it.

All-Ireland Clubchampions, Glen Dovers have qualified for the Cork County Final. On the form displayed in defeating St. Finbarrs, it is difficult to visualise either Killeagh or Eire Og ruining their championship ambitions.

### FIXTURES

Tomorrow - Munster Minor Championship Final, Cork v Clare at St. Finbarrs, 7.30.

Saturday - Féile na nGael in Clare.

Sunday - Féile Finals in Clare. Munster Jun. Champ., Tipperary v Cork at Tipperary, 3.0.



Action from the Eire Og and Killeagh Cork Co. Camogie semi-final at Riverstown

# Cork again

By Noel Spillane

Cork 4-5, Clare 2-4

CORK won their sixth Munster Minor camogie championship title when they came from behind at half-time to fashion an exciting win over Clare at Ballincollig, Co. Cork last evening.

It was a superb contest as Clare, seeking their first provincial crown, led 1-4 to 1-2 at half-time after Cork's attack had wasted several scoring opportunities.

Gallant Clare made the Cork girls fight all the way for victory as a Clare O'Regan "special" two minutes after the break gave Cork a 2-2 to 1-4 lead.

Midway through the second half, Catherine O'Loughlin, Clare's outstanding player, and Lynn Dunlea, exchanged goals inside a minute as Cork held on to their one goal advantage at 3-4 to 2-4.

Clare O'Regan netted again in the closing minutes to put the game out of Clare's reach.

Imelda Leahy had given Cork an early lead with two points from play but Clare's response was swift and they raced into a four point lead (1-3 to 0-2) after 20 minutes. It took a fortunate goal from Fiona O'Driscoll, after Clare goalkeeper Emma O'Halloran made a great save from Lynn Dunlea, just before half-time to bring Cork back into contention.

But once they nosed ahead, with O'Regan's early second half goal, they had the scent of victory.

Goalkeeper Maria O'Brien, Eileen Buckley and Clare Barry were outstanding in defence while Clare O'Regan impressed in midfield with Fiona O'Driscoll always a threat in attack.

For Clare, goalkeeper Emma O'Halloran made some brilliant saves, Frances Phelan and Catherine O'Loughlin, who also plays with the seniors, were the stars in attack but it just was not enough to topple Cork.

Scorers for Cork: C. O'Regan 2-1, F. O'Driscoll 1-1 (0-1 free), L. Dunlea 1-1, I. Leahy 0-2. Clare: C. O'Loughlin 1-3, A. O'Dwyer 1-0, F. Phelan 0-1.

Cork: M. O'Brien, D. Cronin, F. O'Driscoll, C. Barry, E. Buckley, C. O'Regan (cpt), N. Cotter, H. Kenneally, F. O'Driscoll, I. Leahy, E. Barry-Murphy, L. Dunlea. Subs: V. Ellis for N. Cotter (30 mins), U. Murphy for H. Kenneally (42 mins).

Clare: E. O'Halloran, M. O'Halloran, L. Quinn, A. Sheridan, C. O'Brien, J. Howard, A. Burke, M. McMahon, C. O'Loughlin (cpt), F. Phelan, A. O'Dwyer, R. Rea. Ref. Helen Sheehy (Limerick).

## Cork girls in a canter

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Tipperary 1-5. CORK completely out-classed a very weak Tipperary team in the Munster junior camogie championship final at Sean Treacy Park, Tipperary Town on Saturday night.

They dominated the game throughout and led 5-9 to 0-3 at the interval. Irene O'Keeffe one of their outstanding players was also their top scorer with four goals.

Scorers - Cork - I. O'Keeffe 4-0, T. O'Callaghan and J.P. Kent 2-2 each, P. Casey 1-4, M. Kenefick 1-2, B. Kelly 1-0, E. Mellerick and E. Healy 0-2 each.

Tipperary - J. Tobin 1-1, A. Costello 0-4.

Cork - R. Desmond, V. O'Brien, N. Coughlan, M. Finn, E. Healy, E. O'Sullivan, K. Mellerick, P. Carey, T. O'Callaghan, I. O'Keeffe, B. Kelly, M. Kenefick. Subs: A. Murphy, J.P. Kent, V. Motherway.

Tipperary - B. Peters, M. Hogan, M. O'Dwyer, J. Molumby, B. Morris, B. Darcy, M. Stapleton, J. Tobin, C. Kennedy, A. Costelloe, N. Dwyer, A. Brennan. Subs: V. Stevens and C. Walsh.

## Bishopstown and Tones tops at Feile

WOLFE TONES, from Shannon in Clare, made history for the host county when the 17th Annual Feile na nGael, sponsored by Coca Cola, concluded in Ennis yesterday. In an all-Clare decider they defeated Eire Og from Ennis by 4-4 to 2-0.

In camogie, the main honours went to Bishopstown of Cork, who captured the Division One title when beating St. Monica's from Dublin on the score 2-3 to 1-2. The Cork representatives were beaten in last year's final by Mullagh from Galway whom they defeated in this year's semi-final.

The final day's programme got underway with a special open air mass at St. Flannan's College where the chief celebrant was the Bishop of Killaloe, Most Rev. Dr. Michael Harty. This was followed by the very colourful Feile parade in which all competing teams in hurling, camogie and handball participated as well as 16 bands.

Hurling Division One: Wolfe Tones (Shannon) 4-4, Eire Og (Ennis) 2-0. Division Two: St. Pauls (Antrim) 2-5, Lismore (Waterford) 1-1. Division Three: Kilmoyley (Kerry) 5-5, Corofin (Clare) Nil. Division Four: Gonnelloe (Clare) 1-3, Parteen (Clare) Nil.

Special competition: Padraig Pearse (Roscommon) 6-5, Kilkee-Bealaha (Clare) 1-2.

Camogie Division One: Bishopstown (Cork) 2-3, St. Monica's (Dublin) 1-2. Division Two: St. Patrick's, Keady (Armagh) 2-3, Bunc Lodge (Wexford) 1-2. Division Three: Shannon "B" (Clare) 1-1, Loughell (Antrim) Nil.

Special Competition: Toberclare (Westmeath) 5-1, Killarney (Kerry) 1-0.

Hurling Skills: 1. N. English (Carlow), 2. T. Kavanagh (Galway), 3. T. Shelley (Tipperary).

Camogie Skills: 1. C. Lynch (Galway), 2. A. O'Dwyer (Clare), 3. N. Moore (Dublin).

Best Clare Banner: Smith O'Briens (Killaloe). Best Visiting Banner: Ballycran, Down. Best dressed team: Newmarket-on-Fergus (Clare). Best Clare Camogie Banner: St. Josephs. Best Visiting Camogie Banner: Mullagh (Galway). Best dressed Camogie team: Sixmile-ridge (Clare).



Cork player Fiona O'Driscoll races for possession with Clare player Clodagh O'Brien in the Munster Minor Camogie Final in Ballincollig.  
—(Picture: Des Barry)

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## Significant decision at Congress

- teams permitted to accept sponsorship.

ONE of the most significant decisions taken at Congress concerns sponsorship. Hitherto, the Camogie Association has held a conservative view on this subject. The meeting balloted by six votes to permit teams to accept sponsorship and to wear the sponsors name on jerseys if this be a condition of the arrangement.

Supporters of the motion felt that camogie was losing out to other sports in this area. Sponsors are prepared to put money into sport but they want something in return. They see the easing of restrictions as a way of cashing in.

Reservations were expressed by those who wondered if pride in the club or county jersey would ever be the same. The introduction of outside influences has led to a loss of identity in other sports. They were concerned that this decision would be the first step in that direction.

There has been much talk of compulsory insurance over the past number of years. It eventually received the seal of approval and is

now mandatory for all players. This development will ease the apprehension felt by many team officials.

Ard Comhairle tabled a motion requesting each club to raise £50 to aid central finances. At its first hearing it failed by a mere three votes. A re-run in the future may succeed.

BY  
MARY MORAN

The controversial area of latitude for students of higher colleges was clearly defined. A student may represent both her college club and her home club provided that the latter is not in the same county as the college club. This rules out any attempts to get a second bite at the county championship cherry.

Efforts to revitalise the Gael-Linn interprovincial series by staging the event over a weekend have not been successful. The two-year pilot scheme came to an end without any call for its extension. The format

returns to the original with semi-finals and finals on separate weekends.

The playing season has become over-loaded with fixtures. Provincial Councils and County Boards find it difficult to squeeze in their competitions following the publication of Ard Comhairle's fixture list.

To help relieve the situation the National Junior League will commence in October. While this will aid those drawing up fixture lists, matches played at that time of the year are of little use in the preparation of teams for the following season's championship.

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Twelve years ago Annual Congress left its Dublin base and has circulated around the provinces ever since. The move has proved most successful. Limerick were superb hosts for this year's event. The organising team of Eithne Neville, Fr. John Ryan, Tom O'Brien, Bernie O'Dea and Brid Stokes left no stone unturned to make it a memorable weekend.

Congress 1988 will be a rathon affair. In addition to the usual business of the gathering, a new President will be elected. Playing rules and the report of the special Commission will be before the meeting. It is unlikely that one weekend will be sufficient to deal with the heavy agenda.



• Dublin delegates at Congress in Limerick, from left, Gretta Gray, Aine Derham and Anne Carey.



The Bishopstown girls camogie team.

# Bishopstown camogie girls tops again

By Anne Ryan

BISHOPSTOWN took Ennis by storm last weekend when their camogie club won the Feile na nGael under-14 All-Ireland championship, in front of a crowd of 12,000 people.

It was a case of third time lucky for the girls who lost the final by only one point in 1981 and 1986.

Before travelling to contest the All-Ireland final they emerged from 24 teams to win the Cork County title, their fifth time achieving this honour.

The team is part of the very active club that has a total of 120 players, aged from 7-

years upwards. Coach, local councillor Pat Murray, said the club has the advantage of having a core of very active adult workers.

The girls took their recent All-Ireland challenge fight very seriously. Pat revealed that in the three weeks running up to the contest, they went training for two hours a day, every day.

On the day they beat their competitors, St. Josephs of Dublin, by one goal and two points. The score was 2 goals and 3 points to 1 goal and 1 point.

But the dedication the girls is obviously paying off on a number of fronts. On the 18th of this month they will go

forward to contest the Munster County games. They have been victorious in winning the Munster title in the last two years and if they succeed this year, it will of course be a hat trick.

Their success in Munster would also mean that they would contest their second All-Ireland title this year at the finals to be held at Mosney, Co. Meath in September.

Their under-14 All-Ireland was played over the weekend. Eight teams were involved in two sections of four teams each, with the winners playing each other in the Cusack Park stadium, in Ennis.

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## DUBLIN GIRLS TO TEST KILDARE

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KILDARE ..... 1-8  
DUBLIN ..... 2-4

Kildare withstood a strong second half challenge by Dublin in an exciting semi-final of the Leinster Junior camogie championship at Clane yesterday.

The game came to life after the break when Louise Lynch registered a goal and a point for the visitors in the first five minutes.

Miriam Malone replied with two points for the home side, but at the halfway stage, Ann Cooper and Margaret O'Reilly levelled the scoring.

However, Antoinette Merriam and Miriam Malone put Kildare in front again with two neat points. Dublin rallied and just on call of time, Geraldine Dunne had a late point and Kildare hung on for victory.

Scorers: Kildare — M. Malone (0-6), M. Johnson (1-1), A. Merriman (0-1). Dublin — L. Lynch (1-2), A. Cooper (1-0), M. O'Reilly, G. Dunne (0-1 each).

Kildare appear to be in imminent danger of losing their Leinster Junior Camogie Championship title. The excellent form which brought the Lilywhites provincial and National League honours has deserted them in recent weeks. The team has struggled to survive against opposition which would not have caused problems to them some months ago.

Kildare face Dublin in the Leinster semi-final at Clane on Sunday. With the form displayed by Dublin in the League match against Clare, Kildare will need every advantage. The Dublin girls were right on their game and ran in nine goals, an impressive tally by any standards.

Kildare coach, Pat Herbert has a good panel of players to work with but needs to get them moving confidently again. Kathleen Elliott, who missed the League games, is now available. Her presence will boost the attack. Dublin, however, are playing so well

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at the moment that they must be fancied to advance.

Carlow are a tough side to overcome particularly on the Myshall pitch. Wexford journey to Myshall for the second semi-final, knowing that they must be in top form to win. The Carlow players registered three goals and fifteen points against Kilkenny at the same venue in the quarter final.

They have an excellent goalkeeper in Mary Doyle and fine outfield players in Nuala Smithers, Nuala Quirke, Geraldine Byrne, Margaret Ryan, Sadie O'Brien and Breda Foley. Wexford had an easy victory over a weak Laois side. While containing strong players the Wexford side is not as well organised as it was two years ago, and may pay the penalty.

The Open Draw was scheduled to get underway on Sunday. The news that Down

have conceded a walkover to Galway is most disappointing. Down had their problems fielding against Cork last season. Despite that they committed themselves to the senior grade for 1987.

Part of their trouble is attributable to emigration. Sheila McCartan, Bonnie McGreevy and Teresa Allen, three established members of the team, are in the States. However, it leaves opponents Galway without a game before meeting Dublin in the quarter final.

Down will be involved in an Ulster double bill against Armagh on Sunday. Their juniors have a tough assignment as Armagh are very keen to do well. Anne and Rosemary Trainor, Rita Owens, Monica McCartan and Colette Lambe provide the mainstay of the Down challenge.

Tyrone, who have improved considerably, should have the measure of Cavan in the second junior semi-final. Armagh and Down contest the Ulster minor final. Armagh easily dispatched a weak Cavan outfit but it took a late goal by Down to put Derry out of the competition. The winners will meet Cork who had a seven point win over Clare in a great encounter.

The semi-finals of the Connaught Junior Championship are listed for Saturday. The line-up is Roscommon (holders) v Sligo, and Mayo v Galway. It is difficult to envisage anything but a Galway v Roscommon final.

The news that superstar Angela Downey will not defend her Gradam Taitte title has thrown the competition wide open. Claire Lynch (Galway) won the Feile Skills Competition at Shannon on Saturday. Ann O'Dwyer (Clare), Nicola Moore (Dublin) and Sinead Milliea (Kilkenny) filled the minor placings. Bishopstown (Cork), who were contesting their third final, won the premier division title by defeating St. Monicas (Dublin) 2-4 to 1-3.

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CLANE — Leinster Junior Semi-Final — Kildare 1-8, Dublin 2-4.  
Leinster Minor Championship Final — Dublin 4-4, Kilkenny 3-9.  
Ulster J.C. Final — Armagh 3-6, Down 0-1.  
Ulster M.C. Final — Armagh 3-6, Down 1-4.

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# Spotlight falls on senior

**HIGHLIGHT** of the coming weekend on the camogie front will be the eagerly awaited County Senior Championship final between Glen Rovers and Eire Og on Sunday night. This will be preceded by the 1986 Junior 'B' League final between Bishopstown and Erins Own, while the remainder of the week will see a number of Under-14 League games decided.

Sunday night, Ballinlough 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 and All-Ireland champions, being opposed by the famed Mid Cork club, Eire Og.

Glen will be seeking their fifteenth title. Predictably, Eire Og will be underdogs with Glen Rovers very much fancied to take the honours again this season. En route to the final, Glen received a walk-over from Aghabullogue in the first round and then went on to record decisive victories over Blackrock and St. Finbarrs.

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 firm favourites to retain their title. They will be captained by inter-county player Val Fitzpatrick and have other experi-

enced players in Marie Mackey, Sandy Fitzgibbon, Ann Delaney and Therese O'Callaghan and these together with the younger members of the team—Fiona McCarthy, Mary Currid and Diane Deane—must surely combine to form a strong outfit.

Eire Og on the other hand were very unlucky with this year's draw. They received a bye from UCC in the first round and then went straight into the semi-final against Killeagh. Their lack of competitive games leading up to the final must surely be a big disadvantage to them but when the chips are down and all doesn't appear well for the girls from Owens, they are at their most dangerous.

The last time these two sides met in the final was in 1983 when the Glen emerged victorious, so Eire Og will be very anxious to prove that they are still a force to be reckoned with.

Their semi-final clash with Killeagh was a closely contested affair with victory in doubt up

to the final whistle, but the Eire Og defence withstood strong pressure from the Killeagh forwards in the final minutes to eventually come out on top.

The Eire Og line-out will be a combination of experience and youth with players like captain Eileen Dineen, Marian McCarthy, Joan Shanahan, Noelle O'Driscoll and Mary Geaney all capable of producing the goods. The display of the youngest member of their team, Clare O'Regan in the semi-final must surely be very heartening.

It is interesting to note that both teams are trained by well-known hurling names as Con Malone and Finbarr O'Neill. Con Malone is coach and only selector to the Eire Og side, while Finbarr O'Neill with the aid of fellow selectors Mary Newman, Deirdre Sutton, Rose Mackey and John McCarthy are the mentors to the Glen side.

The game will be refereed by Marie Kearney from Sarsfields.

In the preceding game,

Bishopstown, who have already taken the '86 championship and who can call on such fine players as Sheenagh Morley, Edel Ryan and Elaine Buckley will be fancied to account for Erins Own despite the efforts of Joy Nicholl, Dolores Hanley, Josephine Earley and Mary Fitzgerald.

## FIXTURES

Friday, July 3, Under-14 League:

Glen Rovers 'A' v Sarsfields at Glen Rovers at 7.30. (Ref. Sarsfields).

Sunday, July 5: Senior Championship final:

Glen Rovers v Eire Og at Ballinlough at 7 p.m. (Ref. Marie Kearney).

Junior 'B' League final, 1986:

Bishopstown v Erins Own at Ballinlough, at 5 p.m. (Ref. Mary Maher).

Tuesday, July 7, Under-14 League:

Ballinora v Newcestown at 7.30 (Ref. Ballinora); Blackrock v Valley Rovers at Valley Rovers at 7.30 (Ref. Blackrock).

Glen Rovers Panel: Fionna McCarthy, Diane Deane, Mary Ring, Ann Delaney, Marie Mackey, Sandy Fitzgibbon, Val Fitzpatrick, Mary Currid, Therese



**Glen Rovers forward Denise Cotter scoring a fine first goal as she belts the ball past Blackrock's Caroline Fleming in the Cork Co. Senior Camogie Championship semi-final at Ballinlough.** (Denis Minihane)

O'Callaghan, Denise Cotter, June Hamill, Ger McCarthy, Ann Connolly, Claire McCarthy, Carmel Currid, Ann Loneragan, Helena Fox, Denise Cronin, Tracy Riordan, Ursula Buckley.

Eire Og Panel: Marian McCarthy, Eileen Dineen, Mary Donovan, Joan Shanahan, Margo Twomey, Grainne Mackey, Nuala Halpin, Kany Conway, Claire O'Regan, Mary Geaney, Deirdre Calnan, Noelle O'Driscoll, Miriam Higgins, Ann O'Leary, Maureen Barron, Sheila O'Brien, Theresa Murray, Eileen Walsh, Valerie Ellis, Bernice O'Brien, Suzanne O'Brien.

# Camogie cracker on the cards

**BIG** camogie game of the weekend will be the Cork County Senior Championship final between Glen Rovers and Eire Og. As a curtain raiser, Bishopstown and Erin's Own meet in the 1986 Junior B League final.

On Sunday night at Ballinlough, Eire Og and Glen Rovers will battle it out to decide the destination of the Senior Championship trophy and what a cracker of a game it promises to be. Glen will be seeking their 15th title, while Eire Og will be chasing their fifth title.

On recent form Glen Rovers must surely start favourites. En route to the final they recorded decisive victories over Blackrock and St. Finbarrs and looked impressive. They are a very resourceful side, full of running and possessing a never say die attitude.

They will be spearheaded by captain and inter-county player Val Fitzpatrick and have other marvellous performers in Marie Mackey, Sandy Fitzgibbon, Ger McCarthy, Ann Delaney and Mary Currid. All these girls are very accomplished players and are sure to make things difficult for the Owens girls.

But Eire Og are always strong championship contenders and when it comes to a final are not easily beaten. They went straight into the semi-final after receiving a walk-over from UCC in the first

round. Their semi-final clash with Killeagh was a tough gave and they had to endure many worrying moments before eventually coming out on top.

In this gave players like captain Eileen Dineen, Mary Donovan, Kay Conway, Miriam Higgins and in particular Clare O'Regan, played major roles. They have other fine performers in Margo Twomey, Marian McCarthy, and Mary Geaney. All these girls have been through the mill before 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 achieve victory.

Glen Rovers are coached by Finbarr O'Neill with the aid of fellow selectors Mary Newman, Deirdre Sutton, Rose Mackey and John McCarthy, while Con Malone is coach and selector to the Eire Og side.

Glen Rovers' panel: F. McCarthy, D. Deane, M. Ring, A. Delaney, M. Mackey, S. Fitzgibbon, V. Fitzpatrick, M. Currid, T. O'Callaghan, D. Cotter, J. Hamill, G. McCarthy, A. Connolly, C. McCarthy, C. Currid, A. Loneragan, H. Fox, D. Cronin, T. Riordan, U. Buckley.

Eire Og panel: M. McCarthy, E. Dineen, M. Donovan, J. Shanahan, M. Twomey, G. Mackey, N. Halpin, K. Conway, C. O'Regan, M. Geaney, D. Calnan, N. O'Driscoll, M. Higgins, A. O'Leary, M. Barron, S. O'Brien, T. Murray, E. Walsh, V. Ellis, B. O'Brien, S. O'Brien.

## FIXTURES

Tonight: U 14 league, Glen Rovers A v Sarsfields, at Glen Rovers, 7.30.

Sunday: Senior final, Glen Rovers v Eire Og at Ballinlough, 7 p.m.; Junior B League final 1986, Bishopstown v Erin's Own at Ballinlough, 5 p.m.

Tuesday: Under 14 League, Ballinora v Newcastle at Newcastle, 7.30; Blackrock v Valley Rovers at Valley Rovers, 7.30.

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Val Fitzpatrick (captain, Glen Rovers)



Eileen Dineen (captain, Eire Og)

# Glen come good in the end

Glen Rovers 2-9; Eire Og 0-9

ALL-IRELAND champions, Glen Rovers, produced a late scoring burst to deny gallant Eire Og in a thrilling Cork Co. Senior Camogie Championship final at Ballinlough last evening.

The champions looked in deep trouble when they trailed 0-7 to 0-3 just after the break, but the first of two Claire McCarthy goals in the 37th minute inspired them.

Even then the Glen defence was forced to absorb fierce pressure as the losers levelled matters twice in a hectic closing quarter, before McCarthy buried Eire Og with her second goal in injury time.

## GLEN SPIRIT

The sides were level at 1-6 to 0-9 entering the final minutes but then the spirit of the Glen came to the fore. A rather subdued Val Fitzpatrick lifted them ahead with a point from a '30 and she then added another from play before McCarthy's goal came from a Denise Cotter pass. Just for good measure Geraldine McCarthy made it 2-9 with the last score.

All this was in stark contrast to the first half when a more committed Eire Og side dominated throughout. Accurate shooting from Noelle O'Driscoll had them deservedly in front and looking good until the Glen's late show.

Scorers: Glen Rovers, C. McCarthy (2-1), V. Fitzpatrick (0-6, 0-2 '30's and 0-2 frees), D. Cotter, T. O'Callaghan and G. McCarthy (0-1) each.

Eire Og: N. O'Driscoll (0-7, 0-3 frees, 0-3 '30's), M. Geaney and C. O'Regan (0-1) each.

Glen Rovers: F. McCarthy, D. Deane, M. Ring, A. Delaney, M. Mackey, S. Fitzgibbon, V. Fitzpatrick, M. Currid, T. O'Callaghan, D. Cotter, G. McCarthy, C. McCarthy.

Eire Og: M. McCarthy, E. Dineen, M. O'Donovan, J. Shannon, M. Twomey, G. Mackey, M. Higgins, K. Conway, C. O'Regan, M. Geaney, D. Calnan, N. O'Driscoll.

Referee: M. Kearney (Sarsfields)



Glen Rovers' Joan Shannon breaks away with the ball during the Cork County Senior Camogie Championship final against Eire Og at Ballinlough.

—(Picture: Dan Linehan)

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# Unexpected death of Mr. A. A. Healy

DEEP regret will be occasioned by the unexpected death which took place yesterday of Mr. A.A. (Gus) Healy, former Fianna Fail TD and once chairman of the Parliamentary Party.

A former Lord Mayor of Cork, Mr. Healy, who was 83, was an enthusiastic swimmer and was directly responsible for the growth of the sport in Cork. He had been swimming up to his eightieth year.

After serving in the Oireachtas for 20 years he retired from national politics in 1977, the year his party under his close friend Jack Lynch scored a landslide victory.

But he retained a keen interest in national events and in an *Evening Echo* interview earlier this year he insisted that everyone should feel it their duty to belong to a political party, and ventured to suggest that less than 10% of people over the age of 18 did so.

He believed that Coalition governments simply did not work and was less than enamoured by the defection of Des O'Malley from Fianna Fail. Explaining his reluctance at an earlier time to declare his hand in favour of Lynch or Haughey he said he was not a Lynch man or a Haughey man but a party man. "As long as the leader is democratically elected then I will follow that leader".

Mr. Healy had trenchant views which he did not hesitate to express: "I console myself that everything that was said about Charles Haughey was said about de Valera at some time or another. The media had to wait until he was dead before they saw any merit in him", he said.

In his early years too he was a well known Shakespearean actor and was a founder member of "The Loft" as well as being, in the 'Thirties, chairman of the Cork Repertory Company. Later on he became chairman of the Cork Shakespearean Company. In his youth too he was a member of Sunday's Well rugby football club and remained Chairman of the Club for many years.

Born at Castle Road, Blackrock, Cork, in 1904, he attended the North Monastery, but it was his connection with swimming that lead indirectly to his becoming a member of Cork Corporation for the first time in 1943.

Though he had campaigned on behalf of Fianna Fail in the 1930's it was not until the early 1950's that he stood as a party candidate.

He became a member of the Dail in

February 1957 and during his public career spent over 20 years in the Oireachtas.

During that time he filled such offices as Deputy Chairman of the Dail; Council member and honorary treasurer of the Inter-Parliamentary Union; Vice Chairman of the Irish/British Parliamentary Group as well as chairman of the Fianna Fail parliamentary party; chairman of the Electoral Law Reform All Party Committee of 1959-60 and member of the Committee on Public Accounts.

He was twice Lord Mayor of Cork in 1964/65 and in 1974/75 and combined

IRFU, and was long identified with camogie in the city.

His chairmanship of the Fianna Fail parliamentary party coincided with the time of the greatest crisis to rock that party in recent years, the Arms Crisis in 1970, the dismissal of Ministers including Mr. Haughey and the subsequent events which culminated with the expulsion of Mr. Neil Blaney. The government and the party was shaken to its roots.

He himself always held that these events were overplayed by the media. He always remained popular with members of all parties.

The death of Gus Healy, former TD, Senator and Alderman, robs Cork of one of its quite outstanding citizens. It can truthfully be said that the regret at his passing will be as deep among political opponents as in the ranks of the Fianna Fail party, which he remained deeply loyal to for over half a century.

Gus Healy was, above all, a man of the ordinary people of Cork irrespective of their party politics. He always worked unselfishly for the welfare of his native city and many people will remember him for many different reasons.

He had a love of swimming and trained countless numbers of young swimmers in the swimming baths of Cork and in the coves of Myrtleville, his second home. His cultural activities found early encouragement in the classrooms of the North Monastery, his long membership of "The Loft" and his close friendship with the renowned Father Christy O'Flynn.

Once he embarked on a political career it could be said of him that he never descended to personalities and won the esteem of supporters and opponents alike. He became a close friend of Eamon de Valera, Sean T. O'Kelly, Sean Lemass, Frank Aiken, Sean McEntee, and was equally the respected opponent of men like Liam T. Cosgrave, William Norton, James Dillon and Brendan Corish.

As Lord Mayor he took part, with the Lady Mayoress, in a number of important overseas assignments and was everywhere greeted as a worthy representative of Ireland.

Thirty years ago Mr. Healy married Miss Rita McGrath and they made their home at The View, Montenotte, and lived there up to a month ago. They then went to live in a smaller house in Church Road, Blackrock, and had scarcely settled in when Mr. Healy was taken ill and rushed to hospital yesterday morning.



The late Gus Healy

membership of the Corporation with the Southern Health Board; the City of Cork Vocational Education Committee; chairman of the Cork Festival Committee which also included the Cork Film Festival and the Cork International Choral Festival.

He was chairman of the National Association for Cerebral Palsy, the Cork Spastic Clinic, the Cork branch of the Irish Red Cross Society and was a director of Cork Opera House.

In addition he was a former President of the Irish Amateur Swimming Association and of the Munster Branch of the

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# O'Keeffe shows Cork the way

By Tom Higgins  
Cork 6-9, Clare 2-3

A BRILLIANT display by centre-forward Irene O'Keeffe helped Cork to an easy win over holders Clare in the Munster Junior Camogie Championship final at St Finbarr's Grounds, Toghther, on Saturday.

Irene made the best of her scoring chances, particularly in the second half, to bang home 3-1 and was undoubtedly the outstanding player on the field. The home side played against the wind in the opening half, but poor finishing cost them dearly. Still, they managed to turn over leading by 3-2 to 0-2.

They got a fright at the beginning of the second half when Clare scored a goal after only three minutes, but from the puck-out they fought back for O'Keeffe to get her second goal and after that it was plain sailing for the Cork girls.

Rose Desmond, the captain, had only one save to make in the opening half, but sparkled in the second, and she got excellent cover from Niamh Coughlan and Eileen Noonan. Karen Mellerick had a tremendous game at midfield while in addition to O'Keeffe, Paula Carey and Jean Paul Kent were excellent forwards.

Scorer, Cork: I. O'Keeffe, 3-1, P. Carey, 1-2, M. Kennelick, 1-2, J.P. Kent, 1-1. K. Mellerick, 0-1, L.O'Neill, 0-1.

Clare: C. Fahy 1-1, M. Higgins 1-0, C. McDonnell 0-1, P.O'Grady 0-1 (20).

Prior to the game a minute's silence was observed as a mark of respect to the late Derry Maher, who died on Saturday.

Cork: R. Desmond, E. Noonan, N. Coughlan, M. Finn, E. Bealy, K. Mellerick, T.O'Callaghan, B. Kelly, P. Carey, J.P. Kent, I.O'Keeffe, M. Kennelick. Sub. L.O'Neill for B. Kelly.

Clare: S. Hegarty, P. Divenney, C.O'Dea, M. Shedy, D. Moroney, H. Loughan, P.O'Grady, E. Drysdale, B. Daffy, M. Nagle, M. Beglin, C. Fahy, Subs. C. McDonnell for C. O'Dea, M. Higgins for E. Drysdale. Referee, Brid Stokes (Limerick).

## DUBLIN HOLD UPERHAND

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The Dublin minors are on the All-Ireland trail this weekend. Tomorrow at Castlegar they face Galway in the championship semi-final.

Right throughout the Leinster campaign Dublin have improved with every outing and their thrilling victory over keenest rivals Kilkenny in the provincial decider was the pinnacle of their season so far. Their opponents tomorrow, Galway, have been renowned for turning out strong colleges and minor teams and will no doubt pose some problems for Dublin.

However the metropolitans have battled hard to get this far and under the expert guidance and tuition of selectors Sean Ward, Maura Brady and Carmel Hanley they are quietly confident about their prospects.

They hold the upper hand in that they have faced far harder competition in Leinster than the Galwegians in Connacht and this should stand to them in their quest for a victory that would see Dublin through to their only appearance in a minor final since the early eighties.

### Injuries

The team has been hit by injuries and holidays but it looks a well-balanced outfit. The St. Monica's goalkeeper Louise Curry has proved herself to be a very capable custodian while defenders Brigid Brady, Brenda Kearney and Avis O'Brien will make scoring difficult for the Galway forwards.

Thankfully Karen Bauer the captain and left back has fully recovered from what was a nasty injury sustained in the semi-final against Kildare and her leadership and quality of play could prove invaluable to her team mates.

The centre field trio of Aideen Cleary, Joanne Murphy and Fiona Hughes have at times sparkled in previous games and if they can settle down rarely in the game they could dictate the course of this game.

If they can supply the forward line with enough possession then Dublin have the front runners to notch up the vital scores. Nuala Byrne is back after injury and with Clare Scanlon, Yvonne Deignan and Ruth Lyons in attack alongside her this young quartet could seal the day for the Dubliners. Travelling and playing away from home can sometimes have an adverse effect on players particularly at this age but if Dublin can settle down early on then they can do enough to think a place in the All-Ireland final on August 9th.

**DUBLIN:** Louise Curry, Brigid Brady, Brenda Kearney, Avis O'Baure (Capt.), Aideen Cleary, Joanne Murphy, Fiona Hughes, Clare Scanlon, Nuala Byrne, Yvonne Deigham, Ruth Lyons.



THE Cork junior camogie team who defeated Clare in the Munster final.

# Cork make two changes for Munster Final clash

THERE will be plenty of activity on the camogie front over the coming weekend with both the Cork minor and junior teams involved in vital games. On Saturday, the Cork junior team play Clare in the Munster Final at Togher, while on Sunday the Cork minors make the long journey to Armagh to play the home county in the All-Ireland minor semi-final. The remainder of the week will see a number of under-14 league games decided.

On Saturday, at St. Finbarrs grounds, Cork and Clare will meet in a repeat of last year's Munster Final, but this year Cork will be hoping to reverse the result. Clare after decisively beating Cork in last year's decider went on to take the All-Ireland title and as a result had to field a complete new side this year.

The Cork team shows two changes in personnel and a number of positional switches from the team which defeated Tipperary in the semi-final. Eileen Noonan from Sarsfields comes in at full-back in place of the injured Vivienne O'Brien, while Jean Paula Kent who came on to the side for the Tipperary game replaces Liz O'Sullivan, who is presently on holidays.

Rose Desmond who captains the side will once again guard the posts with Niamh Coughlan and Margaret Finn filling the two corner back positions. Evelyn Healy will be in her usual position at centre back with the centre field positions falling to Karen Mellerick, Therese O'Callaghan who moves from centre forward to full centre and Breda Kelly who moves from corner forward to centre

in a direct switch with Paula Carey.

Mary Kennefick will be at full forward with Irene O'Keefe filling the other corner forward position.

On Saturday, the Cork minor team will leave on the long journey to the North where they will play Armagh in the All-

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passed a vote of confidence in the Munster Final side and have selected the same team for the Armagh game. This means that Maria O'Brien will once again take up her position in goal. Denise Cronin is at full back with Claire

Cork junior panel:

Rose Desmond, Niamh Coughlan, Eileen Noonan, Margaret Finn, Evelyn Healy, Karen Mellerick, Therese O'Callaghan, Breda Kelly, Jean Paula Kent, Irene O'Keefe, Mary Kennefick, Paula Carey,

Kenneally, Imelda Leahy, Fiona O'Driscoll, Lyn Dunlea, Elaine Barry-Murphy, Helena Kiely, Una Murphy, Valerie Ellis, Gillian Ryan, Catherine McSweeney, Karen Higgins.

## FIXTURES

Saturday, July 18:  
Munster Junior Final

7.30 (Ref Barryroe); Killeagh v Watergrasshill at Killeagh at 7.30 (Ref Watergrasshill); St Catherine's v Churchtown at Churchtown at 7.30 (Ref St. Catherine's); Sarsfields v Brian Dillons at Sarsfields at 7.30 (Ref Brian Dillons).



Brian Dillons, who retained the Cork County Junior Camogie League Trophy by beating Douglas at Riverstown. Standing (from left) Pauline O'Callaghan, Marian Walsh, Linda Mellerick, Claire Barry, Mary Rose, Karen Mellerick, Gillian Ryan, Aileen Barry, Liz O'Sullivan. Front, Fiona Coughlan, Sinead Coughlan, Gayle Fleming, Vivienne O'Brien, Helena Barry (capt.), Mary Mulcahy, Catherine Murphy, Gillian Linehan.

Ireland minor semi-final on Sunday. The Cork minors have been very successful at Munster level and in the All-Ireland series in the past decade, but were last year pipped by old rivals Galway in the All-Ireland semi-final, so they will be very anxious to make amends this year.

The selectors have

Barry and Eileen Buckley on the wings.

Fiona O'Driscoll is name at full back, while the centre field line is Claire O'Regan, Niamh Cotter and Hilda Kenneally. Imelda Leahy is at centre forward, while the full forward trio is Fiona O'Driscoll, Lyn Dunlea and Elaine Barry-Murphy.

Eileen Hennessy, Vera Motherway, Claire Ronan, Tracy Riordan, Liz O'Neill, Ann Murphy, Mary Walsh, Vivienne O'Brien.

Cork minor panel:

Maria O'Brien, Claire Barry, Denise Cronin, Eileen Buckley, Fional O'Driscoll, Claire O'Regan, Niamh Cotter, Hilda

Cork v Clare at St. Finbarrs at 4 p.m.

Sunday, July 19:  
All-Ireland Minor Semi-final, Cork v Armagh at Portmore, Co. Armagh at 1 p.m.

Tuesday, July 21:  
Bishopstown "A" v Valley Rovers at Bishopstown at 7.30 (Ref Valley Rovers); Ballincollig v Douglas at Ballincollig at 7.30 (Ref Douglas); Barryroe v Cloughduv at Cloughduv at

## CORK WIN

CORK defeated Armagh 2-6 to 1-1 in the All-Ireland minor camogie semi-final, at Dromore, yesterday.

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## Easy win for Dubs

DUBLIN 6-5  
LOUTH 1-1  
DUBLIN qualified to meet Kildare in the final of the National Junior Camogie League by scoring an easy victory over Louth in the semi-final at Leopardstown yesterday. Kildare were equally impressive as they hammered Meath by 4-17 to 0-4 in the other semi-final.

Scorers: Dublin - A. Cooper (2-1), E. Campbell (2-0), G. Dunne (1-1), M. O'Brien (0-1), Louth - T. Bates (1-1), A. Cressan and A. McDonnell (0-1 each).

## Galway go into final

GALWAY 2-8; DUBLIN 0-5

GALWAY qualified for the final of the All-Ireland Camogie Minor Championship when they defeated Dublin by 2-8 to 0-5 in the semi-final at Castlebar yesterday. The home side held the upper hand throughout and led 1-4 to 0-2 at the break. They continued on the offensive in the second period to notch 1-4 to Dublin's 0-1.

Scorers - Galway: M. Treacy (1-2), S. Burke (1-1), T. Dolan (0-3), C. Finnegan (0-2); Dublin: L. Murphy (0-5).

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## Dublin to reach the final

The 1987 inter-county camogie season has so far been dominated by Leinster, Kilkenny and Dublin contested the final of the National Senior League. From an entry of twenty four, the semi-final places in the National Junior League have been filled by Dublin, Kildare, Meath and Louth.

In other years, the League divisions bore some semblance of regional groupings. This season the counties were graded on merit. This led to good quality competition within each division. The line-up for the closing stages is Dublin v Louth and Kildare v Meath.

From early on in the competition, Dublin showed all the signs of potential champions. They came through six matches without a blemish to their reputation. Led by Crumlin's Anne Heavey, the team includes several budding senior players. Denise O'Leary, Patsy Murphy, Phyllis Dawson, Anne Cooper, Geraldine Dunne and Cathy Hickey should extend Dublin's run to reach the final.

Louth finished on top of Division Three with full points from fixtures with Westmeath, Monaghan, Wicklow and Fermanagh. Undoubtedly their best performance in the League for several seasons. Louth are on the way up again. But it will take the very best that Viv Kelly, Eileen Grehan, Kitty Sharkey, Ursula Fee and Noleen Maguire have to offer to stop this rampant Dublin side.

Holders, Kildare should prove too strong for Division Four representatives Meath. With the examinations now out of the way, Kildare will be able to concentrate on defending their title. If Rose Merri-man, Melanie Treacy, Marianne Johnson, Miriam Malone, Teresa Hanley and Anna Dargan play anything near their usual form, Kildare should advance.

Defeated by Dublin in the quarter final of the Leinster Championship, Meath will be fighting to gain some honour for their season's efforts. They triumphed over Laois, Offaly, Kerry and Waterford to get this far but

will need to step up their game on Sunday. Patricia Grimes, Anne Moran, Yvonne Tyrell, Freda Ward, Patricia White and Patricia Dwyer plan to do just that.

### Strength

All-Ireland Minor Champions, Galway should retain their Connacht crown when they meet Roscommon on Saturday evening. While a number of the Galway medal holders have passed the age limit, Caroline Linnane, Triona Dolphin and Fionnuala Keane form the basis of the new side. The strength of under age camogie in the county suggests a Galway win.

Armagh enjoyed a great afternoon at Derrymacash last Sunday. They scored a great double over luckless Down. For the first time Armagh will be Ulster's representatives in the semi-final of the All-Ireland Minor Championship. They play hosts to Cork on July 19.

In the Junior Championship, Armagh added to Down's woes with a comfortable 3-6 to 1-3 victory to reach the Ulster final.

The second semi-final produced a game of higher standard. Tyrone and Cavan had a hectic tussle before the final whistle left Tyrone two points ahead.

Dublin had mixed luck in the Leinster Championships. Their junior team was halted in their tracks by a back to form Kildare side. The Dublin minors scored an exciting win over a very good Kilkenny side 3-9 to 4-4.

Galway have progressed at the expense of Mayo in the Connacht Junior Championship. They will face title holders Roscommon in the Provincial decider on July 19. Clare and Cork will contest the Munster Junior final. Both sailed past weak opposition in the semi-finals.

All-Ireland Club Champions, Glen Rovers had a narrow escape in the final of the Cork Senior Championship. Led for most of the game by a very determined Eire Og team, the Glen followers had to wait until the dying minutes to see Claire McCarthy score two goals to snatch victory.

Sunday will be a red-letter day in the lives of the Armagh minors. At Portmore they sample their first taste of All-Ireland semi-final fare as Ulster representatives. Taking the field with them will be Cork who have built up quite a reputation in the minor ranks since 1975.

Make no mistake about it, this Armagh side is here on merit. In the Ulster campaign, they overcame Monaghan, Cavan and Down and scoring fourteen goals, sixteen points in the process. More significant is the fact that they emerged without a single goal being registered against them.

The side is built around the St. Patricks, Keady, teams which took felle honours in 1986 and 1987. Keady in fact supplies half the side. Players of particular note in the team are Olive Leonard, Paula McReesh, Michelle Conway, Patricia McEvoy and Miriam Anderson.

Cork have produced more winning minor sides than all other counties put together. The present side sailed by Waterford and Kerry but had to work hard for victory over a very good Clare team. In Eileen Buckley, Claire O'Regan, Marie O'Brien, Imelda Leahy, Fiona O'Driscoll, Denise Cronin and Elaine Barry-Murphy, Cork have players to carry on the tradition.

All-Ireland champions, Gal-

## Red letter day for Armagh

way place their title on the line when they host Dublin in the second semi-final. Many of the Galway team which defeated Wexford in the 1986 decider have moved on from the minor ranks. The inclusion of Caroline Linnane, Susan Murray, Triona Dolphin, Mary Treacy, Fionnuala Keane, Bridget Fahy and Suzanne Burke ensures a strong Galway resistance.

Dublin played four matches to come out of Leinster. Offaly, Meath, Kildare and Kilkenny were defeated in turn with the team showing improvement with each outing. This tough programme should leave them better prepared than Galway who had no real opposition in Connacht.

An injury to Ursula Norton and the unavailability owing to holidays of Michelle Byrne will force Dublin to rearrange their side. There is plenty of talent in this Dublin side. Karen Kauer, Avis O'Brien, Joanne Murphy, Claire Scanlon, Breda Brady, Nuala Byrne and Ruth Lyons have blended into a fine side which will place Galway's crown in

real danger.

Triple Gradam tailte champion, Angela Downey has stepped back from this year's competition. Angela had made this all-round test her own with some marvellous performances. Now the way is open for all comers to challenge for the prize.

The entry includes top inter-county stars and lesser known players. Great competition should be seen at Bel-field before the 1987 winner is presented with her trophy. Claire Jones (Kilkenny), Catherine Murphy (Wexford), Geraldine Dunne (Dublin), Catherine Molloy (Clare), Ger Ryan (Tipperary), Bernadette Farrelly (Kildare), Patricia Hale (Antrim), Anna Byrne (Wicklow) and Catherine Morgan (Derry) should make an impression.

Clare attempt to retain their Munster Junior title with a new team when they travel to St. Finbarrs on Saturday evening. Patricia O'Grady, Frances Phelan, Mary Higgins, Cora Fahy and Teresa Naughton have given Clare satisfaction with their League dis-

plays.

Cork performed badly in this competition for the past two seasons but believe that they have got going again. Against Tipperary, Irene O'Keefe, Jean Paula Kent, Karen Mell-erick, Liz O'Sullivan, Mary Kennefick, Niamh Coughlan and Evelyn Healy shone. A repeat performance would put it up to Clare.

Roscommon's Connacht Junior crown is in danger of being carried back to Galway on Saturday evening. The Galway girls had a good League run. Martina Heavey, Patricia Mitchell, Paula Earis, Imelda Hobbins, Mary Kilkenny, Margaret Ryan and Caroline Linnane are playing well and may well wrest the cup from Roscommon's grasp.

Ardoyle line out in their fourth consecutive Antrim final on Friday night. It is many years since the Belfast club held the title of Antrim County champions. Mary Lundy, Anne Higgins and Elizabeth Gibson are determined that this is their year. However, the experience of Portlennone players Siobhan McAtmaney, Anne McGarry, Bronagh McIlvenna and Claire McAleese will make it difficult for them.

# They are lining up to take Angela's mantle!

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land semi-final debut at  
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strong, skilful side, they  
came through the Ulster  
championship without con-  
ceding a goal. Masters of  
Monaghan, Cavan and  
Down, this youthful team  
has high hopes of reaching  
the final.

Lining out against  
Armagh will be Cork. With  
eight All-Ireland minor titles  
behind them, the Cork team  
will look to this game with  
confidence, having already  
accounted for Waterford,  
Kerry and Clare.

The Armagh team is very  
much based on Keady  
players. Lead by Michelle  
Conway, the South Armagh  
club's representation

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stretches to Catherine  
Brown, Yvonne McKenna,  
Colette Conway, Helela  
Murray and Deirdre Con-  
nolly. In addition, Armagh  
have key players in Olive  
Leonard, Patricia McEvoy  
and Paula McReesh.

The Cork selectors have  
given a vote of confidence  
to the team which defeated  
Clare in a very exciting  
Munster final. Marie  
O'Brien, Eileen Buckley and  
Denise Cotter are valuable  
defensive players; Imelda  
Leahy, Niamh Cotter and  
Hilda Kennelly hope to win  
their share of ball at mid-  
field; and, in front of goal,

captain Claire O'Regan,  
Flora O'Driscoll, Lynn  
Dunlea and Elaine Barry-  
Murphy will be ready to  
pounce on the half chance.

Dublin face Galway in the  
other semi-final. Several  
members of the Galway side  
which won the 1986 All-Ire-  
land minor championship  
are now over age. But such  
is the strength of Galway  
under age camogie that  
more than adequate re-  
placements have been found.

The Dublin minors had to  
endure some anxious  
moments before disposing of  
Offaly, Meath, Kildare and  
the fancied Kilkenny. And,

with Michelle Byrne away  
in France and Ursula  
Norton on the injured list,  
they will be forced to adjust  
their formation.

However, coached by  
Carmel Hanley, the Dublin  
team has shown im-  
provement with each outing.  
Captained by aren Bauer,  
the team contains many  
promising young players  
such as Nuala Byrne, Claire  
Scanlon, Louise Curry,  
Aideen Cleary, Yvonne  
Deigram and Joanne  
Murphy.

Galway will be in action  
on Saturday evening as well  
when they attempt to win  
back the Connacht Junior  
title from Roscommon.  
Imelda Hobbins, Patricia  
Mitchell, Geraldine Kil-

kenny, Noeleen Cormican,  
Catherine Ryan, Patricia  
Connors and Paula Earls are  
more than anxious to regain  
a trophy which had been  
Galway property for the  
past decade.

The Munster Junior final  
is also scheduled for Satur-  
day evening when Cork en-  
tertain Clare at St. Finbarrs.

### FIXTURES

Friday — Antrim County  
Championship final — Ardara v  
Portlaoine. — Hannahstown,  
8.0. Saturday — Gradam Taithe  
— Belfield (10.45) — Munster  
Junior Final — Cork v. Clare, St.  
Finbarrs, 4.0. Connacht Junior  
Final — Roscommon v Galway,  
Athleague, 7.0.

Sunday — All-Ireland Minor  
Championship semi-finals —  
Armagh v. Cork, Portmore,  
2.0. Galway v. Dublin, Galway, 2.0.

# DUBLIN TO QUALIFY FOR SEMIS

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DUBLIN'S quest to regain the O'Duffy Cup which they relinquished to Kilkenny in the finals of '85 and '86 begins tomorrow when they play hosts to Galway in the quarter-final of the open draw championship at O'Toole Park at 2.00 p.m.

Dublin's track record against the Galwegians in recent times has been pretty good but many will cast their minds back to last year when in the National League, Dublin appeared to be strolling to victory and in a late flourish Galway came back to shake the metropolitans with four major scores to almost steal the day.

A temporary lapse of concentration such as this could prove fatal to our ambitions tomorrow. At intercounty level Galway are on a high note at the moment. Last Sunday their minors recorded a convincing victory over Dublin's under-age stars to qualify for an All-Ireland final meeting with Cork, while their juniors trounced Roscommon in the Connacht final to put themselves in line for All-Ireland honours this year.

Thus their senior squad tomorrow will be very anxious

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to at least emulate their younger players. So much had been expected from this Dublin side in recent months.

However, in a further qualifying round of the same competition they fell to arch rivals Kilkenny and then were comprehensively trounced by the Noreiders in the second-half of the final proper.

This defeat against the current All-Ireland champions really knocked Dublin back and there were quite a few long faces in the dressingroom afterwards. Trainer Ann Carey and fellow selectors Phyllis Breslin and Rita White realised then, that with the championship rearing its head very shortly they would have to have a re-thing.

So it was that when the

metropolitans once again faced rivals Kilkenny in last week's Leinster Championship semi-final it was a much changed Dublin twelve that took the field. Recalled to the panel after a year's absence was the Crumlin full-back Anne Redmond while Michelle Donnelly was given her chance on the right wing.

With Toni O'Byrne away on holidays, the selectors called on Ann Byrne for their first inter-county game between the posts. They were the only changes in personnel to take place, but what was amazing to many onlookers was the number of positional switches the selectors had gambled on.

Indeed the only player to maintain the position she held from the start of the League campaign right up to last week's encounter was the Celtic centre back Ann Colgan. Marian Conroy the captain moved from full back to left corner forward, Germaine

Noonan switched corners in defence and Cathy Walsh moved from the right wing to the right back position.

Barbara Redmond left the edge of the square for the left wing, while clubmate Mary Keane swapped places with Edel Murphy.

Una Crowley went into the right corner forward position which had been vacated by placing Louise Lynch in the full forward berth. That National League final defeat by Kilkenny had hurt deeply and with nothing to lose the Dubliners took the field with a little temerity.

Nobody could have foreseen the amazing turn around in fortune these changes were to make and in a tremendously fast game the metropolitans had amassed three goals and 7 points after the first period while Kilkenny had failed to raise a flag. Not even the most ardent of Dublin supporters could possibly have envisaged that scorline.

After the tremendous effort they had put into the first half it was perhaps conceivable that Dublin would tire somewhat in the second period and allow Kilkenny to come more into the game. Nonetheless credit must be given to all the players who took part in that memorable display.

Such was the superiority of Dublin throughout the 50 minutes that their three substitutes were given a run in the course of the game and indeed Ann Cooper who had come on in the second half really put the icing on the cake with her well taken goal near the end.

However, Dublin face somewhat different opposition tomorrow in Galway, and the one danger they may have is a sense of complacency. The team from the capital must in no way underestimate the strength of this western challenge.

While they go into this game with a win over the best team in the country at present under their belts, Galway have always proved formidable opposition in the past and nothing but total concentration and commitment will suffice against tomorrow's opponents.

Quite understandably the selectors have kept faith with the twelve that started against the All Ireland champions and it remains to be seen if Ann Byrne, Cathy Walsh, Germaine Noonan, Michelle Donnelly, Una Crowley and Louise Lynch can continue where they left off last time out.

In the firm belief that the best could yet be ahead for this much changed Dublin team, I think that on home soil they must be firm favourites to qualify for a place in the All Ireland semi-finals and a possible date with — yes, you've guessed it — Kilkenny!

### FIXTURES

TOMORROW: Senior Open Draw Championship — Dublin v Galway, Loran O'Toole Park (3.0).

DUBLIN TEAM: Ann Byrne, Anne Redmond, Cathy Walsh, Ann Colgan, Germaine Noonan, Michelle Donnelly, Mary Keane, Barbara Redmond, Una Crowley, Edel Murphy, Marian Conroy (capt.), Louise Lynch.

Subs: Patricia Clinton, Ann Cooper, Geraldine Dunne, Mairead Cronin, Mary Mernagh, Denise O'Leary.

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# TOUGH TEST FOR GALWAY

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Considering the amount of success which Galway have enjoyed at junior, minor and colleges levels, it is surprising that the county has not won a senior championship match for several years. Next Sunday's tough assignment against Dublin leaves little scope for a turnaround in fortune.

Galway's young side completed a very satisfactory League run. Seven points from a possible eight ensured a semi-final place. Kilkenny finished with a three-goal margin but it was not as easy as the scoreline suggests.

Galway will be without scoring forward Deirdre Costello who underwent a knee operation a few weeks ago. Bridie Cunniffe, Mary Kelly, Anne Ryan, Anne Fahy and Anne Gallagher will exert pressure on Dublin, but their lack of experience at top level may tell in the end.

Impressive performances against weak opposition and disappointments when matched with Kilkenny has been Dublin's lot so far this season. A number of their players have been struggling to find form. With another tilt against the Noreiders looming ahead, Marion Conroy's team will be most anxious to do well in this one.

The Cork senior team has been at its lowest ebb for some years. Their League performances left them on the bottom rung of the ladder clutching the wooden spoon. At St. Finbarr's on Sunday, they entertain Antrim. Cork have had the beating of the Ulster county in recent years, but their poor showing this season leaves the gate open.

Captained by Val Fitzpatrick, the Cork team will be on usual lines. Linda Mellerick, Liz Dunphy, Sandie Fitzgibbon, Eileen Dineen, Marion McCarthy and Colette O'Mahony will be in the starting 12.

Antrim will be short Carol Blaney and Anne McGlew from the team which went under to Cork last year. There is plenty of good camogie in the side. Karen Coyles, Mary McMullen, Mary Lundy, Joan Campbell, Anne Higgins and Margaret McKillop will be hoping to turn the tables on Cork this time.

Dual champions Kilkenny open the defence of their major title with a home game against Clare. Such was the composure and ability right through the Kilkenny side which took National League honours that it is difficult to see them being troubled at this stage of the competition.

Clare had reason to be pleased with their League showing. However, to expect such a young side to eliminate the All-Ireland champions may be asking too much. Clare have the makings of a fine senior team but were unlucky to draw such difficult first round opponents.

Armagh and Tyrone contest the Ulster Junior final on Sunday. Armagh took the more difficult route to the final. Antrim, Derry and Down were obstacles which were cleared on the way. Tyrone had a game less but accounted for Fermanagh and Cavan.

Tyrone showed great spirit in the Cavan game. Catherine Daly, Ursula Jordan, Anne Burke, Imelda Fahy, Breige McCartan and Karen Jones hope to bring the cup to Mid-Ulster. The play of Paula Brown, Mary Donnelly, Sheila Rafferty, Denise McStay, Sally McCone and Fionnuala O'Connor suggest that Armagh have other ideas.

The Leinster Junior final at Clane on Sunday matches holders Kildare with Carlow. Kildare are playing well at the moment but Carlow have the extra spur of going for their first title.

## Cork and Antrim clash at the 'Barrs

BIG attraction this coming weekend on the camogie front will be the meeting of Cork and Antrim in the All-Ireland senior championship at St. Finbarr's grounds on Sunday. On the local front Glen Rovers and Killeagh meet in the 1986 senior league play-off, while the remainder of the week will see a number of under-14 league games decided.

The Cork seniors open their All-Ireland championship campaign on Sunday and for the second year in succession Antrim will be their first round opponents. Cork have been favoured with a home venue on both occasions and this must surely cause problems for the Northern girls, financially and otherwise.

The Cork selectors have made a number of changes for Sunday's game. On to the side comes Glen Rovers pair Mary Ring and Ger McCarthy. Mary Ring comes in at right corner back while Ger McCarthy fills the right corner forward position. In a surprise move Lynda Mellerick is switched to left corner back while regular corner gack Mary Spillane moves to centre field. Val Fitzpatrick takes on a new role at centre forward while Noelle O'Driscoll is named at full forward. The remainder of the team is along the usual lines with Marian McCarthy once again commanding the number one position. Clubmate Eileen Dineen is in her usual position at full back with Ann Leahy at centre back. Sandy Fitzgibbon and Liz Dunphy join Mary Spillane at centre field while Irene O'Leary completes the full forward trio. All these girls are very experienced performers



Val Fitzpatrick (captain, Glen Rovers)

and on recent form will be expected to account for the Northern girls.

Monday night's senior league play off between Glen Rovers and Killeagh promises to be an inter-

esting clash. Glen will be fancied to do well but they can expect a tough game form formidable opponents Killeagh who with the aid of a home venue could cause problems for the city girls.

Cork panel: Marian McCarthy, Eileen Dineen, Mary Ring, Lynda Mellerick, Ann Leahy, Sandy Fitzgibbon, Mary Spillane, Liz Dunphy, Val Fitzpatrick, Ger McCarthy, Noelle O'Driscoll, Irene O'Leary, Colette O'Mahony, Mary Geaney, Therese O'Callaghan, Patricia Fitzgibbon, Patsy Keniry, Ann Delany.

Sunday, July 26: All-Ireland Senior Championship, Cork v Antrim at St. Finbarrs at 12 noon.

Monday, July 27: Senior League play-off 1986, Glen Rovers v Killeagh at Killeagh, at 7.30. Ref. Marie Kearney.

Tuesday, July 28: Under-14 League, Bishopstown "A" v St. Finbarrs at St. Finbarrs, at 7.30. Ref Bishopstown. Newcestown v Barryroe at Barryroe, at 7.30. Ref Newcestown. Killeagh v Fr. O'Neills at Fr. O'Neills, at 7.30. Ref Killeagh.



NOELLE O'DRISCOLL  
Cork's Ger McCarthy scores a goal past Antrim goalkeeper Karen Coyles during the Camogie Championship match at Togher.

# Cork in command

Cork 6-15 Antrim 0-2

A five goal blitz in the first half paved the way for Cork's overwhelming win over Antrim in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship clash at St. Finbarrs Grounds in Cork yesterday.

The Northern visitors were never able to match the skill and flair of their southern rivals and, despite scoring the first point of the game through Doreen Quinn, were unable to recover from a series of blistering Cork attacks early in the first half.

Irene O'Leary started the goal blitz in the eighth minute, and this was followed by two goals from Noelle O'Driscoll, another from O'Leary, and a fifth from corner-forward Ger McCarthy. The half time scoreline of 5-5 to 0-2 reflected the dominance of the Cork team.

This trend was continued in the second half, although goals were not as plentiful. The Cork girls were content to pick off points and ran out emphatic winners.

Scorers for Cork—L. O'Leary 2-4, N. O'Driscoll 2-3, G. McCarthy 1-2, M. Spillane 1-0, C. O'Mahoney, S. Fitzgibbon, V. Fitzpatrick 0-2 each.

Antrim—D. Quinn 0-2.  
Cork—M. McCarthy, E. Dineen, M. Ring, A. Leahy, L. Mellerick, S. Fitzgibbon, M. Spillane, L. Dunphy, V. Fitzpatrick, I. O'Leary, G. McCarthy, N. O'Driscoll. Sub: C. O'Mahoney for G. McCarthy.

Antrim—K. Coyle, J. Campbell, M. McMullen, S. McAtamney, B. McAteer, M. Lundy, D. Quinn, A. Nelson, L. Gibson, A. Higgins, A. McNaughton, P. Hayles. Subs: G. McCann for Campbell, D. McLoughlin for Lundy, D. O'Boyle for McAteer.

Referee: H. Sheehy, Limerick.



Cork's Irene O'Leary races goalwards with Antrim defender Joan Campbell in pursuit.

## Easy debut but stiff test ahead

KILKENNY ..... 8-11  
CLARE ..... 3-8

KILKENNY senior camogie team totally swamped Clare in their first championship outing on Sunday, at Nowlan Park.

The Noreiders were in top form as they overcame the first obstacle to their three-in-a-row title hopes.

But, now they must face the formidable challenge of Dublin in a semi-final clash on August 31.

The Dubs were merciless when they booted Kilkenny out of the Leinster championships so the locals know the fearsome task ahead of them.

Scorers for Kilkenny on Sunday were: Angela Downey (3-3); Breda Holmes (2-2); Jo Dunne (2-1); B. McGarry (0-3); A. Whelan (1-0); Anne Downey and Biddy O'Sullivan (0-1 each).

Scorers for Clare were E. O'Brien (2-4); E. McInerney (1-1); C. Wall (0-3).

Half-time score was Kilkenny 4-5, Clare 2-5.

Kilkenny's representative in the national skills competition Gradham Tailte was pipped at the post to wind up with the runner-up spot. Claire Jones was beaten by a mere point by a young Kildare rep.

In the county senior championship in which only five teams are participating, Ballycallan play Blacks and Whites on Friday, with the winners meeting St. Paul's on Tuesday.

Shamrocks also take on Thomastown this weekend.

## GLEN AGAIN

Glen Rovers 3-9  
Killeagh 0-9

GLEN ROVERS added the 1986 League title to their Cork Co. Championship trophy when they defeated Killeagh in an exciting decider at Killeagh last evening.

At the interval the sides were level (Killeagh 0-7, Glen Rovers 1-4) and the second half was a tit-for-tat struggle right up to the closing stages. However, with ten minutes to go the Co. Champions went into a two point lead and this was followed by a great opportunist goal from Denise Cotter, a point from June Hamill and another great goal from Ger McCarthy in injury time to leave them clear winners at the end.

Glen had marvellous players in Val Fitzpatrick, June Hamill and Marie Mackey, while Killeagh were best served by Patsy Keniry, Ann Leahy and Shelley Spillane.

## Camogie team bow out

DUBLIN ..... 5-9  
GALWAY ..... 4-5

GALWAY'S hopes of Senior Camogie championship glory were ended by Dublin in the quarter-final in O'Toole Park, Crumlin in blustery conditions on Sunday last.

Galway put on a fine display despite the absence of three of their players, T. Rafferty and B. Cunniffe who were both unavailable and the unexpected withdrawal of D. Lawless (injured).

Dublin played with the wind in the first half and they used it to their advantage, clocking up a quick goal and a point by M. Conroy. Dublin

were constantly camped on the Galway defence and they built up a commanding lead. L. Lynch had a goal followed by a point from a thirty by M. Conroy, a goal by E. Murphy and a further point by M. Conroy.

Galway's went into attack but were deprived of a goal by a great save by the Dublin goalie, before A. Fahy opened her team's account with a point from a free, but Dublin quickly replied with a goal from L. Lynch and two points from frees by L. Murphy bringing an end to a one-sided first half.

Galway, with the advantage of the wind behind them had it all to do to pull the game out of the fire, but A. Ryan boosted their hopes with a fine goal and A. Briscoe added points before S. Coen broke through for a goal cancelled quickly

by a similar score at the other end.

But Galway were not finished yet and hit back with a goal by M. Coyle and two points by A. Ryan followed by another goal by M. Coyle, but Dublin scored the last point through U. Crowley bringing to an end a very exciting second half.

Galway: C. Briscoe, A. Cooney, J. Glynn, B. Stafford, A. Gallagher, A. Fahy, M. Kelly, A. Briscoe, E. Cannon, A. Ryan, M. Coyle, S. Coen. Sub: M. Ryan.

County Board Meeting in Temperance Hall, Loughrea on Tuesday, August 4th at 9 p.m.

Fixtures: At Ardahan, Intermediate Championship, Castlegar v St. Thomas', 2.30 p.m.; Senior, Kiltullagh v Athenry, 3 p.m.; Senior, Pearse v Glenamaddy, 4 p.m.

# Tony and Mary the perfect team

Cork hurler Tony O'Sullivan and camogie player Mary Owens may come from rival GAA clubs - but they made the perfect team last Friday when they walked down the aisle of the Church of the Resurrection in Farranree.

Tony, who was on the Cork team beaten by Tipperary in the Munster Final replay and Mary, a holder of a Minor All-Ireland camogie medal, wed after going out together for ten years.

Mary, who played club camogie for Glen Rovers and Tony, who plays hurling for Na Piarsaigh, will have divided loyalties when these great clubs meet in the County Senior Hurling Championship Semi-Final the week after they return from their Cyprus honeymoon.

But Mary wasn't giving



By MIRIAM DONOHUE

away much when asked hours before her wedding which team she will be shouting for! "Oh we'll see!" was the diplomatic reply.

As a Glen Rovers camogie player, Mary won several honours and she holds Schools All-Ireland and Minor All-Ireland medals.

Both have been going out for ten years, Mary told the *Echo* exactly two hours before she was due to marry Tony. Was she nervous? "I am a bit, but I think Tony is more nervous than I am" she said.

A large hurling contingent attended the wedding and a guard of honour was formed outside the Church by County and club players.



Popular Cork hurler, Tony O'Sullivan and his bride, Mary Owens, both from Farranree.

## CAMOGIE ACROSS THE IRISH SEA.

Camogie, the beloved but isolated sister of hurling and football has now found a new home in the city where generations of Irish men and women have created a new and alternative home, London.

Alison Turnbull, a British journalist recently searching for alternative womens sports discovered camogie. Her analysis of one of Ireland's oldest female past-times makes interesting reading.



Gill Harding enjoys being free to swing her stick in camogie.

### IRISH CREAM

Camogie is good news for those of you who were always being penalised at school for lifting your hockey stick above your head. In camogie, you are allowed not only to lift your stick, but also to use hands and feet to stop and control the ball. The result is a faster moving, more aerial game and not many more bruises than you'll get in hockey or lacrosse.

Camogie is the female version of the Gaelic sport hurling, brought to Ireland by the Celts between 400 and 500 BC. It is played 12 a-side with each player using a hurley - a stick with a flatter end than a hockey stick, like a large wooden spatula. The Goal has uprights and a crossbar. Points are scored by

hitting the ball over the crossbar, goals underneath.

Like most Irish girls Carmel Hannigan, 30, was given a tiny hurley as soon as she could walk. When she came to Britain in 1975 she tried hockey but says, "There is no comparison. My instinct is to keep the ball in the air."

Carmel now lives and works in London. "I like to exhaust myself mentally during the week, but at weekends I like both to use my brain and exhaust myself physically." Two years ago she

decided to find a local camogie team to play with and rang Sportsline, the computerised sports information service that operates in the London area. "I thought I'd stump them - but they had an answer!" The then Greater London Council was planning an events day and had contacted other members of the Irish community in London about staging a camogie game. Carmel went to a meeting and it took off from there. Now there are three London clubs - including her own, London Irish - and about ten around the country.

More and more women are coming into the game all the time. To begin with, they were homesick Irish women, but now the game is attracting others who, like Gill Harding, a 27-year old community worker from Barnet, don't have Gaelic roots. Gill played centre-forward for Hertfordshire hockey team and has only been playing camogie since January this year. "My friend's jogging partner's flatmate suggested I go along to a London Irish training session. I scored five goals straight away, so they made sure to take my name and address before I went home!"

Many sportswomen find that success with limited experience is often the spur to harder training and improvement. "That was good motivation for me," says Gill. "I liked scoring those goals, and I wanted to play the game again." For her, camogie is "a bit of all different sports - hockey, football, baseball - and I don't get pulled up for swinging the stick."

Gill likes the company of Irish women and she especially enjoys the social apres-camogie with its Guinness and Irish Music.

FOOTNOTE:

Perhaps Gill may find a forward berth in Cork's forward division.

# **Holders the favourites in Clane tie**

CARLOW and Kildare who met in the '86 final, clash in the Leinster Junior Camogie Championship final in Clane on Sunday next (3 p.m.).

Holders Kildare with most of last season's squad on duty again, defeated Louth and Dublin en route, but only had a point to spare in the latter game.

Carlow, who have trained diligently with Ger Foley, ushered Kilkenny and Wexford out and are determined to reverse a four point league defeat by the champions.

The challengers look to Sheila Byrne, Nuala Quirke, Mary Smith, Noeleen Jordan, Valerie Crean and Margaret Ryan to capture the Smyco Cup but win, lose or draw they plan to enjoy themselves at a cabaret in Foleys of Garryhill on Sunday night.

Kildare, who field several junior interprovincials, will select from — Miriam Malone, Anna Dargan, Patricia Keatley, Bernadette Farrelly, Therese Farrelly, Elizabeth Conway (Broadford), Geraldine Dwyer (captain), Marianne Johnson, Antoinette Merriman, Rose Merriman, Kathleen Elliott (Prosperous), Melanie Treacy, Aisling Treacy (St. Laurences), Teresa Hanley, Linda Lenihan (Carbury), Phyllis Bambury (Cappagh), Nuala Kerrigan (Johnstownbridge), Claire Maloney (Athy).

■ Kildare play Dublin again on August 2 in Clane (3 p.m.) in the National Junior League final and should win by a small margin. Dublin were impressive in the second half against Louth in the semi-final. The Kildare/Meath game was a 'no-contest', the winners taking off three of their best players for the second half.

■ More than 100 girls

participated in the Co. Carlow Primary Schools Camogie blitz in Myshall on Saturday. In one 'semi' Ballinkillen beat Kildavin 2-0 to 0-0. Ballinkillen had stars in B. Foley, A. Farrell and S. Kearney. Kildavin's notables were H. Doyle, M. Byrne and V. O'Leary.

In the other 'semi' Borris beat Drumphea 4-0 to 1-0 with Ann Coleman, M. Nolan and C. Dalton starring for Borris. The Slys and C. Crooks played their hearts out for Drumphea.

The final was a cracking affair with Ballinkillen led by superb captain Breda Foley, winning 2-0 to 0-0.

■ Kildavin easily won this Co. Carlow Camogie Junior semi-final in Myshall (by 3-7 to 1-1) and meet Myshall (holders) in the final on July 30 in Carlow at 7.30 p.m.

Best for Kildavin were Carmel Gibson, Ann Doyle, Noeleen Jordan, Deirdre Byrne and Helen Nolan. St. Mullins had stars in the Walsh sisters, 15 years old goalie Lisa Grennan, Breda Grennan and Helen Kavanagh.

Scorers: Kildavin — Helen Nolan 3-0, Deirdre Byrne and Noeleen Jordan 0-3 each, Margaret Rooney 0-1, St. Mullins, Breda Grennan 1-0, Ann Kane 0-1.

## **Dolphin stars for Galway camogie side**

GALWAY ..... 2-7  
DUBLIN ..... 0-5

GALWAY were deserving winners of the Minor All-Ireland Camogie semi-final after a fine contest at Castlegar on Sunday last.

All twelve girls deserve credit on the day but T. Dolphin stood out as being the pillar of strength in the Galway defence and proved to be the difference between the two teams.

There was an obvious tension during the first five minutes as both teams missed some goal opportunities.

Galway broke the deadlock with two points from frees by T. Dolphin. This was followed by a point for Dublin by S. Murphy. A good clearance by T. Dolphin found M. Treacy, who after a good solo slashed home an excellent goal.

Dublin fought back and S. Murphy pointed a thirty. Galway replied with a point from a free by T. Dolphin, and a further point from play by C. Finnegan.

M. Treacy closed the first half scoring with a further point to leave the score at the interval, Galway 1-5, Dublin 0-2.

Despite Dublin having the wind advantage in the second half Galway were first to score with a point from T. Dolphin (free). This was followed by two points for Dublin from S. Murphy.

At this stage it looked as if Dublin were going to make a "comeback" but Galway were still fighting and M. Treacy, now playing well increased Galway's lead with a fine point.

In the closing minutes Susan Burke on a roving mission from centrefield collected the ball about 20 metres out and scored a great goal to clinch victory for Galway.

Galway: C. Callaghy, C. Linnane, M. Dooley, T. Dolphin 0-4, S. Keane, M. Maher, S. Burke 1-0, F. Keane, T. Finnegan 0-1, M. Treacy 1-2, A. Brett, C. B. Fahy.

## **Ladies chase fifth title**

KILKENNY ..... 7-5

WEXFORD ..... 0-0

KILKENNY qualified for the Leinster final of the under-14 camogie championship when they comprehensively beat Wexford at Nowlan Park on Saturday.

Their opponents in the decider, which will be played on Saturday week, will be Dublin or Cavan. Kilkenny will be chasing their third title-in-a-row, and their fourth in all.



Elaine Nolan brought off one wonderful save during the first half. Gillian Dillon and Marie Aylward got great support in defence from Bridget Barnaville and Una Murphy, both of whom gave no opportunities to the Wexford forwards. Bridget Wall dominated midfield in the second half. She got good assistance from Orla Ryall, and in the first half from Grainne Carroll, who had to retire at the interval with a finger injury. Ashling Cullen gave a fine display in the second period. Sinead Millea and Bridget Mullally were a class apart. They got great help from Treacy Millea and Siobhan Dermody.

Wexford's best players were Jackie Jordan, Eileen Lacey, Angela Fogarty, Mary Hunt and Jenny O'Loughlin.

### **The teams**

Kilkenny: E. Nolan (Tullogher); B. Barnaville (Lisdowney); M. Aylward (Mullinavat); G. Dillon (St. Lactain's); U. Murphy (Tullogher); B. Wall (Lisdowney); O. Ryall, capt (St. Brigid's); S. Dermody (St. Lactain's); B. Mullally (Tullogher); S. Millea (St. Brigid's). Sub: A. Cullen (Thomastown).

Wexford: J. Fortune, E. Lacey, G. O'Grady, A. Fogarty, J. Jordan, N. Carthy, M. Hunt, N. Kearney, B. O'Toole, J. O'Loughlin, L. Kavanagh, E. Somers.

## **Kildare capture title**

KILDARE 2-6, CARLOW 1-5. KILDARE captured the Leinster Junior camogie title at rainy Kildare yesterday when they had six points to spare over a very poor Carlow side whose forwards made little impact.

Leading by 2-4 to 1-1 at the end of the first half which they completely dominated through free-taker Miriam Malone, Kildare maintained their

momentum and could easily cope with the threatened second half revival of Carlow.

SCORERS: Kildare — M. Malone (0-3), M. Johnson and N. Kerrigan (1-0 each), Carlow — N. Smithers (1-4), D. Byrne (0-1).

### **CAMOGIE**

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# Glen remain cautious

WITH the main holiday fortnight now approaching, camogie games will be at a minimum, with just one game listed for the coming week and this will be the first round of the Munster Club Championship on Monday night at the Glen Field between County Champions Glen Rovers and the Clare Champions Six-milebridge.

Glen Rovers won the Munster and All-Ireland Club titles last season and on present form will be very much fancied to

do well again this year. The team for Monday's game is expected to be similar to the team which defeated Eire Og in the County Final with Fiona McCarthy once again filling the number one position.

Mary Ring will be at full back with Diane Deane and Ann Delaney filling the corner back positions. Marie Mackey will be in her usual position at centre back with the centrefield positions falling to Sandy Fitzgibbon.

Therese O'Callaghan will be at half forward, while the full forward line will be chosen from Ger McCarthy, Claire McCarthy, Ann Hourihan, June Hamill and Denise Cotter.

All these girls are very experienced performers and on recent form it is difficult to see them being halted, but when both these sides met in the same competition last season Six-milebridge proved to be very strong opponents, so Glen Rovers will be approaching this game with caution.

In recent years Six-milebridge have been very successful at senior level in Clare, mainly due to the fact that the colleges in the nearby areas Tulla and Scoil Mhuire have been doing so well and they would get their main supply of players from these schools.

They have fine players in the McInerney sisters Mary Ann and Yvonne and Patricia O'Grady and if these girls find form, Glen could have it tough.

Next Board meeting is on August 10.

## FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

All-Ireland Minor Final Sunday, August 9: Cork v Galway at Blackrock GAA Grounds.

## MONDAY, AUGUST 3

Munster Club Championship: Glen Rovers v Six-milebridge at Glen Rovers Ground at 7.30. (Ref.: Waterford).

## GLEN DEFEND TITLE

IN the only camogie game listed next week, Glen Rovers defend their Munster Club title on Monday night with a first round game against the Clare champions, Six-milebridge.

Glen will be expected to field almost the same team as defeated Eire Og in the county final, with Fiona McCarthy once again guarding the posts. Mary Ring will be at full-back with Diane Deane and Ann Delaney filling the corner-back positions. Marie Mackey will be in her usual position a centre-back with the midfield positions falling to Val Fitzpatrick and Sandy Fitzgibbon. Regular midfielder Mary Currid will be on holidays and her place is expected to go to minor Denis Cronin. Therese O'Callaghan will be at half-forward and the full-forward line will be chosen from Ger McCarthy, Claire McCarthy, Denise Cotter, June Hamill and Ann Hourihan.

All these girls are very experienced performers and are certain to prove very tough opposition for the Clare girls. But when both sides met in the same competition last season, Six-milebridge proved very strong opposition.

Colleges camogie has become very strong in this area with Six-milebridge getting most of their players from Tulla and Scoil Mhuire, and if inter-county players Mary Ann and Yvonne McInerney and Patricia O'Grady produce the goods, Glen will have to be on their toes.

Next board meeting is on Monday, August 10.

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Monday — Munster Club Championship: Glen Rovers v. Six-milebridge at Glen Rovers, 7.30.



Claire McCarthy, who is expected to be at full forward for the Glen on Monday night.



Glen Rovers defender Ann Delaney (watched by teammate Therese O'Callaghan) about to clear upfield during the Munster Club Championship game against Six-Mile-Bridge at Blackpool. (Michael Olney, "Echo")

# Kildare juniors take on Dublin again

FOR THE second time in recent weeks, the Kildare junior camogie team takes the field against Dublin. At Clane on Sunday, the counties meet in the final of the National Junior League.

One point in Kildare's favour separated the teams in the Leinster Championship semi-final. In the meantime, Kildare have retained their Leinster crown at the expense of Carlow, while Dublin have lost Louise Lynch and Michelle Donnelly to the senior team.

There is no doubt that Dublin will miss the services of these girls. Michelle has been a tower of strength in the middle of the field, while Louise was Dublin's

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top scorer in the previous outing against Kildare.

However, Dublin have a number of talented up-and-coming players. Patsy Murphy, Denise O'Leary, Ann Heavey, Ann Cooper, Geraldine Dunne, Phyllis Dawson and Carmel Gray will fight every inch of the way to swing the game in Dublin's direction.

A two-goal victory over Carlow in the Leinster final last Sunday will boost Kildare's confidence. The team is most anxious to retain their National Junior League title and take the All-Ireland Junior Championship, a

double which just eluded them last season.

The backbone of their team are tried and tested players. Miriam Malone, Rose Merriman, Melanie Treacy, Marianne Johnson and Antoinette Merriman should rise to the occasion and add to their collection of medals.

Bernadette Farrelly brought further honour to Kildare when she won the sixth Gradam Tailte competition. The very promising 16-year-old joins to McClements, Angela Downey and Clare Cronin as a holder of our superstars competition. Bernadette fought off a stiff challenge from Kilkenny's Claire Jones.

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## Kildare again

KILDARE are in line today for a second junior camogie title on successive Sundays. They made a successful final defence of the Leinster championship last week and hope to retain their National League crown when they entertain Dublin in an intriguing decider at Clane.

It must encourage Kildare that they had a point-to-spare—1-8 to 2-4—over Dublin in a keenly-contested Leinster championship semi-final early last month. The Dubs have since had a number of that side promoted to the senior ranks, and this will hardly help their cause.

However, the challengers still field a strong side, as they have top-class deputies for the promoted seniors. In addition, such as Denise O'Reilly, in defence, Carmel Gray and Phyllis Dawson at midfield, and Geraldine Dunne and Anne Cooper in the attack are among accomplished players in the side capable of providing that extra touch of sparkle that could do much to set the scene for a revenge win.

Dublin have left the full back position open for the moment, as they have some doubts about Patsy Murphy.

Kildare's current form must augur well for their double title prospects, and confidence is high after last week's provincial final win over Carlow by 2-8 to 1-5.

Miriam Malone is a match-winner in midfield with her superb free-taking and good general play. Goalkeeper Rose Merriman, Anna Dargan at full back, Marianne Johnson and Bernadette Farrelly in attack are others whose displays could mean much to the home side.

**KILDARE:** R. Merriman, A. Dargan, P. Banbury, M. Treacy, G. Dwyer, A. Merriman, M. Malone, P. Keatley, K. Elliott, M. Johnson, B. Farrelly, N. Kerrigan.

**DUBLIN:** C. Hickey, A. N. O'Her, M. Cronin, M. O'Reilly, D. O'Leary, C. Whittaker, C. Gray, P. Dawson, G. Dunne, A. Cooper, G. Fagan, E. Campbell.

## EASY WIN FOR GLEN

Glen Rovers 4-21  
Sixmilebridge 1-2

GLEN Rovers had a facile win over Clare representatives Sixmilebridge in the first round of the Munster Club senior camogie championship at the Glen Field, Blackpool, last evening.

Dominating play virtually from the throw-in, the home side 2-13 to 0-2 at half-time and two further goals by Ger McCarthy, one a real beauty and a further string of points completed the rout.

To add to the losers' misery, they had two players, including their goalkeeper, sent to the line in the closing stages.

**Scorers, Glen Rovers:** G. McCarthy 2-6, C. McCarthy 1-4, D. Cotter 1-2, V. Fitzpatrick 0-5, J. Hammill, 0-2, T. O'Callaghan 0-1, S. Fitzpatrick 0-1.  
**Sixmilebridge:** M. Lynch 1-0, Y. McInerney 0-1 P. O'Grady 0-1.

**Glen Rovers:** F. McCarthy, D. Deane, A. Delaney-O'Donovan, M. Ring, M. Mackey-Ryan, V. Fitzpatrick, S. Fitzpatrick, G. McCarthy, T. O'Callaghan, C. McCarthy, J. Hammill, D. Cotter. Subs: A. Hourigan for Cotter, D. Cronin for S. Fitzpatrick.

**Sixmilebridge:** L. O'Flynn, D. Murphy, L. Quinn, N. Quinn, K. Murphy, S. Reidy, P. O'Grady, M. Murphy, C. Cooney, M. Lynch, Y. McInerney, A. McInerney.  
**Referee:** J. O'Flynn, Lismore.



A Glen Rover's defender breaks up a Six-Mile-Bridge attack, during the Munster Club Championship game at Blackpool last night. ("Examiner")

## Kildare swamped by late burst

DUBLIN 6-4 KILDARE 1-7

Having trailed to the home side until midway through the third quarter of this National Junior Camogie league final at Clane yesterday, Dublin suddenly turned on the power to record a convincing win as Kildare disintegrated.

Kildare led by 1-5 to 1-2 at the end of the first-half which they totally dominated, but after Geraldine Dunne equalised for Dublin with a goal early in the second-half, the losers began to crumble and were destroyed by two late goals.

**DUBLIN** — C. Fagan 2-1, G. Dunne 2-0, A. Cooper and E. Campbell 1-0 each, P. Dalton 0-2 and C. Gray 0-1.

**KILDARE** — B. Farrelly 1-0, M. Malone, P. Keatley and C. Maloney 0-2 each, N. Kerrigan 0-1.

**REFEREE** — S. McGuinness (Louth).

## Dublin down Kildare

DUBLIN 6-4; KILDARE 1-7.

DUBLIN had a rewarding visit to Clane yesterday when they defeated the holders Kildare by 6-4 to 1-7 in the final of the National Junior League and so regained the Joan Burke Trophy after a lapse of 3 years.

Though the visitors took an early lead with a goal by Geraldine Fagan the first half belonged to Kildare. But their tally of 1-5 to 1-2 at the break did not flatter them.

Dublin settled down early in the second half and overwhelmed the home side defence to score 3 goals and 2 points in the first ten minutes and they dominated the play to the end.

**Scorers:** Dublin — G. Dunne 1-1, A. Cooper 2-0, A. Campbell 1-0, P. Dawson 0-1, C. Gray 0-1, Kildare — B. Farrelly 1-0, M. Malone 0-2, P. Keatley 0-2, N. Kerrigan 0-2, N. Kerrigan 0-1.  
**Referee** — S. McGuinness (Louth).

# Experience is on the Galway side

THE monopoly of the All-Ireland Minor Camogie Championship by Cork and Galway continues. Between them, these counties have won eleven out of the thirteen contests played to date. On Sunday, Galway will defend the title against Cork in what should be a great game.

Galway won their third All-Ireland minor title when they defeated a strong Wexford combination last August. They are fortunate to retain five members of their winning team. The Galway players were not really tested in Connacht but proved that they are a top class outfit when overcoming a fancied Dublin twelve by 2-8 to 0-5.

Colette Callaghy, who was in sparkling form in the semi-final, will guard the net for Galway. Caroline Linnane, the St. Raphael's goalkeeper, is a very competent full-back. Triona Dolphin is proving to be a tower of strength at centre-back and receives great assistance from wingers, Martina Dooley and Siobhan Keane.

Imelda Maher, Suzanne Burke and Fionnuala Keane are three fast and skilful players who combine to form a very strong midfield line. Mary Treacy will present many problems for the Cork defence. She showed in the semi-final that she can upset the tightest of defences. The experienced Bridget Fahy, Triona Finnegan and Aileen Brett will snatch any chances of scores which come their way.

Three of the Cork team, which went down to Galway at the semi-final stage last year, will be in action on Sunday. The remainder are in their first season of inter-county camogie.

Marie O'Brien is playing well in the Cork goal. She is protected by Denise Cronin, Claire Barry, Fiona O'Driscoll and Eileen Buckley. The defence was not tested until the Munster final when they had to soak up considerable pressure from the Clare forwards.

Hilda Kenneally has recovered from a nose injury in the Armagh game to take her place at right wing. She is joined by Niamh Cotter

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Namesakes on the Cork Minor Camogie team in the all-Ireland Final against Galway on Sunday. Fiona O'Driscoll (Inniscarra) figures at centre-back and Fiona O'Driscoll (Fr. O'Neills) fills the full-forward spot.



aid Imelda Leahy, a sister of Cork senior, Anne Leahy.

Cork captain, Claire O'Regan is positioned at centre-forward. On her right will be Lynn Dunlea whose mother, Nuala Humphries, played for Cork in the 1968 All-Ireland senior final. In the left corner will be Elaine Barry-Murphy, a cousin of Allstar hurler, Jimmy. Fiona O'Driscoll of Ballymacoda, runner-up in the National Feile Skills competition in 1986, completes the team.

Underage camogie in Galway has been in a very healthy state in recent years. Championships are arranged for the under ten-year-olds upwards and competition is very lively. Their record in community games, Feile na nGael and colleges camogie is second to none. All this

must filter through to the county minor team.

The Cork team is drawn from ten clubs. In contrast to previous years only three city players are included. Clubs, which dominated in other years like Na Piaras, Blackrock, St. Finbarrs and Bishopstown, have failed to get a representative on the team.

Cork overcame Waterford, Kerry, Clare and Armagh to qualify for the final. While not matching the Galway team in experience, they are conscious of the great tradition which the county has enjoyed in this grade and are determined to fight to protect and extend that record.

For the first time in many years St. Pauls will be seriously challenged for the Kilkenny championship title. They face Shamrocks in the final at the weekend. Jo Dunne, Rita Weymes and Biddy O'Sullivan transferred to Shamrocks recently and team up with Teresa O'Neill, Siobhan Ryan and Teresa Fennelly for an all out attack on the champions.

The Leinster Under 14 championship final will be played at Nowlan Park on Saturday afternoon. Kilkenny have been to the fore in this grade for the past few seasons. Tracey and Sinead Millea, Orla Ryall, Siobhan Dermody and Bridget Mullolly form the backbone of their team to challenge Dublin.

**SATURDAY**  
LEINSTER UNDER 14 CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL: At Nowlan Park—Kilkenny v Cork 3.0

**SUNDAY**  
ALL IRELAND MINOR FINAL at Blackrock, Cork—Cork v Galway 3.0

# Yet another Barry-Murphy

The great name of Barry-Murphy will again grace a Cork teamsheet this Sunday when the Cork minor camogie team takes on Galway in the All Ireland final in Blackrock, Cork.

Young Elaine Barry-Murphy, cousin of the famed Jimmy, lines out at left forward as the southerners bid to dethrone the defending champions in what promises to be an interesting encounter.

The experience of the Galway girls is sure to make them the prematch favourites. Five of the team which brought the Corn Tailteann to the west last year are again available, and one of last year's subs is also ready to face the Cork girls.

The Cork backroom team will have noted the ease with which Galway overcame a fancied Dublin side in the semi-final, emerging with a nine points winning margin at the end.

## Same again?

That win showed this Galway side to be strong in all the key positions. In goal Colette Callaghy will again be hoping to match her fine performance against Dublin, while in front of her, full back Caroline Linnane is vastly experienced, and completing the backbone of a formidable defensive unit is another St.



● Elaine Barry-Murphy lines out against Galway.

Raphael's girl, brilliant centre-back Triona Dolphin.

Galway's strong midfield will also test the Cork girls, but it will be to Mary Treacy that the westerners will look for much of their punch in attack. Treacy will be playing in her third All Ireland minor final, and will get good support from Bridget Fahy, Triona Finnegan and Aileen Brett in her efforts to poach scores.

Cork lag well behind Galway in terms of experience. Only three of last year's team, beaten in the semi-final, remain. And Cork can call on none of the team which won the Corn Tailteann in 1985.

Cork will be glad to welcome back midfielder Hilda Kenneally, now recovered from a nose injury sustained against Armagh. They will hope their defence will continue to be as reliable as it has been so far in the championship.

Goalkeeper Marie O'Brien, full back Denise Cronin and the half back line of Claire Barry, Fiona O'Driscoll and Eileen Buckley will face a stiff test against Galway, and their response will be an important part of this match.

On Saturday afternoon Kilkenny play Dublin in the final of the Leinster under 14 championship. Kilkenny have paid particular attention to this grade, and their efforts have paid off. They look especially to Orla Ryall, Sinead Millea, Siobhan Dermody, Tracey Millea and Bridget Mullally to help them to retain the title.



Mary Moran, trainer-selector, putting some of the Cork minor camogie team through their paces for the All-Ireland final between Cork and Galway scheduled for Blackrock Grounds on Sunday at 3 p.m.

## Cork girls bid for title



Cork minor camogie panel pictured with selectors Lilly O'Sullivan, Mary Maher, Máire Ní Ceallacáin and Mary Moran.  
(Pic. Ted McCarthy)

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Elaine Barry-Murphy, Ballincollig, who will be at wing forward on the Cork team on Sunday.

## Cork girls on the All-Ireland trail

CORK bid for their ninth All-Ireland Minor camogie title when they play the defending champions, Galway, in the final at Church Road on Sunday, 3.00 start. It is a repeat of last year's semi-final when a strong Galway side won by 1-5 to 0-1.

Galway will be strong favourites to retain their title as they can call on five of last year's team and generally speaking, under-age camogie is going through a spectacular phase in the county, where several All-Ireland titles at all levels have been won.

The champions easily won the Connacht title without any difficulty and they showed their true potential when defeating Leinster champions Dublin in the All-Ireland semi-final, winning by 2-8 to 0-5.

Cork, though, are not without hope and home venue is bound to be an advantage, according to coach Mary Moran, who said tradition is also on their side. "Since the competition was started in 1974 Cork have won 12 Munster titles and eight

All-Irelands. If we play to our ability we can win," she said.

Cork have three survivors from last season—Niamh Cotter (Brian Dillons), Claire O'Regan (Eire Og) and Fiona O'Driscoll (Fr. O'Neills), the full-forward, not to be confused with the defender of the same name, and their experience is bound to stand to them.

After the long trip north for the All-Ireland

semi-final against Antrim, Cork will welcome playing the final at home. They got this far by easily accounting for Waterford and Kerry in the earlier rounds of the Munster championship and they then took the scalp of a strong Clare side in a tremendous final.

One name to look out for in the Cork team is Elaine Barry-Murphy (Ballincollig), cousin of the famous Jimmy, and she will be hoping to

emulate some of his feats in Sunday's final.

The Cork team is: M. O'Brien (Inniscara), D. Cronin (Glen Rovers), C. Barry (Brian Dillons), F. O'Driscoll (Inniscara), E. Buckley (Aghabullogue), H. Kenneally (Newcestown), N. Cotter (Brian Dillons), L. Leahy (Killeagh), L. Dunlea (Cloughduv), C. O'Regan (Eire Og) captain, E. Barry-Murphy (Ballincollig), F. O'Driscoll (Fr. O'Neills).



● Pictured during the training of the Cork Minor camogie team, from left to right — Mary Moran, Selector/Trainer; Lilly O'Sullivan, Selector; Máire Ní Ceallacáin, Selector and Mary Maher, Selector.

## Cork girls bidding for glory

BLACKROCK will be the venue for the final of this year's All-Ireland Minor Camogie Championship in which Cork meet the holders Galway.

Cork have been very successful at this level in the past decade and will be seeking their ninth title on Sunday, their last success coming their way in 1985 in which they completed a very impressive three-in-a-row. In these games, Galway were the victims on each occasion but they got their revenge last season when they defeated Cork in the All-Ireland semi-final. They will be going for their fourth title on Sunday.

En route to the final, Cork had impressive victories over Waterford, Kerry and Clare in the Munster Championship but made hard work of beating Armagh in the All-Ireland semi-final so the selectors will be hoping for a big improvement.

The Cork team is unchanged from the side which lined out for the semi-final with Maria O'Brien once again filling the number one position. Denise Cronin is at full back with Claire Barry and Eileen Buckley filling the corner-back positions.

Inniscarra's Fiona O'Driscoll is named at centre back with the centre field positions going to Hilda Kenneally, Niamh Cotter and Imelda Leahy. Claire O'Regan, who captains the side, is at half forward. In the only change on the team Fiona O'Driscoll from Fr. O'Neills moves to full forward in a direct switch with Lyn Dunlea while Elaine Barry Murphy fills the other wing forward position.

All these girls have proved what marvellous players they can be but only top class performances will suffice on Sunday if they are to deprive Galway of taking their second title in a row.



Maria O'Brien, Inniscarra, who will be in goal for the Cork Minors on Sunday.

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# Galway are still the champions

By Mark Woods

Galway 1-11, Cork 3-3

GALWAY retained their All-Ireland Minor camogie title when they edged out Cork in a tremendous final at Church Road yesterday. The better balanced Galway side deserved their victory, though plucky Cork made them fight hard for victory.

The ability of the Galway attack to convert chances into points was the main difference between the sides, and though Cork's best forward, Fiona O'Driscoll crashed home her second goal two minutes from the end to give Cork some hope, they ran out of time.

Cork, who played with the wind in the first-half, held a slender 2-1 to 1-3 at the interval, following goals by O'Driscoll and Elaine Barry-Murphy, with Aileen Brett scoring the Galway goal. It didn't seem much of a lead, particularly as the more experienced Galway side had wind advantage in the second half.

## TWIN THREAT

The champions scored three points in a row before O'Driscoll pointed a 32nd minute free, but the twin threat of Brett and Bridget Fahy soon caused more damage in the Cork goalmouth and they struck a succession of points before O'Driscoll's late goal.

Scorers: Cork: F. O'Driscoll (2-2, 0-1 free), E. Barry-Murphy (1-0), L. Dunlea (0-1).

Galway: A. Brett (1-3), B. Fahy (0-3), M. Treacy (0-2), T. Dolphin (0-2, 0-100), C. Finnegan (0-1).

Cork: M. O'Brien, D. Cronin, C. Barry, F. O'Driscoll, E. Buckley, H. Kenneally, N. Cotter, L. Leahy, L. Dunlea, C. O'Regan, captain, E. Barry-Murphy, F. O'Driscoll. Subs. V. Ellis for Kenneally and K. Higgins for F. O'Driscoll.

Galway: C. Calagy, C. Linnane, M. Dooley, T. Dolphin, S. Keane, I. Maher, S. Burke, F. Keane, C. Finnegan, M. Treacy, captain, A. Brett, B. Fahy.

Referee: B. Stokes (Limerick).



Cork's ~~Fiona~~ Leahy whipping past Galway No. 4 Triona Dolphin during the All-Ireland Minor Camogie final at Blackrock yesterday.

Fiona O'DRISCOLL



Cork's Claire O'Regan lets the ball slip from her grasp as she is surrounded by Galway defenders during the All Ireland camogie minor final at Blackrock. —(Michael Olney "Examiner")

## Galway minors triumph

GALWAY .....1-11  
CORK .....3-3

**HOLDERS** Galway had a narrow win over a gallant Cork side in the final of the All-Ireland minor camogie championship at Blackrock (Cork) yesterday.

Cork led by 2-1 to 1-3 at half-time after an even opening half. However, Galway had the edge up front in the second half and their ability to pick up points from far out paid dividends.

Scorers — Galway — A. Brett (1-2); B. Fahy (0-4); T. Dolphin (0-3); M. Treacy (0-2). Cork — F. O'Driscoll (2-2); E. Barry-Murphy (1-0); L. Dunleavy (0-1).

Leinster Championship Minor Final — Kilkenny 2-3; Dublin 1-3.



Pic shows four of the Cork team in their new gear with Mr. Tynan. From left Denise Cotter, Eileen Buckley, Elaine Barry-Murphy and Claire Barry.

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## Duffry Rovers dethrone St. Ibar's

Duffry Rovers dethroned the defending champions St. Ibar's in the semi final of U-16 Camogie Championship at Oylegate on Friday evening last on a scoreline 3-1 to 0-1.

St. Ibars opened the scoring with a point by Janice Gordon after six minutes, from a free. Duffry Rovers equalised with a point by Helen Sinnott midway through the half and this was how it stood at the interval.

Duffry Rovers opened the scoring of the second half with a goal by sub Deirdre Byrne after eight minutes and increased the lead soon after with a goal by Helen Sinnott.

Duffry Rovers concluded the scoring of the game with a goal by Mary Byrne and now play Oulart in the final.

Best for Duffry Rovers were Mary Fitzhenry; Helen Sinnott; Maura O'Donovan and Deirdre Byrne.

Best for St. Ibar's were Janice Gordon; Caroline

Harding; Maeve McGrath; Marie Canning and Aileen Gordon.

Teams:- Duffry Rovers: Mairead Coleman; Mary Fitzhenry; Trudy Ryan; Sheila Hanrahan; Carmel Mernagh; Tina Tobin; Maura O'Donovan; Clare Furlong; Helen Sinnott (Capt) (1-1); Karen O'Connor; Vicky O'Leary; Mary Byrne (0-1).

Subs: Deirdre Byrne (1-0) for Vicky O'Leary also Mary Earle.

St. Ibars:- Aileen Gordon; Caroline Harding; Marie Canning; Tina Donohoe; Mary Bates (Capt); Janice Gordon (0-1); Helen Goucher; Mag Rossiter; Christine Keane; Dane Gordon; Noeleen Hearne; Marie McGrath.

Subs: Teresa Rossiter; Fiona Bates; Siobhan Furlong; Trisha Quinn; Ann Keane; Liz Murphy; Tracy Carr and Amanda Murphy. Ref: Siobhan Dunne (Oulart).



Duniry National School, winners of the Division One schools camogie this year. They overcame a strong Castleblakney side in the final recently having beaten Tynagh, Leitrim, Abbey, Derryvoher, Tiraneascragh and Ballinderreen en route. The All-Ireland skills star Claire Lynch, showed her all-round talents at full back, while Olivia Broderick and Fiona Ryan (captain) proved very talented forwards, never failing to score in any game. M. Fahy and A. Broderick were brilliant in defence only allowing two teams to get a score against them. Team: Anne Broderick, Claire Lynch, Mareth Fahy, Patricia Moran, Olivia Broderick, Clodagh Madden, Fiona Ryan, Joan Kelly, Helen Ryan, Orla Fahy, Olivia Cummins and Edel Kelly.

## Pretty Killeugh wedding

THE marriage was solemnised at St. John the Baptist church, Killeugh, Cork of J. J. Fennelly, son of Martin and Mary Fennelly, Boullick, Gortnahoe, and Shelley Spillane, daughter of John and Sheila Spillane, Burgess House, Killeugh.

The ceremony was performed by Fr. Thomas Glavin, Killeugh, assisted by Canon John J. Lambe, Gortnahoe/Glen-goole.

Bestman was Martin Francis Fennelly, brother of the groom and Mary Spillane, sister of the bride was bridesmaid.

Tracey and Norma Spillane, nieces of the bride, were flower girls. Organist was Mary Daly, Killeugh. Readings were by Patrick Fennelly, brother of the groom, Kathleen Roberts, aunt of the groom and Con Spillane, brother of the bride.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. A reception was held in Garryvoe hotel, Castlemartyr and the

honeymoon is being in North Italy and Switzerland.

Killeugh camogie club formed a guard of honour with arched hurleys. Shelley won an all-Ireland junior medal with Cork and a number of county honours with her club.

It was a special day for the Spillane family as Shelley's parents John and Sheila, who were married on July 31, 1957, were celebrating 30 years of marriage.

J. J. is a member of a highly respected farming family and was involved in the social, sporting and cultural activities of the parish before going to Cork a few years ago.



Woodford/Duniry (Davitts) Camogie Club who won the Co. Galway competition recently and will represent Galway in the Connacht competition on Saturday next in Ballina. They proved themselves worthy to represent their county by wins over Gort and Mountbellew, before recording a convincing win over Ballymacward in the final. Irene Pierce and Olivia Broderick played well for the winners with Claire Lynch always reliable in the backs. Bernie Bruton, Patricia Moran, Yvonne Broderick and Mareth Fahy also did well. Team: Anne Broderick, Claire Lynch, Yvonne Broderick, Mareth Fahy, Michelle Flannery, Bernie Bruton, P. Moran, Irene Pierce (captain), M. Canning, Olivia Broderick, Gail Whyte, Clodagh Madden, Joan Finnerty, Fiona Ryan, Christine Ryan, Celia Dolan.

**B**ERNIE Farrelly, a sixteen year old Kildare schoolgirl, stepped into the shoes of superstar Angela Downey when she clinched the 1987 Gradam Tailte title. Angela had earlier decided not to defend the laurels which she had worn with such distinction.

Bernie was introduced to the Kildare team during the National League campaign and is a player with an exciting future. She showed her competitive edge in holding off a strong challenge from Kilkenny's Claire Jones.

The Gradam Tailte competition has failed to find favour with the majority of our top class players. Dublin was represented by a junior graded player and Cork did not bother to send a contestant. Whether the competition can be re-vamped to reach its original goal remains to be seen.

Bishopstown proved at Feile na nGael that the team with star players is not necessarily the best. Featuring in the Division One final for the third time, they fielded twelve girls unknown by reputation even within their own county. However, instead of waiting for a star player to turn match winner, each girl knuckled down to her task and brought the trophy to the Cork City club for the first time.

The standard displayed at Feile was not on par with previous years. Hopefully, this trend will be reversed when the 1988 Feile is staged in Laois-Offaly. Claire Lynch, a Galway player with a neat style carried off the Feile Skills competition. Red-headed Anne O'Dwyer (Clare) was a close second. Nicola Moore (Dublin) took third spot. Sinead Millea (Kilkenny), who looked very well on the ball but made a few errors, was a good fourth.

The most pleasing aspect of the provincial minor championships was the emergence of Armagh in Ulster. Based on the successful Keady club, Armagh made a historic breakthrough. With ten of

the team eligible next season, Armagh will be looking for greater things. The strong counties of this grade, Galway, Cork and Dublin, maintained their grip in the other provinces.

The winning minor teams of 1983/85 proved that they are maturing satisfactorily as Cork eased their way through the Munster Junior championship. Kildare and Carlow are the two top sides in Leinster. Tyrone improved as the season progressed to challenge Armagh for Ulster honours. None of the other Connacht counties have reached the stage of seriously testing Galway or Roscommon.

Will Angela Downey be the dominant figure of the 1987 Senior Championship? In the National League final she exhibited all her class and skill and indicated that she

has not lost her appetite for success. At the time of writing several counties remain in the race but it is hard to visualise any of them lowering Kilkenny's colours.

The withdrawal of Tipperary and Down from the senior championship was a major disappointment. Emigration was a factor in both decisions. Failure to find adequate replacements reflects a shallow well of talent. The extent of the ground to be made up in both counties may be measured by the lack of success at junior and minor levels.

There is talk of Down and Tipperary seeking regrading. It would be a pity to see Tipperary, who have contested six All-Ireland senior finals, taking a backward step. Hopefully, the heroic deeds of their hurlers in the Munster championship will inspire the Tipperary girls to emulate them.

## IN FULL FLIGHT...



Angela Downey collects the ball in full flight during the recent National League Final.

## Glen tackle Lismore in camogie final

**GLEN ROVERS** travel to Lismore tomorrow night with a full-strength panel of players in defence of their Munster title which they won last year for the first time in the club's history. The throw-in is at 7.30 p.m.

However the Glen must decide whether to include Mary Currid at mid-field or rely on the team that played so well against Sixmilecross in the previous round.

They can call on such notables as Fiona McCarthy, Maire Ryan, Diane Deane, Val Fitzpatrick, Sandy Fitzgibbon and Ann Delaney who have been playing great camogie of late.

Lismore, on the other hand, have won the Waterford Senior Championship for the third year in succession and will be no pushover for the Cork girls. They can

call on no fewer than seven inter-county players and with such experienced players in Mary Murphy (goalie), the Caples sisters Terry and Catriona, Ann Ryan, Carmel Murphy and Orla Flynn (captain), voted all-round sports girl in 1987 at UCC, Glen Rovers can expect a tough game.

**Team panels:**  
Glen Rovers — Fiona McCarthy, Denise Cronin, Ursula Buckley, Diane Deane, Mary Ring, Ann Delaney, Maire Ryan, Sandy Fitzgibbon (captain), Val Fitzpatrick, Theresa O'Callaghan, Tracy O'Riordan, Ger. McCarthy, June Hamill, Clare McCarthy, Denise Cotter, Helena Mullins, Ann Connolly, Ann Loneragan, Carmel Currid, Mary Currid.

Lismore — Mary Murphy, Terry Caples, Catriona Caples, Sheila Tobin,

Carmel Murphy, Ann Ryan, Tricia Bolger, Ann Maire O'Gorman, Orla Flynn (captain), Martina Kearney, Eileen Daly, Myra Quirke.

## LISMORE NO MATCH FOR GLEN

Glen Rovers 5-18  
Lismore 0-2

**MUNSTER** club camogie champions Glen Rovers had no difficulty in brushing aside the challenge of the Waterford champions Lismore at Lismore last evening.

Glen Rovers led 3-8 to 0-2 at half time both the Lismore scores coming from placed balls.

Glen Rovers were ably led by their captain Valeria Fitzpatrick, Sandra Fitzpatrick, Mary Ring, Anne O'Donovan and Geraldine and Clare McCarthy were outstanding. For Lismore goalkeeper Mary Murphy, in spite of the five against her saved them from a much heavier defeat and their captain Orla Flynn, Patricia Bolger and Terry Cap-

les did best out field.

**Scorers —** Glen Rovers — C. McCarthy 2-2, G. McCarthy 1-4, D. Cotter 1-3, A. O'Donovan 1-2, V. Fitzpatrick 0-4, J. Hamill 0-3. Lismore — O. Flynn 0-2. Referee Marian Graham (Newport).

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# Unlucky Shamrocks pipped

ST. PAUL'S ..... 2-7  
SHAMROCKS ..... 0-12

**A** BRAVE bid to break the St. Paul's monopoly which has seen the city side dominate the senior camogie championship for the past 23 years ended in bitter failure for Shamrocks on Sunday.

Despite a magnificent comeback which brought the challengers within a mere point of the champions, Shamrocks just could not break down their opponents' defence to force a draw in this exciting county final at Nowlan Park.

But the South Kilkenny girls must have been pleased with the heart-stopping finish. For they trailed virtually throughout the game and looked routed in the second half after a killer Angela Downey goal.

Then came the thrilling climax when Shamrocks picked off six points on the trot without reply and had their large band of supporters cheering them on to even greater efforts.

For 'Paul's this was title No. 24, regardless of the somewhat lucky escape and less-than-confident performance. Overall, their's was a more polished display but it was astonishing how they almost collapsed when their opponents piled on the pressure in the second half.

Star player Angela Downey lacked some of her fire and although scoring 1-3 and setting up other scores, was less than dynamic.



Shamrocks on the move . . . despite the tight defence of Catherine Neary and Claire Jones.

Surprisingly, St. Paul's forwards failed to score in the last 15 minutes.

In the end it came down to old reliables and full of heart Ann Downey and Bridie McGarry who beat off onslaught after onslaught.

## Weak up front

Meanwhile, encapsulating Shamrocks' bold spirit were inter-county stars Biddy O'Sullivan and the diminutive Siobhán Ryan. They were the ring-leaders of the attack and spurred on the whole team, which was undeniably weak up front.

Downey opened the scoring with a good point and five minutes later Teresa Fennelly of Shamrocks levelled matters with a well-taken free. Intense pressure on the Shamrocks' defence eventually paid off with a point from Ann Downey from a "40."

The challengers then missed an easy chance at goal before equalising in the 10th minute with a good point.

Four minutes later a Shamrocks' goalie error should have resulted in a St. Paul's goal and Shamrocks were again let off the hook when Angela Downey went for a goal from a free but was just thwarted.

Just after these near misses the St. Paul's scoring blitz got under way. There were points from Ann Downey and Breda Holmes before Angela Downey set a blistering shot netward which was blocked by the goalie and then slammed to the back of the net by Breda Ryan.

This put St. Paul's ahead by 1-4 to 0-2 with only three minutes left to the break but Shamrocks made good use of time to pick off two points, one from Biddy O'Sullivan, to make the half-time score 1-4 to 0-4.

## Missed chances

The second half began in similar fashion with Angela Downey grabbing a quick point. Siobhán Ryan, now switched to midfield where she was much more effective, replied two minutes later. Team-mate and inter-county player Jo Dunne should have added more Shamrocks' scores but failed to take some great opportunities.

Into the sixth minute of the game Angela Downey took her by now familiar shot at goal from a free and, remarkably, it struck the goalie's head and was cleared out of the goalmouth.

The sides then swapped points before what seemed the match-winner — a goal palmed to the net by Angela Downey after a great solo burst.

A minute later Angela added her last score and that of Paul's in the 10th minute to make it 2-7 to 0-6 in favour of the holders.

It looked all over for Shamrocks but they showed their courage when, after a scrappy period of play, they settled down and the scores started to come. Enthusiastic forward Jo Dunne heralded the revival with one of the best



St. Paul's defender, Catherine Neary, again in the thick of things.

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St. Paul's camogie team which won the Senior County Final by a point.

points of the game, and with only ten minutes to go and six points to make up, Shamrocks really got going.

Biddy O'Sullivan came into her own as she picked off four gutsy points, three from frees, as the St. Paul's defence panicked and committed some fouls.

On the line the anxious St. Paul's trainer for the past few weeks, Georgie Leahy, exhorted his soldiers to settle down.

## Glorious

Siobhán Ryan also added a point at this stage and she was glorious in her speed, striking and opportunism.

With two minutes left Shamrocks trailed by a solitary point and despite winning a lot of possession, they were foiled by Ann Downey and Bridie McGarry who kept their heads when the chips were down.

Meanwhile, at the other end of the field, Shamrocks'

defence dug in well with Berni Galway containing Angela Downey well. Rita Wemyss also set up a great supply line to the Shamrocks' forwards. Amazingly, the champions failed to score in the last 15 minutes but their reserve was just sufficient to hold out.

Apart from those already mentioned, Breda Holmes and Claire Jones worked very hard for St. Paul's.

After the match it was a delighted St. Paul's captain,

Breda Holmes, who was presented with the glittering cup, safe for yet another year.

## Scorers

St. Paul's — Angela Downey (1-3), B. Ryan (1-0), Ann Downey (0-3), B. Holmes (0-1). Shamrocks B. O'Sullivan (0-5), T. Fennelly (0-3), S. Ryan (0-1), J. Dunne (0-1), C. Moran (0-1).

## Teams

St. Paul's — Caroline Holmes, Liz Neary, Helen Holmes, Bridie

McGarry, Catherine Neary, Claire Jones, Ann Downey, Geraldine Ryan, Angela Downey, Breda Holmes, Breda Ryan, Ursula Holmes. Subs. (not used): Sarah Russell, Julie Fry, Cathy Holden, Mary Holden, Agnes Reddy.

Shamrocks: I Anna Cahill, Rita Wemyss, Berni Galway, Teresa Holden, Biddy O'Sullivan, Chrissie Ryan, Teresa Fennelly, Ann Harrington, Siobhán Ryan, Jo Dunne, Carmel Moran, Teresa O'Neill. Subs. (not used): Joan Kennealy, Mary Harrington, Geraldine Ryan, Pauline Treacy, Emma Holohan.



Shamrocks' senior camogie team which were narrowly defeated in the County Final.

# Kilkenny face new-look Dubs!

HAS Dublin's new look team got what it takes to dethrone All-Ireland champions Kilkenny? That is the question which will be answered at O'Toole Park on Sunday when the counties meet in the semi-final of the All-Ireland Senior Championship.

A disappointing Dublin team walked off Croke Park last September with the scoreboard displaying Kilkenny 2-12, Dublin 2-3. In the meantime, the Dublin team has been practically rebuilt. For one reason or another, nine of the girls, who played in all or part of that match, are unlikely to start on Sunday.

The newcomers include promoted juniors Anne Byrne, Mairead Cronin, Michelle Donnelly and Louise Lynch. Former All-Ireland players, Barbara Redmond, Anne Colgan and Ann Redmond, have been recalled to the panel and Galway girl, Mary Keane added.

The Dublin squad has been preparing very diligently under Anne Carey. In the Leinster championship, they produced two fine exhibitions to overcome

## CAMOGIE ROUND-UP

Kilkenny and Wexford in turn. While this victory over next Sunday's opponents will boost confidence, it is common knowledge that Kilkenny does not place much emphasis on secondary competitions.

The return of Anne Colgan and Ann Redmond from holidays is awaited before the Dublin selection committee names their team. Crumlin girl, Anne Byrne will be in goal but Ann Redmond may oust Mairead Cronin, who deputised capably in the Wexford game.

Cathy Walsh has regained her form since moving to

right back. She and the ever dependable Germaine Noonan should fill the wing back positions. Anne Colgan will come into contention for centre-back. Mary Mernagh may revert to a more familiar midfield role and team up with Michelle Donnelly and Barbara Redmond.

The Dublin attack looked weak in the National League final. To counter this the selectors have moved Una Crowley and Marion Conroy forward. They join the hard working Edel Murphy and Louise Lynch to complete a sector which must do well if Dublin is to succeed.

In contrast to Dublin, Kilkenny field a very settled side. The majority have been playing together for several seasons. There is only one change in the side which won the All-Ireland Championship. Anne Holden is now settled in County Galway and has been replaced by Deirdre Malone, who is no stranger to the team.

The only question in the Kilkenny camp is the placing of the team. It is expected that Liz Neary, who fielded in attack in the League final will revert to a defensive role. There is great versatility in the Kilkenny side. The majority of the players can perform up to standard in several positions.

Should Liz be placed in defence, any of the existing four backs would be capable of moving up the field. Such a reshuffle would release Anna Whelan to join the attack.

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All-Ireland Championship  
Semi-Final — At O'Toole  
Park, 3.00 — Dublin v Kilkenny.

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## CAMOGIE NOTES HEADACHES FOR THE SELECTORS

IN ATROCIOUS weather conditions on Wednesday evening last Dublin defeated Wexford to retain the Leinster Senior Championship title. It was a very emphatic victory over a disappointing Wexford side and it gave Dublin the perfect competitive preparation for their All-Ireland semi-final clash with champions Kilkenny in two weeks time.

Indeed with this display the selectors have been handed something of a headache for this win was gained without the services of two of the more experienced players, Anne Redmond and Ann Colgan who are out of the country on holidays at the moment.

Both of these players will be in contention for places for the semi-final and it remains to be seen whether or not the selectors decide to leave well enough alone. But that is all in the future.

Wednesday's victory was a timely boost for the Dubliners. They started the game in a very tentative mood and it looked as if nothing would go right for them early on. However, as the game wore on Barbara Redmond began to find acres of room on the left wing and gradually Dublin started to take the game to Wexford. Some magnificent free taking by Edel Murphy and a goal at a critical stage by captain Marian Conroy left the metropolitans in front by 1-7 to 0-3 at half time.

Wexford began the second half with great gusto and but

for some very bad wides would have put the Dublin girls in trouble. But Una Crowley, who had been switched earlier with Michelle Donnelly, started to make the right wing her own and Dublin got stronger as Wexford began to wilt under constant pressure.

An unfortunate own goal by the Wexford full back Anne Butler put Dublin in the driving seat and with young full forward Louise Lynch levelling in new found freedom the result was a foregone conclusion long before the end. With Edel Murphy continuing her good work from placed balls Louise helped herself to a great goal and just before the end she laid on the pass from which Barbara Redmond got the score of the evening.

Carmel O'Byrne replaced Mary Keane during the second half and finished off a neatly worked movement with a good point. While this was a very good performance by Dublin there is still a lot of work to be done before their meeting with Kilkenny. They will present a far stiffer obstacle than Wexford and as champions for the past two years will not want to lose their crown.

With only two weeks remaining before this clash Dublin will need to forget about their latest success and concentrate all their efforts on the task ahead of them. Dublin would dearly love to get to Croke Park again and no stone should be left unturned in their efforts to achieve this ambition.

## Dublin task formidable

Dublin and Kilkenny clash at O'Toole Park on Sunday in the semi-final of the All-Ireland senior championship.

This is the fifth successive season which these counties have been paired together at some stage of the competition. Dublin held the upper hand in 1983 and 1984 but Kilkenny emerged victorious in the past two years.

Dublin failed to Kilkenny by nine points in the 1986 All-Ireland final. It will be a much changed outfit which will take the field on Sunday. Six of the team which started in Croke Park last September, and the three substitutes introduced during the game, are unlikely to be in the first twelve.

Some former All-Ireland players have been recalled to action and a number of juniors have been promoted. The return of Ann Colgan and Ann Redmond from holidays is awaited before the starting lineup will be finalised.

Crumlin's Anne Byrne will be in goal. Ann Redmond may replace Mairead Cronin, who had a fine game against Wexford in Ann's absence. Cathy Walsh has shown a new lease of life since moving to right-back. She is likely to be retained, as is the capable Germaine Noonan on the opposite wing.

Anne Colgan will come into contention for the centre-back position. Should she be selected,

Mary Mernagh would move to a more accustomed midfield role. Michelle Donnelly has performed well since gaining senior recognition and should get another opportunity to prove herself alongside Barbara Redmond.

The Dublin forward line was below par in the National League final. Una Crowley and Marion Conroy have been moved from right wing and fullback in an effort to add scoring power to the attack. The industrious Edel Murphy and the youthful Louise Lynch should complete the forward division. A considerable improvement will be necessary in this sector if Dublin harbour hopes of success.

The Dublin squad has worked under trainer Ann Carey for the past few months. Winning the Leinster championship has meant a lot to them. Dublin, of course, defeated Kilkenny in the semi-final of that competition. But they would not want to read too much into that. Kilkenny rarely go all out in secondary competitions and will be a much more formidable outfit on Sunday.

In contrast to Dublin, Kilkenny field a very settled team.



Angela Downey (Kilkenny) takes a shot at the Dublin goal as K. Walsh tries to block her shot in the All Ireland Camogie semi-final at O'Toole Park yesterday.

## Kilkenny's accurate Angela gives Dublin shooting lesson

KILKENNY ..... 3-9  
DUBLIN ..... 0-6

### CAMOGIE

### All Ireland semi-final

Few forwards, who wield a hurey, can match the accuracy of Kilkenny girl Angela Downey — a lesson Dublin learned to their cost in this All-Ireland camogie semi-final at O'Toole Park yesterday.

Downey snatched two goals in as many minutes to put the Kilkenny girls beyond reach of the hard-working Dublin team midway through the second half. Her sister, Ann, added

to the Dublin misery with two brilliant long range points before the end.

Dublin had trailed by only a single goal at half time, 0-2 to 1-2, with Kilkenny owing their lead to a goal by full-forward Breda Holmes in the 21st minute.

But, even before the Downey girls put the issue beyond doubt, Kilkenny had looked the most likely win-

ners as their superb backs, with Bridie McGarry and Biddy Sullivan prominent, consistently baulked Dublin scoring chances. Dublin's Carmel O'Byrne, a substitute, Una Crowley and Edel Murphy had looked most impressive against this formidable Kilkenny side.

**SCORERS — KILKENNY —** Angela Downey 2-4, Ann Downey 0-3, B. Holmes 1-0, L. Neary, J. Dunne 0-1. **DUBLIN —** E. Murphy

0-3, U. Crowley 0-2, C. O'Byrne 0-1.

**KILKENNY —** M. Fitzpatrick, R. Weymes, D. Malone, B. McGarry, B. Sullivan, Ann Downey, C. Jones, A. Whelan, J. Dunne, L. Neary, Angela Downey, B. Holmes.

**DUBLIN —** A. Byrne, M. Cronin, C. Walsh, A. Colgan, G. Noonan, M. Donnelly, M. Keane, B. Redmond, U. Crowley, E. Murphy, M. Conroy, L. Lynch. Subs — C. O'Byrne for Keane, M. Mernagh for Murphy, A. Redmond for Lynch.

Referee — K. Tomks (Wexford).



B Holmes (Kilkenny) (right), takes a shot at the Dublin goal as M Cronin (Dublin), tries to block the effort in the All Ireland Camogie semi-final at O'Toole Park.

## KILKENNY THROUGH

Kilkenny 3-9  
Dublin 0-6

ANGELA DOWNEY collected a personal tally of 2-4 as Kilkenny progressed to meet Cork in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie final after this one-sided encounter at O'Toole Park in Dublin yesterday.

Dublin kept in touch in the early stages, and Kilkenny only led 1-2 to 0-2 at half-time, their goal coming from full forward Breda Holmes.

But in the second half Kilkenny were streets ahead. Their backs played brilliantly, with Bridie McGarry and Biddy Sullivan turning in exemplary performances.

**Scorers, Kilkenny:** Angela Downey 2-4, B. Holmes 1-0, Ann Downey 0-3, L. Neary and J. Dunne 0-1 each.

**Dublin:** E. Murphy 0-3, U. Crowley 0-2, C. O'Byrne 0-1.

**Kilkenny:** M. Fitzpatrick, R. Wemyss, D. Malone, B. McGarry, B. Sullivan, Ann Downey, C. Jones, A. Whelan, J. Dunne, L. Neary, Angela Downey, B. Holmes.

**Dublin:** A. Byrne, M. Cronin, C. Walsh, A. Colgan, G. Noonan, M. Donnelly, M. Keane, B. Redmond, U. Crowley, E. Murphy, M. Conroy, L. Lynch. Subs: C. O'Byrne for Keane, M. Mernagh for Murphy, A. Redmond for Lynch.

## EASY FOR BARRS

ST. FINBARRS 9-12  
KILLEAGH 0-3

POWERED by Cork senior player Collette O'Mahoney and availing of six of the club's senior players, St. Finbarrs crushed a weak challenge from Killeagh in the final of the 1986 Cork County Under-18 Championship at Riverstown on Saturday night.

# History as girls make it three-on-trot

KILKENNY ..... 2-3  
DUBLIN ..... 1-3

**K**ILKENNY'S under-14 camogie team created history at Nowlan Park on Saturday when they became the first side to win three Leinster championships in a row in this grade.

They now share the roll of honour with Dublin, who also scored four victories. Wexford won it on two occasions. The other Kilkenny success was in 1982.

This was a tremendous game, featuring great skill, pace and determined play. The home side could be considered lucky because Dublin attacked on numerous occasions and only great defensive play, allied to some fine goalkeeping, kept them at bay. As well, Kilkenny got a 'gift' goal in the first half when Bridget Mullally's free from midfield ended in the net.

Dublin opened the scoring with a brilliant point. The winners levelled when Sinéad Millea took a cross from Bridget Mullally and scored. The play surged from end to end, and both defences were on top. The winners took the lead with that Mullally goal.

Dublin raced into the attack but the winners' defence rose to magnificent heights. None played better than Gillian Dillon, daughter of former Kilkenny star Pa, who was unbeatable. Bridget Barnaville was a tower of strength at full-back while Marie Aylward and Una Murphy also played splendidly. Behind them was an alert goalie, Elaine Nolan. Dublin's only reward was a point from a "30" by Catherine Dunne. This left the Noreiders 1-1 to 0-2 ahead at the break.

## Only mistake

Kilkenny opened the second half with a point from a "30" by Bridget Mullally. The winners' defence then made its only mistake, which gave Catherine Dunne her chance to equalise with a fine goal. The cheers of the surprisingly large Dublin following had not died down when Kilkenny had the ball in the net at the other end.

Elaine Nolan's puck-out was won by Orla Ryall at midfield. The latter's great ground drive found her club-mate Tracy

Millea. Tracy gathered the ball and lofted it into the goalmouth where her sister, Sinéad, took it in the air and planted it in the net.

From this to the finish the camogie reached a very high standard. Dublin again put the game in the melting pot when Catherine Dunne pointed a free to leave the Noreiders 2-2 to 1-3 in front.

All credit to the winners, they bounced back immediately for a vital point by Bridget Mullally. For the last 10 minutes, plus two minutes "lost" time, neither side scored but excitement was at fever-pitch. The Noreiders, thanks to some wonderful goalkeeping by Elaine Nolan and great defensive play, especially by Una Murphy, held out.

This was a great advertisement for camogie. Dublin were probably the more skilful side, but Kilkenny showed wonderful heart.

Elaine Nolan was a hero. She made at least five great saves. The defence could not be praised enough. Gillian Dillon, Una Murphy, Bridget Barnaville and Marie Aylward were tremendous. Orla Ryall played a big part in the victory by keeping Dublin star Veronica Trehy in check. She got good support from Bridget Wall, particularly in the second half, and from Aisling Cullen, who did her best work in the first half.

Bridget Mullally was closely watched by the Dublin defence. Her reputation had preceded her into the game and her opponent stuck closely to her. Nevertheless, she made some fine breaks. Sinéad Millea was always dangerous at full-forward, and scored a vital goal and a point. Her sister, Tracy, did a lot of hard work and never let the ball downfield easily.

Kilkenny tried three different opponents against Dublin centre-back Julie Kavanagh, who was the losers'

best player. Gráinne Carroll, Siobhán Dermody and Kay Grace all tried their best against this fine player. Others who played well for Dublin were Catherine Boyle, Jacintha Nagle, Veronica Trehy, Tanya Allen and Catherine Dunne.

A word of praise must be given to Nicholas Lambert, the Kilkenny sole selector and trainer, who has acted in this capacity for the past three years. He was also involved in the 1982 success. He has been training this team twice weekly since last May, and sometimes three times a week. The victory was just reward for everyone's efforts. Also thanks to the Danesfort club for making their pitch available during the last few weeks.

## ● The Scorers

Kilkenny: B. Mullally (1-2), S. Millea (1-1). Dublin: C. Dunne (1-2), M. Brown (0-1).

Kilkenny — Elaine Nolan (Tullagher), Bridget Barnaville (Lisdowney), Marie Aylward (Mullin-downey), Gillian Dillon (St. Lactain's), Una Murphy (Tullagher), Bridget Wall (Lisdowney), Orla Ryall, capt. (St. Brigid's), Aisling Cullen (Thomastown), Bridget Mullally (Tullagher), Gráinne Carroll (St. Lactain's), Tracy Millea (St. Brigid's), Sinéad Millea (St. Brigid's). Subs: Siobhán Dermody (St. Lactain's), Kay Grace (Lisdowney).

Dublin — Gráinne Barry, Catherine Boyle, Judy Anne Doyle, Julie Kavanagh, Susanne McCarthy, Jacinta Nagle, Veronica Trehy (capt.), Tanya Allen, Sinéad Whiston, Alison Watters, Maura Brown, Catherine Dunne.

## Daughters of hurlers star

THE Kilkenny under-14 camogie team which won the Leinster championship for a record third year in succession had a number of connections with the 1969 all-Ireland winning senior hurling side.

Gillian Dillon, who starred at centre-back, is daughter of Pa Dillon, who played at full-back on the Kilkenny senior team. Tracy and Sinéad Millea are daughters of Joe Millea who was at right corner-forward.

By a strange coincidence, Joe scored a vital goal for Kilkenny six minutes into the second half of that all-Ireland. It was a goal by Sinéad six minutes in the second half of

Saturday's clash that gave Kilkenny back the lead.

Orla Ryall, who captained the side, is daughter of Tom Ryall, who was a selector on the 1969 all-Ireland winning team.

Kilkenny will have five of the team available when they try for the four in a row in 1988. They are Elaine Nolan, Bridget Wall, Orla Ryall, Bridget Mullally and Sinéad Millea.

Tullagher will supply the captain next year because they won the 1987 under-14 county championship by beating St. Brigid's (Ballycallan) by 2-5 to 1-2 in the final.

## Disaster as Dubs drub Wexford

DUBLIN.....4-11 (23 pts)  
WEXFORD.....1-6 (9 pts)

There was little joy for Wexford Camogie faithful at Monamolin on Wednesday night as a rusty Wexford side were quite literally lacerated by a razor sharp Dublin side to lose the Leinster Camogie Championship by a margin of three goals and five points.

The Wexford Championship effort went wrong from the start as the near perfect Dublin machine put the Wexford back line under intense pressure. From the start it was obvious that something was seriously wrong within the Wexford camp as even the basics went momentarily missing.

Dublin swept to a deserved lead in the opening twenty five minutes but really took the match over in the second half. It was in the final fifteen minutes of the encounter that the Wexford side must

have thought that their agony would never end as Dublin hammered the Slaneysiders in every sector of the field.

It seemed that Wexford paid the price for complacency and even several desperate switches could not rescue the encounter. The team had suffered a lay-off since May and in the presence of Dublin on Wednesday night they found a serious warning in the run up to their All-Ireland semifinal clash against Cork on Sunday.

The Wexford backs tried hard throughout Wednesdays fifty minutes and never buckled under the pressure, Jackie Codd tried hard at full forwards as did Buffer's Alley's Elsie Coady.

Wexford team: 1 Kathleen

Tonks (Buffers Alley); 2, Tina Fitzhenry (Duffy Rovers); 3, Ann Butler (Buffers Alley); 4, Stella Sinnott (Buffers Alley); 5, Catherine Murphy (Cloughbawn); 6, Ann Reddy (Rathnure); 7, Caroline Farrington (Buffers Alley); 8, Eileen Kehoe (Cloughbawn); 9, Elsie Coady (Buffers Alley); 10, Siobhán Dunne (Oulart); 11, Jackie Coff (Rathnure); 12, Gertrude O'Leary (Buffers Alley).

Subs: 13, Terry Butler (Buffers Alley); 14, Bernie Higgins (Rathnure); 15, Dendre Atkinson (Duffy Rovers); 16, Jean O'Leary (Buffers Alley); 17, Ann Marie O'Connor, (Buffers Alley); 18, Geraldine Coady (Rathnure).

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## Armagh look to reverse past result

Irrespective of the outcome of Sunday's All-Ireland Junior Camogie Championship semi-final against Galway, Armagh folk regard 1987 as their greatest season yet. Ulster junior and minor cups have already been claimed. For good measure Keady brought home a Fheile trophy from Clare.

Armagh started the season with more hope than confidence, as a number of their 1985 Croke Park team had hung up their inter-county boots but new blood was introduced and their progress has been most satisfactory. Seventeen-year-old Patricia Donnelly, Mary O'Hagan, Anne Donnelly and Brenda Jordan have slotted into the panel to give a fine blend of youth and experience.

Antrim provided the first hurdle to be cleared in the Ulster championship. Trouncing the champions 2-9 to 0-4 raised hopes of a good run. Down were next to fall as Armagh made tracks to the provincial final and a very hard match from Tyrone has primed Armagh for Sunday's semi-final against Galway.

Experienced players like Denise McStay, Sally McCone, Paula Brown, Rita McGuigan, Mary Donnelly and Julie McGuinness will be in action. The mood in Armagh is one of hope and determination. The aim is to reach their second All-Ireland final in three years and to reverse a decision over Galway en route.

Galway, it will be remembered, defeated Armagh in the 1985 All-Ireland final. But, according to rule, they put a new twelve on the field last season. The newcomers were caught by Roscommon but got their own back in no uncertain fashion a few weeks ago.

### Young team

It is a young Galway team. Caroline Linnane, Imelda Hobbs, Triona Dolphin and Patricia Connors were members of the winning minor side in 1986. Patricia Mitchell, Geraldine Kilkelly, Paula Earls, Martina Heavey and Noeleen Cormican are skilful performers who will not give in easily.

Kildare's 14-point defeat by Dublin in the National Junior League decider puts a new complexion on their championship prospects. Following a good first half, the Kildare defence became unsteady and allowed the Dublin attack an easy route to goal. Switches in the Kildare defence appear to have upset the team. Players

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who were so reliable in the original positions apparently have lost confidence. However, the selectors may decide to revert to the placings which worked well last season.

Miriam Malone has lost none of her flair and ability. Melanie Treacy, Nuala Kerrigan, Patricia Keatley, Bernadette Farrelly, Kathleen Elliott and former Clare player, Clair Monoley will spearhead Kildare's challenge to Cork in the second semi-final.

Cork are an unknown quantity. By virtue of the success in 1984, a new group of players had to be found and the novices failed to Limerick in 1985 and Clare last season. Their forwards notched 17-23 in their two championship outings with Tipperary and Clare causing supporters to wonder if there may be something 'on' this season.

The team is a very young one. Viv O'Brien, Evelyn Healy, Karen Mellerick, Jean Paula Kent, Niamh Coughlan and Paula Carey won All-Ireland minor medals in the 1983-1985 string of successes. Irene O'Keeffe, whose personal tally to date is seven goals, Therese O'Callaghan, Margaret Finn and Mary Kennefick add strength and power to a team which will trouble Kildare. Whether they are sufficiently mature to topple the Leinster champions remains to be seen.

Short Ann Downey, Breda Holmes and Anna Whelan, Kilkenny flopped to Dublin in the semi-final of the Leinster championship. Dublin needed this timely boost and were very pleased with the return to form of a number of their key players, notably Cathy Walsh.

Wexford displayed real class in the Kilkenny tournament last June and it will take a top-class Dublin performance to defeat them. With the semi-finals of the All-Ireland senior championship only a week away, both sides will be taking this game very seriously.

## Cork juniors take on Kildare

BIG game of the coming weekend will be the All-Ireland Junior semi-final between Cork and Kildare scheduled for Clane at 2.30 on Sunday. On the local front the semi-finals of the 1986 Under-16 League will be played on Wednesday night between St. Finbarrs and Inniscarra and Bishoptown 'A' and Killeagh.

On Sunday next the Cork Junior team make the long journey to Kildare to play the home county in the semi-final of this year's Junior Championship and here Cork are sure to have a tough game on hand. Kildare were beaten by Clare in last year's Junior final and will be very anxious to make amends this year. They were beaten by Dublin in the final of this year's Junior League but then went on to take the Leinster Championship impressively.

En route to this game Cork defeated Tipperary and Clare in the Munster Championship and looked a useful side. The selectors have made two changes from the team which lined out for the Munster final.

In that game Eileen Noonan came on the side at full-back in place of the injured Vivienne O'Brien and she retains her position. Vivienne O'Brien, now fully recovered from injury, comes in at corner-back to the exclusion of Niamh Coughlan while Liz O'Neill comes on to the side at centre-field in place of Breda Kelly.

The remainder of the team remains unchanged with Rose Desmond, who captains the side, in goal. Margaret Finn will be at

left corner-back with Evelyn Healy at centre-back. Karen Mellerick and Paula Carey will partner Liz O'Neill at centre-field with Therese O'Callaghan filling the centre-forward position. Mary Kennefick is named at full-forward with Irene O'Keeffe and Jean Paula Kent completing the trio.

In both their games with Tipperary and Clare the Cork defence played well. They were not found wanting at mid-field either while on both occasions individual forwards and in particular Jean Paula Kent showed when the need was greatest they took their scores well but only top-class performances will suffice on Sunday if they are to overcome this Kildare side who are a much older and experienced side. It is interesting to note that the last time these two counties met was back in 1969. In that game Miriam Malone lined out at centre-field and she will line-out again for Sunday's game. They have other fine players in the Merriman sisters, Rose who plays in goal and Antoinette at centre-field, and the youngest member of the team, 16-year-old Bernadette Farley, who won this year's Gradam Tailte competition and who will line-out at centre-forward.

All these girls have been through the mill before and with the advantage of a home venue are sure to make things difficult for the Cork girls.

In the Under-16 semi-finals on Wednesday night Inniscarra, defeated Championship finalists, will be expected

Bernadette Farrelly, hoping to help Kildare into the All-Ireland junior camogie championship final when they play Cork in the semi-final in Clane on Sunday.

to have the edge on St. Finbarrs, while Bishoptown 'A' team should have too much strength for Killeagh. In the Intermediate League there should be very little between Glen Rovers and Cloyne while in the Under-14 League Cloughduv, who are doing very well at Under-14 level this season, will be expected to account for Eire Og.

**Cork Junior panel** — Rose Desmond, Eileen Noonan, Vivienne O'Brien, Margaret Finn, Evelyn Healy, Karen Mellerick, Paula Carey, Liz O'Neill, Therese O'Callaghan, Mary Kennefick, Jean Paula Kent, Irene O'Keeffe, Eileen Hennessy, Niamh Coughlan, Liz O'Sullivan, Breda Kelly, Vera Motherway, Aine Murphy.

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**Sunday, August 16**

All-Ireland Junior semi-final: Cork v. Kildare at Clane at 2.30.

**Wednesday, August 19**

Under-16 League semi-finals 1986: St. Finbarrs v. Inniscarra at St. Finbarrs at 7.30 (referee Douglas); Bishoptown 'A' v. Killeagh at Bishoptown at 7.30 (Bernie Murphy, Ballinora).

Under-14 League '87: Eire Og v. Aghabullogue at Aghabullogue at 7.30 (Eire Og).

**Thursday, August 20**

Intermediate League '87: Glen Rovers v. Cloyne at Glen Rovers at 7.30 (Na Piarsaigh).



# Shell-shocked Kildare must pick up the pieces

CAN Kildare, who were sent reeling by a six-goal Dublin blitz in the National Junior League final, lift their game in time for Sunday's All-Ireland junior semi-final clash with Cork? Three weeks is a very short time to rebuild confidence.

Kildare's problems against Dublin were in defence. The rearranged backline proved to be a disaster. Players who proved to be so reliable in last season's positions were in the formation used in the League final. However, this predicament will have the attention of the selectors before the side is announced to meet Cork.

Many of the Kildare girls are performing very well. Miriam Malone continues to display top class form. Melanie Treacy, Patricia Keatley, Bernadette Farrelly, Kathleen Elliott, Antoinette Merriman and former Clare forward, Claire Moloney, played a decisive part in retaining the Leinster championship.

Whether Cork have come up with another fine combination remains to be seen. They won the Munster championship with great ease, although it must be pointed out that Clare had to find a new squad and counties like Tipperary and Limerick were well below par.

Cork scored 17-23 in their two championship outings. It is an aspect of their play to be noted. The side is a very young and inexperienced one but includes a number of players on the way up.

Half the team are All-Ireland minor medal-holders. Jean Paula Kent and Paula Carey were

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stars of the successful three in-a-row teams of 1983/85. And Irene O'Keefe, Evelyn Healy, Viv O'Brien, Mary Kennefick, Therese O'Callaghan and Margaret Finn are others capable of giving Kildare a great run for the final place.

Armagh, who take on Galway in the other semi-final, can reflect on 1987 with great pride and satisfaction. Two Ulster championship titles in the one season is a feat not previously achieved. And there may be more to come. They came through a hard Ulster campaign and are hopeful of reaching the Croke Park decider for the second time in three years.

A number of the

players, including captain Margaret Moriarty, who fielded in the 1985 All-Ireland final have hung up their inter-county boots. The National League was used to familiarise newcomers with the scene. The initial results were not great but the team is coming good at the right time.

Teenagers Patricia Donnelly and Anne Donnelly have proved very satisfactory. Other novices to please the mentors are Mary O'Hagan and Brenda Jordan. Denise McStay, Maura Hosty, Sally McCone, Paula Brown, Fionnuala O'Connor, Mary Donnelly, Rita McGuigan and Julie McGuinness remain of the established team, giving a

pleasing blend of youth and experience.

Galway provided the opposition for Armagh in the 1985 All-Ireland final. But that Galway team moved up a grade in the following season.

The young side assembled for last season's Connacht championship were caught on the hop by Roscommon. However, it was a much different story when these counties met recently. Galway left no doubts as to who deserved to be named provincial champions.

Four of Galway's All-Ireland minor winning team — Imelda Hobbins, Caroline Linnane, Patricia Connors and Triona Dolphin — have been successfully promoted. Patricia Mitchell, Martina Heavey, Paula Earls, Joan Whirskey, Noleen Cormican and Margaret

Greatly in a variety of combinations.

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# Kildare girls in final

Kildare 3-12  
Cork 3-5

IN AN exciting All-Ireland Camogie Junior Championship semi-final at Clane on Sunday, Kildare made sure of a place in the final when defeating the Munster champions, thus making amends for their defeat at the hands of Dublin in the league final a week previously at the same venue.

The game was an interesting affair throughout and Kildare almost always held the upper hand and never allowed the strong Cork side to find their rhythms.

Mary Kennefick gave the Leesiders the lead with a 14 metre free before a point each from Miriam Malone, Patricia Keatley and Marion Johnson put the winners into a comfortable lead. Kennefick converted another free this time from 30 metres.

But Keatley converted a free and Nuala Kerrigan got her name on the scoresheet to give Kildare a 0-5 to 0-2 halftime advantage.

Against the run of play Liz O'Neill equalised as she got her stick to a speculative lob sent goalward by Karen Mellerick and the bounce deceived the normally reliable Kildare goalkeeper Rose Merriman.

For the time it looked as if an upset might be on the cards but Bernie Farrelly steadied Kildare's nerves with two successive points.

Almost immediately afterwards Farrelly exposed the glaring weaknesses in the Cork defence when she soloed through the defence for Kildare's first goal and from this point onwards Cork were in deep trouble.

Bravehearted Cork were to make a commendable attempt to get back on terms with points from Mellerick and Kennefick but their efforts were rendered worthless as a goal from substitute Theresa Hanley virtually assured the home side of victory.

Ace freetaker Patricia Keatley proved her worth as she hammered three nails into

Cork's coffin with successive frees and although Kennefick pointed for the losers and Paula Carey rattled the Kildare net, Cork simply had too much to do.

The scores came thick and fast in the closing minutes of the game with Keatley recording 1-1 and Farrelly scoring a point as Mellerick scored Cork's third goal.

For Kildare, Patricia Keatley, Bernie Farrelly, Nuala Kerrigan and Antoinette Merriman were excellent while Liz O'Neill, Rose Desmond and Karen Mellerick tried hard for Cork.

Kildare — R. Merriman, A. Duggan, P. Bambury, M. Treacy, G. Duggan, A. Merriman, M. Malone (0-1), P. Keatley (1-6), N. Kerrigan (0-1), B. Farrelly (1-3), M. Johnson (0-1) and C. Maloney. Subs: T. Hanley (1-0), for C. Maloney and K. Elliott for M. Johnson.

THE All-Ireland final in which Kildare play Galway or Armagh — who drew their 'semi' — will be in Croke Park on September 27. Kildare will play ten of the team which lost in the '86 decider.

Cork: — R. Desmond, V. O'Brien, E. Noonan, M. Finn, E. Healy, P. Carey (1-0), L. O'Neill (1-0), K. Mellerick (1-1), T. O'Callaghan, I. O'Keefe, M. Kennefick (0-4), and P. Kent. Subs: V. Motherway for E. Noonan; B. Kelly for P. Kent and L. Sullivan for M. Kennefick.

Referee: A. Derham (Dublin).

## Kildare too good

Kildare 3-12 Cork 3-5

A FINE individual display by freetaker Patricia Keatley was one of the features of this emphatic win by Kildare over Cork as they qualified for the All-Ireland Junior Camogie Championship final at Clane, Co. Kildare, yesterday.

The winners led by 0-5 to 0-2 at the end of a first half which they dominated completely and although Cork equalised after the restart with a Liz O'Neill goal, Kildare surged ahead with goals by Bernadette Farrelly and substitute Theresa Hanley and left Cork with too much to do.

Kildare had fine players in Patricia Keatley, Bernadette Farrelly, Antoinette Merriman and Nuala Kerrigan while Liz O'Neill, Karen Mellerick and Rose Desmond tried hard for Cork.

Scorers — Kildare: P. Keatley 1-6, B. Farrelly 1-3, T. Hanley 1-0, N. Kerrigan, M. Johnson, and M. Malone 0-1 each. Cork: K. Mellerick 1-1, M. Kennefick 0-4, P. Carey and L. O'Neill 1-0 each.

Referee — A. Derham (Dublin).

# CORK TAKE ON WEXFORD

Big attraction this weekend is the Cork senior team's involvement in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship semi-final. Wexford, Cork face a tough battle as Wexford have already defeated Cork in the National League this season. Only a fortnight ago Wexford lost to Dublin in the Leinster Final, but this result does not have a bearing as the Senior Championship is on an open draw basis.

Cork and Wexford have met only four times in the Senior Championship competitions. Wexford have three victories to their credit 1968, and in 1975 they defeated Cork in the All-Ireland Finals, while their victory in 1978 was at the semi-final stage. Cork were victorious in 1971.

Eileen Keogh and Elsie Codd played in the 1975

All-Ireland Final and they are the only members of the Wexford panel to hold All-Ireland senior medals, while Marion McCarthy played in Cork's 1971 All-Ireland victory. Wexford who received a walk-over from Tipperary will be fielding in their first Championship game this season, while Cork defeated Antrim well.

The Wexford line-out is sure to have the reliable Kathleen Toak's between the posts, while Stella Sinnott, and Cathy Murphy are likely to be at right back and full back respectively. Star of this Wexford side will be stylish Tina Fitzhenry, sister of Wexford hurler and footballer Martin. Tina has been a regular member of the Leinster panel for a number of years and will most likely line out at left back. Ann

Reddy, Eileen Keogh and Caroline Farrington will take the centre-field position, while Caroline's sister Gertrude O'Leary lines out at half-forward.

Elsie Codd will be the experience around the goal that Wexford will look to outwit the Cork defence, whilst Siobhan Dunne who is only in her second season in the senior ranks, and Jackie Codd will be hopeful of causing Cork's defence headaches.

Cork are anxious to bring the All-Ireland back and have named a strong team, Marion McCarthy takes her usual position in goal, while Eileen Dineen at full-back is always reliable. Mary Ring and Linda Mellerick are on the wings, whilst Ann Leahy played a great game at centre-back against Antrim and is

retained in that position. Centre-field are stylish, Sadie Fitzgibbon and Liz Dunphy, on the wings, with the determined Mary Spillane in dead centre.

Captain Val Fitzpatrick leads the attack at centre-forward, inside her she has her Glen Rovers clubmate Ger McCarthy, with Irene O'Leary Og Na Piarasigh on the left. Noelle O'Driscoll lines out at full-forward and is sure to avail of every opportunity that comes her way. Overall the Cork panel shows some changes from the last game against Antrim, omitted are Glen Rovers pair Ann Delaney and Therese O'Callaghan, and into the panel comes Cathy Landers and Claire Cronin, added to these Cork have some fine substitutes and are

sure to keep their options open if in danger. Overall this game promises to be a real cracker with the result in the balance up to the final whistle. Overall Cork's determination should see them through.

On the home front there are only two intermediate league ties down for decision. Eire Og v Ballinora is sure to be a tough game, with both sides eager to capture valuable league points. Ballinora with Bernie Murphy and Rose Barrett, are sure to fight every inch of the way, while Maureen Barron and Terese Murray, are sure to be to the fore for Eire Og.

In the other game listed for decision Glen Rovers travel to Killeagh to take on the home side. Killeagh can now call on

Cathy Landers for their intermediate squad, and she is sure to tip the scales in their favour they will be favoured to take the points, but Glen will not give in easily and are sure to be well served by Mary O'Brien, and Rose Mackey, in what is sure to be a great contest.

## FIXTURES

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

Senior All-Ireland semi-final in Wexford, 3.30: Cork v Wexford.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

Intermediate Leagues at 7 p.m.: Eire Og v Ballinora at Ballinora (Ref. Bishopstow); Glen Rovers v Killeagh at Killeagh. (ref. Fr. O'Neills)

## Wexford should end that ten year wait

### CAMOGIE ROUNDABOUT

The play of the Wexford girls was the talk of Kilkenny over the Whit weekend. They shone throughout the full sized pitch tournament and were immediately installed as favourites for All-Ireland honours in the minds of many present.

The Wexford team has a very settled look. Kathleen Tonks has guarded the net for many a day winning an All-Ireland medal in 1975. When on her game, Kathleen can be brilliant. As usual her ever-reliable Buffer's Alley clubmate, Ann Butler will take her position on the edge of the square.

There is real hurling skill in the Wexford halfback line. Stella Sinnott, Catherine Murphy and Tina Fitzhenry can close down their opponents and turn defence into attack with one

long sweeping stroke. The Cork midfield will need to be on their toes to win a supply of ball from Anne Reddy, Caroline Farrington and Eileen Kehoe.

Forwards Elsie Codd and Jackie Codd are match-winners if afforded any scope. Siobhan Dunne and Gertrude O'Leary complete a team which will take a lot of beating. Wexford suffered a setback at the hands of Dublin in the Leinster final recently but it must be said that the atrocious weather conditions on the night ruled out their usual type of game.

What are Cork's chances of reaching Croke Park for the first time since 1983? Their feeble displays in the early part of the season dis-

missed their championship hopes in many people's eyes. But the panel has knuckled down to training in the past few weeks and a considerable improvement has already been achieved.

Cork impressed against Antrim in the opening round but it must be stated that the resistance offered by the northern county was not of senior standard. While the Cork lineout had not been named at the time of writing, long-serving goalkeeper Marion McCarthy will defend the net. Her clubmate Eileen Dineen, with whom she has a very good understanding, will wear number two.

Cork have several dual purpose players. Linda Mellerick, Anne Leahy, Liz

Dunphy, Val Fitzpatrick and Irene O'Leary are equally effective in various positions. In the Antrim game, Mary Ring, Anne Leahy and Linda Mellerick made up the halfback line and kept their opposite numbers scoreless from play.

Claire Cronin has returned from Australia and has been in training with the panel for the past four weeks. Claire's availability presents the selectors with further options. Cathy Landers-Harnedy has also resumed training but is unlikely to be ready in time for Sunday's game.

### INTO CONTENTION

The nimble-footed Sandie Fitzgibbon, Liz Dunphy and Mary Spillane will come into contention for midfield places. Cork placed captain Val Fitzpatrick at centre forward for the Antrim

game. The remaining spots will be decided between Ger McCarthy, Irene O'Leary, Noelle O'Driscoll and Colette O'Mahony.

The early forecasts do not feature Cork as serious contenders for the All-Ireland final. However, with training they are coming right and it would be foolish to discount their chance. Cork / Wexford championship games have provided great entertainment in the past and next Sunday's encounter should be no exception.

Shamrocks came within hares breath of dethroning long-standing Kilkenny Senior champions St. Pauls in the county decider. A single point separated the teams at the finish, taking their twenty-fourth title. St. Pauls did not lose the invincible outfit which they have been for many years.

## Wexford play Cork in senior semi-final

Wexford play hosts to Cork on Sunday next in the All Ireland Senior Camogie Semi Final at Monamolin, with the game timed for a 3 p.m. start.

Wexford who were defeated by a very lively Dublin side in the Leinster final last week, have reached the semi final of the Championships for the last four years. But as yet have failed to make it to the long awaited All Ireland Decider. Wexford were defeated by Cork in 1983, Tipperary after a replay in 1984, Kilkenny in 1985 and Dublin last year. Wexford last won the title

in 1975. Having won the title for the first time in 1968 and retaining the title the following year. Wexford were finalists in 1971 and 1977 and won the national senior league in 1977/78 season.

The Wexford Team under trainer Martin Codd, selector Bridie Doran and all the players have put a lot of time into training and the various challenge games, will be striving to put the model county into the All Ireland Final against the winners of Dublin or Kilkenny.

Wexford Team: Kathleen Tonks, (Buffers Alley), Tina Fitzhenry (Duffry Rovers),

Ann Butler (Buffers Alley), Stella Sinnott (Buffers Alley) Catherine Murphy (Cloughbawn) Ann Reddy (Rathnure) Caroline Farrington (Buffers Alley) Eileen Kehoe (Cloughbawn) Elsie Codd (Buffers Alley) Siobhan Dunne (Oulart) Jackie Codd (Rathnure) Gertrude O'Leary (Buffers Alley).

Subs: Terry Butler (Buffers Alley), Bernie Higgins (Rathnure), Deirdre Atkinson (Duffry Rovers), Jean O'Leary (Buffers Alley), Ann Marie O'Connon (Buffers Alley), Geraldine Codd (Rathnure).

## Irene puts Cork girls in decider

CORK 2-10, WEXFORD 1-6

IRENE O'Leary cashed in on two goalkeeping lapses in the final 60 seconds to secure Cork a place in the All-Ireland senior camogie championship final against a gallant Wexford side in an exciting semi final at Monamolin yesterday.

Wexford led for most of the game and it was only eight minutes from the end that Cork hit the front for the first time with a well taken point from Noelle O'Driscoll.

Although Wexford drew level almost immediately with a Catherine Murphy point, Cork were hanging onto a single point lead 0-10 to 1-6, as the game entered the a final minute, and then Irene O'Leary struck with those two crucial late goals.

Scorers for Cork—1. O'Leary 2-3, N. O'Driscoll 0-4, A. Leahy, V. Fitzpatrick and L. Dunphy 0-1 each.

Wexford—A. Reddy 1-0, J. Codd 0-3, C. Murphy, S. Dunne, E. Codd 0-1 each.

Cork—M. McCarthy, E. Dineen, M. Ring, A. Leahy, L. Mellerick, S. Fitzgibbon, M. Spillane, L. Dunphy, I. O'Leary, V. Fitzpatrick, G. McCarthy, N. O'Driscoll.

Wexford—K. Tonks, T. Fitzhenry, A. Butler, S. Sinnott, C. Murphy, A. Reddy, C. Farrington, E. Kehoe, E. Codd, S. Dunne, J. Codd, G. O'Leary.

Referee—J. Goldin, Kilkenny.



The Wexford Senior Camogie Team who were beaten by Cork in the All-Ireland camogie semi-final at Monamolin on Sunday last.

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## Wexford fail to Cork in closing minutes

Wexford failed once again to reach the All Ireland Snr. Camogie final losing to visitors Cork at Monamolin on Sunday last, on a scoreline 2-10 to 1-6.

Wexford were on level terms going into the final minutes of the game but two goals in a minute by Corner Forward Irene O'Leary ensured victory for Cork and a place in the final.

Wexford were quicker to settle down and raced into a four point lead with a goal by Ann Reddy, after good work by Siobhan Dunne and a point by Elsie Cody in the opening five minutes. Cork reduced the arrears with two points from frees by Noelle O'Driscoll. Wexford had two points by Jackie Codd in the closing minutes of the half and a point by Irene O'Leary for Cork left the score 1-3 to 0-3 in favour of the home side.

Cork opened the scoring of the second half with a point by Irene O'Leary and Wex-

ford replying with a point by corner forward Siobhan Dunne. Wexford added two more points by Jackie Codd and Catherine Murphy with Irene O'Leary, two points and one each by Mary Ring, Mary Geaney, Val Fitzpatrick leaving the sides level going into the closing seven minutes of the game. Cork finished the stronger with a point by Noelle O'Driscoll putting the Leesiders into the lead for the first time in the game with two goals by Irene O'Leary in quick succession depriving Wexford of a place in the decider.

For Wexford, it was a sterling performance, with each player giving full commitment throughout the game. We congratulate all the players, the team trainer Martin Codd, and selector Bridie Doran, for their dedication throughout the year.

Best for Wexford were Kathleen Tonks; Tina Fitzhenry; Stella Sinnott; Catherine Murphy; Jackie Codd and Siobhan Dunne.

Best for cork were Marian McCarty; Mary Ring; Val Fitzhenry and Irene O'Leary.

Teams:- Wexford: Kathleen Tonks; Tina Fitzhenry; Ann Butler; Stella Sinnott; Catherine Murphy (0-1); Jackie Codd (0-3); Ann Reddy (1-0); Caroline Farrington; Eileen Kehoe; Siobhan Dunne (0-1); Elsie Cody (0-1); Gertrude O'Leary.

Subs: Deirdre Atkinson for Eileen Kehoe; Jean O'Leary for Gertrude O'Leary; also Ann Marie O'Connor; Bernie Higgins; Terry Butler and Geraldine Codd.

Cork:- Marion McCarty; Eileen Dineen; Mary Ring (0-1); Linda Mellerinck; Ann Leary; Sandra Fitzgibbon; Liz Dunphy; Mary Spillon; Val Fitzpatrick (0-1); Irene O'Leary (2-4); Noelle O'Driscoll (0-3); Geraldine McCarthy. Subs: Mary

Greaney (0-1) for Geraldine McCarty; also Trisha Fitzgibbon; Clare Cronin; Catherine

Landers; Trisha Kinniny and Collette O'Mahony. Ref: Belle O'Loughlin (Down).

## Cork through to the final

CORK 2-10; WEXFORD 1-6

IRENE O'LEARY cashed in on two goalkeeping lapses in the final 60 seconds to give Cork a place in the final by beating a gallant Wexford side in an exciting All-Ireland Senior Camogie semi-final at Monamolin yesterday.

Wexford led for most of the game and it was only eight minutes from the end that Cork hit the front for the first time. Although Wexford managed to draw level once again Cork were clinging to a single point lead 0-10 to 1-6 when Irene O'Leary hit those two crucial goals in the final minutes.

Scorers — CORK — I. O'Leary (2-3), N. O'Driscoll (0-4), A. Leahy, V. Fitzpatrick and L. Dunphy (0-1 each). WEXFORD — A. Reddy (1-0), J. Codd (0-3), C. Murphy, S. Dunne, E. Cody (0-1 each).

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ARMAGH 1-10; GALWAY 2-3

ULSTER champions Armagh, qualified to meet Leinster champions, Kildare in the final of the All Ireland Junior Camogie Championship when they defeated Galway in the replay at Derrymacash yesterday.

Rain made conditions hazardous in the opening half and scores were at a premium, the visitors getting the upper hand by 1-2 to 0-1 before the break.

In a keen and exciting second half, however, the home side made all the running and added 1-9 to Galway's 1-2. Una McGivern played brilliantly for Armagh scoring 0-6 of her side's total and Mary Kilkelly and Imelda Hobbs starred for Galway.

Scorers — ARMAGH — U. McGivern (0-6), M. Donnelly (1-2), E. Jordan (0-2); GALWAY — M. Kilkelly (2-1), I. Hobbs and M. Flannery (0-1 each).

# Final vote given to Glen Rovers

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pick a likely winner. Ardoyne (Antrim) will try their luck in the championship for the first time. Letterkenny are Donegal representatives once again. Eglis (Tyrone) are expected to do well.

Ballymacnab (Armagh), Kilkenny (Monaghan) and Laragh (Cavan) are hopeful. Swatragh (Derry) are the fancy of many to come out of Ulster. Former provincial champions, Leitrim (Down) should also have a say.

## STYLISH

The new Maureen Smyth Cup was won in style by Derry. Ulster officials were very pleased with the standard displayed in this new under 18 championship. An outstanding Derry team defeated Antrim 5-1 to 2-3. For good measure Derry added the Ulster Minor League by overcoming championship winners, Armagh.

The second Mary Cahill Memorial Sevens will be staged at the Nucky Rackard Park, Rathnure on Saturday. The event was inaugurated to commemorate the late Mary Cahill (nee Walsh) who captained Wexford to All-Ireland success in 1968.

The competition, which was excellently staged at Whit weekend in 1986, was won by the local Rathnure Club from very strong challengers. The host club expects an entry of twelve teams including top names like St. Pauls, U.C.D., Ballymore, Glenamaddy, Crumlin, Shamrocks and Eire Og.

Kilkenny left no doubt as to their superiority in the senior grade when they

brushed Dublin aside in the All-Ireland semi-final last Sunday. Their opponents in the All-Ireland on September 27 at Croke Park will be Cork.

Cork / Kilkenny matches have provided tremendous tussles over the years. While Kilkenny will enter the game in the role of firm favourites, Cork should rise to the occasion to make a great contest.

It is very satisfying to see two junior graded counties contest the All-Ireland Junior Final. Both Kildare and Armagh have experienced near misses in the past few years and will be very keen to do well. It will be an historic first All-Ireland title for the winner.

## SATURDAY

Munster Club Championship Final  
At Glen Rovers Grounds (6.45)  
Glen Rovers v Cashel  
Mary Cahill Memorial Sevens  
At Nucky Rackard Park, Rathnure (10.00)

## GLEN IN A CLASS OF THEIR OWN

GLEN ROVERS 10-19,  
CASHEL 0-2

Cashel found their first Munster senior final appearance a shattering experience when they were trounced by an unrelenting Glen Rovers in one of the most one-sided camogie games ever seen at this level.

The match, played at the Glen Field on Saturday, saw the home side mounting a sizeable 5-6 to 0-1 lead against the wind in the first-half and piling on incessant pressure after the turnover.

The first few minutes gave the fair-sized attendance some hope of a reasonable contest when Cora O'Dwyer had an early point for Cashel, but Glen Rovers soon asserted their authority with goals by Ger McCarthy, June Hamill and Val Fitzpatrick and Cashel were not to score again in the first-half.

With McCarthy and Fitzpatrick the outstanding players on view and scoring 4-14 between them, Glen Rovers continued to make the game a nightmare for the Tipperary girls.

Cashel had their second score, a point from Joan Tobin midway through the second-half but it did nothing to relieve the shock of such a chastening display by the titleholders.

Scorers: Glen Rovers: J. Hamill (3-2), V. Fitzpatrick (2-8), G. McCarthy (2-6), D. Cotter (2-2), C. McCarthy (1-1), Cashel: C. O'Dwyer (0-1), J. Tobin (0-1).

GLEN ROVERS — F. McCarthy, D. Deane, M. Ring, A. O'Donovan, M. Ryan, T. O'Callaghan, V. Fitzpatrick, M. Currid, G. McCarthy, D. Cotter, J. Hamill, C. McCarthy. Subs. D. Cronin for Currid, T. O'Riordan for O'Callaghan, A. Connolly for McCarthy.

CASHEL — J. O'Dwyer, M. Ryan, N. Ryan, N. Bonner, M. Quinlan, C. O'Connell, N. O'Dwyer, A. M. Fitzgerald, I. Butler, S. Ryan, J. Tobin, C. O'Dwyer. Subs. C. Troy for Bonner, V. Ryan for N. O'Dwyer.

Referee: H. Sheehy (Limerick).

# Glen and Cashel in final clash

BIG game of the coming weekend will be the clash of reigning champions Glen Rovers and Cashel in the final of this season's Munster Club Championship. On the local front St. Finbarrs

and Inniscarra meet in the semi-final of the 1986 Under 16 League on Saturday night while the remainder of the weekend will see a number of Junior 'A' and Junior 'B' league games decided.

Glen Rovers impressive winners of this year's County Championship and the present holders of the Munster Club title will be very much fancied to regain their title again this year when they meet in the final at the Glen Field on Saturday night. En route to the final they recorded comprehensive victories over the Waterford champions Lismore and Sixmilebridge from Clare and on this form must surely start as strong favourites for Saturday's game.

The Glen line out is sure to have Fiona McCarthy between the posts with Mary Ring at full back and Ann Delaney and Diane Deane filling the corner back positions. The experienced Marie Mackey is certain to be at centre back with the centre field positions falling to captain of the side Val Fitzpatrick, Sandy Fitzgibbon

and Mary Currid. Therese O'Callaghan will be at centre forward with Clare McCarthy at full forward and Ger McCarthy in the left corner. June Hamill, Ann Hourihan and Denise Cotter will all be in contention for the right corner with the latter possibly getting preference.

Cashel won the Tipperary Championship for the first time this year so have yet to experience success at Munster level.

They received a bye in the first round and their semi-final clash with the Limerick champions Croke Kilfinny ended in a draw. In the replay they had two points to spare after a very exciting tussle. They have a number of the Cashel school team in their line out including such fine performers as Clare Bangary, Niamh Bonner and the Dwyer and Ryan sisters but on present form it is difficult to see these girls holding a more experienced Glen side.

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# Buffer's Alley set to continue impressive form

BUFFER'S ALLEY recently extended their impressive run in the Wexford County Championship to thirteen consecutive titles. On Sunday, they entertain the Kildare champions, Broadford in the semi-final of the Leinster Club Championship.

In contrast to the method adopted in the other provinces, Leinster seeds their three senior counties, Dublin, Kilkenny and Wexford in the Club Championship. The remaining junior counties play off for the right to claim the fourth semi-final spot.

The north Wexford club

provided six players for the Wexford team in the Open Draw. Kathleen Tonks, Ann Butler, Caroline Farrington, Stella Sinnott, Gertrude O'Leary, and Elsie Coady were disappointed when Cork snatched victory late in their semi-final clash. Now these girls look to the Club Championship to salvage something from the season.

The record of Buffer's Alley in the Club Championship has been second to none over the past decade. Their tally rests at eight provincial titles. The club generates great club spirit with all the players working

for one another. It is very hard to see Broadford depriving them of a place in the final.

Broadford, winners of the junior section, have four of the Kildare team which has qualified for the All-Ireland Junior Final on September 27. In Miriam Malone, Bernie Farrelly, Pat Keatley and Anna Dargan, they possess quality players. Broadford were hard pushed to defeat St. Annes (Louth) in a junior final of poor standard.

Twelve of the girls who played in the Dublin v Kilkenny senior semi-final will renew acquaintances in the

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second semi-final of the Leinster Club Championship. Holders St. Pauls (Kilkenny) return to O'Toole Park to tackle Crumlin.

Crumlin field six of the Dublin team which succumbed to Kilkenny. Anne Byrne, Cathy Walsh, Barbara Redmond, Mary Keane, Mary Mernagh and Ann Redmond know that much better performance is vital if they are to dethrone the champions.

Coincidentally, St. Pauls field six inter-county players also. Claire Jones, Bridie

McGarry, Liz Neary, Ann Downey, Breda Holmes and Angela Downey are playing sufficiently well to point to another St Pauls v Buffer's Alley final.

The Ulster Club Championship semi-finals are listed for Sunday. Eglish (Tyrone) the 1986 title-holders travel to Killanny (Monaghan). Eglish had a very easy passage in the first round. Letterkenny created no problems for Anne Jordan, Celia McKay, Sheila Burke, Catherine Daly and Pauline Vallyelly.

Killanny had to to extra time before shaking off the attentions of Laragh (Cavan)

in the opening round. Anne Clarke, Noeleen Crosbie, Geraldine Mohan and Imelda Clarke will try hard to cause an upset in Killanny's favour.

The second semi-final pairs former Ulster champions, Swatragh and Leitrim. The Derry club welcomed back Sarah Ann Quinn to action following a long lay-off. She has made an immediate impact and will assist Patsy Quinn, Roslyn McWilliams and Jean McQuillinan to tackle the Down champions.

Leitrim were the Ulster champions in 1984. They contain a fair sprinkling of

noted players in their ranks. Donna Greeran, Fionnuala McGrady, Noreen O'Prey, Monica McCartan and Maureen O'Higgins will see that Swatragh do not have it all their own way.

The referees have been appointed for the All-Ireland Senior and Junior Final to be played at Croke Park on September 27. Ann Redmond of Crumlin and Dublin will be in charge of the senior final. Ann captained Dublin to win the National League. Kitty McNicholas, who won an All-Ireland Junior medal with Clare, will start the junior game.

# ARCH RIVALS DO BATTLE

THE Intermediate Championship gets under way this coming weekend with three first class games down for decision on Saturday night. In the first of these, Glen Rovers are at home to St. Finbarrs, Killeagh travel to Ovens to play Eire Og and Ballinora meet Watergrasshill at Watergrasshill. On Sunday the 1986 Under-16 League winners will be decided between Inniscarra and Bishopstown "A" and on the same day there are three Junior "B" League games listed.

There should be plenty of keen competition when the Intermediate Championship gets underway on Saturday night. In the first of these, arch rivals Glen Rovers and St. Finbarrs will battle it out and here St. Finbarrs will be anxious to gain revenge for their senior defeat.

Glen are favoured with a home venue and in a position to call on

such fine players as Helena Fox, Tracey Riordan, Carmel Currid and Ann Lonergan.

St. Finbarrs on the other hand will have the services of Cork senior Claire Cronin and she is sure to be a big asset to them. They have other fine performers in Carol Ann Dennehy, Maria O'Sullivan, Gay Foster and Fiona O'Sullivan.

The Eire Og/Killeagh game promises to be an exciting affair. Eire Og have been doing very well in the League to date and could just edge it, but will not get things easy from a Killeagh side that will include the experienced Cathy Landers and up-and-coming young stars in Imelda Leahy, Helen O'Connor and Dolores Joyce.

Eire Og will have Claire Kelleher in their line out and she has proved a major asset to them during recent League games. They have other fine

players in goalkeeper Helena Kiely, Sheila O'Brien, Teresa Kelleher and Valerie Ellis.

In the final game, Watergrasshill and Ballinora could be a close encounter. Ballinora regraded from



Paula Carey, St. Finbarrs.

senior to intermediate two years ago have been striving to do well in this grade again in recent times. They have very experienced players in Murphy's, Bernie, Mary and Margaret and Rose Barrett, and these girls could prove too strong for a younger Watergrasshill side who will be looking to Angela Higgins, Elma Fenton and Betty Buckley, to carry them through.

The Under-16 League Final on Sunday promises to be a marvellous game. Inniscarra defeated by Eire Og in the Championship Final will be very anxious to do well here and reap the rewards for the hard work put in at underage level in the past few years.

They had a comprehensive victory over St. Finbarrs in the semi-final and looked an impressive side with players like Irene O'Keeffe, Fiona O'Driscoll and Gillian Golden, showing excellent form, but they face a Bishopstown side that will include players of the calibre of Sheenagh

Morley, Karen Higgins, Aine Buckley and Elaine O'Connor.

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Intermediate Championship: Glen Rovers v St. Finbarrs at Glen Rovers at 6.45 (Ref. Mary Maher); Eire Og v Killeagh at Ovens at 6.45 (ref. Rose Desmond); Watergrasshill v Ballinora at Watergrasshill at 6.45 (Ref. Sarsfields).

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Under-16 League Final: Bishopstown v Inniscarra at Ballincollig at 6.30.

Junior "B" League: Courcey Rovers v Newcestown at Courcey Rovers at 3 p.m. (Ref. Cloughduv); Churchtown v Bride Rovers at Churchtown at 3 p.m. (Ref. Watergrasshill); St. Catherine's v St. Fanahans at St. Fanahans at 3 p.m. (Ref. Killeagh).

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*Glen Rovers' who retained their Munster Senior Camogie Championship by defeating Cashel at the Glen Field.*

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### TODAY'S GAME WITH THE GAME OF YESTERYEAR

**M**ANY stars from Dublin's glorious past took down their boots to celebrate National Camogie Day at Na Fianna recently. With the odd grey hair showing here and there, Kay Lyons, Gerry Hughes, Una O'Connor, Carmel Walsh, Sophie Brack, Judy Doyle and the legendary Kathleen Mills were among the familiar faces.

What a host of wonderful camogie memories were brought to mind by the gathering. The seven named can boast of a combined tally of sixty three All-Ireland senior medals. Each one was a celebrity in her own right on the game's most successful team.

The many changes which have taken place in the games since their playing days were topics of conversation. The most obvious, of course, concerns the style of dress. Gone are the days of the swishing gym frocks, coloured sashes and long black stockings. The modern uniform is more suited to an energetic game.

The larger pitch, lighter and faster sliothars and male trainers are part of the modern inter-county scene. However, none of the boys could hope to match the status or records achieved by Nell McCarthy, the Dublin coach of their golden era.

There is certainly more emphasis on physical fitness nowadays. But whether the players are fitter as a result is debatable. Players in the fifties and sixties did not confine their camogie activity to matches and organised training. In fact, they rarely left their stick aside and, consequently, needed less physical training.

Angela Downey is the only player in today's game who could match Kathleen Mills and Una O'Connor in star quality. The modern game is very short on personality players.

I wonder if the tendency nowadays

to participate in several sports hinders the attainment of mastery in one. However, in fairness to the current players, it must be said that some of the supporting players on former winning teams would not make their county's present side.

The bond between players in those days was stronger. Perhaps this was because players looked to camogie for friends. Greater combination and teamwork was reflected in the game as a result.

Nowadays there are far more girls playing camogie. The majority of inter-county players have achieved a good standard. The days when a particular county dominated the scene are gone. At least four counties are capable of winning the All-Ireland Senior Championship today.

The tremendous work being done at underage level in Galway was borne out by the competent manner in which their minor team retained the All-Ireland crown. In accounting for Dublin and Cork, the side displayed skill, teamwork and maturity. It takes many hours by club trainers and school coaches to achieve this standard.

Triona Dolphin proved to be a tower of strength at centreback. Each time Mary Treacy, Aileen Brett, Bridget Fahy or Catriona Finnegan gained possession, a score looked on. Galway contested the first All-Ireland Senior Final in 1932 but they have yet to carry home the O'Duffy Cup. Let us hope that these fine prospects will realise that dream some day.



• Kathleen Mills, winner of 15 All-Ireland senior medals, examines the modern day sliothar while former Dublin coach Nell McCarthy looks on.

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# Kilkenny favourites for senior title

WITH little more than a week to go to the All-Ireland Camogie finals, training schedules are winding down in Kilkenny and Cork. There is a great air of expectancy at the meeting of these counties in the senior final.

They faced each other for the first time in 1970, when captained by Ann Comerford, Cork won 5-7 to 3-2 to bridge a gap of 27 years. There are two survivors from that match: Marion McCarthy, a Cork substitute on that occasion, is now goalkeeper while Liz Neary wore the number six shirt for Kilkenny.

Two years later Kilkenny and Cork were back in the final with Cork, led by Hannah Dineen, finishing on top by 2-5 to 1-4. Bridie McGarry and Angela Downey had arrived on the scene by then.

In 1974, these counties played a thrilling draw in

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the final. A few weeks later, Teresa O'Neill stepped up to take the O'Duffy Cup for the first time. Cork and Kilkenny were back in the final in 1981 and played another draw.

Kilkenny captained by Liz Neary, came out on top in the replay by 1-9 to 0-7, so the score between the counties stands at two each.

Cork lead in the overall position with 14 All-Ireland senior titles to Kilkenny's six. Apart from the finals, there have been great contests between them at the semi-final stage of the championship. While Kilkenny will deservedly start as favourites, it would be foolish indeed to discount Cork.

A county's first ever All-Ireland title is a very special occasion. The fact that both Armagh and Kildare are

chasing their first crown makes the Junior decider very attractive.

Armagh fell to Galway in the 1985 final while Kildare let the 1986 title slip to Clare. Both counties were very disappointed at the showing in the finals. Perhaps it will be the team which has learned the most from their defeat which will come out on top on this occasion.

All four counties will be anxious to maximise their support. The group scheme whereby 20 schoolgirls can gain admittance at 20p per head, accompanied by two adults free of charge, should prove very popular. Sheila Wallace has the details.

The Colleges season is upon us once again and Ulster have had their annual get-together. Lily Spence and Rosina McManus will

organise the competitions for another year. The Munster Colleges AGM is arranged for Cork next Saturday, when the championship draws will be made.

Swatragh (Derry), were in top gear when they defeated Leitrim (Down) in the semi-final of the Ulster Club championship. As the score of 5-9 to 3-10 suggests it was a great game. In the second semi-final Eglis (Tyrone) scored a 2-9 to 1-2 win over Killanny. The Ulster winners will travel to meet Glen Rovers, who eased through Munster to retain their title.

St. Paul's (Kilkenny) got the better of Crumlin (Dublin) by 2-7 to 0-6 in the Leinster Club championship. They will face Butter's Alley in the provincial final. In the west, Galway champions have a date with the Roscommon representatives on October 4 for the provincial title.

## Bishopstown girls take league title

Bishopstown 7-4  
Inniscarra 2-4.

Bishopstown won the 1986 Under 16 Camogie League final at Ballincollig last evening when they defeated Inniscarra. The winners totally dominated the game in the opening half and turned over leading by 5-2 to 0-3 at the interval.

On the resumption Inniscarra re-arranged their side and came more into the game and there was little between the sides in a very keenly contested half.

For the winners Edel Ryan was their top scorer with 4-2 while Irene O'Keeffe scored 2-2 of the loser's total.

# Cork's impressive record should see them through

THE Cork under-18 team go into action this coming weekend with a semi-final clash against Limerick, scheduled for St. Finbarr's Grounds tomorrow night. On the local front, the postponed Intermediate Championship game between Ballinora and Watergrasshill goes ahead tonight at Glenville, while the remainder of the weekend will see a number of Junior 'A' and Junior 'B' League games decided.

Cork hold an impressive record at under-18 level down through the years, but could have a tough game on hand tomorrow night when they meet Limerick in the semi-final of this year's competition.

The Cork team was not available at the time of writing, but is certain to include players of the calibre of Paula Carey, Deirdre Ryan, Aine Buckley, Jean Paula Kent, Brid Walsh, Karen Mellerick and Tracy Riordan.

With players of this experience available, Cork will be expected to advance, but they would not want to under-estimate a Limerick side that will include such fine performers as Frances Broderick, Helen Cagney, Claire O'Callaghan and Bernie O'Brien.

In the refixed Intermediate Championship game, Ballinora will be expected to advance and qualify to meet Eire Og in the semi-final. They have very experienced players in the Murphys, Bernie, Margaret and Mary, and Rose Barrett.

All these girls have been through the mill before and it is difficult to see them being halted



Cork wing-forward, Jean Paula Kent.

by a Watergrasshill side that will include Angela Higgins, Betty Buckley, Elma Fenton and Helen O'Callaghan.

In the remaining games of the weekend, Douglas and Youghal will be expected to pick up Junior 'A' League points, while in the Junior 'B' League Churchtown, Sarsfields, Erin's Own, Blackrock, Newcestown and Eire Og should do well.

In the final game of the week Barryroe and Cloughdub meet in the Under-14 League and this could be a close one.

The draws for the

Junior 'A' Championship have been made and are as follows:

Preliminary rounds: (A), Douglas v Na Piar-saigh; (B), St. Catherine's v Ballincollig; (C), Brian Dillons v Castle-magner.

First rounds: (D), Cloughdub v Youghal; (E), 'A' v Bishopstown; (F), 'C' v Inniscarra; (G), 'B' v St. Fannahans.

Semi-finals: 'E' v 'D'; 'G' v 'F'.

Clubs are reminded that GPC will be held on Monday night next, September 21, at 6.30. Board meeting will be at 7.30.

## FIXTURES

### Tonight

Intermediate Championship: Watergrasshill v Ballinora at Glenville at 6.30.

### Tomorrow

Munster Under-18 Championship: Cork v Limerick at St. Finbarrs at 6.30.

Junior 'A' League: Douglas v Inniscarra at Douglas at 6.30 (referee Blackrock); Na Piar-saigh v Youghal at Youghal at 6.30 (Fr. O'Neills).

Junior 'B' League: Churchtown v St. Catherine's at St. Catherine's at 6.30 (Killeagh); Bride Rovers v Sarsfields at Bride Rovers at 6.30 (Watergrasshill); Bishopstown 'B' v Erin's Own at Bishopstown at 6.30 (St. Finbarrs); Blackrock v Fr. Mathews at Fr. Mathews at 6.30 (Bishopstown); Ballinora v Newcestown at Ballinora at 6.30 (Ballincollig); Eire Og v Courcy Rovers at Ovens at 6.30 (Inniscarra).

Under-14 League: Cloughdub v Barryroe at Barryroe at 3 p.m. (Geraldine Barry-Murphy).

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# Second half goals pave way for Cork

Cork 3-9, Limerick 2-10

CORK hit a purple patch in the opening quarter of the second-half in their Munster Under-18 Camogie Championship semi-final against Limerick at St Finbarr's Grounds, Cork, on Saturday. In this spell they hit home three goals and put themselves in the driving seat in a hard fought contest.

The match was delayed 20 minutes when the appointed referee failed to turn up. Limerick refused to toss for choice a referee so Cork finally agreed to let Brid Stokes of Limerick take charge, but some of her decisions

quickly met with the disapproval of the home-esters.

Limerick were undoubtedly the better side in the opening period when playing with a strong wind and they were full value for their 2-5 to 0-5 interval lead. Their second goal from Clare O'Callaghan was a real gem as she connected with a long puck out to ram the ball into the top of the Cork net.

Cork brought on Brid Kelly after the interval and that combined with the earlier move of

Sheenagh Morley from the half-forward line to midfield began to pay dividends as Cork came more into the game. Still, they took a few minutes to settle down, in which time Limerick had tacked on another point.

However, once Cork got motoring they took control and moved into a point lead after 12 minutes. But when Limerick levelled matters five minutes later it was anybody's game.

Then two points from Paula Carey in the 19th and 21st minutes put

Cork back in front and although Limerick dominated the remaining few minutes, when Brid Walsh was called on to bring off a brilliant save, the home side just about deserved their win.

Scorers: Cork-Paula Carey 1-4, Irene O'Keeffe 1-1, Sheenagh Morley 1-0, Jean Paul Kent 0-3 and Aileen Barry 0-1.

Limerick: Claire O'Callaghan 2-5, Ida Quaid 0-2, Catherine Kiely 0-1, Bernie O'Brien 0-1 and Frances Broderick 0-1.

Cork: B. Walsh; D. Ryan; T. Riordan, B. Kelleher, A. Buckley; K. Mellerick, A. Barry, A. Leahy, S. Morley, J. P. Kent, I. O'Keeffe; P. Carey. Sub. B. Kelly for A. Barry.

Limerick: A. Lenihan; H. Cagney; C. O'Sullivan, F. Broderick, M. O'Brien; B. O'Brien, P. Twomey, P. McKenna; T. Fitzgerald, I. Quaid, C. Kiely; C. O'Callaghan. Sub. F. Beldy for T. Fitzgerald.

Referee: B. Stokes (Limerick).



Cork forward Sheena Morley about to whip across the Limerick goalmouth during the u-18 Munster camogie semi-final at Toghher on Saturday evening. "Examiner"

## Camogie girls' first

THE Bishopstown camogie team won their first ever under-16 Cork league title, when they defeated Iniscarra in the 1986 final played recently in Ballincollig.

In their section, Bishopstown defeated Glen Rovers, Na Piar-saigh and Brian Dillons.

In the semi-final they saw off the challenge of a strong Killeagh team, on a scoreline of 4-3 to 2-3 in a closely contested game.

In the final, they gained revenge on Iniscarra who had defeated them by a single point in the semi-final of the 1986 Cork championship.

Their victory was achieved in convincing style on a scoreline of 7-4 to 2-4.

Edel Ryan played a vital role scoring a massive total of 5 goals and two points. Full back, Karen Higgins, centre Sheenagh Morley and team captain, Evelyn Mahon at full forward were other Bishopstown stalwarts in the final.

Given that the Bishopstown under-14 team were winners earlier this year of the national Felle na nGael title, the future certainly seems bright for the Bishopstown club.

## Dublin captain Marion calls it a day

Y marked the end of the long barren spell stretching back to 1966.

Marion's final game for Dublin was the losing All-Ireland semi-final against Kilkenny at O'Toole Park last month.

Marion enjoyed this season's campaign more than ever. "The three selectors, Rita White, Phyllis Breslin and Anne Carey, created a very enjoyable atmosphere," she says.

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"It was the best set-up for a long time and it was the nearest you'd get to a semi-professional environment. That's what kept me going for another season."

Marion has also done well at soccer and badminton and she says: "The aspect I'll remember most about camogie is

not so much the games, but the friends I have made from it.

"You have your good and bad matches, days when you win and lose, but the lasting thing for me was the fact that I made some very good friends."

Marion, who comes from Laois, lives in Cabinteely, and her other clubs included Palmerstown and Austin Stacks.

She will continue to play and coach at Celtic, who won the Senior 'A' league under her guidance in 1986.

"We got some players from Woodville," says Marion, "and they'll be of benefit to us because we really needed new players."

Celtic recently treasured the final of the seven-a-side tournament in Rath-mure where they were

defeated by St. Pauls of Kilkenny.

"We did well because there were some good teams playing in it," tells Marion, who emerged onto the county scene at junior level in 1971.

About three years later she began playing for the seniors where for well over a decade she has decorated the top level of the sport with her skill, fitness and sporting manner.

# Talented ladies can be the best in the land!

By JOHN KNOX

**THE MOST** successful group of sports people in Kilkenny in recent years will be out to grab the glory again this week-end. The talented senior camogie ladies take on mighty Cork in what should be a fascinating finish to the All-Ireland open draw championship.

These two great exponents of the game clash at Croke Park on Sunday, and the prize for the winners will be the handsome O'Duffy Cup. Kilkenny will be chasing their third title on-the-trot. The Leesiders will be after their 15th.

The ingredients are there for one of the best finals ever, with the Noreiders all out to register their first three together, and Cork determined to regain the title they last held in 1983.

In some ways Kilkenny are minnows in the camogie world. In other ways, they are giants. You see, the county only won the first senior title in 1974, incidentally in a replay against Cork. Since, however, the progress has been remarkable. On Sunday the ladies will be chasing the county's seventh crown, and fifth national title in the past three years.

In 1985 the ladies registered the never before achieved double of National League and Championship. They followed that in '86 with an All-Ireland win. This year they have already captured the League, so they are on the threshold of another magnificent double. In the same three years, there are few, if any people in this county who have achieved so much at such a high level. Well done ladies!

## Taken for granted

Let us be honest, these feats have not gained the recognition they deserve. Perhaps we all take the ladies for granted! But it takes as big an effort from them to win an All-Ireland as it does the men. Remember, there are some married women with children involved, and combining family and sporting life can, as anyone can imagine, be difficult. Now the ladies are heading to Croke Park as favourites.

And the All-Ireland experience will be very special for two players, Liz Neary (Kilkenny) and Marion McCarthy (Cork). They were involved in the first senior All-Ireland clash between the same counties, which was in 1970, when the Leesiders won by 5-7 to 3-2.



Kilkenny captain Bridie McGarry (right) with sponsors for the All-Ireland camogie final (from left): Frank Scott (Leinster Insurances), Aileen Hehir (Dublin-Kilkenny Road Service), Jo and Richard Duggan (Monster House).

Two years later the counties were back in the final, and again the Munster girls won, this time by 2-5 to 1-4. By this time Angela Downey (now Browne) and Bridie Martin (now McGarry) had arrived on the scene.

In 1974 Kilkenny at last made the big breakthrough. In a replay they beat Cork by 3-3 to 1-5, with goalkeeper Teresa O'Neill as captain. Four people involved there, Liz Neary, Bridie McGarry and the Downey twins, Angela and Ann, will be chasing their 7th All-Ireland medal on Sunday. Not bad going.

## Secondary importance

In the other half of the draw, Cork accounted for Antrim and then Wexford, who ran them very close. Along with 'keeper, Marion McCarthy, other Leesiders who have been hitting the high spots this season are Linda Mellerick and Irene O'Leary, no relation of hurler, Sean O'Leary. Claire Cronin, who has returned from Australia, is expected to win a place on the team.

Already this season, Kilkenny and Cork clashed during the League. The Noreiders won well, but Cork are known to attach secondary importance to that competition. Perhaps that is why they have never won it, but yet have 14 senior All-Ireland wins — second to Dublin who have 26 — to their credit.

city can be followed by an All-Ireland win over the girls from the largest county, surely Kilkenny would be the undisputed best of the nation? They can become just that!

Since taking the O'Duffy Cup for the first time, the Noreiders have always been there or thereabouts. That initial success sparked a new beginning for the game locally.

## Signs good

Strangely, Kilkenny have still to win a minor or junior All-Ireland, but the signs are good for the future. Whereas in 1970 and '72 most county players were provided by St. Paul's, the spread is far greater now. And this year under the shrewd tuition of dedicated coach-trainer, Nicholas Lambert, the Kilkenny under-14 team completed a three-in-a-row in Leinster. Local officials

The long servers on the Kilkenny team like Liz Neary, Bridie McGarry, Jo Dunne and the Downey twins are well-known for their artistry, but this team has plenty of camogie talent besides. Rita Wemyss established herself as a centre-forward last year, and this term has operated with great success in defence. Deirdre Malone is another who has made enormous progress.

In the last two All-Ireland finals Kilkenny beat Dublin. They also beat the Dubs in this year's League decider. If that league win over the girls from the capital

are hopeful that in a few years time the bulk of that team will make up a minor All-Ireland winning side.

Experience will lie heavily on Kilkenny's side on Sunday. But team selectors, Billy Malone (St. Brigid's), Tom Ryan (Shamrocks), who doubles as trainer-coach, and Carmel Savage (vice-chairperson Camogie Board) would have liked a more testing run into the decider.

The opposition provided by Clare and Dublin disappointed. Against Clare, the experience was very special for Clare Jones, who was a star at junior level for the Banner County in years past. Last season she threw in her lot with Kilkenny, and has now established herself as one of the best players in the country. Earlier in the year she represented Kilkenny in the Gaidm Tailte (women super stars) and finished second.

That tussle against Clare at Nowlan Park was hardly worth the effort. The Munster girls were too weak. The indications were that Dublin in the next round would be a different proposition. They weren't.

## RITA WEDS

KILKENNY camogie star Rita Wemyss was married recently. The former forward, now turned defender, married Greg O'Neill from Sheastown.

Greg is brother of former Kilkenny camogie stars Helena and Teresa O'Neill, who won all-Ireland medals in 1974, 1976, 1977 and 1981.

# THE STARS

(Pics by Tom Brett)



**MARIE FITZPATRICK**

Age: 20  
Club: St. Brigid's (Ballycallan)  
Height: 5'5"  
Occupation: Secretary.  
Birth date: April 5.  
Single.



**RITA WEMYSS**

Age: 27  
Club: Shamrocks (Ballyhale).  
Height: 5'6".  
Occupation: Shop assistant.  
Birth date: January 30.  
Married to: Greg O'Neill.



**DEIRDRE MALONE**

Age: 22.  
Club: St. Brigid's (Ballycallan).  
Height: 5'6".  
Occupation: Farmer.  
Birth date: June 26.  
Car: Fiat 127.  
Single.



**BRIDIE McGARRY**

Age: 30.  
Club: St. Paul's.  
Height: 5'4".  
Occupation: Tax officer.  
Birth date: December 17.  
Married to: Benny.  
Children: Shane (3½).  
Car: Opel Ascona.



**BIDDY O'SULLIVAN**

Age: 25.  
Club: Shamrocks (Ballyhale).  
Height: 5'9".  
Occupation: Farmer.  
Birth date: September 23.  
Single.



**CLARE JONES**

Age: 24.  
Club: St. Paul's.  
Height: 5'8".  
Occupation: Army officer.  
Birth date: May 3.  
Car: Toyota Starlet.  
Single.



**ANN DOWNEY**

Age: 30.  
Club: St. Paul's.  
Height: 5'1".  
Occupation: Fruit Importers  
of Irl. employee.  
Birth date: June 1.  
Car: Renault 11.  
Single.



**ANNA WHELAN**

Age: 24.  
Club: Lisdowney.  
Height: 5'1".  
Occupation: Bar person.  
Birth date: March 7.  
Single.



**JO DUNNE**

Age: 26.  
Club: Shamrocks (Ballyhale).  
Height: 5'9".  
Occupation: Office clerk.  
Birth date: December 14.  
Single.



**LIZ NEARY**

Club: St. Paul's.  
Height: 5'4".  
Occupation: Nurse.  
Car: Chrysler Sunbeam.  
Single.



**ANGELA DOWNEY**

Age: 30.  
Club: St. Paul's.  
Height: 5'1".  
Occupation: Teacher.  
Birth date: June 1.  
Married to: Ted Browne.  
Car: Renault 4.



**BREDA HOLMES**

Age: 24.  
Club: St. Paul's.  
Height: 5'6".  
Occupation: Teacher.  
Birth date: March 10.  
Car: Opel Kadett.  
Single.



Cork captain Val Fitzpatrick from Glen Rovers in action last night during training for next Sunday's All-Ireland senior camogie final against Kilkenny at Croke Park.  
(Picture by Des Barry)

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**HELEN HOLMES**

Age: 22.  
Club: St. Paul's.  
Height: 5'4".  
Occupation: Teacher.  
Birth date: June 4.  
Car: Opel Corsa.  
Single.



**BREDA CAHILL**

Age: 17.  
Club: St. Brigid's (Ballycallan).  
Height: 5'3".  
Occupation: Student.  
Birth date: August 22.  
Single.



**FRANCES ROTHWELL**

Age: 16.  
Club: Mooncoin.  
Height: 5'7".  
Occupation: Student.  
Birth date: December 18.  
Single.

# It's not just the medals

By LIAM GORMAN

FEW PLAYERS at the highest level in any code can look back on a career which stretches back to the earliest years of the last decade. Yet on Sunday, when Kilkenny take on Cork in the All-Ireland camogie final in Croke Park, no less than four of the Kilkenny girls will be able to make that boast. And these four girls can claim an even more worthy honour. Should Kilkenny beat Cork, captain Bridie

McGarry, Liz Neary and Ann and Angela Downey will all claim their seventh medal.

To the sporting world at large, Angela Downey is perhaps the most widely-known of that worthy quartet. Goalscorers in any game command headlines and Angela Downey gets lots of goals.

In the All-Ireland semi-final against Dublin this year, a close first half gave way to a near landslide for Kilkenny in the second.

The main reason? Downey cracked home two goals in two minutes and Dublin were doomed.

In last year's All-Ireland semi-final against Cork, the black and amber trailed by five points with two minutes to go. As Downey herself says: "We were dead and buried".

But Cork did not win the match — Jo Dunne and Angela Downey grabbed a goal each, and Kilkenny had risen from the dead.

Angela Downey is only 30 years old, but for 15 of those years she has been playing intercounty camogie. She was called on to the Kilkenny team as a 15-year-old in 1972, and won her first All-Ireland medal two years later in 1974.

The awards in camogie have come steadily to the Downey household since then. The twin sisters, Ann and Angela, have won provincial and league medals with Kilkenny, and club honours with St. Paul's.

Angela came to the notice of a wider public last year when she was presented with a Texaco award, the first time camogie was chosen for such an award in almost 20 years.

The Kilkenny schoolteacher is now in no doubt but that the award was a "once-off" affair: "I would predict it won't be given to camogie this year," she says. "Some of the newspaper commentators were very critical last year. But if hurling and football are deserving of the award, why not camogie?"

She says women have to be very dedicated if they want to play camogie: "They will often have to cook a dinner before they go out to train or play a match. And if they have children they will have gear to wash, and housework to do. And, of course, a lot of women will have jobs as well," she points out.

All four of the girls who have the chance of winning a seventh All-Ireland medal this Sunday have played with the St. Paul's side which has won its way into the Leinster final this year.

So Angela Downey certainly knows about the busy schedule some camogie players face.

Sunday's match against Cork offers the attraction of the old rivalry between these two counties.



Angela Downey



## Sandy surely the fittest girl in Cork

By LIAM GORMAN

SURELY the fittest woman in Cork these days is 23-year-old Sandy Fitzgibbon. In the weeks leading up to next Sunday's All Ireland Camogie final in Croke Park the Cork star has been training at an incredible rate.

It's not really the aim of Glen Rovers girl to be the most overtrained athlete in Croke Park, but she admits she had been involved in training sessions nearly every night of the week. In fact one night recently she trained and then played a match the same night.

The reason for all this activity is simple — the match was a basketball challenge with Blarney BC while the training was for camogie. For the two months or so when the basketball and camogie seasons overlap Sandy becomes a remarkable busy player.

Sandy was saved making one big choice this year. She now regularly appears on the Irish basketball team, and they recently played in the European qualifying tournament at the Neptune Stadium in Cork city. The weekend traditionally the one when the All-Ireland camogie final is played, but Sandy is not playing for the Glen Rovers team.

# What a coincidence

ONE OF the most, if not the most unusual coincidences in the history of Gaelic games, could be witnessed in Sunday's camogie All-Ireland.

Because lining up directly against each other will be Angela Downey, daughter of former Kilkenny senior hurling star, Shem Downey, and Mary Ring, daughter of the late Christy Ring.

By a strange twist of fate, Shem Downey and Christy Ring played on each other in the All-Ireland senior hurling final of 1946.

Kilkenny had a problem with the centre-back position that year, and tried a different

man in each match. For the All-Ireland final, Shem Downey was given the onerous task and he starred against the mighty Mr. Ring.

Shem caught the eye of the senior selectors when he turned in a dazzling performance for the county junior team in the All-Ireland semi-final of 1946 against Limerick. He gained instant promotion to the senior side, and his first game was against Christy Ring.

Now 41 years later a Downey and a Ring will line-up against each other in another All-Ireland... but for ladies this time.



Clare Cronin... back from Australia to chase her fifth All-Ireland medal with Cork.



Bridie McGarry... the Kilkenny centre-back and captain.

## ALL-IRELAND CAMOGIE FINAL SPECIAL

# Cork boosted by return of Clare

THE RETURN of Clare Cronin is a great boost to Cork as they face Kilkenny in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Final at Croke Park on Sunday (3.30). Clare came back from a one year career break in Australia in July and went straight into training with the Cork panel.

Holder of four All-Ireland senior medals and a B&I Award, Clare will operate in the middle of the field, an area which is being lorded by Kilkenny's Ann Downey.

Also back is Colette O'Mahony, who enjoyed a good season with Cork in 1986 when she was part of the National League winning side. She has surprisingly been left out of the team for a number of games this year. The departure of Ger McCarthy, who played in the Antrim and Wexford matches, to London, leaves the way clear for Colette's return.

Otherwise the Cork team is on expected lines. Marion McCarthy, in her 18th season with Cork, will guard the net. Her Eire Og teammate Eileen Dineen fills the full-back position.

Cork field a restructured half-back line from the trio which played against Kilkenny in the National League. Mary Ring, who captained Glen Rovers to win the All-Ireland Club Championship, is drafted in for her first senior final. Tall and strong, Anne Leahy of Killeagh retains the centre-back position in which she did so well against Wexford.

In the Experimental Rules Tournament at Whit, Cork tried Linda Mellerick in defence. The former midfielder and forward did so well that she has been retained. Sandie Fitzgibbon, Clare Cronin and Liz Dunphy form a centrefield line which should win a good share of the ball.

Team captain, Val Fitzpatrick continues 2in attack. Colette O'Mahony and top scorer of the championship, Irene O'Leary fill the wing forward positions. The accurate Noelle O'Driscoll completes the team which has been met with general approval by Cork fans.

It comes as no surprise that Kilkenny have given a vote of confidence to the team which crushed 2Dublin in the semi-final. Marie Fitzpatrick, who kept a clean



Anna Dargan... Kildare's fine fullback in the junior final.

sheet on that occasion, will be hard to beat in the Kilkenny goal. Rita Weymes is doing well in her new position at full back.

The half-back line of Deirdre Malone, Bridie McGarry and Biddy O'Sullivan made the Dublin attack look very poor. On the other hand, the Dublin players sent in the type of ball which defenders prefer. Ann Downey continues to dominate at midfield and gets great support from Claire Jones and Anna Whelan.

Liz Neary is keeping the ball moving at centreforward and placing it well for her inside forwards. Breda Holmes continues to improve and needs watching. Jo Dunne is always on hand to capitalise on the half chance. Match winner on so many occasions, Angela Downey remains the big danger to Cork.

Recent achievements, results and team performances all point to a Kilkenny victory. The dual All-Ireland and National League champions have played well within themselves while accounting for all opposition this season. Their All-Ireland final record is impressive. Since making the breakthrough in 1974, Kilkenny have not lost a final.

Cork started the season disastrously. Both Dublin and Kilkenny inflicted heavy

defeats in the National League. But the team was not training together at that time of the year. Players were giving first preference to their clubs. At the Whit tournament, there were signs that the Cork players were enjoying the game again.

In the championship they swept aside the challenge of a poor Antrim side, but only mastered Wexford at a very late stage of the semi-final.

Tom Nott has had the panel in hard training since early July. They are better prepared now than when they led Kilkenny into the last five minutes in the 1986 semi-final.

The Junior final (2.0), features two counties, Armagh and Kildare, who have yet to win an All-Ireland championship title. Armagh played in the 1970 final when they were piped by two points by Dublin and again in 1985 when they ran up against a Galway team on top of their form.

Hoping for luck at their third attempt, Armagh field a well-balanced side. Over half the team was in action in 1985 and that outing will certainly stand to them.

Kildare will take the field showing three changes from the side which started in the 1986 final. Gemma Cooney, now living in Australia, Liz O'Donoghue and Kathleen Elliott, are replaced by Nuala Kerrigan, Phyllis Bambury, both of whom came on in last year's final and the youthful Teresa Hanley.

Kilkenny — M. Fitzpatrick, R. Weymes, D. Malone, B. McGarry (Capt.), B. Sullivan, C. Jones, A. Downey, A. Whelan, J. Dunne, L. Neary, A. Downey, B. Holmes, Cork — M. McCarthy, L. Dineen, M. Ring, A. Leahy, L. Mellerick, S. Fitzgibbon, C. Cronin, L. Dunphy, C. O'Mahony, V. Fitzgerald (Capt.), I. O'Leary, N. O'Driscoll.

Armagh — R. McGuigan, M. Hooty, F. O'Connor, S. McCone, J. McGuinness, U. McGivern, P. Brown (Capt.), P. Donnelly, M. O'Hagan, D. McStay, B. Jordan, M. Donnelly.

Kildare — R. Merriman, A. Dargan, P. Bambury, M. Treacy, G. Dwyer (Capt.), A. Merriman, M. Malone, P. Keatley, M. Johnson, B. Farrelly, T. Hanley, N. Kerrigan.

# Cork ladies seek glory



Val Fitzpatrick, Glen Rovers, captain of the Cork senior camogie team. (Picture by Des Barry)

THE Cork camogie team will be bidding for glory at Croke Park on Sunday when they take on arch-rivals Kilkenny in the All-Ireland final. The game will be preceded by the Junior final between Kildare and Armagh.

Kilkenny, seeking their third title in a row, will start favourites. They have six titles in all, while Cork have 14 to their credit, the last one coming their way back in 1983 when six of the present team, Marian McCarthy, Eileen Dineen, Sandy Fitzgibbon, Val Fitzpatrick, Claire Cronin and Noelle O'Driscoll played.

## FIRST ROUND

En route to the final, Cork accounted for Antrim in the first round and then went on to defeat Wexford in the semi-final. Kilkenny defeated Clare in their first round and had a fine victory over Dublin in the semi-final.

The Cork selectors have made two changes in the team. In comes St. Finbarrs pair Claire Cronin and Colette O'Mahony. Claire, who was abroad for the past year, has been playing very well since her return some weeks back and she gains a place at centre field in place of Mary Spillane.

Colette, a regular member of the side last season, comes in at right corner forward in place of Ger McCarthy who is now working abroad. The remainder of the team will be along the usual lines with Marian McCarthy once again between the posts, Eileen Dineen is

named at full back with the two corner back positions being filled by Mary Ring and Lynda Mellerick.

Killeagh's Ann Leahy is at centre back, with the centre field positions going to Sandy Fitzgibbon, Claire Cronin and Liz Dunphy. Captain of the side, Val Fitzpatrick will lead the attack with Irene O'Leary, Noelle O'Driscoll and Colette O'Mahony completing the full forward trio.

## EXPERIENCED

Kilkenny are unchanged. Maria Fitzpatrick will be in goal. Deirdre Malone, Rita Weynes and Biddy O'Sullivan combine to form a very strong and experienced full back line. Bridie McGarry is in her usual position at centre back with Claire Jones, Ann Downey and Ann Whelan filling the centre field positions. Liz Neary is named at centre forward with Angela Downey in the left corner, Breda Holmes at full forward and Joe Dunne on the right wing.

Kilkenny are a more experienced side, having all played together in the past two finals, and this is certain to be a big asset to them. They have a potential matchwinner in star corner forward Angela Downey. However, if Cork can succeed in curbing her and gain vital midfield supremacy, then they



St. Finbarrs duo Colette O'Mahony and Claire Cronin in full flight during a Cork training session for next Sunday's All-Ireland senior camogie final at Croke Park. (Picture by Des Barry)



Coach Tom Knott with the Cork senior camogie team who play Kilkenny in next Sunday's All-Ireland final at Croke Park, Dublin. (Picture by Des Barry)

## CAMOGIE HAT-TRICK IS ON

# Cats are favs

By PHILLIP REID

The Cats are back in Croke Park on Sunday (3.30) — but, this time, it's the female version of the famed Kilkenny hurlers who take the pitch in a bid to become part of the sporting history books.

When Kilkenny take on arch rivals Cork in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship Final on Sunday, Bridie McGarry and Company will be seeking a hat-trick of titles.

"That hasn't been achieved by Kilkenny before," said McGarry, the Kilkenny captain. "However, I expect a very tough match. Although the general opinion is that we are hot favourites, I rate our chances as no more than fifty-fifty."

For the past two years, Kilkenny have beaten Dublin in the final. And, this year, they maintained that superiority by thrashing the Dubs in the semi-final last month. "Dublin play a different brand of camogie than either Kilkenny or Cork," claimed McGarry. "Their style suited us."

"But Cork are a different proposition," she continued. "they are very similar to us in style; they never give in,

and they also have plenty of experience. I don't think there will be more than two or three points between the sides on Sunday."

When Kilkenny met Cork in the Nat'l League earlier this year, the Cats ran out easy winners. However, McGarry claims that performance can be discounted: "Cork were very disorganised at that time. They were not training and, really, they just came for the match."

"However, it will be a different story on Sunday. Cork, like ourselves, have been training very hard. It should be a cracking match. Over the past couple of years, Kilkenny and Cork have produced some terrific games," said McGarry.

Indeed, the two sides clashed in last year's All-Ireland semi-final, just one point separated the sides — with Kilkenny edging home. And McGarry said: "I think we could be in for a similar encounter on Sunday."

In their semi-final win over Dublin, Kilkenny turned on the style and, not surprisingly, the selectors have opted to stick with the same 12 players.

Earlier this season, Cork's

form was very poor. However, in the championship, they regained their appetite and, in their semi-final win over Wexford, again looked like a team capable of extending the reigning champions.

Cork have made two changes from the side which beat Wexford. Ger McCarthy has since emigrated to London and her place goes to Colette O'Mahony, who was a regular last season, while former B & I winner Claire Cronin has returned from Australia and impressed in training. She is brought in at midfield.

Cork and Kilkenny have produced some of the best camogie matches witnessed in recent times. Both teams have an abundance of flair and natural skill — however, Kilkenny have a real ace in Texaco Award winner Angela Downey.

Angela, whose twin sister Ann plays at midfield on Sunday, has been in superb form this season — again — and the sharpshooter could well sway the match in Kilkenny's direction.

The Kilkenny defence — under the leadership of team captain Bridie McGarry — held Dublin to just one point

from play in their semi-final encounter, with Rita Weymes-O'Neill, Deirdre Malone and Biddy O'Sullivan in such fine form at present, the Cork attack faces a real battle.

Apart from Angela Downey, the Kilkenny attack can look to Liz Neary, Jo Dunnes and Breda Holmes as potential matchwinners.

Since their poor display in the National League, Cork have prepared very hard for the championship. With coach Tom Nott in charge for his tenth season, the Cork girls have improved immensely and are raring to face Kilkenny.

Marion McCarthy, holder of eight All-Ireland senior medals, is in goal for Cork. However, the half-back line of Linda Mellerick, Anne Leahy and Mary Ring don't quite have the same experience and in fact, are playing in their first senior final.

Cork captain val Fitzpatrick, top scorer Irene O'Leary, Colette O'Mahony and Noelle O'Driscoll are likely to play a big part in the eventual outcome. The junior final brings together Armagh and Kildare, who have yet to win an All-Ireland championship. Armagh



● Irene O'Leary, Cork's top scorer this season.

were beaten in 1970 and 1985 when Kildare tasted defeat last year. Armagh are marginal favourites to collect their first title.

**KILKENNY:** M. Fitzpatrick, R. Weymes, D. Malone, B. McGarry, B. O'Sullivan, C. Jones, A. Downey, A. Whelan, J. Dunne, L. Neary, Angela Downey, B. Holmes.

**CORK:** M. McCarthy, E. Dinneen, M. Ring, A. Leahy, L. Mellerick, S. Fitzgibbon, C. Cronin, L. Dunphy, C. O'Mahony, V. Fitzpatrick, I. O'Leary, N. O'Driscoll.

**ARMAGH:** R. McGuigan, M. Hosty, F. O'Connor, S. McCane, J. McGuinness, U. McGivern, P. Brown, P. Donnelly, M. O'Hagan, D. McStay, B. Jordan, M. Donnelly.

**KILDARE:** J. Merriman, A. Dargab, P. Hambury, M. Treacy, G. Dwyer, A. Merriman, M. Malone, P. Kealey, M. Johnson, B. Farrelly, T. Hanley, N. Kerrigan.

# CORK'S DOUBLE INCENTIVE

CORK take on highly rated Kilkenny in their quest for a 15th All-Ireland senior camogie title at Croke Park on Sunday. But there is much more at stake as they bid to avenge last year's semi-final defeat, when Kilkenny stormed through in the closing minutes to snatch victory by the narrowest of margins in what was a heart-breaking climax for Cork.

Kilkenny went on to retain their title by beating Dublin in the final,

but the memories of those final ten minutes against Cork may well prove their downfall in their bid for three-in-a-row this time.

Cork appeared to be the better team on the day and were leading comfortably approaching the third quarter. But star midfielder, Val Fitzpatrick, sustained a heavy knock and Kilkenny quickly got the upper hand in this area. Their star forward, Angela Downey, exploited the situation with two goals that gave them a one point advantage and a place in the final.

## DREADFUL DEFEAT

"That was a dreadful defeat," Miriam Higgins, Chairperson of the County Board, explained as she watched the panel wind up their preparations under trainer Tom Nott at Ballinlough. "I think everyone wants to

prove that we should have won. We were the better team on the day."

Val Fitzpatrick will captain the side on Sunday and bids to become the first Glen Rovers player to lead a Cork team to an All-Ireland senior camogie title.

"We will have one right cut off it. We have put in the effort in training and we have a good team with great heart and great spirit. I think that means a lot," she explained.

Val, who is one of a number of All-Ireland medal holders in the panel, is regarded as one of the most popular captains in the history of Cork camogie and was described by Tom Nott as a great player and a great motivator.

Tom, who has also guided Na Piarsaigh to their first ever Cork senior hurling championship final this year, began his association with the Cork camogie team

on a high note when he trained them to win the All-Ireland in 1978. He was also behind the successes of 1980, 1982 and 1983. He is under no illusions about Sunday's task.

## HOT FAVOURITES

"Kilkenny are a good team. They won the All-Ireland last year and the league this year and they have good players. They will be hot favourites to win again on Sunday. We will be the underdogs and we prefer it that way.

"Going into the final we can be confident that the team has prepared well. They have trained hard. The last day we had nine wides in the first 20 minutes and that was something we had to work on. We could not allow that to happen

again," he explained.

"They have put in a great effort and the spirit is good. The new players in the side have blended in well and we have a good all round team. I think they are at least as good as any other team we have put out during my involvement."

Cork include six players who have never played in an All-Ireland final. Mary Ring (Glen Rovers), daughter of the legendary Christy, has been handed the task of marking Kilkenny's star forward and Texaco award winner, Angela Downey, on her debut.

The other newcomers are Ann Leahy (Killeagh), Linda Mellerick (Brian Dillons), Liz Dunphy (Sarsfields), Irene O'Leary (Na Piarsaigh), and young Colette O'Mahony (St. Finbarr's).

By Brendan Mooney

However, Cork have the experience of players like goalkeeper Marian McCarthy (Eire Og), who has won eight All-Ireland medals, more than any other player outside of Dublin, behind them. Eileen Dineen (Eire Og), international basketball player, Sandy Fitzgibbon (Glen Rovers), Claire Cronin (St. Finbarr's), Valerie Fitzpatrick (Glen Rovers) and Noelle O'Driscoll (Eire Og), who lives and works in Kilkenny, also have experience of the big occasion.

## INVALUABLE

This experience will prove invaluable when they throw down the gauntlet to the champions, for Kilkenny want to clinch their third successive title and write themselves into the history books as one of the great camogie teams of our time.

Apart from Angela Downey, who is rated the

best player in the game, they have twin sisters Bridie Martin and Ann Downey, Biddy O'Sullivan, who trains by lifting bales of hay; Liz Neary and Breda Holmes, all of whom are outstanding exponents of the game.

Cork, however, have a fierce determination to win this one. Unlike Kilkenny, the girls will have to contribute towards their own expenses for the weekend, but they don't mind that.

"They would have paid anything to get to this All-Ireland final and avenge last year's defeat," explained selector Rose Malone who had just been handed a cheque for £200 towards the expenses by a local company.

"Our only income is from championship games, collections and fund raising efforts we promote ourselves... and most of it is eaten up by county championship medals and hurleys. It is

unfortunate that the girls will have to contribute towards the expenses themselves but they are prepared to do that."

Maire Ni Cheallachain, former chairperson of the county board and now a selector and chairperson of the Munster Council, predicts a Cork victory. "Whenever the Cork hurlers and footballers fail to win anything we seem to do it. It is a good omen," she said.

The other selectors are Sheila Spillane and Rose Mackey.

The Cork team for Sunday is: Marian McCarthy (Eire Og), Eileen Dineen (Eire Og), Mary Ring (Glen Rovers), Ann Leahy (Killeagh), Linda Mellerick (Brian Dillons), Sandy Fitzgibbon (Glen Rovers), Claire Cronin (St. Finbarr's), Liz Dunphy (Sarsfields), Irene O'Leary (Na Piarsaigh), Valerie Fitzpatrick (Glen Rovers), Capt. Colette O'Mahony (St. Finbarr's), Noelle O'Driscoll (Eire Og), Subs. Mary Spillane (Killeagh), Mary Geaney (Eire Og), Catherine Harnedy (Killeagh), Patricia Fitzgibbon (Killeagh), Patsy Kinery (Killeagh).

# CORK SEEK TO BRIDGE FOUR-YEAR GAP

CROKE PARK is the place to be on Sunday for all camogie enthusiasts when the All-Ireland Junior and Senior Championship Finals for 1987 will be decided. Arch rivals Cork and Kilkenny will contest the Senior final while the Junior final will see two new sides in opposition, Kildare and Armagh.

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 an absolute cracker on the cards. Kilkenny deprived Cork of an All-Ireland appearance last year when in the semi-final Angela Downey and Joe Dunne snatched two dramatic last minute goals to give their side a one point victory and deprive Cork of almost certain victory, so the Cork girls will be very anxious to make amends this year.

Kilkenny, the holders, will be seeking their third title in a row and their seventh in all while Cork have fourteen titles to their credit; the last one coming their way in 1983. Six of the present panel - Marian McCarthy, Eileen Dineen, Sandy Fitzgibbon, Claire Cronin, Val Fitzpatrick and Noelle O'Driscoll played in that final.

En route to the final Kilkenny defeated Clare and Dublin and looked an impressive side. Cork had



The captain of the Cork senior camogie team Val Fitzpatrick from Glen Rovers.

a comprehensive victory over Antrim in their first round but had to fight very hard to overcome a strong Wexford side in the semi-final.

The Cork team shows two changes in personnel from the semi-final side. On to the team comes St. Finbarrs duo Claire Cronin and Colette O'Mahony. Claire who was abroad for the last year has been playing very well since her return some weeks back and she comes on to the side at centre field in place of Mary Spillane while Colette O'Mahony who was a regular member of the team last year comes in at right

corner forward in place of Ger McCarthy.

The remainder of the lineout will see regular goalkeeper Marian McCarthy once again between the posts. clubmate Eileen Dineen fills the full back position while Mary Ring will be given the task of marking Kilkenny's ace player and goal scorer supreme Angela Downey.

Lynda Mellerick is named in the left corner with Killeagh's Ann Leahy in the vital position of centre back. Sandy Fitzgibbon and Liz Dunphy join Claire Cronin at centre field. Val Fitzpatrick, who



Lynda Mellerick (Brian Dillons), who will be at corner back on Sunday.

captains the side, is named at centre forward. Noelle O'Driscoll will be at full forward with Irene O'Leary in the left corner and Colette O'Mahony in the right.

Kilkenny have made no change from the team which defeated Dublin in the semi-final. Maria Fitzpatrick will once again command the number one position. Rita Weynes is named at full back with the experienced Biddy O'Sullivan and Deirdre Malone filling the corner back positions.

Bridie McGarry is in her usual position at centre back with the

centre field positions going to Claire Jones, Ann Downey and Anna Whelan. Liz Neary will be at centre forward with Joe Dunne, Breda Holmes and Angela Downey completing the full forward trio.

Both finalists have a long tradition of Camogie but the burning question is which of them will taste the delights of victory. Angela Downey is a big threat at wing forward for Kilkenny. She is a player that could really swing this final in her side's favour as she has done on so many occasions before, so the Cork defence will have to

be on their toes. If Mary Ring can contain her and the Cork forwards get the better of the Kilkenny defence then Cork could be there at the end, but Kilkenny never give in to defeat and only a top-class performance by all players will suffice if they are to bring the title back to the Lee after a lapse of four years.

The team have trained under the expert eye of Na Piarsaigh coach Tom Nott and selectors Rose Malone, Mary O'Callaghan, Sheila Spillane, Mary Nott and Rose Mackey.

Cork panel: Marian McCarthy, Eileen Dineen, Mary Ring, Lynda Mellerick, Ann Leahy, Sandy Fitzgibbon, Claire Cronin, Liz Dunphy, Val Fitzpatrick, Irene O'Leary, Noelle O'Driscoll, Colette O'Mahony, Mary Spillane, Mary Geany, Catherine Harnedy, Patricia Fitzgibbon, Patsy Keniry.

Kilkenny team: Maria Fitzpatrick, Rita Weynes, Biddy O'Sullivan, Deirdre Malone, Bridie McGarry, Claire Jones, Ann Downey, Anna Whelan, Liz Neary, Angela Downey, Breda Holmes, Joe Dunne.

## FIXTURES:

Sunday; All-Ireland Senior Championship Final, Cork v Kilkenny at Croke Park at 3.30.

All-Ireland Junior Championship Final, Armagh v Kildare at Croke Park at 2 p.m.

## Angela Downey is Kilkenny's ace

KILKENNY have been such a dominant power in camogie in recent times that they are entitled to favouritism for their appealing All-Ireland senior championship final with Cork at Croke Park today.

The Noreiders are chasing a first-ever treble of senior crowns. They won the National League title in June, and boast a rich quota of the most gifted players in the game. Eleven of the 1986 team are on duty.

But even with so much to encourage them, the Kilkenny girls are sensible enough to appreciate that Cork's challenge cannot be treated at all lightly.

The Munster county has not won the title since 1983, but the players are there in all sectors with the necessary skills and All-Ireland title winning know-how — half the side are national senior championship medalists — to ensure that Cork are not chasing rainbows in their efforts to end the Kilkenny success story.

Clare Cronin will blend in vital craft for the

challengers at midfield. She returned home during the summer after a year in Australia, and resumes an inter-county career that has already brought her four All-Ireland senior medals.

The only other change from the side that beat Wexford by 2-10 to 1-6 in the semi-final, is in attack. Ger McCarthy has gone to London in the meantime, but Cork are fortunate in being able to call on Colette O'Mahony to fill the vacancy in a slightly altered formation.

O'Mahony is an accomplished player who helped the Leesiders to their last major national title — the League crown of 1986.

Mary Ring, playing in her first senior final, full back Eileen Dineen and goalkeeper Marion McCarthy, both experienced All-Ireland campaigners, are key figures in a Cork defence that has a dependable look.

Midfield is likely to set a strong pace for the Kilkenny trio, and to scoring Irene O'Leary and Noelle O'Driscoll spearhead a forward division

that is capable of presenting the Kilkenny backs with some testing problems.

The champions, however, are in no mood to relinquish their grip on the Cup. Last time out they gave a cool, authoritative display when maintaining their dominance over Dublin. Kilkenny had twelve points to spare at the end, and not surprisingly, make no change in that side.

Liz Neary, who led the Noreiders to the title last year from full back, is doing well this season as a forward. She has already won a League medal in attack, and could prove a match-winner in her latest role.

But the big danger to Cork's defence must be Angela Downey, who remains the most exciting player in the sport. Her accuracy continues to be a bright feature of her play.

This has the promise of an entertaining game, Cork are capable of challenging all the way, but Kilkenny look the better side, and also have more to recommend them in attack — thanks to Angela Downey.

# KILKENNY GIRLS GET VOTE!



● LIZ NEARY . . . Kilkenny star with immense experience.

TOMORROW in Croke Park Kilkenny defend their All-Ireland camogie title against challengers Cork.

Clashes between these two counties down through the years have always been classics and tomorrow's tie has the makings of another epic. It is 1981 since Kilkenny and Cork have faced one another in Croke Park and on that occasion it was Kilkenny's Liz Neary who proudly climbed the steps of the Hogan Stand to accept the O'Duffy cup on behalf of her county.

Bridie McGarry will be hoping that she can follow that same path tomorrow afternoon. Certainly, the track records of both teams this season would appear to swing the pendulum in favour of the reigning champions. Their only blemish this year was against Dublin in a Leinster Championship game but in all their other outings to date they have

remained faultless. Indeed, at most times they appeared to be playing will within themselves.

On the other hand Cork have struggled on occasions. They suffered heavy defeats at the hands of Dublin and tomorrow's opponents in the National League and no credit can be taken from their facile victory over a very poor Antrim side in the open draw championship.

Their one ray of hope for tomorrow may lie in their semi-final victory over a very rugged and sometimes very unfortunate Wexford outfit. However, they stuck to their task and two major scores in the dying moments of that game clinched their spot in tomorrow's final. They recovered remarkably well in that tie that at times looked as if it might swing away from them.

For this final confrontation the Kilkenny selectors are relying on the players who

have brought the county national league and championships in the past number of seasons. Indeed, this Kilkenny team practically picks itself.

Marie Fitzpatrick has proved herself to be a very capable custodian since she reverted there from her forward position while Eitha Weymes in front of her has excelled herself with some outstanding displays. The half-back trio of Deirdre Malone, captain Bridie McGarry and Biddy O'Sullivan can dominate this sector if the Cork players fall into the same trap as Dublin did by sending in high balls to the defence.

Anne Downey will have to be watched carefully throughout the entire 50 minutes for if she is allowed any freedom at all she could wreck Cork's ambitions. Her two wingers Claire Jones and Anna Whelan are tireless workers and always lend great support.

It is in the forward line that Kilkenny hold their trump card. In Angela Downey they possess a player who can win a game on her own and while she is very much overshadowed at times by this great player, I think Breda Holmes could turn out to be the provider-in-chief tomorrow. Alongside Angela and Breda are two players of immense experience in Liz Neary and Jo Dunne. Cork, too, have their own stars. Marian McCarthy in goal has had few equals down through the years and tomorrow will be striving for her ninth All-Ireland trophy. In front of her, her club mate Eileen Dineen is very steady but she will have her hands full in coping with full forward Breda Holmes.

I feel Mary Ring will struggle to curb the brilliance of Angela Downey where the wide open spaces of Croke Park may well tell on Mary's ability to keep close with her opponent. At centre back Anne Leahy did well against Wexford and she has the temperament to rise to the occasion.

Linda Mellerick has been the star of the defence since she moved back from further outfield and if she turns on the style as she did against Wexford in the semi-final Jo Dunne will find her scoring opportunities very limited.

On the right wing Sandy Fitzgibbon appears to have lost some of the sparkle of former years but nonetheless she is a player of great speed and talent and on her game she is a match for the best. All Cork followers will be glad to welcome back Clare Cronin after her sojourn in Australia and her clash with Anne Downey could go a long way towards deciding the outcome of this final.

Liz Dunphy on the left wing is a young player of proven ability but she will have her hands full with the strong running and tireless energy of Claire Jones. Cork's forward line will have their work cut out against the Kilkenny defence and unless captain Val Fitzpatrick can somehow outwit her opponent Bridie McGarry the writing could be on the wall for the Leesiders.

## Hurling as it should be played

by KEVIN CASHMAN

NO sickening cheating on the field; no preposterous posturing on the tannoy; no clockwork mannikins in the VIP box. Today is All-Ireland camogie finals day; and sport, and the true and only spirit of sport, will prevail in and illumine Croke Park.

Virtually everybody who watches camogie agrees that the pace and standard of the game have risen, and risen constantly, over the past quarter century or so. Indeed, it may be argued that most of the greatest women who ever wielded ash did or do so in the present decade. And a significant proportion of them will be on view today.

After beating Tipperary in the final of 1984, Dublin seemed to be the up and coming force which would dominate camogie for a few years. Kilkenny were coming too; and three seasons of these teams' struggle for outright sovereignty produced many splendid matches. But that epoch ended three weeks ago in definitive subjugation, by treble scores, of Dublin.

Kilkenny are now an awesome force, full of power, experience, cunning and class. And they have Angela Downey. Like Pele and Ring she will never enter into legend: the feats and facts of her career are more extraordinary and glorious than any legend. Yet, even

without her this Kilkenny combination would probably feel confident of victory, for her sister Ann, Claire Jones, Bridie McGarry, Liz Neary and the rest are all splendid hurlers to whom winning and the secrets of winning are second nature.

For a few years Cork practised a clever system of economy by selecting players who could go to the matches on the free travel scheme. The present mentors have come up with a wheeze of their own which involves packing the defence with forwards and the attack with midfielders. It makes for variety, for the unexpected, for contention, but hardly for success.

### ● Transmute

They struggled dreadfully against a mediocre Wexford side and the reasons were not hard to find. Cork has, in Val Fitzpatrick, one of the most natural midfielders playing hurling today: very much from the mould of Ger Fennelly — though a far better free taker — relaxed, confident and skillful on the ball, and capable of endless, intelligent travelling. But selectors persist in trying to transmute her into a centre forward — a signal waste of time and talent. And today they start with a player who



● ANGELA DOWNEY

often looks to have the makings of the ideal centreforward, Claire Cronin, at midfield.

Cork probably have some slight superiority of pace, especially out on the wings where Linda Mellerick, Sandy Fitzgibbon and Irene O'Leary can burn the grass underfoot. And Mary Ring is better equipped than almost anybody else to mark Angela Downey. But Cork have problems at centreback. Peerless Cathy Landers was never going to be easy to replace: but to try to do so with slowish one-sided full forward, Anne Leahy, smacks of a collective selectorial brainstorm.

And therein probably lies the key to today's game. The frenetic stage of an All-Ireland final is hardly the place for trying to turn an inside out team right side out again. Kilkenny have a smooth, settled and irresistible look about them. They should have a bit to spare at the end. And if the standard comes anywhere near that of the classic Glen Rovers and St Paul's club confrontation of a year ago — a repeat of which is coming up — nobody will go home unhappy.

The junior final may very well be a terrific contest, for Armagh beat Galway and Kildare beat Cork in the semi-finals, and neither side is likely to be at all in awe of the other. Kildare's greater experience may shade it for them.



● Colette O'Mahony  
... good scoring  
record.

Irene O'Leary, Cork's top scorer along with Colette O'Mahony, are two young players who can notch up the scores while full forward Noelle O'Driscoll is well known for her accuracy from placed balls. All-in-all, this is a better balanced team than that which lined out against Wexford and while Kilkenny will enter this game as firm favourites Cork won't mind entering this final as the underdogs.

The Junior final between Kildare and Armagh brings together two counties who have yet to win an All-Ireland title. Armagh were beaten in the finals of 1970 and 1985 while Kildare fell at the hands of Clare last year. Kildare have the evergreen Miriam Malone in their side and while one would not begrudge victory to Armagh, an All-Ireland medal would be a fitting reward to Miriam for her tremendous loyalty to Kildare and Leinster for many, many years.

**KILKENNY (Senior)** — M Fitzpatrick, R Weymes, D Malone, B McGarry (capt.), B O'Sullivan, C Jones, A Downey, A Whelan, J Dunne, L Neary, A Doowney, B Holmes.

**CORK (Senior)** — M McCarthy, E Dineen, M Ring, A Leahy, L Mellerick, S Fitzgibbon, C Cronin, L Dunphy, L O'Leary, V Fitzpatrick (capt.), C O'Mahony, N O'Driscoll.

#### FIXTURES TOMORROW

All-Ireland finals at Croke Park: Senior — Kilkenny v. Cork (3.30). Junior — Kildare v. Armagh (2.0).



● Colette O'Mahony, St. Finbarrs' who plays against Kilkenny in next Sunday's All-Ireland Senior Camogie final at Croke Park, Dublin. (Des Barry, Echo)