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Vera Mackey Camogie Sports Star

Vera, niece of the great Mick Mackey inherits the hurling fever and is currently doing Social Work in Limerick.

As far as I can remember I always had a deep love for sport, in particular Camogie. I do not really know how I got or developed it, but develop it I did. As a result I found myself in a position where I would have a hurley and ball in my hand. As I got older I maintained that interest. I was very fortunate in that there was a great camogie team in my parish, Ahane, and as a youngster I witnessed many a hard fought match against some of the best clubs in Ireland. Little did I think that one day I would be representing not only my club but my County and Province.

The highlight of my playing career so far has been the 1978 All Ireland Junior triumph, and winning the All Ireland Club Championship in 1979 against all the odds. My biggest disappointment to date has been the defeat in the All Ireland Senior replay against the mighty Cork last September. But I had the satisfaction of being a member of the Munster team that retained the Gael-Linn Cup last October after a lapse of fourteen years. I can confidently predict that in the very near future an All-Ireland Senior title will rest in Limerick.

To all the readers of "Good News for Youth" I say to you, get involved in some aspect of sport; you don't have to participate at the competitive level. **Sport is meant to be fun and enjoyed.** It is good training for life, it disciplines you and gives you an appreciation of yourself. Through sport you meet life-long friends all over the country. Of course, there is the addition, the media, adulation and most important of all, the honour of playing in an All-Ireland in Croke Park. But I do realise there is more to life than being in the limelight. You will only remain at the top for so long, so don't ever forget the people who helped you make it. **I** feel young people develop bad habits out of idleness and inactivity. We are living in a world full of pressures, and so many youngsters get involved in drugs, alcohol and sex, they have so much free time and don't know how to utilise it. For me, an active player, communication is vital. It is big business in today's world. We are bombarded on all sides with what to buy, where to buy and how to buy. The television, the newspapers and the big poster bills, all attract us as each sells its product. The

art of selling is all important since a word omitted or emphasis misplaced could cause the whole venture to flop.

Reading a book recently, I was captured by the following words: **"Man is in touch with God through signs."** Nothing peculiar about that, you might say, since the only way to come into and maintain contact with another is through signs - gestures, words, pictures, etc. These signs are not the reality but mere expressions of a relationship we have, or desire, with another. We know that without these signs there is no communication and without communication there is no communion.

This communion or sharing of the message is the first important point in communication. There must be a sense of belonging to a community. I think it is not enough for a camogie player to go out and play her match on Sunday and then disorientate herself completely from the unit of society of which she is a very real part. Each player who is a member of a club is a privileged person. But if she enjoys these privileges she should realise

that she also has her duties, to the club firstly and then to the community. The club too has its duties. For far too long it has only paid lip service to the other equally important aspects of our association such as music, song, dance, folklore and way of life. Better late than never though and the introduction of ceol caint agus damhsa has been something of a breath of fresh air. Unfortunately though, there is far too much emphasis placed on winning. I would like to see more recognition for the club that makes the greatest overall effort to portray and promote our culture.

Young people with their many

talents can have great effect on those around them. They are full of ideas and of life. Communication means sharing those ideas. Young people should talk to the older people around them. Talking to, instead of at, people is very pleasant and meaningful and brings about a sense of belonging, and of sharing. The road to successful and efficient communication is long and hard and many difficulties will have to be overcome en route.

Camogie people must believe that they have a product worth selling and most definitely worth buying.

The message must filter from the club right through to the top. They must help and co-operate all along the line. It will all be worthwhile because they are part of a unique organisation.

All-Ireland camogie Final day is, I think, the nearest approach we have to a truly national festival. It is an intense and unique expression of our individuality as a people. As time passes, All-Irelands may not move us to the very core of our being as they did in our early years, but still each final touches a chord in our heart-strings.

Vera Mackey.



Action during a Camogie Game



Above: Margie Dore and Geraldine O'Brien tries to stop Mary O'Leary (Cork) getting a shot at goal, with Vera Mackey in the background, during the 1980 All-Ireland Camogie Final.



Bernadette O'Brien and Vera Mackey challenges a Cork player during the 1980 All-Ireland Camogie Final.

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LIMERICK TO AVENGE LEAGUE DEFEAT?

LIMERICK, last season's All-Ireland finalists, are due to play their first game in the senior champions (open draw) tomorrow when they entertain Tipperary at Ballyagran (7.45).

When the counties met in the League less than four weeks ago it was a very close encounter which Tipperary won by the narrow margin — 1-1 to 0-3. The day was wet and windy and underfoot conditions were poor, so it was not a fair assessment.

Last Sunday both counties lost their respective matches. Limerick went down to Dublin 3-10 to 2-2 in the Senior National League semi-final and Tipperary were defeated by seven points in the Munster Championship final by a Cork side who were without five of their regular team.

The Limerick side who drew with Cork in the All-Ireland Final last summer have not been reproducing that form this season.

CAMOGIE

They took the points from Galway and Clare in the Senior League but were not impressive in either victory. They were beaten for speed by Dublin last Sunday and were not as sharp as in former meetings between these two counties.

Tipperary seemed to be on the way back last season before they lost the League Final to Kilkenny but they have not done well this season.

In the league campaign they drew with Clare and lost by four points to Galway. Since all four of Sunday's teams were in the same section of the League, and no one county was clearly superior so Sunday games should be very close.

The Galway-Clare game at Cusack Park, Ennis (3.0) should also be a close encounter.

In their League tie, a few weeks ago Clare finished two

points in front on a very bad day and on a very wet pitch and thus deprived Galway of a play-off with Limerick for zone honours. Clare have been improving for the past year and will be looking to Claire Barrington, Margaret O'Toole, Carmel Moroney, Maureen Davoren and Liz Condon to swing the game in their favour.

Yet Galway have a very skilled and experienced side in Nono McHugh, Breda Coady and Mary Higgins in defence, and Una Jordan, Olive Coady, Ann Morris and Teresa Duane outfield. They should be good enough to reverse that league result this time.

Dublin and Cork have qualified for the senior League final at a Dublin venue on June 21.

NEW WINNERS

The junior championship must have new winners this

year as All-Ireland champions Cork were defeated by Clare in the replay of the Munster Junior Championship quarter-final on Sunday and Limeick eliminated Tipperary. Limerick are due to play Kerry and Clare will take on Waterford in the semi-finals in early July.

Dublin qualified for the Leinster Junior and Minor Championship Finals against Kildare and Westmeath, respectively, when they defeated Wexford narrowly in both grades. Both finals will be played on July 5.

The drawn Junior National League Final between Cavan and Louth has not yet been re-fixed.

Cavan, after dominating the first half, saw their 2-2 to 0-3 lead dwindle away and they went a point into arrears.

They were saved, in the eleventh hour, by Bernie O'Callaghan who pointed from play to give her side another chance.

Cork Juniors Set Out On Title Defence

THE first of the All-Ireland campaigns begins on Sunday, when the Cork junior team sets out in defence of the title they won last September when they met Clare at Shannon on Sunday.

As Cork won the All-Ireland last season they have to field a completely new side this year as all last year's players are now graded senior. But there is plenty of talent in the county and, having held trials over the last few weeks, the selectors have now announced their team for Sunday, which includes many excellent young players.

Killeagh's Patricia Fitzgibbon, a very sound goalie, is between the posts, while Carmel Henchion, of U.C.C.; Mary Maher, of Ballinlough, and Mary O'Donovan and Margo Twomey, of Eire Og, are all very capable defenders.

Imelda Cronin (Na Piar-saigh), Joan Hyde (Black-rock) and Barbara Kirby (Killeagh) have all proved themselves at club level and should do well in the centre-field, while Killeagh's Ann Marie Landers, Stephanie Curtin, who did so well for

St. Finbarr's in their league win last week; Clare Higgins, of Watergrasshill, and Mary Murphy (U.C.C.) should be worthy selections in attack.

At this time of the year it is difficult to know the strength of sides, but, no doubt, Clare will be able to field quite a competent team as in recent years college sides, particularly St. Patrick's Comprehensive, Shannon, have been doing very well indeed and the fruits of their efforts must soon be seen at inter-county level.

The Clare side was not available at the time of writing, but Cork would do well to travel to Shannon with the highest regard for the Clare girls, especially as the Cork side will be playing together for the first time and could take some time to settle. But at the end of the day Cork should have enough talent to advance.

Cork — P. Fitzgibbon (Killeagh), C. Henchion (U.C.C.), M. Maher (Ballinlough), M. O'Donovan (Eire Og), M. Twomey (do.), I. Cronin (Na Piar-saigh), J. Hyde (Blackrock), B. Kirby (Killeagh), A. M. Landers (do.), S. Curtin (St. Fin-

barrs), C. Higgins (Watergrasshill), M. Murphy (U.C.C.), Subs: N. Delaney, S. Harrett and A. Buckley (all Aghabullogue), F. Deasy and U. O'Connor (Black-rock), A. O'Shea (Nemo Rangers), P. Goggins (Na Piar-saigh), M. Crowley (St. Finbarrs), M. Spillane (Killeagh).

The bus leaves from the City Library for the game at 11.30 on Sunday morning.

The only fixture for the coming week is the postponed senior championship game between Imokil and Watergrasshill, which will be played on Tuesday evening next at Ballincollig.

Finally, on Saturday, 30th inst., the Feile Blitz will be held and this is just a reminder to clubs about this Cork final of the Feile na nGael.

FIXTURES

Sunday — At Shannon: M.J.C., Cork v. Clare, 3 p.m.

Tuesday — At Ballincollig: S.C., Imokilly v. Watergrasshill, 7.30 p.m. (referee Killeagh).



A Dublin back clears from a Limerick attack during the National Senior Camogie League semi-final at Russell Park, yesterday.

CAMOGIE NATIONAL SENIOR LEAGUE

April 12: Cushendall: Dublin 6-4; Antrim 0-4. Ballyeran: Down 7-2; Derry 2-6. April 26: Ballinlough, Cork: 2-8; Wexford 1-5. Limerick: Limerick 3-6; Galway 3-4. Roscrea: Tipperary 2-4; Clare 3-1. Draw.

May 10: Moneygall: Tipperary 1-1; Limerick 0-3. Shannon: Clare 2-4; Galway 1-6. Monamolin: Kilkenny 1-11; Wexford 0-2.

May 17. Mullinavat: Cork 2-6; Kilkenny 2-4.

Barr's Girls Triumph

ST. FINBARRS 3-0 AGHABULLOGUE 1-3

St. Finbarr's are 1980 Junior A Camogie League champions. At Ballincollig recently they defeated old rivals Aghabullogue by 3-0 to 1-3 after an excellent game. Aghabullogue were ahead at half time by 1-3 to 1-0 but failed to score after the break, while the Barrs, having only managed a late goal in the first period went on to score two further majors which gave them the title. For the winners Finola Broderick, Valerie O'Mahony and Stephanie Curtin played well, while Mary Noonan and Siobhan O'Riordan were best for Aghabullogue.

IT'S EASY FOR DUBS

Dublin 3-10; Limerick 2-2

DUBLIN scored a facile victory over Limerick in the National Camogie League semi-final at Blanchardstown yesterday. They now meet Cork in the final.

Dublin, aided by the wind, got a tremendous start and notched five points in the first quarter of an hour, three from Orla Ryan and two from Una Crowley. Joan Gormley goalied in the 17th minute and this was followed by a point from Irene Conroy. Then Orla Ryan goalied again and Mary Mernagh and Marian Conroy added two further points to leave Dublin leading 2-8 to 0-0 at half time.

After the interval Bernadette O'Brien scored a goal to revive Limerick's hopes but the Munster girls found scores hard to come by against a strong Dublin defence.

Pauline McCarthy and Brid Stokes pointed in the 15th and 16th minutes but Orla Ryan buried Limerick's hopes of revival when she finished a long free to the net and this was followed by a point from Joan Gormley before Angela O'Sullivan scored a consolation goal for Limerick on the stroke of time.

Scorers: Dublin—Orla Ryan (2-3), Joan Gormley (1-1), Una Crowley (0-2), Mary Mernagh (0-1), Marian Conroy (0-3).

Limerick—Bernadette O'Brien (1-1), Angela O'Sullivan (1-0), Brid Stokes (0-1), Pauline McCarthy (0-1).

CORK AND CLARE SHARE SPOILS

Cork 3-3
Clare 4-0

Cork and Clare played an exciting draw in the first round of the Munster Junior Camogie Championship at Shannon on Sunday. All-Ireland champions Cork had to field a completely new side this season and on Sunday they had to fight all the way to stay in this year's race, against an excellent Clare twelve.

Scorers Cork: Clare Higgins 0-3, Joan Hyde, Ann M. Landers, and N. Delaney 1-0 each. Clare: R. Fahy 2-0, D. Beagan and N. Fox 1-0 each.

VITAL GAME

One semi-final of the Leinster Junior Championship will be decided on Sunday when Kildare travel to Mullinavat (3.0) to meet Kilkenny, who knocked out holders, Louth.

Kildare suffered a set back last Sunday when they lost the League semi-final to Louth, and Louth lost the championship to Kilkenny last month.

As both victories were close and evenly contested game is anticipated between the teams on Sunday.

Kilkenny travel on Saturday to Ratharney to meet Westmeath who caused the surprise of the Leinster championships when they defeated fancied Kildare, in minor and under 14 grades.

Kilkenny have a wealth of talent at the under 14 age group and may prove too strong for the Midlanders.

The second junior semi-final is fixed for May 31. Dublin are hosts to Wexford in that tie.

The Senior Open Draw Championship gets underway on May 31, so those counties who were narrowly defeated in the National League will be planning to improve their sides and match their opponents in all games.

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Dublin to meet Cork

Dublin 3-10
Limerick 2-2

Dublin qualified to meet Cork in the final of the National Camogie League as a result of an easy victory over Limerick by 3-10 to 2-2 at Russell Park, Dublin, yesterday.

Dublin had the wind in their favour in the opening half and were five points up at the end of the first quarter and two goals by Orla Ryan helped them to lead by 2-8 to 0-0 at half time.

On resuming Bernadette O'Brien raised Limerick hopes briefly with a goal but the Dubs remained dominant.

Dublin: O. Ryan 2-3, J. Gormley 1-1, U. Crowley 0-2, M. Conroy 0-3, M. Mernagh 0-1. Limerick: B. O'Brien 1-0, A. O'Sullivan 1-0, B. Stokes 0-1, P. McCarthy 0-1.

Galway advance in Camogie

Galway 2-5, Clare 1-3.

GALWAY advanced to the semi-final of the All-Ireland senior camogie championship when they defeated Clare in atrocious weather conditions at Cusack Park, Ennis yesterday.

The winners led at the interval by 2-5 to 0-1 and while Clare had slightly the better of the second half exchanges, Galway held on for a deserved victory.

Scorers: Galway—T. Duane 1-1, U. Jordan 0-4, M. Hobbins 1-0.

Clare—M. O'Toole 1-1, C. McNicholas and E. Fitzgibbons 0-1 each.

Galway: B. Cody, N. Treacy, N. McHugh, C. Silke, B. Holland, J. Kelly, U. Jordan, A. Poniard, A. Morris, M. Hobbins, M. Freeney, T. Duane.

Clare: A. M. Russell, R. Doyle, A. Fahey, C. Harrington, M. Fitzgibbon, P. Moroney, M. Lynch, A. Daly, L. Condon, M. O'Toole, E. Fitzgibbons, C. McNicholas.

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Last gasp goal wins for Clare

By BRENDAN MOONEY

CLARE 2-3
CORK 2-2

A LAST GASP GOAL that must surely have come on the stroke of time gave Clare a 2-3 to 2-2 victory over Cork in a Munster junior camogie championship replay that provided a pulsating finish at Ballincollig yesterday.

Cork were bidding to emulate their senior counterparts who travelled to Moneygall very much understrength on Sunday and came away with a resounding 2-6 to 1-2 win over Tipperary. But luck was not with the juniors who got off to a dream start when Norma Delaney cracked home a goal within seconds of the throw-in.

Claire Jones pointed a "30" for Clare after six minutes and the visitors were let off the hook minutes later. Stephanie Curtin cracked a shot off the upright and the rebound was deflected to the net but the referee ruled that the forward was in the square and Clare were awarded a free out.

Stephanie Curtin had some consolation with a well taken point although this was negated by Claire Jones in the 20th minute. Stephanie had the final say in this half with another point that left Cork leading 1-2 to 0-2 at the interval.

Veronica Casey pointed for Clare seven minutes into the second half and five minutes later Rosemary Fahy snatched a beautiful goal to give them the lead for the first time.

Both sides missed opportunities until Stephanie Curtin broke the deadlock with a Cork goal in the 20th minute and the home side looked set to win, but again Rosemary Fahy struck with a goal that decided the issue in Clare's favour.

Cork will bemoan the chances that went begging in a game that they could have wrapped up early on.

Scorers for Clare: B. Fahy 2-0, C. Jones 0-2 and V. Casey 0-1. Scorers for Cork: S. Curtin 1-2, N. Delaney 1-0. Clare: M. Carey, M. A. McInerney, C. O'Mara, M. Howard, C. Moroney, C. Jones, R. O'Shaughnessy, V. Casey, C. Keating, G. Morey, M. Beegan, R. Fahy. Sub: L. Fox for M. Beegan.

Cork: P. Fitzgibbon, M. O'Donovan, M. Maher, U. O'Connor, M. Twomey, M. Murphy, A. M. Landers, B. Kirby, I. Cronin, N. Delaney, C. Higgins, S. Curtin. Sub: M. Spillane for B. Kirby. Referee: Kathleen McNicholls (Clare).

It looks easy for Cork

By TAOBH LINE

THE Cork-Antrim clash at Randalstown (3.0) on Sunday next completes the Preliminary round of the Senior Camogie Championship.

Down, who defeated Derry and Tipperary who advanced at the expense of last year's runners-up.

Limerick have no easy passages in the next round, while the winners of the Cork-Antrim game face Dublin.

Tipperary's next opponents are Kilkenny and the Premier County girls will not relish that opposition as they will be mindful of the 1980 Senior League Final when they suffered a heavy defeat at the hands of the Noreiders.

Down will be at home to Wexford in the quarter-final. Recent meetings of the Mourneiders and the Slaneysiders have always been very close.

IN SEMI-FINAL

Galway are through to the semi-final and could oppose Sunday's winners or Dublin.

Cork, who are the reigning champions, have already won out the 1981 Munster Senior Championship and have had a very successful run in the Senior National League in which they defeated the holders, Kilkenny and Wexford in their home and away games.

But though the Leesiders have not been beaten this season, they have had a number of injuries. Their star forward Mary O'Leary has been out with a back injury for the past month. In a close game Mary will be a loss.

I don't expect Cork to be extended against Antrim, but the Northerners have unexpectedly come through successfully before. If it happens this time it will be the surprise of the competition.

Marion McCarthy, who was named the B & I star of the year (1980) is a sound goalie and Cork have other star players in Catherine Landers, Claire Cronin, Pat Moloney, Marion Sweeney and Patricia Riordan.

Antrim, who are far less experienced than the Southerners, will put their hopes in Mairead Donnelly, Jacqueline and Siobhan McAtamney and Bernie Heffron.

Their performances to date, both in the Senior League and the Maguire Cup have been disappointing and the present situation does not help, as training must be difficult.

While there is every chance that Cork and Dublin will meet in the Championship quarter-final their next meeting is in the Senior League final on June 21.

All Camogie fans will be looking to that game for a clue to the Championship but I can see a very close contest which might go either way.

The Leinster under 14 Championship continues on Sunday with Dublin and Kilkenny engaged in the semi-final at 4.30 in Nowlan Park on Saturday. Dublin, the holders, have a huge selection in this age group, but the Noreiders benefitting from their promotion of the Felle na nGael in '78 and '79 also have plenty of players to pick from.

The skill attained by these young players is very encouraging for the future of the game. A very keen contest is anticipated between two good teams.

CAMOGIE

Limerick fall in first round

Tipperary 1-5, Limerick 0-3.

Defeated All-Ireland finalists of last season, Limerick, went out of this year's campaign at the first hurdle. On Saturday evening at Ballygran they lost to an eager Tipperary side on the score 1-5 to 0-3.

Limerick got a plentiful supply of the ball from the centrefield trio, and particu-

larly Bernadette O'Brien, but they failed to penetrate a very determined Tipperary defence.

At half time Tipperary were ahead by 1-3 to 0-2 and in a low scoring and keenly contested second-half the winners added a further two points to which Limerick could only reply with a single point.

Tipperary: J. Dwyer, B. Kennedy, R. Ryan, A. Brophy, D. Lane, M. Quigley, A. Gleeson, S. Delaney, S. McDonnell, M. O'Connor, J. McCluskey, M. O'Brien.

Limerick: H. Moynihan, J. O'Shea, V. Mackey, M. Dore, G. O'Brien, H. Mulcaire, B. O'Brien, Angela O'Sullivan, P. McCarthy, B. Conway, A. O'Sullivan, B. Stokes.



Claire Cronin, who should be at centre-field for Cork on Sunday.

Cork untroubled by gallant Antrim

CORK, 3-8; ANTRIM, 0-4

CORK, the All-Ireland champions, began the defence of their title with a comprehensive 3-8 to 0-4 victory over Antrim at Randalstown yesterday.

Although Cork made some changes from last year's team, they were clearly in no trouble against this Antrim side and led by 2-4 to 0-3 at half-time.

However, Antrim surprised many people by the fight they did put up and, despite Cork's large winning margin, this was by far the best display produced by Antrim this season.

Much of this was due to the return of Mairead McGill and Carol Blaney who had an excellent game in goal. Their return brought renewed spirit to the Antrim girls but Cork were still a superior side and their experience told yet again.

CAMOGIE

Pat Moloney as ever was in great form and notched up a personal tally of 3-4 while Claire Cronin and Catherine Landers were well in control in their part of the field. Newcomer Ger McCarthy is settling in well and the Cork forward line seems set for another good season.

For Antrim, Mairead Donnelly and Mary Mullins as well as Mairead McGill did well but could do little to prevent Cork from advancing to the quarter-final where they meet Dublin.

Scorers: Cork—P. Moloney (3-4), M. Sweeney (0-2), G. McCarthy (0-2). Antrim—M. McGill (0-3), J. McClements (0-1).

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Camogie

Armagh may not be a very glamorous county in camogie, but is nevertheless, a very interesting one, and with a long history. This has been documented very ably by BRENDAN LAVERY in a book published in 1978, which covers the entire history of the game in Armagh.

The first camogie match in the county was played in Armagh City in 1925, and attracted an attendance of over 1,000, with gate receipts of £13. This prompted others to follow, and the game thrived especially in the Lurgan area.

Armagh were strong enough in 1934 to field an inter-county team, and their first game was against Monaghan. They lost that tie, but were more successful the following year when they beat Antrim.

But as many players retired on marriage, enthusiasm began to wane. That was the story until after the war, and around 1949 things began to move again. New Leagues were set up and many new teams were affiliated.

By 1953 Armagh were strong enough to reach the Ulster Senior Championship final. That was a highly controversial game.

In spite of this, the game thrives in Armagh, as was shown only last year when the Orchard County won the first National Junior League, beating Kildare in the final.

Armagh have had a dedicated band of workers over the years, like Jimmy McKee, Barney McGilly, Fr. Tom Soraghan P.P., Jimmy and Eilish Delaney, all of whom are now dead.

The Archbishop of Armagh, Cardinal O Fiaich, has given great support to the game in the county.

By Maire Ni Cheallaigh

There are now about 1,200 registered and active players in the county and they participate in upwards of 25 Leagues, Championships and tournaments in all grades from Primary School to Senior grade.

There are three divisions in the League so that all players are given the chance to participate actively between March and November.

their problems, the main one being finance. They have various fund raising schemes like a Sponsored Walk that took place last month.

But the picture in Armagh over-all is an optimistic one. They are determined, hardworking and well organised. They deserve any further success that may come their way.

CHAMPIONSHIP DRAW

Cork will start their defence of the All-Ireland senior Camogie championship with a visit to Antrim, a "repeat" of last year's first-round clash between the sides. In that game, however, Antrim were the defending national champions, and they were well beaten — 5-10 to 0-1 — at Pairc Ui Chaoimh.

The Championship will start on May 31 with a meeting between Derry and Down at a Derry venue.

On June 7, Clare will entertain Galway, and Limerick will have Tipperary as visitors. A week later Cork open their title defence with that clash with Antrim.

Dublin will make their bow on July

OPTIMISTIC!

Armagh were two points down and pressing hard when the final whistle blew seven minutes ahead of time — according to Armagh.

During that period, the Armagh camogie team also travelled to Britain for matches in Lancashire and London. The ties attracted large attendances. There was also at that time a big drive to set up new clubs.

CONVENTION VERY CONCERNED

The County Convention was very concerned about the progress of the game, and established a Special Commission in 1970 to examine "all phases of administration and advise generally and make suggestions for the betterment of the game at playing and administrative levels".

The Commission made many suggestions as to how clubs in difficulties could be helped, and how county team performances could be improved.

The County Board in Armagh has also to deal with problems not experienced in the Twenty-Six Counties. This is, of course, the result of the political situation, and camogie players have had to put up with a lot of provocation as a result.

Armagh publish a Fixtures Booklet every March, and this enables players and clubs to plan the year.

A LESSON FROM ARMAGH

Not many counties can claim to be that organised, and Armagh could teach some others a thing or two in this regard. The Fixtures Booklet is also a great help to the local media who give the game good publicity.

For example, some of the Armagh girls were interviewed on Downtown Radio in Belfast on the evening before their National League final against Kildare.

Armagh's success was recognised by the Ulster selectors last year. They selected three of the Armagh team — Margaret Moriarty, a sister of footballer Paddy Mo, Denise McStay and Sally McCone.

Armagh field two county teams: Junior, managed by Noel Quinn, and Minor, trained by Donal Magnier, the County Chairman.

These teams have been in training for some time for the 1981 season, and have high hopes of success.

Like other counties, Armagh have

19 against the winners of the Antrim Cork match. Kilkenny's initial appearance will be on July 26 against Limerick or Tipperary.

Wexford, the remaining team in the Championship, will also make the bow on July 26 against Derry or Down.

The two All-Ireland semi-finals will be played on August 16, and the final will go on at Croke Park on September 13.

Although Dublin, the one-time specialists of the All-Ireland senior camogie championship, have not won the title since as far back as 1966, they still have by far the best record in the series, with 25 championships. The first win was in 1932.

Cork brought their record to twelve since 1934 by beating Limerick in replay last year. That was Limerick's first time to reach the concluding round.

Antrim won their sixth title in 1977 having first made the break-through in 1945.

Kilkenny collected three crowns between 1974 and 1977, and Wexford are the only other county to put the name on the trophy. They made their break-through in 1968, and brought their record to three titles in 1975.



ST. IBAR'S, winners of the "B" grade

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Allied Irish Banks

CORK REGION

NEWSLETTER

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* MARY MORAN AND CAMOGIE ***

It was no surprise to anyone associated with Camogie when Mary Moran was elected as President of the Camogie Association in 1979. Down through the years and from an early age Mary has shown interest in the administrative side of camogie and has worked continuously for the advancement of the game. She is now in her third and final year as President to which position she has brought her usual total dedication and the big question now among Camogie people is who is going to take her place when she finished her term this time next year.

Mary began her camogie with St. Aloysius School, Cork with whom she won three Cork Schools Championship medals as well as representing Cork at that level. She won a Senior County medal with Old Aloysians Club before being transferred to Dublin where she enjoyed a highly successful career with Celtic. She won two Dublin Co. Championship medals as well as an All-Ireland Club Championship medal with the illustrious Dublin Club.

On returning to Cork Mary again turned out with Old Aloysians. A versatile player Mary was as good in goal, where she played most of her camogie with Old Als. and in the centrefield where she usually fielded with Celtic. In 1970 she won a coveted All Ireland Snr. medal in Cork.

It was on her return to Cork that Mary began to make a big impression on a wider sphere. She immersed herself in club affairs, off as well as on the field and since that time has held one position or another on the camogie scene. Mary has held almost every position at Club level and served an unbroken ten year stint as Chairman of the Cork County Board during which period she revived a flagging Cork camogie scene. Mary served as Munster Council Chairman for four years and was also Treasurer for a period. As well as being President at the moment she is Secretary of both the Munster and All Ireland Colleges Councils, and one of the Association's two National Coaches. Mary and fellow coach Ann Carroll made camogie history when a few years ago they produced a Coaching Handbook which is now an invaluable part of camogie. She was well qualified to co-produce this manual as she acted as Cork Coach for a number of years during which period she led Cork to All Ireland Success.

In fact there is no aspect of camogie with which Mary Moran has not been involved and none that she has not enhanced by her hard work, common sense and utter dedication.

MIDFIELD DUELS HOLD FINAL KEY

THE SIXTH senior national league final is arranged for Russell Park, Blanchardstown next Sunday (3.0). The teams, Dublin and Cork, have both come through their fixtures with full points.

Cork, the All-Ireland Senior Champions, beat Kilkenny and Wexford, both at home and away, while Dublin took the points from Antrim and Down but got a walk-over from Derry who found it difficult to travel at the time.

Dublin, the league champions of 1979, are contesting their second league title while Cork, the beaten finalists of 1977, are seeking their first title. Success has already come the way for the Leesiders as they retained the Munster Senior Championship title at the end of May.

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However, they have had a number of injuries which their mentors are hoping will not jeopardise their chances in the league decider.

Cork got a bye to the final from their zone while Dublin played Limerick, who won in the Clare-Galway-Tipperary zone. In the semi-final the metropolitans proved too good for the Shannonsiders, winning 3-10 to 2-2. Indeed the Dubs built up a 2-8 to nil lead at the interval and looked a well-balanced side right through the field.

Yet the last time Cork and Dublin played which was in the semi-final of the championship last August, Cork went on to reach the final after scoring a deserved victory over the metropolitans.

The Dublin attack looks strong this season and their school-girl goalie Yvonne Redmond has been playing splendidly.

EFFECTIVE MOVE

The move to bring Edel Murphy to midfield from centre-forward made the mid-field line of Mary Duane and Una Crowley with Edel look very effective in the league semi-final against Limerick.

I expect that both sets of attackers could give the defence of each side a difficult task so much may depend on the power

of the respective midfield players.

Cork had a successful trip to Antrim last Sunday, where they scored a 3-8 to 0-4 win to qualify for the All-Ireland Senior Championship quarter-final by coincidence, their opponents in that game, are Dublin also and that factor gives an added interest in Sunday's league final.

The Leesiders, who are likely to be still without Mary O'Leary, their star forward, had in Pat Molony a sharpshooter last Sunday when she chalked up 3-4 of their 3-8 tally against Antrim in the championship.

Full marks to Ger McCarthy, a Leaving Certificate student, who took time off from her studies, to travel to Antrim last weekend and play a fine game for her side at left wing. There should be a real challenge for supremacy in this area next Sunday so Geraldine, Angela Higgins and Claire Cronin will need to be in top form to match Una Crowley, Mary Duane and Edel Murphy. In my opinion the key to victory will be in this sector.

Dublin have now qualified for the three Leinster camogie championship finals. In the Junior their opponents are Kildare and in the Minor and under 14 Westmeath made a great break in Leinster this season.

Dublin's under proved much too go fancied Kilkenny : Saturday, scoring a victory over the Nores.

The under 14 final played at Glenalbyn day.

CORK — M. McCarthy; M. Riordan, M. Higg; Landers, M. Kear; Cronin, A. Higg; McCarthy; P. Moloney; Patrick, M. Sweeney, A.

DUBLIN — Y. Red O'Brien; F. Murphy, S. C. Doherty; U. Crc Murphy, M. Duane; Rlain, M. Mernagh, M J. Gormely.

CONROY'S POINTS VITAL TO DUBLIN

DUBLIN ... 1-7; CORK ... 1-4

DUBLIN recaptured the National League camogie title when they defeated Cork at Russell Park yesterday in a low-scoring game. It was the home side's ability to pick off points that ensured the Dublin victory.

Cork, the reigning All-Ireland champions started well and notched up two points before Marian Conroy scored Dublin's first point. Geraldine McCarthy and Marian Sweeney were impressive for Cork at this stage and, when Val Fitzpatrick added another point in the 16th minute, it looked as though the visitors were about to take control. Strength at midfield and consistency in defence were features of the Dublin team.

Marian Conroy managed to level the score with two fine points for Dublin. The same player added a further point to give the Dublin girls the edge at half-time.

Dublin seemed an altogether more convincing side as they began the second half with a point in the fifth minute followed by many assaults on the Cork goal during the following quarter.

The first goal of the game came from a fine movement involving Joan Gormley, Marian Conroy and, finally, Orl Ryan who sent the ball into the net.

Cork replied in the 20th minute with a goal from Pat Moloney, leaving three points between the sides, but despite a concerted effort by the Cork forwards during the last quarter their scoring attempts were continually foiled by Yvonne Redmond, who was most impressive in the Dublin goal. The sides exchanged points again.

Best for Dublin were Sheila Wallace and Frances Murphy in defence, and Marian Conroy in attack, while Cork were best served by Ger McCarthy, Pat Moloney and Marian Sweeney.

Dublin scorers—Orla Ryan (1-6), Marian Conroy (0-7), Cork—Pat Moloney (1-6), Ger McCarthy (0-2), Val Fitzpatrick (0-2), Referee — B. O'Loughlin (Down).

DUBLIN 7-2; WESTMEATH 0-0

DUBLIN retained the Under-14 championship title with a comprehensive victory over Westmeath, who were making their first ever Leinster final appearance. Although Dublin were clearly the better side Westmeath showed great potential and their determined display augurs well for the county in the coming seasons.

Scorers: Dublin — A del Cambell 2-0; Phyllis Byrne 2-0; Ger Dunne 2-0; Jackie Byrne 1-0; Patricia Clinton 0-2.

Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael



Sraithchomórtas na hÉireann

An Cluiche Ceannais

ÁTH CLIATH v. CORCAIGH

Club Naomh Bríd, Baile Bláinséar

21.06.1981, 3.00 p.m.

An Réiteoir: Belle Uí Lochlainn (An Dún)

An Clár Dífigiúil

Scor, an t-ádh na h-Éireann

Luach: 10p

Ardrúnaf

Bishopstown Girls Are History-makers

Bishopstown under 14's made camogie history for their club when they became Cork Feile na nGael champions for the first time recently. And on Friday next they will be travelling to Galway to represent Cork in the All-Ireland Feile finals.

Their form in winning the Cork title was very impressive as evidenced by their 5-1 to 2-0 victory over Na Piarsaigh (the 1980 Cork Feile winners) in the semi-final and their 6-0 to 0-0 win over Watergrasshill in the final.

The Bishopstown girls, guided by their coach Pat Murray, set their sights on the 1981 title two years ago. In their training programme since then they played many games not only in Cork but also in Dublin, Clare and Killarney and have even taken on the local boys team on occasions.

Since their Cork win they have been training very hard and are well prepared for the Galway trip, where they

know that they will face strong opposition, especially from Castlegar, their Galway hosts, and the Dublin champions Marino, who are favoured to win this year's event.

Their key players are captain Elaine Buckley, niece of former Cork player John Buckley, who plays at full-back, goalie Elizabeth O'Neill, centre-back Elizabeth Towler, who won last year's Cork Feile individual skills competition, centres Grainne Hassett and Georgina Collins and forwards Niamh Coughlan, Ann Dorney and scorer-in-chief Lorraine O'Shea, who notched up a marvellous five goals in the Cork final. The panel travelling to Galway also includes Helen De Groot, Josephine Buckley, Mairead Crowley, Deirdre Enright, Helen Hogan, Catherine Kelly, Linda O'Brien, Eileen Carrig, and team mascot young Bernie Hayes, and the good wishes of all Cork followers go with Bishopstown in their bid to bring All-Ireland honours to their club and county.



Cork Feile na nGael champions, Bishopstown, who will represent County Cork at the All-Ireland Feile finals at Galway next weekend.



● The Marino camogie team who beat *CORK'S Repres. Bishopstown* Kilkenny's representatives Bonnetsbridge in the final of Feile Na nGael in Galway.

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EXCITING DOUBLE BILL IN CORK

The semi-finals of the Cork Senior County Championship make up an exciting double bill at Ballincollig tomorrow evening with holders Killeagh meeting Watergrasshill and Eire Og opposing Sarsfields in what should be a most exciting programme.

This weekend also Bishopstown travel to Galway to represent Cork in the All-Ireland Feile na Gael finals.

Big club news this week is that Patricia Riordan will be lining out for Watergrasshill in the county semi final. And Cork star forward Mary O'Leary could also be fit for the game.

These two must be a marvellous boost to Watergrasshill's chances and could mean that the 'Hill girls would prove a real threat to the fancied Killeagh side.

However, the champions must be fancied to win here, especially if Catherine and Ann Marie Landers, Marian Sweeney, Pat Moloney, Betty Joyce and company strike form.

EXPERIENCED

In the other semi final, former champions Eire Og, with Miriam Higgins, Eileen Dineen, Marian McCarthy, Mary Geaney and Margo Twomey will be expected to have too much experience for the young Sars side.

However, Lilian Zinkant,

Ger Crowley and Eithne Barry will have other ideas and will be determined to lead Sars to their first County final.

Cork Feile champions, Bishopstown, face the biggest challenge in their young history over the weekend as they represent Cork in the All-Ireland Feile finals at Galway. And Colette O'Mahony of St. Finbarr's will also be there as she represents Cork in the Skills Competition.

In local club games, St. Fanahans meet Cast-

lemagner in the Junior B League on Sunday and Blackrock play St. Finbarrs in the semi final of the Under 16 League on Wednesday night.

FIXTURES

Saturday and Sunday at Galway. All-Ireland Feile na nGael finals.
Tomorrow at Ballincollig, S.C.C. semi finals, Killeagh v Watergrasshill, 6.45 p.m.; Eire Og v Sarsfields, 8 p.m.
Sunday, J.B.L., St. Fanahans v Castlemagner, 3 p.m.
Wednesday (July 1), U16L semi final, Blackrock v St. Finbarrs, 7.30 p.m.

EIRE OG TOO GOOD

EIRE OG 1-12
NA PIARSAIGH 0-5

EIRE OG's greater experience proved too much for the young Na Piarasigh side in the second round of the senior county championship played at Inniscarra on Wednesday.

The winners were ahead by 1-8 to 0-1 at half-time and in spite of a gallant comeback effort by Na Piarasigh in the second half, they could never really hold the strong Eire Og side in this game.

Clare Kelleher was in excellent scoring form for Eire Og with a 1-6 tally, while Martha Kearney was Na Piarasigh's top scorer with four points.

Scorers. Eire Og: C. Kelleher 1-6, N. O'Driscoll 0-5, M. Twomey 0-1. Na Piarasigh: M. Kearney 0-4, P. Goggins 0-1.

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KILKENNY 2-4
KILDARE 2-3

KILKENNY yesterday defeated a strong Kildare side to qualify for the Leinster Junior Championship final. In a closely contested game, played at Mullinavat, Anne Marie Brennan, the Kilkenny goalie, Sandra Ash, Anne Dray and Joan Lannigan, played best for the winners. Nuala O'Connor, Miriam Malone, and Marion Johnson impressed for the losers.

Scorers — Kilkenny — M. Brennan (1-1), A. Whelan (1-0), J. Lannigan (0-2), A. Dray (0-1). Kildare — M. Malone (1-2), N. Birmingham (1-0), N. O'Connell (0-1).

Dublin Jun. "A" Championship final — Na Fianna 1-0, Presentation 0-1. Jun. "B" Championship final — Marino 5-2, Cumann 0-1. Jun. "C" 1 competition slip 3-3, Kilmore 0. Jun. "C" 2 final — Phoenix 2-0, Celtic 0.



The Junior Camogie team from St. Brigid's Vocational School, Loughrea recently won the Connacht Colleges Junior B championship, beating Ballygar in a very close and exciting final in Loughrea. The Loughrea team also won the County Galway Vocational Schools Championship beating Athenry in the final. The team was, seated, left to right, Noreen Daly, Margaret Sherry, Deirdre Lawless (captain), Elizabeth Reane, Rita Connor, Mary Kenny. Back row, Sharon Tierney, Patricia Ford, Caren McCormack, Gurney Kelly, Kathleen Broderick, Pearl Stewart and Margaret Connaughton.

Favourites go through

By JOAN MORLEY

KILLEAGH 1-11; WATERGRASSHILL 2-1
EIRE OG 4-11; SARSFIELDS 1-1

THE BIG TWO — Killeagh and Eire Og are once again through to the Cork Senior County Championship final by virtue of semi-final wins over Watergrasshill and Sarsfields at Ballincollig on Saturday evening before a large and enthusiastic attendance.

Killeagh were, of course, fancied from the beginning to retain their county title. However, Watergrasshill put up a fine performance with the appearance of Patricia Riordan playing with her new club for the first time, giving added strength to the defence. Liz Gardiner was excellent in goal and Angela Higgins also played well. May O'Leary returned to the game after injury, and although she did quite well on the field that if she struck top form Watergrasshill might well have surprised the winners.

At half time, Watergrasshill only trailed by two points and looked well in the game. However, after the interval the champions began to get on top with Betty Joyce in particular, Catherine Landers, Marie O'Donovan and Ann Marie Landers all coming into their own. Betty Joyce snapped up a total of ten points and it was these scores which eventually won the day for Killeagh.

Scorers — Killeagh: B. Joyce 0-10, M. Sweeney 1-0, M. Keniry 0-1. Watergrasshill: M. O'Leary and M. Farrell 1-2 each, A. Higgins 0-1.

KILLEAGH: P. Fitzgibbon, M. O'Donovan, F. O'Connor, M. Spillane, C. Landers, B. Kirby, A. M. Landers, B. Joyce, P. Keniry, P. Moloney, A. Leahy, M. Sweeney.

WATERGRASSHILL: M. Gardiner, B. O'Callaghan, M. Maher, M. O'Callaghan, P. Riordan, M. Curtin, D. Fenton, H. O'Callaghan, A. Higgins, C. Higgins, M. O'Leary, M. O'Farrell. Sub., H. Sheehan for M. Curtin.

Referee, A. O'Donovan, Glen Rovers.

AS EXPECTED, Eire Og had too much experience for the youthful Sarsfields side, playing in only their second senior year.

Noelle O'Driscoll was in devastating scoring form, particularly in the second half, adding a total of 2-4, while Mary Geaney and Nancy O'Driscoll were also impressive up front. Mary O'Donovan, Marian Reck and Marian McCarthy were others to shine for the winners.

Sarsfields were gallant losers, for although they were up against it right from the beginning they never gave up trying and had excellent performers in Lilian Zinkant, Catherine Murphy, who came on as a sub and scored their only goal, Elizabeth Dunphy and Ann O'Mahony.

Scorers — Eire Og: Noelle O'Driscoll 2-4, M. Geaney 1-1, Nancy O'Driscoll 0-4, J. Shannon 1-0, and C. Kelleher 0-2. Sarsfields: C. Murphy 1-0, L. Zinkant 0-1.

EIRE OG: M. McCarthy, M. Higgins, C. Kelleher, M. Geaney, E. Dineen, J. Shannon, M. Reck, Nancy O'Driscoll, M. O'Donovan, Noelle O'Driscoll, M. Twomey, A. O'Keefe.

SARSFIELDS: E. Barry, P. O'Mahony, L. Zinkant, G. Crowley, M. Kearney, L. Twomey, E. Noonan, G. Barry, V. Brett, A. O'Mahony, E. Dunphy, J. O'Regan. Subs.: C. Murphy for G. Barry, G. Barry for E. Noonan.

Referee, M. Ryan (Glen Rovers).

Celtic no match for top-form UCD

UCD 2-3
CELTIC 1-2

UCD, winners of the Ashbourne Cup Camogie competition, the league for higher institutes, and the Dublin Senior Championship, crowned a most successful season when they defeated Celtic in the final of the Dublin Senior Championship at Pearse Park on Tuesday.

The winners had the better of the exchanges in the first half and turned over at the break with a lead of 2-3 to 0-1. In the second period, Celtic had the edge for the first quarter and Una Crowley and Una O'Connor scored a point and a goal, respectively.

UCD talked but good defensive work by Catherine Doherty, Rita White, Claire Harrington and Anne Carey in goal, prevented them from raising the flag. The Murphy sisters, Mary, Anne, Edel and Frances were prominent for the College, while Una Crowley, Deirdre Lane and Catherine Doherty tried hard for Celtic.

UCD: Edel Murphy (1-1), Anne Murphy (1-0), Margaret Farrell (0-2). CELTIC: Una O'Connor (1-0), Noreen Fleming and Una Crowley (0-1 each).

LOUTH EXPERIENCE CAN TURN ODDS

THE REPLAY of the Junior National League Camogie final is arranged for Castlebellingham on Sunday (5.0). The participants Cavan and Louth played a draw at Cootehill at the end of May. In that game the home side dominated the first half and led 2-3 to 0-3, a score which did not flatter as they failed to finish many more chances.

Noeleen Brady, the Louth midfielder was the sole scorer in the drawn game. She was very accurate from frees and placed balls and was the key player on the team.

However the Wee County has made a number of changes for the replay. Vivienne Kelly, the goalie, who was second to Noleen in helping her native county to get a second chance, was sound in goal and foiled the Cavan attack more than once.

The Louth selectors have replaced Annette King, the full back, by Kathleen McCulloch and placed Annette at full-forward. The corner-backs Mary Connor and Connie Crehan have switched sides.

Only Noeleen Brady remains in her midfield position. Eileen Crehan has gone to left forward excluding Irene Matthews and she is replaced on the right wing by Collette Tumelty who started at full forward the last day. Frances Kelly, is moved from right to left wing.

SPECULATION

Cavan have not announced any changes. In the drawn game Noeleen Kiernan who had been out with an injury for the whole of the campaign came on the second half, so there is

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speculation about her fitness for a whole game still.

If Cavan had made more use of their chances, the last time it is unlikely that the experienced Louth girls would have caught up, yet the Wee County girls not only caught up but went a point ahead.

Yet Cavan showed great spirit. They staged a desperate rally in the closing minutes and placed Bernie O'Callaghan to score the equaliser.

If Cavan can reproduce their first half form of the last game and maintain it for the whole game they should take their first title but Louth are a much more experienced side and have a match winner in Noeleen Brady.

CLOSE CONTEST

Leinster are staging two finals — the Junior and Willwood Tailteann Minor — on Sunday at Russell Park. Dublin are contesting both finals. In the Junior their opponents are Kildare (3.30) and Westmeath contest the Minor (2.0).

Kildare reached the final when they defeated Kilkenny who had knocked out Louth.

the holders and the current League finalists. Dublin knocked out Wicklow, Laois and Wexford. Both sides have experienced and skilled players so a close contest is anticipated.

The Dublin Minors have been very impressive in their earlier games but Westmeath defeated such prominent and long established sides as Kilkenny and Kildare so the Metropolitans may not find it so easy this time.

THIRD IN ROW

Congratulations to Marino Dublin, who won the Feil na nGael Camogie Competition.

CAVAN GIRLS SUCCEED

CAVAN 0-4
LOUTH 0-2

Cavan won their first National camogie title — the Bourke Cup — when they defeated Louth in the junior league final replay at Castlebellingham yesterday.

The game followed much the same pattern as the drawn match. Cavan, with the advantage of wind, had the better of the exchanges through the first half, at the end of which they led by 0-4 to 0-0; though again, they wasted many scoring opportunities.

Louth came more into the game after the interval, but good defensive work by Cavan and inaccurate shooting by their own forwards cost them dearly.

Both sets of defenders performed well, and the outstanding forward was Bernie O'Callaghan who accounted for all but four points of Cavan's total. Vivienne Kelly, the Louth goalie, also had a superb game.

SCORERS: Cavan — B O'Callaghan (0-4). Louth — N Brady (0-2).

CAVAN — A McKiernan; C Smith, C Cusack, M McMullan; L O'Neill, C Clarke, M McDermott; N Kiernan, I Cusack; B O'Callaghan, Ann Sullivan, E Clarke.

LOUTH — V Kelly; K McCulloch; C Crehan, G Crehan, M Connor; F Kelly, N Bradley, C Tumelty; T Bates, K Sharkey, E Crehan; A King. REFEREE — Kay Quinn (Galway).

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Cavan's cup win

Cavan 0-4; Louth 0-2

CAVAN became the second winners of the Junior National Camogie League and Bourke Cup when they defeated Louth in the replay of the final at Castlebellingham yesterday.

Cavan were on top right through the first half and led 0-4 to 0-0 at the interval. Louth improved in the second half when they got the wind behind them but good defensive work kept the scoring down. Louth scored two points, one from play and one from a free, in this period.

Bernie O'Callaghan was the only scorer for the winners, scoring two points from play and two from frees. Vivienne Kelly, in goal, was again Louth's saviour as she foiled the Cavan forwards again and again.

Scorers: Cavan — B. O'Callaghan (0-4); Louth — N. Brady (0-2). Cavan — A. McKiernan; C. Smith, C. Cusack, M. McMullan, L. O'Neill, C. Clarke, M. McDermott, N. Kiernan, E. Cusack, B. O'Callaghan, A. Sullivan, E. Clarke.

Louth — V. Kelly; K. McCulloch, G. Crehan, G. Crehan, M. Connor, F. Kelly, N. Brady, C. Tumelty, T. Bates, K. Sharkey, E. Crehan, A. King. Referee — K. Quinn (Galway).

LEINSTER FINALS

Dublin and Kildare shared the honours in Minor and Junior Leinster Camogie Championship finals at Russell Park, Blanchardstown, yesterday.

DUBLIN, 4-4; ESTMEATH, 1-2

Estmeath opened the scoring with a point by Marie Scully in the Minor final. Dublin levelled with a similar score but a further estmeath point looft them in front at the break — 0-p2 to 0-1 for Dublin.

In the fourth minute of the second half Veronica mmgr struck a good goal for Dublin, in ts from Antoinette Kelly

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and further goals from V. O'Connor and Leslie Quinn put Dublin safely in front, estmeath's only reply in this half was a goal from Marie Scally.

Scorers — Dublin — V. O'Connor (3-0), L. Quinn (1-1), A. Kelly (0-3); estmeath — M. Scully (0-2).

KILDARE, 2-5; DUBLIN, 1-6

In a keenly fought Junior game Kildare had their first Leinster Championship win since 1968 and had the added satisfaction of a first win over Dublin at Junior level.

Joan Naughton opened Dublin's account with a well taken point from a free, but Miriam Malone levelled for Kildare. Fiona Ni Shiochain from play and Joan Naughton from a long distance free put Dublin two points ahead. After an exchange of points a brilliantly taken goal by Alva Baxter and a further brace of points left the Metropolitans ahead at the interval, 1-5 to Kildare's 0-4.

Against a strong breeze Dublin's backs and midfield still controlled play but some inaccuracy in the forward line allowed Kildare stay in touch. Kildare found reserves of skill and determination and hammered home two goals by Marie Creaven and Miriam Malone to swing the game narrowly in their favour.

Scorers — Kildare — M. Malone (1-5), M. Creaven (1-0), Dublin — A. Baxter (1-1), J. Naughton (0-4), F. Ni Shiochain (0-1).



Mr. Joe Talbot, Manager, A.I.B., Loughrea presents the schools junior camogie cup to Martina O'Dowd, Captain of Mountbellew who defeated Loughrea in the schools junior camogie final. Also pictured are Mrs. Jane Beatty, President, Galway Junior Camogie; Sr. Catherine, Secretary/Treasurer; Mr. Coleman, Assistant Manager, A.I.B., Loughrea.

KILLEAGH FAVOURITES

FOR the last four years Killeagh and Eire Og have dominated the Cork County Senior Championship and on Saturday evening the sides meet yet again in the 1981 County final at Church Road, writes Joan Morley.

Killeagh are holders of the title but for three years before 1980 Eire Og were champions. So now the stage is set for what must be yet another thriller to decide the destination of the 1981 county title.

The East Cork girls must start as favourites to retain their title, as they have been playing with such class and strength over the last two seasons that it is difficult to see them being beaten. They have marvellous ability in all sectors and have excellent players in Marian Sweeney, Pat Moloney, Marie O'Donovan, Catherine Landers and Betty Joyce.

They were unbeaten last season, in championship games, taking the Cork,

Munster and All-Ireland titles and Eire Og must expect the toughest of games on Saturday evening.

However, Eire Og are never daunted by the odds and they have upset things more than once against Killeagh. They have a grand goalie in Marian McCarthy, and other fine players in Mary Geaney, Nancy and Noelle O'Driscoll, Mary O'Donovan and Marian Reck, and they will not give up the chance of regaining that coveted trophy without a struggle.

So followers who go to Church Road can expect a marvellous game of camogie between two top sides. In the only other game listed Ballincollig meet Killeagh in the Under-16 League semi-final at Killeagh on Wednesday evening next.

Fixtures:

Saturday at Church Road, Blackrock: S.C.C. Final, Killeagh v Eire Og, 7.30 p.m.; Wednesday at Killeagh: U-16L semi-final, Ballincollig v Killeagh, 7.30.

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by Joan Morley

CHAMPIONS TURN ON THE STYLE

KILLEAGH 3-6
EIRE OG 1-5

CORK, Munster and All-Ireland club champions, Killeagh, turned on the style at Church Road, Blackrock, on Saturday evening with a marvellous display of camogie and retained their Cork Senior County Championship title at the expense of

a gallant Eire Og by 3-6 to 1-5. From early on in this game it was obvious that the Co. Champions had more style, speed and especially more scoring power than their opponents. They were quicker to the ball and their first-time pulling in the air as well as on the ground was a treat to watch. They had obvious strength

in all sectors and at the end of the day had too much overall ability for Eire Og, who, however, deserve credit for their gallant efforts as they tried right to the finish to pull the game out of the fire and in so doing helped in no small way to make this an exciting and entertaining county final with an abundance of top class camogie.

For the winners, Marie O'Donovan at fullback was in masterful form, while Catherine Landers at centreback was again practically unbeatable.

They had a marvellous centrefield trio in which young Ann Marie Landers had yet another great game. And in attack, Marian Sweeney and Betty Joyce

gave the Eire Og defence a very difficult time while young Patsy Keniry and Ann Leahy were always dangerous close in.

BEST PLAYERS

Eire Og for their part had the best player on the field in defender Miriam Higgins, while Eileen Dineen also played well in this sector. At centrefield, Margo Twomey and Mary O'Donovan tried hardest, but the Eire Og attack was never really effective in this game, with Grainne Mackey the only forward who looked likely to penetrate the stonewall Killeagh defence.

The opening ten minutes of this game was very close, but then Killeagh started to notch off the scores and by half-time were ahead by 2-2 to a single point.

After the interval, Eire Og produced their best camogie and in a flurry of activity reduced the arrears to four points. But again the champions came back and a goal from Patsy Keniry with less than ten minutes to go put them beyond reach and they coasted to an easy win.

Scorers for Killeagh: B. Joyce 1-5, M. Sweeney 1-0, P. Keniry 1-1; Eire Og: Noelle O'Driscoll 0-5, M. Geaney 1-0.

KILLEAGH: P. Fitzgibbon, M. O'Donovan, M. Spillane, C. Landers, B. Landers, A. M. Landers, P. Moloney, B. Kirby, P. Keniry, M. Sweeney, A. Leahy, B. Joyce.
EIRE OG: M. McCarthy, Noelle O'Driscoll, Nancy O'Driscoll, M. Geaney, M. Reck, M. Higgins, M. Twomey, M. O'Donovan, C. Kelleher, J. Shannon, G. Mackey, E. Dineen.

Referee: M. Ryan, Glen Rovers.



Concentration with Catherine Landers of Killeagh (left) preparing to strike and her opponent, Eire Og's Clare Kelleher, preparing to block down during the Cork County Senior Camogie Championship final at Blackrock on Saturday. (Picture Denis Minihane)

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Killeagh's Betty Joyce caught between Eire Og players Margaret Twomey (left) and Mary O'Donovan (partly hidden) as they race down the wing after the ball in the Cork Co. Senior Camogie Championship final at Blackrock. ("Echo")



With blood streaming down her cheek a determined Betty Joyce of Killeagh reaches up to regain possession of the ball under pressure from Eire Og's Mary O'Donovan in the Cork Co. Senior Camogie Championship final at Blackrock on Saturday. ("Echo")

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FROM left :-
Nancy O'Driscoll
(Cork), Geo W. Carthy
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CORK TURN IT ON IN SECOND-HALF

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By JOAN MORLEY

Cork 4-8; Dublin 4-3
Cork are through to the All-Ireland Camogie semi-final — against all the odds. With a marvellous second-half display, full of spirit and fight, they came from two goals down to defeat a fancied Dublin team 4-8 to 4-3 at St. Finbarr's grounds, yesterday.

Cork went into this game minus three stars — Pat Moloney, Marian Sweeney and Catherine Landers, left out for disciplinary reasons; and with a very inexperienced front line of attack. And they had to face an excellent Dublin team, who had already defeated the Leesiders in the National League Final.

This game was a thriller right from the throw-in, with Dublin's Orla Ni Riain and Cork's Mary O'Leary exchanging goals in the first two minutes. And the tie, which had generated so much interest, never lost its excitement from there on.

Dublin produced their best form in the second half of the first period when their attack gave Cork many

anxious moments. Orla Ni Riain and Mary Mernagh were always dangerous up front while their centre field, especially Una Crowley and Edel Murphy, won a great deal of the midfield exchanges. And the Cork attack was making little headway against a strong Dublin defence in which young goalie Yvonne Redmond and Ann O'Brien were always sound.

At this stage the League winners looked very good and by half-time they were two goals up and looked very much in line for a semi-final place.

However, Cork were a different side after the break. They had made two switches with captain Clare Cronin moving to the attack and Lis Lynch coming in at wing centre. But an even bigger change was obvious in their attitude. They fought every ball with grim determination and after Mary O'Leary scored a goal in the fourth minute, they suddenly realised all was not lost.

After eleven minutes they were level and a minute later took the lead for the first time with a point, again from

Mary O'Leary. In 18 minutes Clare Cronin goaled and in injury time added another point and with Dublin only managing a single point in this period, Cork were through.

Cork now go on to meet Galway in the All-Ireland semi-final in a few weeks time. Scorers:

Cork: M. O'Leary 2-4, G. McCarthy and C. Cronin 1-1 each; N. O'Driscoll and M. Kearney 0-1 each.

Dublin: O. Ni Riain 2-1, M. Conroy 2-0, M. Mernagh and E. Murphy 0-1 each.

Cork: M. McCarthy, P. O'Riordan, E. Dineen, M. Kearney, M. Higgins, C. Cronin, N. O'Driscoll, A. Higgins, A. Delaney, M. O'Leary, G. McCarthy, V. Fitzpatrick. Subs. M. Geaney for V. Fitzpatrick; L. Lynch for A. Delaney.

Dublin: Y. Redmond, A. O'Brien, F. Murphy, S. Wallace, C. Doherty, U. Crowley, E. Murphy, B. Redmond, O. Ni Riain, M. Mernagh, M. Conroy, J. Gormley. Subs. A. McGrath for F. Murphy, A. McManus for M. Conroy.

Referee: A. Downey, Kilkenny.



Cork centre-forward Mary O'Leary racing away from the Dublin defence to score an early goal during the All-Ireland camogie quarter-final game at Toghher yesterday.

Right foreground:-
Catherine Doherty (Dublin)
+ Ann Delaney (Cork)
Background: Barbara
Redmond (Dublin) +
Clare Cronin (Cork)

From left:-
Nancy O'Driscoll
(Cork), Gail McCarthy
(Cork), Ann Downey
(Referee) Edel
Murphy (Dublin)
+ Una Crowley
(Dublin)



Slick passing between the Cork forwards leaves Dublin defenders stranded during the All-Ireland senior camogie quarter final game at Toghher. —(Echo)

Kilkenny suffer injury setback

THE two remaining All-Ireland Senior quarter-finals are down for decision on Sunday next. Tipperary entertain Kilkenny at Moneygall (2.0) and Wexford travel to Kilkeel (2.30) to play Down.

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CLARE and Antrim reached the All-Ireland Junior semi-final against Kildare and Galway respectively when they defeated Limerick and Cavan in the Munster and Ulster Provincial finals yesterday.

Antrim 5-7, Cavan 1-1

Scorers—Antrim—D. Quinn 3-0, E. Traynor 1-4, L. O'Connor 1-1, Cavan—E. Conack 1-0, B. O'Callaghan 0-1.

Clare 4-4, Limerick 2-3

Scorers—Clare—C. Wall 2-0, C. Jones 1-2, N. Fox 1-0, R. Fahy 0-2, Limerick—A. Sberby 2-0, G. Morphy 0-2, M. Began 0-1.

ANGELA DOWNEY IN FORM FOR KILKENNY

KILKENNY and Down have qualified for an August 16 duel in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship semifinals. Cork have already got through to meet Galway in the second semi-final on the same date.

Speedy Kilkenny got their ticket at Moneygall where they overcame the Tipperary bid in facile fashion but Down had to survive a hectic finish to oust Wexford at Kilkeel.

KILKENNY 5-8;
TIPPERARY 1-6.

A disappointing Tipperary side failed to match the Kilkenny girls' speed and above all their determination and except for a brief period just after half time the superiority of the Kilkenny girls was never in doubt.

Tipperary did well in the opening minutes, but Kilkenny's Margaret Barrett opened the scoring with a point. Seconds later came the best score of the game. Kilkenny's Angela Downey turned on a ground ball from an acute angle and sent a cracking shot to the net.

These scores settled the visitors and they totally dominated the rest of the first half. They were much faster to the ball and quicker on the pull, but failed to turn their superiority into scores.

Tipperary were somewhat unlucky to concede a second goal after ten minutes when a high lobbing ball was misjudged by the goalie and ended up in the net.

Tipperary's first score didn't come until Rosie Ryan pointed after 20 minutes. Kilkenny's defence was well in control and two goals and one from Jo Dunne,

and a second from Angela Downey in the last five minutes of the half put Kilkenny 4-3 to 0-2 ahead at half time.

The Tipperary girls began the second half with much greater determination and applied much pressure on the Kilkenny defence. Deirdre Lane and Mary O'Brien pointed for Tipp but Angela Downey replied with two points both from frees.

Then Deirdre Lane rattled the Kilkenny net from a 15 yards free and when she added a point a minute later it looked like Tipperary revival might occur, but Tipperary failed to follow this up and when Angela Downey sent home her third goal after 15 minutes the game was virtually over and the contest.

Tipperary's fighting spirit died as they saw their last real chance fade away with Deirdre Lane pointing from a 15 yard free with only five minutes remaining. Kilkenny without extending themselves controlled

SCORERS — Kilkenny — A. Downey (3-4), J. Dunne (1-2), H. McCormack (1-1), M. Farrell (0-1), Tipperary — D. Lane (1-5), R. Ryan (0-1).

KILKENNY — P. O'Neill; L. Leary, A. Downey, B. O'Sullivan, A. Holden, G. Sutton, P. Muldowney, H. McCormack, A. Whelan, M. Farrell, A. Downey, J. Dunne.

TIPPERARY — J. O'Dwyer, B. Kennedy, A. Brophy, S. McDonald, M. Hackett, R. Ryan, M. Oulley, S. Delaney, A. Gleeson, N. O'Brien, M. Tynan for K. McCluskey.

Referee — P. Breslin (Dublin).

DOWN 2-6
WEXFORD 1-8

DOWN came out narrow victors when the final whistle blew. Backed by a slight wind in the first half the home side led 2-1 to 1-2 at the interval after a closely contested first half.

Wexford looked as if they were getting the upper hand when they went ahead fifteen minutes into the second half. The final ten minutes was the most exciting ten minutes of the game with the sides level three times before Down edged a point ahead just before the end.

SCORERS — Down — M. McGarvey (1-6), F. McGrady (1-0), Wexford — A. Martin (1-3), E. Walsh (0-4), T. Butler (0-2), O. O'Mahony (0-1).

The winners of these games will meet in the first semi-final on August 16 when Cork play Galway in the second semi-final.

The Noreiders played four games in the National Senior League, took the points from Wexford in both games but lost both times to finalists, Cork.

The Kilkenny girls are training very seriously for their game with Tipperary but suffered a set-back when their brilliant centre-back Bridie Martin, broke a finger in training and will not be fit for Sunday.

This is the county's first outing in the championship as they had a bye in the preliminary round.

All their other prominent players, Angela Downey, who is the most successful forward in the games; her twin Anne, who is playing equally well in her

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position at full-back, Margaret Farrell at midfield and Helena McCormack who is now at full-forward and goalie, her sister Teresa, are very experienced.

These counties met in the League Final 1979 and the Noreider won easily when Tipperary failed to live up to the reputation which got them to the final.

In the semi-final they had played brilliantly against Dublin in a really great game which ended in a draw and which the Premier County girls capably won in the extra-time period.

KNOCKED OUT

However, Kilkenny failed to maintain that form through the season and were knocked out of the championship by Cork first time out while Tipperary recovered their spirit for the Championship.

They went on to reach the All-Ireland and put up a fine performance but lost on the scoreboard thanks to a brilliant display in the Antrim goal by Angela Rogers.

So, if Tipperary, who defeated Limerick in the preliminary round, can recover that 1979 All-Ireland final form, a first class game could be seen at the Tipperary venue on Sunday.

Breda Kennedy was excellent in goal in the Limerick game. Other outstanding players were Deirdre Lane, Rosie Ryan, Sheila Delaney and Mary O'Brien.

Wexford have not been having a very happy season. They collected no points from their National League games, so they will travel North with caution. Down on the other hand have been the most successful county in the Northern Province.

Yet, the Mourne girls will be mindful that in many encounters over the last couple of seasons the Slaneysiders always managed to come out on top even if only by a narrow margin.

THE BACKBONE

Dorothy and Elsie Walsh, Kathleen Tonks and Deirdre Cousins are the backbone of Wexford's line-out.

They have many years of inter-county experience and have represented Leinster Inter-provincial teams. Some of their promoted junior players Fiona Cousins, Teresa Hobbs, Angela Martin the O'Leary sisters are promising and could prove too good for Down who will pin their hopes in Stephanie Kelly, Anne Rooney, Marion McGarvey, and the Turley sisters, for a senior championship breakthrough.

Contrast in the championship quarter-finals

BOTH PAIRINGS for the all Ireland Senior camogie championship semi-finals are now decided and will be played on August 16. The champions, Cork, are at home to Galway and Kilkenny have home venue against Down.

Last Sunday's quarter finals were indeed contrasting encounters.

Down had to fight every inch of the way to keep in front of Wexford in a game, which on reflection, the Slaneysiders might easily have won.

They dominated the opening stages, yet trailed by two points, at the interval, took command again in the third quarter and allowed their advantage to be taken from them in a great Down rally in which Marian McGarvey was the key player.

The Wexford attack did not have the punch to finish the opportunities presented and were it not for an excellent performance by Elsie Walsh at midfield, the result might not have been so close.

Kilkenny, on the other hand, proved much too strong for a weak Tipperary side.

The Premier County, as happened in the League final of 1979, against the same opposition, never got going and even their star players did not live up to their reputations.

On the other hand, Kilkenny's chief scorer, Angela Downey was in fine form and chalked up 3-4 of her side's 5-8 total. Deirdre Lane, who scored 1-5 — all but one point of Tipperary's total — was the only threat to Kilkenny's victory.

Galway have qualified for two

more all-Ireland semi-finals. On August 9 they entertain Antrim or Cavan in the junior competition and on August 23 they play Dublin, the Leinster winners, in the Willwood Tailteann Minor grade.

The Munster Junior final ended in a draw so Limerick and Clare will meet again next Saturday night to decide the destiny of the 1981 title. The winners travel to play Kildare on August 9.

The Ulster Willwood Tailteann Minor final between Derry and Antrim is arranged for Sunday next and will be played at a Derry venue. The winners are due to play the Munster Champions on August 23 at an Ulster venue.

The Antrim Senior team are Armagh's guests at the opening of the Ballymacnab G.A.A. field on Sunday next, where they play a challenge game.

Cork Girls Take On Tipperary

The Cork minors open their championship campaign this evening when they travel to Emly to take on Tipperary. They have trained diligently under the supervision of trainer Mary Nott and are expected to give a good account of themselves in what should be an exciting encounter.

Panel of players to travel: A. Buckley, M. Kiniry, U. Lyons, J. Deasy, I. O'Leary, D. O'Shea, D. Cotter, A. Gibbs, B. Barron, M. Currid, E. Dunphy, B. Scouts, M. Ring, B. O'Sullivan, Y. O'Neill, C. O'Leary, E. Towler, N. Larkin, F. Kiniry.

Bus will leave from St. Patrick's Church at 4.30 p.m. sharp.

FIXTURES

Tonight (Friday): at Emly, Co. Tipperary, 7.30, minor championship, Tipperary v Cork; at Ballycollig, 7.30, u-14 league, Ballycollig v Eire Og (ref Eire Og).

Tuesday, August 6: at St. Mary's, 7.30, minor championship, Galway v Kilkenny.

The Munster Junior final between Limerick and Clare is arranged for Sunday next at Shannon. Limerick are favourites in this game, but Clare could surprise their neighbours.

Galway are Connacht Junior titleholders once again. Last Sunday they defeated Roscommon and are at home to Ulster on August 9. The Ulster semi-finalists in this grade are Antrim versus Monaghan and Cavan versus Armagh.

The Leinster club championship semi-finals are fixed for Sunday next. Myshall (Carlow) are at home to Kiltegan (Wicklow) and

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Kildare team, Leinster Junior Camogie Champions, who beat Dublin 2-5 to 1-6. Back row: Mary Byrne, Mary Bermingham, Marie Cusack, Liz Dempsey, Rose Merriman, Marion Johnson, Eileen O'Brien, Phyllis Bambury, Marion Craven. Front: Mary Malone, Anna Miggin, Nuala O'Connell, Gemma Kane, Miriam Malone, Caroline O'Connell, Geraldine O'Dwyer.

Camogie defeat

KILDARE 1-4;
CLARE 1-5.

Kildare junior camogie team were narrowly defeated in a thrilling All-Ireland semi-final on Sunday. It was a splendid game, despite low scoring.

Kildare got off to a great start, going four points ahead in the first few minutes, a point coming from Miriam Malone and a goal from Liz Dempsey. Kildare seemed to be on top early in the first half but Clare were putting the pressure on towards half-time. The score at half-time was Kildare 1-3, Clare 0-3. Kildare's other two points came from Miriam Malone and Gemma Kane.

In the second half, Clare continued to put the pressure on the Kildare defence, then after Clare got a brilliant goal from a sideline cut they were well back in the game. Kildare only managed to score one point in the second half from a 15 yard free taken by Miriam Malone. Clare went on to score another two points. The

Kildare forwards were in hard luck for a couple of goals both in the second half and the first half. Marie Cusack was brought on for Marian Craven with only minutes to go, but was too late to make any impact on the game.

It was very disappointing for Kildare to lose by such a small margin. The same happened to the Kildare team back in the 1969 All-Ireland semi-final when beaten by Cork by one point. Kildare also lost the National League Final last year by a very narrow margin. They were beaten by Armagh by two points. Still, the team was the only one to bring Leinster honours to Kildare this year.

Team: Rose Merriman, Antoinette Merriman (Clane), Geraldine O'Dwyer, Mary Malone, Nuala O'Connell, Caroline O'Connell, Gemma Kane, Marianne Johnson, Liz Dempsey (Prosperous), Miriam Malone, Anna Miggin, Marian Craven (Broadford). Subs.: Marie Cusack (Clane) for Marian Craven.

Cork Minors Beaten By Tipperary

TIPPERARY 3-6, CORK 0-7

CORK'S three All-Ireland camogie titles have now been whittled down to one with the seniors the only side still in the running for honours. Latest to go were the minors who lost to Tipperary by 3-6 to 0-7 over the weekend.

Cork never settled down in the first half of this Munster semi-final and at the interval an excellent and very strong Tipperary side had notched up a 3-4 to 0-5 lead.

The Cork side were better in the second half but although Irene O'Leary, Patsy Keniry and Breda O'Sullivan, played well for the Leesiders, they never had any real answer to the Breda Kennedy, Jenny English and Marian Mulhall led Tipperary side.

Scores: Tipperary: B. Kennedy 2-4, J. English 0-2, M. Mulhall 1-0. Cork: E. O'Leary 0-7.

In the same competition Waterford, so long in the doldrums, had a shock win over Clare.

Camogie girls caused major upset

THEIR inability to make full use of the many scoring chances that came their way cost the Wexford senior camogie team dear in their bid to re-establish themselves as a force in the game.

Defeat in their All-Ireland quarter-final with Down at Kilkenny was all the more sickening in that Wexford enjoyed an embarrassing amount of possession but lost out by the minimum, 2-6 to 1-8.

It was a courageous display by the Wexford girls who showed no respect whatever for the Down girls high-standing in the game and were most unlucky not to have caused a major shock. They led for long periods of the game, but their failure to convert their dominance to scores was their downfall.

Elsie Walsh got them off to a great start with two points in the opening minutes. And even when Down struck back with two goals midway through the half, Wexford had the fighting spirit to hit back and were but one point, 2-1 to 1-3, in arrears at half-time.

Wexford completely dominated the second period, but wasted a multitude of chances. By contrast, Down punished every Wexford mistake and Marion McGarvey scored five second-half points from frees—some of them of a very questionable nature—to swing the game Down's way.

Even in the last ten minutes Wexford had chance after chance to at least draw level, but luck was against them and it was not to be their day. Nonetheless they can look back with pride and satisfaction on their performance and none more so than Dorothy Walsh, who played a blinder despite a nagging back injury; Stella Sinnott, Fiona Cousins, Orla O'Mahoney, Elsie Walsh, Angela Martin, Terry Butler and Gertrude O'Leary.

WEXFORD— Kathleen Tonks, Stella Sinnott, Ann Butler, Bernie Higgins, Dorothy Walsh, Fiona Cousins, Elsie Walsh, Orla O'Mahoney, Gertrude O'Leary, Caroline O'Leary, Angela Martin and Carmel Higgins. Sub—Terry Butler (for C. Higgins).



Anne Delaney, Lower Road, Cork, who received her B.A. degree, photographed with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Delaney, after the conferrings at U.C.C. —(Echo)

CAMOGIES PROGRESS IN THE SCHOOLS

IN RECENT years the progress of camogie at postprimary level has been spectacular, but this has been matched by the equally impressive strides made at primary school level.

The Primary Schools are the real foundation of the game, but they attract little interest or notice. Since camogie was set up at this level it has had its ups and downs. However, at present over 178 schools are playing in organised competitions.

These schools are spread over 17 counties, ranging from Donegal Tyrone and Derry in the North, down through Westmeath and Galway to Cork and Wexford. Games are organised at county level.

The manner in which they are organised within the counties varies from one county to the next. Some counties put the emphasis on participation, rather than on winning. This is in line with much of modern educational thinking that young people in their pre-teen years should not be exposed to competition at too early an age because they lose interest in sport after leaving school.

They put a child from each school on each team in blitz tests, which are organised from time to time so that the children from the various schools mix, and that somebody from every school is involved in every game. This means that everyone gets plenty of encourage-

League. The players from these schools have formed the basis for the title winning teams at post primary and minor level that have been produced by the county in recent years. Some counties have tried to improve the standard of camogie by starting with their county teams, but Cavan have started with the youngsters and worked up. They have shown that this approach can work and they have a very promising future.

PROBLEMS IN SOME AREAS

Naturally, in spite of all this progress, there are problems in some areas. In some counties, the teachers are either not interested in camogie, or else they are unable to coach the youngsters and the burden of organisation falls on the County Board.

This can pose problems. There are also counties like Wexford, where most of the interest is in rural areas and schools in the towns take no part in competitions. On the other hand, there are counties like Cavan and Kilkenny where teachers give the game great support and are also very generous with their time in ensuring that camogie thrives in their schools.

Some counties, like Kilkenny and Mayo have succeeded in obtaining sponsorship from local firms for primary schools' competitions, which is undoubtedly a very worthy case for such sponsorship.

Close links have also been established between local schools and their clubs to ensure that when the children move on to post-primary level their links with the game will not be broken.

The exact progress in each county was monitored closely during the month of June. Each County Board Secretary received a questionnaire dealing with the progress in the county at this level. This move will help COMHAIRLE CHAMOGAIOCHTA na mBUNSCOIL-



The Bank of Ireland U.S.I. Sports Award for Camogie is presented to Edel Murphy, (Dublin), by James Tunney, T.D., the then Minister of State at Department of Education.

ment. Very often every girl taking part gets an award as a memento of the occasion.

This kind of blitz is, however, more suited to cities and large towns, where there are a lot of teams in close proximity to one another and travel is not difficult. As well as that, a number of pitches are available side by side so that the whole operation can be run smoothly.

EANNA to a position to determine how best to promote the game in the future.

But, of course, the basic aim — that the children should enjoy the game — will not change.

Champions from Artane and Cork

WHILE dealing with post-primary Schools' affairs in this issue, it is appropriate to mention, if even only briefly, the top title wins in the season recently ended.

Success at senior level went again to Cork. The title was won for the first time by St. Patrick's School, who had an exciting one point win over Assumption College, Walkinstown. It was tough luck on the Dublin girls, who with almost the same team were beaten by North Presentation, also of Cork, in last year's final.

St. Patrick's made a big impression in the season as they also reached the junior decider. However, they failed in their bid to land the double, as they went under to a very well-trained team from John of God School, Kilmore Road, Artane, Dublin. The Dublin girls were very experienced, many having played minor for the county, and also played on the senior team, which reached the Leinster final.

Player of the year

EDEL Murphy, who won the camogie award in the 1981 Bank of Ireland-USI News Student Sports Awards for students in the third level colleges, is a student at UCDublin.

She helped U.C.Dublin to take the Ashbourne Cup (Universities' Championship) earlier in the year, and was part of the successful squad which took honours in the higher Education League.

Edel, who plays in either centre field or in the attack, was in the side that regained the Dublin county senior championship some weeks ago after an interval of eleven years. She had a splendid game, in fact, in the final win over Celtic, scoring 3-2 of her team's total of 4-3.

Edel Murphy is, understandably enough, also a member of the Dublin county senior team, and has played with the Combined Universities.

In the Dublin county senior championship final, incidentally, it is interesting to note that Edel Murphy's scoring exploits were matched for Celtic by Deirdre Lane, the Tipperary county star. She scored 1-8, all but a goal of Celtic's total.

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GALWAY, the Connacht Junior Camogie Champions entertain Antrim, the Ulster winners and Clare, the Munster title holders, travel to play the Leinster victors, Kildare, in the All-Ireland Junior semi-final on Sunday.

A draw in the Munster final, between Limerick and Clare, and delays in running off the Ulster Championship were responsible for the late finals in their respective provinces. Both were decided last Sunday.

Antrim's 5-7 to 1-1 victory over Cavan was a big surprise, but not so much that they won the title, but because of the ease with which they defeated the Breffni girls who had so recently taken the Junior National League title.

No doubt, the Ulster winners with travel hopefully to Galway, but the Westerners always put up a good fight in Championship encounters. They defeated the current champions Cork, in the final of 1979, so their present side is comparatively new to this grade.

The Junior Championship was inaugurated in 1974 and this is Antrim's first time to win out the Provincial title. They had very promising players last Sunday in Doreen Quinn, Elizabeth Traynor and Lorraine O'Connor.

The Clare - Limerick replay was dominated by Clare in the second half when they scored 4-2 to 0-3 for Limerick. The score at half-time 2-0 for Limerick to 0-2 for Clare put the Limerick girls in a strong position but Clare took over and fully deserved their victory.

Their opponents Kildare have been performing favourably in the Junior League, both in 1980 and '81. In 1980 they reached the final only to lose to Armagh by a goal in the last minute after a brilliant game, and in 1981 they won out their zone but lost the all-Ireland semi-final to Louth.

They have very experienced players in Miriam Malone, Nuala Malone, Marian Creavin and Gemma Kane while Clare outstanding players are Claire Jones, Rosemary Fahy, Lounda Fox and Carmel Wall.

Antrim could qualify for the all-Ireland final while Clare, who will be full of confidence after last Sunday's success, may find Kildare too experienced and very fit after their participation in the Junior League all through the spring and a long drawn out Leinster Championship in which 11 of the 12 counties participated.

Depleted Cork Will Find It Tough

Cork meet Galway on Sunday next in the All-Ireland semi-final at St. Finbarrs Grounds and will almost certainly be without defensive stars Patricia Riordan and Martha Kearney. On the same day Kilkenny meet Down at Nowlan Park in the other semi-final.

On the club front it will be a blank weekend but there are league games listed for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next.

Before Cork's quarter-final tie against Dublin the Cork selectors dropped Pat Moloney, Marian Sweeney and Catherine Landers from the team. Now the Cork side are further depleted with both star full-back, Patricia Riordan, and stylish centre-back, Martha Kearney, away on holidays. There is a slight possibility that Martha could be back on time but the selectors have picked the side for Sunday expecting Martha to be missing, although they have included her in the substitutes.

So with five of the original Cork team out of contention the selectors faced a difficult task indeed when they sat down to pick their side.

Marian McCarthy is still in goal but they have moved Eileen Dineen from wing to full-back, with young Joanie O'Sullivan of Glen Rovers coming in at corner back and the solid Miriam Higgins again filling the other wing back spot.

Nancy O'Driscoll, who came out of retirement for the Dublin tie is now moved from centre field to fill the important centre back berth (vacated by Martha Kearney) to complete the defence.

Liz Lynch, who came on as a sub in the Dublin game and played very well, retains her position at wing centre, while Angela Higgins moves to full centre and Val Fitzpatrick comes in at wing centre.

Mary O'Leary, who played such a major part in Cork's win against Dublin, in spite of injury, is retained at centre forward, while Mary Geaney, who came on in the Dublin game is again at full-

forward. Young Ger McCarthy, who was so good in the last outing and, Clare Cronin, who moved from wing centre to corner forward with such success, again fill the same positions.

It is never easy to replace even one star player, but to have to replace five is almost an impossible task. However, against a fancied Dublin side, Cork played with marvellous determination and, against all the odds, defeated Dublin. The loss of Patricia Riordan and Martha Kearney is a big blow now, but again the Cork selectors feel that if Cork can play with the same spirit they can overcome Galway on Sunday.

But they need to have the greatest respect for the Connacht side as they can field a very useful side indeed. Cork might also do well to remember that Galway have always given Cork sides great difficulty and, when one looks at the

Galway team, there is great power and strength in the side.

Their half backline of Nono McHugh, Chris Silke, a sister of Galway hurler Sean, and B. Holland is a particularly strong line, while the centrefield trio of Josie Kelly, Una Jordan and Ann Poniard will take a lot of holding, and in addition, they have an excellent goalie in Breda Coady and fine forwards in Madge Hobbins, Teresa Dwane and Ann Morris.

So Cork, especially such a depleted Cork, could find the going tough, but they played with such grim determination when the odds were stacked against them against Dublin, that a victory must again be on the cards on Sunday, but it will be tough.

Cork: M. McCarthy, E. Dineen, J. O'Sullivan, N. O'Driscoll, M. Higgins, V. Fitzpatrick, A. Higgins, L. Lynch, G. McCarthy, M. O'Leary, C. Cronin, M. Geaney. Subs: C. McCarthy, C. Kelleher, A. Delaney, P. Riordan, M. Kearney.

Galway: B. Coady, N. Treacy, N. McHugh, C. Silke, B. Holland, J. Kelly, U. Jordan, A. Poniard, T. Dwane, M. Hobbins, A. Morris, M. Sweeney.

Clare, Antrim Reach Final

Clare and Antrim qualified for the All-Ireland junior camogie final yesterday when they defeated Kildare and Galway respectively. Antrim had a comfortable victory, but Clare had to fight all the way.

CLARE 1-5
KILDARE 1-4

A magnificent display by Mary Carey in the Clare goal played a major part in her county's victory at Clane.

Kildare got off to a bright start with an early point, but Clare soon equalised. The home side goaled, but for good defensive work, might have increased their tally. Two points for each side left Kildare leading 1-3 to 0-2 at half time.

Clare equalised after the re-start and went ahead for the first time midway through this half. Kildare drew level again in a hectic finish and the visitors added the winning point, before holding off a spirited rally by Kildare.

Scorers: CLARE — C. Jones (1-2), L. Fox (0-2), M. Began (0-1). KILDARE — M. Malone (0-3), L. Dempsey (1-0), G. Kane (0-1).

ANTRIM 3-6
GALWAY 1-6

Antrim had a clever and effective forward line, which proved too experienced for Galway in the second semi-final at Tynagh. The winners were in a strong position at half-time, leading 2-3 to 0-3.

Scorers: ANTRIM — E. Traynor (2-5), L. O'Connor (1-0), M. McKillop (0-1). GALWAY — M. Ryan (0-5), A. Manning (1-0), M. Kane (0-1).

Easy going for Cork, Kilkenny

IT WILL BE a Cork and Kilkenny All-Ireland final in Camogie on September 13. Yesterday at St. Finbarr's Grounds, Cork, the champions beat Galway by 5-10 to 1-7 while in the other semi-final, at Nowlan Park, Kilkenny it was also a local victory when Kilkenny reached the final for the first time in four years by beating Down 4-13 to 1-3.

Cork, 5-10; Galway, 1-7

Galway got off to a dream start, scoring a goal and a point in the first six minutes while Cork took much more time to settle down and did not draw level (1-3 each) until the 23rd minute of this half. Even then Galway recovered to add two points before half-time and lead 1-5 to 1-3 at the interval.

As in the quarter final against Dublin the champions resumed in top gear and scored 2-4 in the first 12 minutes of this half and at the same time kept Galway scoreless until the 15th minute.

Galway were obviously not as fit as Cork who were without two more of the team which lost the League final to Dublin. Martha Carney, the centre back, did not make it back from holidays in time for the game and full-back Patricia Riordan was also absent, on holidays.

Nancy O'Driscoll deputised at centre-back for Martha and Eileen Dineen, moved from left-back to replace Patricia. Joan O'Sullivan filled in in her position.

The winners were best served by Miriam Higgins who was the most effective back in the first half. Mary O'Leary, Mary Geaney, Nancy O'Driscoll and Clair Cronin.

For Galway Nono McHugh, Josie Kelly and Una Jordan were a tower of strength in the first half and the same players tried hard to the end.

Scorers—Cork—Mary O'Leary (1-6), Mary Geaney (2-1), Val Fitzpatrick (1-2), Geraldine McCarthy (1-6), Angela Higgins (0-1 each). **Galway—**Una Jordan (0-5), A. Poniard (1-0), M. Hobbins (0-2) each.

Cork—M. McCarthy, E. Dineen, M. Higgins, N. O'Driscoll, J. O'Sullivan, V. Fitzpatrick, A. Higgins, L. Lynch, C. Cronin, M. O'Leary, G. McCarthy, M. Geaney.

Galway—B. Coady, N. Treacy, C. Silke, N. McHugh, M. Higgins, U. Jordan, J. Kelly, B. Holland, M. Kelly, M. Hobbins, P. Carr, A. Poniard, Subs: M. Murphy (Paula Carr).

Kilkenny, 4-13; Down, 1-3

While Down had skilful players such as centre-back Stephanie Kelly they failed to combine as a team. Kilkenny soon began to show their strength, their midfield team dominated throughout with Margaret Farrell impressing in the first half, with Peggy Muldowney outstanding in the second half.

Angela Downey opened the scoring with a goal in the second minute. She added one goal two points while Margaret Farrell scored a point to leave the Kilkenny girls 2-3 to two points ahead at the 13th minute. Down scores coming from Bonnie McGreevy. Kilkenny added another 1-1 before the interval, the goal from

Angela Downey and a Jo Dunne point.

Though knowing that victory was not within their grasp, the Down girls persevered throughout the second half. Stephanie Kelly impressed at centre back, while Bonnie McGreevy was the most threatening of the Down forwards.

Scorers—Kilkenny—A. Downey (1-3), A. Whelan (1-1), J. Dunne (0-4), P. Muldowney (0-2), B. McGarry (0-1), H. McCormack, M. Farrell (0-1) each.

Down—D. Piper (1-0), B. McGreevy (0-2), M. McGarvey (0-1).

Down—E. Hamill, J. Gilmore, C. O'Hara, S. Kelly, N. O'Prey, R. Greer, M. McGarvey, A. Rooney, B. Han, M. McGarry, A. Rooney, K. McGreevy, F. McGrath, D. Piper, K. Rice, Subs: M. McGrath, N. McCartan, J. Doran, M. O'Prey.

Kilkenny—T. O'Neill, L. Neary, A. Downey, C. Sullivan, A. Holden, G. Sutton, P. Muldowney, A. Downey, Whelan, H. McCormack, A. Downey, J. Dunne Subs: B. McGarry for H. McCormack, A. M. Brennan, M. Brennan and D. Malone.

Referee—Elsie Welsh (Wexford).

CORK THROUGH TO DECIDER

By Joan Morley

Cork 5-10, Galway 1-7

Champions Cork are through to this year's All-Ireland camogie final, despite a further depletion of their original panel and a dream start by Galway in the semi-final at St. Finbarr's Grounds, Cork, yesterday.

In addition to the three Killeagh players dropped for the quarter-final tie against Dublin, Cork were also without top defenders, Patricia Riordan and Martha Kearney, both away on holidays. But, as in the Dublin game, Cork, after an indifferent first half which saw them trailing by 1-5 to 1-3 at the interval, served up a feast of camogie in the second period.

A switch just before the interval saw Clare Cronin go to her usual position in the centre from the attack, and Val Fitzpatrick switch from wing centre to corner forward. The move worked wonders and after Mary Geaney majored in the first minute of the second period to put Cork ahead, the Leesiders went on a scoring spree which saw them 3-6 to 1-5 ahead after only ten minutes and an incredible 5-10 to 1-7 ahead at the finish.

But at half time, one could not have envisaged this 15 point win as Galway had a dream opening, scoring 1-1



The Cork team which defeated Galway in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship semi-final at Toghier, Cork. ("Examiner")

before Cork notched their first point, and although they were without star corner forwards Ann Morris and Teresa Dwane, looked most impressive right through the first period.

But, after the interval, they ran out of steam, against the fitter Cork side, and although they tried to the finish they had no real answer to Cork once the champions found their scoring form.

For Cork, sharpshooters Mary O'Leary, Nancy O'Driscoll, Marian McCarthy, Miriam Higgins and young Joan O'Sullivan impressed while Galway's best players were Una Jordan, Madge

Hobbins, Nono McHugh and Josie Kelly.

Scorers Cork: M. O'Leary 1-6, M. Geaney 2-1, V. Fitzpatrick 1-2, G. McCarthy 1-0, A. Higgins 0-1.

Galway: U. Jordan 0-5, A. Poniard 1-0, M. Hobbins 0-2.

Cork: M. McCarthy, E. Dineen, J. O'Sullivan, N. O'Driscoll, M. Higgins, V. Fitzpatrick, A. Higgins.

L. Lynch, G. McCarthy, M. O'Leary, C. Cronin, M. Geaney.

Galway: B. Coady, N. Treacy, N. McHugh, C. Silke, M. Higgins, J. Kelly, U. Jordan, B. Holland, M. Kelly, M. Hobbins, P. Carr, A. Poniard. Subs: M. Murphy for P. Carr; M. Freney for M. Higgins; P. Carr for A. Poniard.

Referee: S. Breslin, Dublin.

KILKENNY WIN

Kilkenny 4-13, Down 1-3

Kilkenny gave a clear indication yesterday that they have their sights firmly set on another All-Ireland when they completely swamped Down in a totally one-sided semi-final at Nolan Park, Kilkenny.

At half time Kilkenny led by 3-4 to 0-2 and without extending themselves in the second half they continued

to pile up the scores with no threat from a gallant but outclassed Down.

Angela Downey had a personal tally of 3-4 while the other scorers for Kilkenny were Jo Dunne 0-4, Anne Whelan 1-1, Margaret Farrell, Peggy Muldowney, Helen O'Neill and Bridie Martin 0-1 each.

Down's scores came from Delores Lipper 1-0, Bennie McGreevy 0-2.

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Cork County Board secretary resigns

Minors hold the stage

By TAOBH LINE

WITH CORK and Kilkenny in the Senior Championship final and Antrim and Clare in the Junior decider, the Willwood Tailteann Minor All-Ireland finalists will be decided this Sunday when, Leinster champions Dublin travel to Tynagh (3.0) to play Galway and Antrim entertain Tipperary at Randalstown (2.30).

Antrim and Tipperary are provincial champions for the first time while Galway, who were the winners in 1977 and Dublin are no newcomers at this stage.

Both counties have contested the semi-finals for the past two years and Dublin have most of last year's provincial champion side while Galway can call on four of their junior team to duty on Sunday next.

Both counties approach the semi-final full of confidence in their selections. The Metropolitans have on their panel ten of the St. John of God Junior all-Ireland Schools champion team while eight of the panel were on the Woodville team which won the Feil na nGael Competition in 1979 and '80.

Other experienced members of the panel are Mairead Cronin who played for Assumption School, Walkinstown in the Senior Schools Final, Patricia Clinton and Patsy Murphy of Marino.

Galway, who have the benefit of home venue, will put much of their trust on their junior players, captain Breda Kenny at midfield, goalie Carmel Brisco, her sister Anne, the right winger and Annette Ryan at right forward.

Ann Ryan in the opposite corner, has quite a reputation, having won the skills award at the Feile in June. Attracta Egan and Anne Kennedy are also strong defenders.

Antrim, the only county in with a chance of winning two All-Ireland titles in 1981, have high hopes that the minors will equal the Juniors success.

Nuala McAtumney, the captain, and her three colleagues from minor champions, Portlennone, are the backbone of the Ulster champion side.

Nuala who is played at full-back, is niece of well-known Maired and a cousin of Jackie and Siobhan's of the Senior team.

BREDA LANDERS, Secretary of the Cork County Camogie Board, has resigned her position due to alleged remarks made by the chairwoman of the County Board that she had not correctly recorded the minutes of a County Board meeting on June 29. The minutes were adopted by the Board on Monday, July 6, having been proposed by Mary Nott of Glen Rovers, seconded by Rose O'Leary, Eire Og and duly signed by the chairwoman.

The remarks concerned a decision of the County Board not to consider three members of the Killeagh Club Pat Moloney-Linehan, Marian Sweeney and Catherine Landers for the Cork team for the All Ireland semi-final clash against Dublin.

This came about following the decision of the Killeagh Club to play a Kilkenny selection in Kilkenny on the Saturday night previous to the Dublin game.

Margaret Stockman, Anne McGarry, the midfielders and forward Brona Melvenna, of the county champions team have been very prominent in the Ulster Championship in which they defeated Monaghan, Armagh and Derry.

Geraldine McCann, the right forward, won third place in the Skills Competition at the Feile this year.

Other skilled players include defenders Jennifer McKinley and Siobhan Henry and goalie Catherine O'Hara.

Tipperary, who defeated the champions, Cork, are the surprise team of the competition. Cork, only defeated once before in this competition in Munster since it was inaugurated — 1974, have won the title five times with Down and Galway sharing the remaining two.

The Tipperary team is drawn from four clubs from the same area, Emly, Cashel, Cappawhite and Templederry.

The players are well-known in Munster schools team. The captain Jenny English is a brilliant young player who with Anne Marie Meaney and Cora O'Brien play for Presentation, de La Salle Hospital, Ann Buckley, Triona Bonnar, Kathleen Guilfoyle and Miriam Mulhall are from Cashel the only Tipperary school to have won Schools All-Ireland titles. Nenagh Mercy Convent the Munster Intermediate champions supply Breda Kennedy, who plays on the senior county team, Mary Stapleton, Cara Moloney and Maura Hayes, all from Templederry.

ANTRIM — C. O'Hara; N. McAtumney (capt.); J. McKinley; A. McCormack; S. Henry; M. Stockman; H. Loughran; A. McGarry; G. McCann; B. Quinn; B. Melvenna; C. Gail.

DUBLIN — M. Slettori; P. Murphy; L. Ormond; D. Byrne; M. Cronin; A. Kelly; A. Archibald; P. Clinton; A. Cooper; S. Doyle; L. Quinn; V. O'Connor.

GALWAY — C. Brisco; L. Hernon; A. Kennedy; K. McCormack; A. Egan; A. Brisco; B. Kenny (capt.); M. Robinson; A. Ryan; M. Reilly; A. Ryan; M. O'Dowd.

Galway are superior

ANTRIM and Galway have qualified to meet in the all-Ireland Camogie final. At Tynagh yesterday, Galway defeated Dublin by 3-5 to 1-2 and also with home advantage at Randalstown, Antrim beat Tipperary by 3-4 to 2-5.

GALWAY, 3-5; DUBLIN, 1-2
SUPERIOR in skill and with a better balanced side, Galway took control in the first quarter and never relinquished their advantage Aine Ryan in the 12th minute, and Margaret Reilly in the 15th, took advantage of hesitation in the Dublin defence to give their side two valuable goals.

Scorers — Galway — M. Reilly (2-0), B. Kelly (0-4), A. Ryan (1-0) and M. Robinson (0-1). Dublin — V. O'Connor (1-0), A. Kelly (0-1) and S. Doyle (0-1).

ANTRIM, 3-4; TIPPERARY, 2-5

ANTRIM DEFEATED Tipperary by two points in an exciting game. Antrim had almost all of the play in the first half and led at half-time by 3-3 to 1-1.

Tipperary took over in the second half and allowed Antrim to score only one point. The brilliance of the Antrim goalkeeper, Catherine O'Hara, and a succession of wides, denied Tipperary a place in the final.

Scorers — Antrim — G. McCann (2-1), E. Quinn (1-0) and M. Stockman, B. Melvenna and B. Quinn (0-1 each). Tipperary — M. Stapleton (1-5) and J. English (1-0).

Cork won the game and advanced to meet Galway but, despite the fact that the minutes recorded stated that the three East Cork girls were omitted from the panel for the Dublin game, they were again not considered for the Galway clash.

A letter from Breda Landers was read at the meeting on Monday, August 16. In this letter she asked for an apology from the chairwoman and if not forthcoming it was her intention to resign.

Members of the Killeagh Club waited for the apology at last Monday night's meeting (August 23) but none was forthcoming from the Co. Board chairwoman.

The three Killeagh players are the holders of eleven senior All-Ireland medals between them. They are still not being considered for the county team.

As a matter of interest two of the Cork senior selectors are from Killeagh.

TOP RATING FOR GALWAY MINORS

ANTRIM, who qualified for their second All-Ireland final last Sunday, and Galway, are the contestants for the Willwood Tailteann Minor All-Ireland final at Tynagh (3.0) on Sunday next.

This competition, inaugurated in 1974, has been part of the Willwood Tailteann Festival for the past five years.

Two years ago the four provincial finalists came together for a weekend, played the semi-finals on Saturday and the final on Sunday.

The same procedure obtained last year but the Congress ruled that last March that the two games were too strenuous for the Under-16 age group and playing the semi-finals earlier was decided.

NO OTHER DATE

As there was no other suitable date these games were only played last Sunday. Tipperary, who knocked out Cork, who have been the champions for the past three years and five times out of seven, travelled North to play the Ulster winners, Antrim.

The Munster girls did not settle down at all during the first half and Antrim led 3-3 to 1-1 at half-time.

However, Tipperary were a different side after the interval and very nearly matched the Antrim girls, who had a brilliant goalie in Cathy O'Hara.

GALWAY DECISIVE

In the second semi final, Galway who were the champions in 1977, scored a decisive victory over Leinster champions Dublin. The Western midfield trio, captain Breda Kenny, Ann Brisco and Maureen Robinson dominated that sector all through the game.

They had opportunist forwards in Margaret Reilly, Anette Ryan and feile skills star Anne Ryan. The four players, Carmel in goal and Ann Briscoe, Breda Kenny and Anette Ryan, who have the ex-

perience of playing with the Galway junior side proved much too strong for their Dublin opponents and contributed in no small way to their victory.

WELL TRAINED

Galway are a sound, even and well trained side but Antrim must be highly rated. They had a tough campaign at home, where they defeated Monaghan, Armagh and Cavan, and more relevant still they ran through fancied Tipperary in the first half and when the Munster champions found their form in the second half Antrim, under pressure, held on to reach the final.

They have a number of skilled players in goalie Claire O'Hara, defenders Anne McCormack, captain Nuala McAtumney. The midfield line of Anne McGarry, Helen Loughran and Margaret Stockman are a lively combination who more into attack effectively to aid Geraldine McCann and Brona Melvenna, who were outstanding last Sunday.

GALWAY — C. Brisco; L. Hernon; A. Kennedy; K. McCormack; A. Egan; A. Brisco; B. Kenny (capt.); M. Robinson; A. Ryan; M. Reilly; A. Ryan; M. O'Dowd.

ANTRIM — C. O'Hara; N. McAtumney (capt.); J. McKinley; A. McCormack; S. Henry; A. McGarry; H. Loughran; M. Stockman; G. McCann; B. Quinn; B. Melvenna; C. Gail.

Referee — R. Ryan (Dublin).

it was not until
seconds that captain Breda
Kenny sent over the winning
point from a free in an exciting
finish.

Carmel Briscoe made some
brilliant saves in goal for
Galway. Anne Kennedy and At-
tracta Egan also did well in
defence and captain Breda
Kenny and her two colleagues
Martina O'Dowd and Anne
Briscoe at midfield contributed
most to their team's victory.
Margaret O'Reilly, Annette and
Anne Ryan were best in attack.

For Antrim Cathy O'Hara
was again sound in goal. Anne
McCormack and Siobhan Henry
played well in defence. Anne

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Minors Win All-Ireland Crown

ANTRIM 3-3

ir shadow before them, but who (rior) to emulate the county's minor Championship Final by the second Sunday last the Galway team did just

performances this year had certain disappointment. Now there is an assurance of a revival of interest. The paying public will soon take note.

Can this team be compared with the All-Ireland champions of 1977? Time will tell how these girls talents develop, but on Sunday last they proved to be impossible to baffle. Their task was to overcome an Antrim side that had put fancied Tipperary out of the reckoning the previous Sunday. Their dedication was inspiring.

Nowhere was this dedication to be better observed than in Margaret Reilly. How many girls can say they've cycled sixteen miles to training, like she's been doing from Woodford to the Duniry club, Davitts? It was this unyielding attitude that kept her going on Sunday, oblivious of a severe cut which after the game received stitches from Dr. Conway McGee.

This game, which was played at a cracking pace, was interrupted several times by the necessity to administer first aid. A lot of time was spent during the second half on this and as a result extra-time was played. A lot of extra-time. Somewhere between 10 and 13 minutes.

Antrim were singularly unfortunate to lose their star player, Anne McGarry, at a vital juncture in the second half. All of Antrim's scores at that point had come from her hurley. At her departure, with Antrim trailing by seven points, it looked a foregone conclusion who would win. But this did not take into account the Northerners' fighting spirit. It was then the fireworks really started.

Lest the impression be given that this was a rough game, let it be said it was in no way anything but a fair encounter. One of the outstanding players was Anne Ryan, sister of Pascal and John Ryan, and she, the current Feile na nGael skills champion, was the youngest player on the field.

Experience

On the other hand four of the team have had experience with the County junior team, goalie Carmel Briscoe, Breda Kenny, Ann Briscoe and Annette Ryan. This extra factor was a great help in holding control.

Perhaps, it was on the sideline that this victory was fashioned. Trainer/selector Jane Beatty had a number of her pupils from Castleblakeney College on the team and together with fellow selectors, Mrs. Briscoe and Kathleen Quinn they managed to blend the team very well. In fact, coming from just four clubs in the county there was a certain element of area pride in this team's success.

It is one of the features of the camogie confraternity's thinking that they bring important matches to the smaller venues. In the past



GALWAY on the attack with Anne Ryan passing the ball to Mairead O'Reilly, who blasted Galway's first goal, during the All-Ireland minor camogie final against Antrim at Tynagh on Sunday.



ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONS — The Galway Minor Camogie Team who defeated Antrim by one point in the All-Ireland Final at Tynagh on Sunday.

pitches like Ballinacorney and Oranmore which never get inter-county hurling games, have been honoured with All-Ireland camogie finals. Tynagh is the latest. Hopefully, the local field committee will see signs of higher things in their two recent big games.

Antrim started well and in the eighth minute Anne McGarry shot a 35 yards free all the way to the net. Immediately afterwards Breda Kenny, the Galway captain, drove wide from a free. Anne McGarry added a point but gradually Breda Kenny, Ann Briscoe and Maureen Robinson began to settle at midfield for Galway.

In the 17th minute Margaret Reilly sent in a superb shot to score a Galway goal and with Galway gaining the initiative Breda Kenny registered two fine points. Shortly before the interval Ann McGarry equalised from a line ball for Antrim leaving the score at 1-2 apiece.

Galway were more determined after the break and after three minutes Martina O'Dowd shot a fine goal. Margaret Reilly was unlucky to be found infringing the square rule when scoring another goal and as the three quarters stage approached the game began to drag. Injuries required inspection and first-aid took time.

Ann McGarry received severe nose and eye injuries and had to be replaced. Margaret Reilly was more fortunate in being allowed to play

on. Breda Kenny added a Galway point before Annette Ryan took off on a brilliant solo run, laying off to Margaret Reilly who rammed home another great goal, leaving Galway seven points ahead, 3-3 to 1-2.

Antrim, instead of being defeated came to life. Helen Loughran and Claire Gall shot in a goal apiece. Geraldine McCann equalised and then it was a case of how long extra time was going to be, because obviously the stoppages had played havoc with the time-keeping. Excitement was high! Galway's Breda Kenny took several frees and sent them wide, until eventually she put her side ahead with a point.

Best players for Galway were Carmel Briscoe, Lorna Herron, Ann Kennedy, Breda Kenny, Ann Ryan and Margaret Reilly.

For Antrim most impressive were goalie Claire O'Hara, Anne McCormack, Nuala McAtamney, Anne McGarry and Helen Loughran.

Galway: C. Briscoe, L. Herron, A. Kennedy, K. McCormack, A. Egan, A. Briscoe, B. Kenny, M. Robinson, A. Ryan, M. Reilly, A. Ryan, M. Reilly, A. Ryan, M. O'Dowd.

Antrim: C. O'Hara, N. McAtamney, J. McKinley, A. McCormack, S. Henry, A. McGarry, H. Loughran, M. Stockman, C. McCann, B. Quinn, D. McInvenna, C. Gall.

Referee: R. Ryan (Dublin).

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COUNCILLOR Claude Toft, Mayor of Galway with the Galway Minor Camogie team who defeated Antrim in the All-Ireland minor camogie final, photographed at a reception in their honour at Arus Failte, Galway. Front row, l to r, Olivia Killeen, Carmel Briscoe, Margaret O'Reilly and Martina O'Dowd. Second row, l to r, Anne Briscoe, Brenda Kenny, captain, Councillor Toft, Maureen Robinson and Annette Ryan. Back row, l to r, Jane Beatty, trainer, Criona Duffy, Karen McCormack, Anne Kennedy, Attracta Egan, Anne Ryan, Barbara Glynn, Lorna Hernon and Claire Dillon.



The Bishopstown Community Games camogie team which will represent Cork and Munster in the national finals at Mosney next weekend. With them is trainer Pat Murray — ("Echo")

A Perfect Pairing For

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The contestants for the 50th All-Ireland senior camogie final could not have been more suitably selected.

Cork, who are bidding for their 13th All-Ireland title, and Kilkenny, seeking to win the Sean O'Duffy cup for the fourth time, have met four times in the premier decider and each game has been first class.

Pride of place, however, must go to the drawn game in 1974. Both sides played brilliantly, keeping the

appreciative crowd on its toes.

The Leesiders led by a point approaching the final whistle. Kilkenny were awarded a free sixty yards out, but thanks to the cool and expert marksmanship of Helena O'Neill, a point resulted, and the sides were level. Kilkenny won the replay to take their first senior championship title back to Noreside.

For Cork, it marked the end of a great run of four All-Ireland senior titles in a row. Subsequently each county

has won the title twice. Kilkenny were the champions in 1976 and '77 while Cork, who are the present holders, were also winners in 1978.

From that last meeting, the champions have two players on their line-out for Sunday—Marion McCarthy and Nancy O'Driscoll.

Kilkenny, on the other hand, can call on six of that line-out and one from the substitutes' bench.

Goalkeeper Teresa O'Neill is still in the same position, Liz

Neary, then the right-back, now plays at full-back; Bridie (Martin) McGarry, the centre-back, has moved to right wing this season; Peggy (Carey) Muldowney is still at centre field and Helena (O'Neill) McCormack has switched from the right wing to the left.

Only one of the forwards of that meeting is still in the side but what an important one that is — Angela Downey.

Angela started at right forward that day, but has played more frequently in the

WILL CORK PICK KILLEAGH TRIO?

THE 50th All-Ireland Senior Camogie Final will be played at Croke Park on Sunday week, when Cork, the champions, and Kilkenny should provide followers with an entertaining performance.

Both counties have some of the best-known and most skilful players in the association and previous games between them have always been first-class.

The counties were in the same section in the National League. It was played on a home-and-away system and Cork took the points on both occasions, by a small margin, which should make the championship final all the more intriguing.

Neither county has yet announced its team. The big question is: Will the Cork selectors recall the three Killeagh players, dropped after the League Final because they played a challenge game the night before that decider?

BROKEN FINGER

Kilkenny's star centre-back Bridie Martin, has been out for the past six weeks with a broken finger. She gave it a tryout for a short time in the semi-final against Down, but was not fully satisfied. However, she has been undergoing treatment, and hopes to be fully fit for the final.

Cork have won the Sean O'Duffy Cup 12 times and Kilkenny have been the champions on three occasions.

GAEL-LINN TEAM

The counties have met in three previous finals. Cork were the winners in 1970 and in 1972, while Kilkenny captured the title for the first time in

1974. Champions also in 1976 and 1977, and 1978, Cork took over again last year, a year of glory for them when they won the three national championships and the All-Ireland Club Championship.

Half their All-Ireland Final winning team were on the victorious Interprovincial Gael-Linn team, and no fewer than 11 of the junior champion team helped win out the Gael-Linn Shield.

Antrim and Clare are opponents for the first time in the junior final, which will be the curtain-raiser to the senior game.

Antrim will be competing in their initial decider, while Clare are contesting their second junior final. In the semi-finals, Antrim defeated Galway and Clare eliminated the Leinster champions Kildare.

GALWAY VICTORY

Galway gained a victory over Antrim last Sunday when they won the Willwood Tailteann Minor All-Ireland, an honour they previously captured in 1977.

Galway seemed set for an easy victory as they led by 3-3 to 1-2 with only five minutes left for play. Antrim drew level, and the game went into extra time. Galway got the winning point in practically the last second of the match.

The second Linster Club Championship semi-final will be played on Sunday at Buffers Alley (12.0), when the local champions play University College, the Dublin champions. The winners will meet St. Paul's, Kilkenny, in the Provincial Final.

Golden Jubilee

left corner. In recent years. However, the Noreside selectors have named her, rather surprisingly, at full forward. Her twin sister Anne, then a substitute, is now one of the country's strongest defenders and is placed at left back.

To return to the Leesiders, Marion McCarthy, who was on the right wing in that final, has moved to left back and to goal in the meantime.

Marion, who won the B&I Player of the Year award last year, has six All-Ireland

medals, a honour she shares with the famous Lil Kirby of the forties and Pat Moloney of Killeagh.

Cork started the season with both Pat Moloney and Marion Sweeney of the 1974 team, but both players with Killeagh teammate Catherine Landers were dropped from the panel after the League final defeat at the hands of Dublin.

It appears that the Killeagh girls played a challenge game on the eve of the final, and the county board took exception.

Camogie girls are set to win



Margaret Farrell who plays at centre forward for Kilkenny in the All-Ireland camogie final at Croke Park on Sunday, pictured helping with the steam threshing on her father's farm at Jerpoint Hill, Thomastown, on Saturday.



● KILKENNY HOPEFULS . . . three of the Kilkenny girls hoping for glory on Sunday (from left) : Bridie McGarry, Teresa O'Neill and Peg Muldowney.

Kilkenny seek title with a vengeance

KILKENNY'S battle in the senior camogie championship draws to a close on Sunday when they contest the All-Ireland final against reigning champions Cork.

And Kilkenny are determined as never before to capture their fourth All-Ireland title — a title which has eluded them since 1977 — and along with the under-21 hurlers to complete a treble for Kilkenny.

Yet again the black and amber will grace Croke Park after its victorious appearance last Sunday in the minor hurling final.

Playing in Croke Park is no great novelty for the Kilkenny side, however, as 10 of their players have All-Ireland medals.

The girls wind up their intensive training sessions this Wednesday with trainer Mary Conway delighted with their form.

Indeed, the consensus of opinion in the Kilkenny camp is that the girls have all the necessary skills and experience if only they can retain the determination that they have shown already in the championship by beating Wexford, Tipperary and Down.

Cork have had a tougher draw in the championship and will not be prepared to hand over their crown after such a gruelling campaign.

But there is turmoil in the Cork camp as three of their best players are suspended for Sunday's game, on account of playing a 'friendly' against Kilkenny on the night before their quarter-final clash against Dublin.



Peggy Muldowney - one of the more experienced players.

Controversy

The three players — Marion Sweeney, Catherine Landers and Patricia Moloney — were also suspended for the quarter and semi-finals but it was expected that their suspension would be lifted for the final.

The Cork camogie board decided to put discipline before county prestige — a characteristic of the Cork hurling and camogie authorities.

The suspended players are members of All-Ireland club champions Killeagh and two of the five selectors are Killeagh men. How all the controversy will affect the team's performance is very hard to judge.

Cork will still have a very impressive line-out, including Mary O'Leary, sister of Cork senior hurler Seanie O'Leary, who is now in her tenth year of senior camogie with Cork.

Another one to watch is full-forward Mary Ganey, who is a former international hockey goalkeeper.

But Kilkenny have also some fine players, notably

line is made very solid by the presence of Ann Downey, Biddy O'Sullivan and full-back and captain Liz Neary.

Peggy Muldowney has certainly earned her place at midfield by some super performances this year and as she is one of their most experienced players she should be equally as good on the big day.

Two of the Kilkenny forwards will be making their first appearance in an All-Ireland. These talented youngsters are Anna Whelan and Margaret Farrell while completing their line is the experienced Jo Dunne of Carrickshock who will be working in combination with Angela Downey.

Cork jinx

On paper the Kilkenny team look a very strong one but they have to beat the jinx of the Cork team which has beaten them twice this year in the National League when they should have won both games.

Their first priority will be to get some very quick scores



Teresa O'Neill - confident to withstand Cork attack.

and to win a lead that cannot be overtaken. Cork's style is usually to come back into the game in the second half and to upstage their opponents who may have relaxed somewhat.

Whatever the outcome the game promises to be a sizzling one — making ladies' day at Croke Park a much more tough and exciting one than the name implies.

THE TIME

The All-Ireland camogie final between Kilkenny and Cork begins at 3 p.m. at Croke Park on Sunday.

KILKENNY

Teresa O'Neill
Liz Neary (capt.)
Ann Downey Biddy O'Sullivan
Bridie McGarry Peggy Muldowney
Anna Whelan Margt. Farrell
Angela Downey Ann Holden
Helena McCormack
Jo Dunne

Cork

Marion McCarthy
Eileen Dineen
Patricia Riordan Martha Kearney
Liz Lynch Nancy O'Driscoll
Ger McCarthy Mary O'Leary
Mary Ganey
Subs: Val Fitzpatrick, Joan O'Sullivan, Ann Delaney and Claire Kelleher.

Referee: Phyllis Breslin, Dublin.

Kilkenny's senior camogie players

Teresa O'Neill (25). St. Paul's. Goalkeeper. Laboratory technician. She has won three All-Ireland senior medals, two National Leagues and three Leinster championships.

Liz Neary (28). St. Paul's. Captain. Nurse. She has won three All-Ireland senior medals, two National Leagues and five Leinster championships.

Ann Downey (24). St. Paul's. Secretary. She has won three All-Ireland senior medals, two National Leagues and three Leinster championships.

Ann Holden (22). Shamrock's. Clerical assistant. She has won two All-Ireland senior medals, two National Leagues and three Leinster championships.

Biddy O'Sullivan (20). Tullagher. She has won a National League and a Leinster championship. She was first included on the senior panel in 1980.

Helena McCormack (27). St. Paul's. Laboratory technician. She has won three All-Ireland senior medals, two National Leagues and four Leinster championships.

Margaret Farrell (19). U.C.D. Student. She has won two National Leagues and one Leinster championship.

Peg Muldowney (32). Gowran. Housewife. She has won three All-Ireland medals, two National Leagues and four Leinster championships.

Geraldine Sutton (20). Tullagher. Telephonist. This is her first year to be included on the senior panel. She won a county intermediate medal in 1980.

Angela Downey (24). St. Paul's. Teacher. She has won three All-Ireland medals and two National Leagues and three Leinster championships. She has represented Maynooth in interspersed competitions.

Anna Whelan (18). Castlecomer. Student. She has won a National League and a Leinster championship.

Jo Dunne (22). Carrickshock. Office worker. She has won two All-Ireland senior medals, two National Leagues and three Leinster championships.

Bridie McGarry (26). St. Paul's. Tax officer. She has won three All-Ireland medals, two National Leagues and four Leinster championships.

Deirdre Malone (16). St. Brigid's, Ballycallan. This is her first year to be included on the senior panel.

Catherine Dalton (21). Carrickshock. She won a county junior medal last year. This is her first year to be included on the senior panel.

Margaret Brennan (17). Carrickshock. Student. She won a county junior medal last year. This is her first year to be included on the senior panel.

Ann Maria Brennan (17). Thomastown. Student. This is her first year on the senior panel.

Trainer optimistic, but final will be tough

IT LOOKS LIKE LUCKY 13 FOR CORK

CAMOGIE

By TAOBH LINE

CORK, the champions, appearing in their ninth final since 1970, have successfully cleared a number of hurdles to qualify for this 50th Camogie Championship decider. Kilkenny, also have been very much in the picture over the same period. They are contesting their sixth final.

The Leesiders won the Sean O'Duffy Cup six times since Kilkenny first came to prominence in 1970, while the Nore-siders have been successful three times.

Cork, who are now bidding for their 13th title, have not opposed Kilkenny in a final since 1974 — one of the greatest deciders played. It ended in a draw on the first day and the Leinster girls captured their first title in the replay.

The Nore-siders have six players and one substitute from that day in their line-out, while

Cork have only two of their team remaining.

At the start of the season Cork had four of that team still playing but two of the county champions side, Killeagh, Pat Moloney and Marion Sweeney, with team-mate Catherine Landers, were dropped from the selection because they played a game on the eve of the League Final.

Marion McCarthy, the goalie, last year's B & I Player of the Year Award winner, and Nancy O'Driscoll are the surviving members on the Cork side.

Kilkenny have Teresa O'Neill, Liz Neary, Bridie (Martin) McGarry, Helena (O'Neill) McCormack, Peggy (Carey) Muldowney, Angela Downey and Anne Downey, who was a substitute that day. Added to these from Kilkenny's last victory (1977) are Anne Holden, Margaret Farrell and Jo Dunne.

Cork show three changes from their 1980 Championship side.

Eileen Dineen, Liz Lynch and Geraldine McCarthy came on to the team this summer and have acquitted themselves very well.

Martha Kearney, who built

herself a reputation as a minor took over the centre back position on the reshuffle and surpassed all expectations in the quarter-final against Dublin in which she was the outstanding player of the match.

To Cork's dismay Martha did not make it back from holidays for their semi-final game against Galway. That key position was filled by Nancy O'Driscoll that day and the Leesiders advanced to the final.

Kilkenny, disappointed with their League performances against Cork who defeated the Nore-siders narrowly both at home and at Kilkenny, were determined to do better in the championship.

They readily defeated Down and routed Tipperary to reach the final. I have not seen as much enthusiasm by the Nore-side since they won the 1977 Championship. They captured

the League titles in 1978 and 1980 but failed to make an impression in the subsequent Championship series.

The two newcomers to the Kilkenny line-out, Biddy O'Sullivan and Anna Whelan, have won a senior National League medal in 1980.

The seven stalwarts from the 1974 Kilkenny side have in the meantime gained valuable experience at inter-provincial, inter-county and inter-club level. St. Pauls, the club of the majority, has won the All-Ireland Club title twice in that period.

The Nore-siders have a very strong midfield in Bridie McGarry, Helena McCormack and Peg Muldowney and this could prove a key factor in the game.

Angela Downey's placing at full forward, surprises me somewhat. How will Eileen Dineen cope with such a dynamic and speedy player as this Kilkenny match-winner. Also I expect to see a close struggle for supremacy between Kilkenny's right-back, Anne Downey, and her opposite number in the Cork attack, Geraldine McCarthy. Martha Kearney, if she can reproduce her form against Dublin, will be one of Kilkenny's worries.

Martha is an attacking defender who keeps helping the midfield and often moves up towards the attack but with her speed she can make a quick retreat to cover back.

Yet, Margaret Farrell, a tireless worker, may command more of Martha's attention because if the opportunity arises, Margaret has the ability to take her scores.

Claire Cronin, the Cork captain moved from her usual right wing position to the right corner berth, against Dublin in the semi-final and has given great steadiness to the attack, while Mary O'Leary, the chief Cork scorer, will keep the Kilkenny defence on their toes.

If Cork can produce the spirit that has brought them through the quarter and semi-finals, they could retain the Cup.

But Kilkenny have a more experienced side, more than half of whom are playing together for nearly ten years and are my choice for the Sean O'Duffy Cup in 1981.

Clare are seeking to win their second junior title, while Antrim, playing in their first decider must find inspiration in the glory that their senior teams have brought to the Glens by winning five All-Ireland senior titles.

The Munster Champions had a hard road to the final. They drew with Cork in the first round, defeated Waterford and had another draw before they conquered Limerick in the Munster final replay. It was not easy for them either in the semi-final against Kildare but they have powerful players in Claire Jones, Lourda Fox and goalie Mary Carey, Carmel Moroney in defence, and Rosemary Fahy in attack.



IN ACTION in next Sunday's camogie final (from left): Ann Downey, Ann Holden, Angela Downey (all of Kilkenny), Miriam Higgins, Liz Lynch and Angela Higgins (all of Cork).

PEN PICTURES OF SUNDAY'S 24 CAMOGIE FINALISTS

CORK

MARION MCCARTHY (South Pres. P.P.) Goalie: The longest-serving member of the team who has won six All-Ireland medals in ten years, was the B & I Player of the Year last season. Started her camogie as a winger and later played at left back. Has proved equally reliable and skilful in each position.

EILEEN DINEEN (Eire Og) Full-back: Playing in her first senior All-Ireland Final but has plenty of experience of playing in Croke Park as she was on the Cork junior team which contested the finals of 1978-80, found defender with a good long clearance. Holder of one junior All-Ireland medal.

PATRICIA RIORDAN (Ballinlough) Right-back: Holder of two All-Ireland senior medals. Has had very good games at full-back this season. A careful marker and a fine striker.

MARTHA KEARNEY (Na Piarsaigh) Centre-back: First starred for the Cork Minor side in 1978 and was also in the junior team which lost to Kerry the same year. Came on to the senior team in 1978 and has become one of the stars. Two senior and one minor medal holder.

MIRIAM HIGGINS (Eire Og) Left-back: Bidding for her second All-Ireland senior medal. Won a junior medal with Dublin when domiciled in the Metropolis. A keen and dedicated player whose national ability makes her a vital member of the team. Is also a well-known referee.

LIZ LYNCH (Down) Right-wing: Only on the senior team since July but has shown herself to be a worthwhile addition to the centrefield line. Speedy and skilful and a holder of one junior All-Ireland medal.

NANCY O'DRISCOLL (Eire Og)

Centrefield: Captained the 1979 winning junior team and gained her place at full-forward on the senior team the following year. Captained the 1978 Senior side. An energetic player who also has been chosen as an international hockey player. Winner of 2 Senior and one Junior medals.

ANGELA HIGGINS (Watergrasshill) Left-wing: Made her name in the Senior final of 1978 when she played at midfield a position she has held since then. Has the ability to roam into attack and chalk up valuable points. Holder of two senior All-Ireland medals.

CLAIRE CRONIN (Ballyphehane) Right-forward (Capt.): Claire has been Cork's right-winger until this season. In the quarter-final against Dublin she switched in her present position and contributed by her clever movements to make her side the winners that day. A very hard worker and a good striker. Holder of two senior All-Ireland medals.

MARY O'LEARY (Watergrasshill) Centre-forward: One of the best forwards in the country. Has been the team's chief scorer since she regained her fitness, from a back injury, which kept her out of camogie until July. A sister to Seanie, she has an accurate shot and is a great competitor. Holder of two senior and one junior All-Ireland medals.

GERALDINE MCCARTHY (Nemo Rangers) Left-forward: A very strong player, who has come up from minor ranks. Has proved very successful in her present position. Winner of one junior and one minor All-Ireland medal.

MARY GEANEY (Eire Og) Full-forward: A native of Kerry, Mary is seeking to win a third All-Ireland medal with Cork. An international hockey player also, she plays a very clever game and seldom misses an opportunity to score.

KILKENNY

T. O'NEILL (St. Pauls) goalie has been Kilkenny's goalie since 1974 and has also played in that position for her club, which has won five All-Ireland titles. Winner of three All-Ireland senior medals and one senior National League medal.

L. NEARY (Capt.) (St. Pauls) — Full back — has also been playing on Kilkenny teams since they came to prominence in the seventies. In her earlier years she played at midfield but was an outstanding success in defence in the 1976 All-Ireland victory. Three All-Ireland medals, five club championship trophies and two Senior National League medals.

ANNE DOWNEY (St. Pauls) Right Back — One of the best defenders in the game. Her long clearances are a tremendous asset. Won All-Ireland medals in 1976 and 1977 and was a sub in 1974. Has two Senior National League medals.

BIDDY O'SULLIVAN (Tullagher) Centre Back: Playing in her first All-Ireland final. Has been successful in this position in her games this season and won a senior National League medal in 1980.

MARY HOLDEN (Shamrocks) Left Back: Although small in size Mary is a skilful player who can hold her own in any company. Has two All-Ireland Senior medals and two senior National League trophies.

BRIDIE MCGARRY (St. Pauls) Right wing — Usually plays at centre-back but moved to the wing for the All-Ireland senior final against Tipperary. A brilliant player who has won three All-Ireland medals, 4 club championships medals, 2 senior league trophies and a B & I Award.

PEG MULDOWNEY (Gowran) Centrefield: A tireless worker and a very strong striker. Has been playing inter-county camogie since the early seventies. Holds three All-Ireland medals and two Senior League trophies.

HELENA MCCORMACK (St. Pauls) Left wing: A fast and stylish player. Won the B & I. Player of the Year award after her brilliant display in the drawn final of 1974. Holds three All-Ireland medals and two Senior League trophies.

ANNA WHELAN (Castlecumber) Right-forward: Won a Senior National League medal in 1980 while still at school at Presentation, Castlecumber. Is small in stature but a very clever and effective player.

MARGARET FARRELL (U.C.D.) Centre-forward: A very enthusiastic player, who never gives up. Winner of a senior National League medal (1980). Has had a successful season with her club which won the Dublin championship and League, one All-Ireland medal and two senior League trophies.

JO DUNNE (Carrickschock) Left-forward: Usually plays at full forward. Seldom misses an opportunity. Winner of two All-Ireland medals and two senior National League trophies.

ANGELA DOWNEY (St. Pauls) — Full forward: One of the best known stars of the game. Was the youngest player in the 1974 team, which won the county's first title. Winner of three All-Ireland medals and two senior League medals. Stars with St. Pauls. Maynooth in intervarsity competitions and a Player of the Year award winner.



● GER MCCARTHY
Holder of All-Ireland Minor and Junior medals, she seeks a Senior award tomorrow.

Camogie Final Selections

The Cork and Kilkenny teams for the All-Ireland Senior Camogie final at Croke Park on Sunday (3.0), are—

CORK—

M. McCarthy;
E. Dineen,
P. Riordan,
M. Kearney,
M. Higgins,
L. Lynch,
N. O'Driscoll,
A. Higgins,
C. Cronin,
M. O'Leary,
G. McCarthy,
M. Greaney.

KILKENNY

T. O'Neill;
L. Neany,
A. Downey,
B. O'Sullivan,
A. Holden,
B. McGarry,
P. Muldowney,
H. McCormack,
A. Whelan,
M. Farrell,
J. Dunne,
A. Downey.

Clare Team—Pen Pictures

Claire Jones: Claire is the team captain and she holds Munster Colleges Medals with St. Pats. Shannon. She has under 14 16 and 18 medals as well as three senior trophies with Shannon.



● Claire Jones (capt.)

Carmel Wall: Carmel helped her club Kilmihil with the Co. League and championship in 1978 and she has improved with every outing this year.

DANCE

There will be a dance in the Queens Hotel on Monday night and the team members will be in attendance, hopefully as All-Ireland champions. Music will be by Tommy Brennan and his group and a big attendance is expected.

Travelling arrangements

The Clare team and officials will travel to Dublin on Saturday afternoon. They will return on Monday evening when they will arrive in Shannon at 7 p.m. From there they will proceed to Ennis and it is expected there will be a big turn-out to greet them and win or lose.

Lourda Fox: Lourda, a native of Newmarket is one of the most skillful players in the side. She won her first medal with Newmarket and was on the Clare minor team which won the Munster title two years ago. Now playing with Shannon she holds two Clare championship medals.

Colette Keating: A very experienced player, Colette holds Community games titles as well as a number of Clare Championship medals including senior.

Martina Beegan: Martina won under 16, 18 and two senior medals with Shannon and also played with St. Pats. Shannon.

Rosemary Fahy: Rosemary has certainly left her mark in the competition to date and has accounted for many great scores. She holds under 16 and junior championship medals with Eire Og.

Josie Conlon: An experienced full back with Eire Og and likely to come in if Mary Ann McInerney is not fit.

Mary Murphy: A native of Kilkishen she is a valued member of the Shannon club with whom she holds Championship medals.

Caroline O'Connell: Caroline from Kilkishen, played in the drawn Munster final and is a valued member of the squad.

Geraldine Mohery: A member of the successful junior team from Sixmilebridge this year.

Leslie Flynn: Another Sixmilebridge player, Leslie is the sub goalkeeper.

Geraldine Fahy: She won a junior league with Newmarket in 1977 and is now a valued member of the Newmarket side.

Mary Carey: Mary is the mother of five children, three boys and two girls and she has the unique record of having won 14 senior championship medals. Nine of these

she won with her native Kilkishen (Mary Walsh) when she played in goal. When she came to Ennis she won five medals with Eire Og. She also holds eight League Medals with Killanena, the first of which she won in 1959. She is also a prominent golf player. Holds All Ireland handball titles and is the Ennis CBS racquet Ball champion.

Mary Ann McInerney: Married with one child, Mary won her first medal when Kilkishen won the Munster Colleges intermediate title in 1975. In the same year she helped Croagh win the Limerick, Munster and All Ireland senior titles. She won a Gael Linn medal with Munster in 1979. She won her first Clare Championship earlier this year when the 'Bridge were crowned junior champions.

Caroline O'Meara: A student at St. Pats. comprehensive school, Caroline has been playing since her primary schools days and holds under 14, 16 and 18 medals and earlier this year won a senior medal with Shannon.

Mary Howard: (Aged 18, Mary is a student at the school of engineering in Limerick and has been playing for some time. In 1977 she helped Colaiste Mhuire to win the Clare Schools league and a year later helped Clare win the Munster minor crown. Last year she won a Clare senior championship medal with Eire Og.

Carmel Moroney: A very experienced player Carmel comes from a sporting family. She won an Ashbourne cup medal with UCG, in 1978; a Gael Linn medal with Munster in 1980 and she is also the holder of league and championship medals with her club. She won an All Ireland medal with NIHE, Limerick.

Veronica Casey: Veronica has two All Ireland runner up medals with Ennis Vocational school. She holds two Munster medals in the same competition while she has league and championship honours with her club.

40 YEARS AGO

OLD ALOYSIANS qualified for the semi-final of the Cork County Junior Camogie Championship when they defeated Old Vocationals by 4-3 to 4-0 at Cove Junior. The Old Als team was: B. Kiely, S. Hobbs, E. Dineen, O'Sullivan, A. Quigley, N. Casey, M. Hobbs, M. Hagan, H. Goggin, J. Nugent, M. Millard, D. O'Regan (capt.). Unfortunately the Old Vocationals team was not published.



Gerry Kelly of the Diamond Bar, Ennis, presents a cheque for sponsorship of a set of stockings to Clare Board Official Catherine McNicholas.

Full back out

● Clare camogie officials dreaded fears were confirmed on Wednesday when it was announced that sterling full back Mary Ann McInerney is a definite non starter for Sunday's final. Josie Conlon will take over the full back position for the final.

TRAIN

A special rate will operate for those wishing to travel the game by train on Sunday. The train will leave Ennis Sunday morning and the Clare board have appealed supporters to travel. Tickets can be had from Catherine McNicholas of the Clare board (Tel. 065-22205).

THE CLARE TEAM

The Clare team for Sunday's final includes Mary Ann McInerney in her regular full back position but a decision to whether or not the Sixmilebridge player will line up will not be taken until the week-end. Mary injured her knee last week and her leg is presently encased in plaster. This was removed this Thursday and Clare officials are confident she will be fit in time to take her place.

THE TEAM IS:

(1)	Mary Carey (Eire Og)	(5)	Carmel Moroney (Ruan)
(2)	Mary Ann McInerney (Sixmilebridge)	(6)	Claire Jones (Shannon)
(3)	Caroline O'Meara (Shannon)	(7)	Carmel Wall (Kilmihil)
(4)	Mary Howard (Eire Og)	(8)	Colette Keating (Eire Og)
(5)	Veronica Casey (Ruan)	(9)	Lourda Fox (Shannon)
(6)	Lourda Fox (Shannon)	(10)	Rosemary Fahy (Feakle)
(7)	Veronica Casey (Ruan)	(11)	Martina Beegan (Shannon)
(8)	Veronica Casey (Ruan)		
(9)	Lourda Fox (Shannon)		
(10)	Colette Keating (Eire Og)		
(11)	Rosemary Fahy (Feakle)		

Reserves: Josie Conlon (Eire Og); Leslie (Sixmilebridge); Caroline O'Connell (Kilkishen); Mary Murphy (Kilkishen); Geraldine Mohery (Shannon).

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Team Manager, Fr. Michael McNamara, discusses tactics with (from left) Leslie Flynn, Josie Conlon, Geraldine Molony and Mary Howard.



Marian McCarthy, in goal for Cork



● Colette Keating



● Martina Beegan



● Rosemary Fahy



● Josie Conlon



● Veronica Casey



● Carmel wall



● Mary Geaney, at full forward for Cork



● Lourda Fox



● Carmel Moroney



● Mary Howard



● Caroline O'Meara



● Mary A. McInerney



● Mary Carey



● Miriam Higgins, at wing back for Cork

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THE All-Ireland Camogie Final is on September 13 in Croke Park, Maureen Keane and Steve Treacy spoke to two of the players.

P.E. teacher plays "where all the running is"

ANGELA Higgins, of Watergrasshill, Co. Cork, plays at centre field on the cork senior team. "That's where all the running is", she sighed. "I really should be much fitter." She looks fit enough to me, and her whole way of life seems designed to keep her that way.

Angela is a teacher of physical education and Irish studies in the Convent of Mercy, Macroom, and a good part of her day is spent in physical exercise.

Younger

"The younger girls", she says, "are mad interested in camogie — in all games, really — but the older ones need coaxing. I get them to go jogging and anyway they are very figure-conscious, so they're happy to do exercises."

During term time Angela trains twice a week but, coming up to the big match, training was often up to seven nights a week. "Some of that is discussion of tactics." As well as playing camogie for her local club, Watergrasshill, she also plays football, and during holidays she helps out on her family's farm. "Mixed farming, so I give a hand everywhere."

Keen

The whole family is keen on sport and of her five sisters four play, or did play, before getting married and having babies. Her younger sister, Claire, was on the Cork minor team last year and is also interested in athletics. One of her brothers, Peter, is a hurler with local clubs.

Angela herself started to

play camogie at school in the Loreto Convent, Fermoy, and played right through her years of training in the Thomond College of Education, where she got her B.A.

degree in P.E. and Irish.

As part of her B.A., she had to do a thesis and she chose as her subject the history of camogie. She later expanded this thesis into a

book, which gives a detailed and fascinating account of the development of the game. "It sold quite well," she said, "but obviously it is of interest to camogie clubs only."

Medals

Angela has her own set of Ireland senior medals and one junior (as well as numerous other trophies). She is convinced that the standard of camogie has gone up since she started.

"There's more interest now in the schools", she said, "but we could do with a lot more publicity. It would be nice now if we had more space on R.T. wouldn't it? You know how after Wimbledon you see kids with rackets all over the place. Maybe with more TV you'd see more camogie sticks!"

She has never worn a helmet. "I tried it once but found it too confining", she does not consider camogie a dangerous game. "Other people might, but accidents really only happen with awkward or inexperienced people. On the other hand", she went on, "our Claire got a belt on the head a while ago, so, perhaps, people really should wear helmets."

Natural

"You can always spot a natural camogie player", she commented. "It's a matter of co-ordination. Just well, because you could be forever trying to tell someone how to play camogie and you'd get nowhere, if they hadn't got natural ability."

I asked Angela if she was nervous about the match. "Of course, I am," she replied instantly, "but I always am, with a lump in my throat full of butterflies!"



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Liz Neary with some of her many camogie trophies.

Kilkenny full back's views

LIZ Neary, from Dunbell, Co. Kilkenny is the full-back on the Kilkenny team. "Not too much running around, thank God", she said. "I'd need to be twice as fit as I am for running!"

Liz started her camogie career at the Presentation Convent, Kilkenny, and now plays for her local team, St. Paul's. There's no history of sport in her family: she is the only girl among five brothers, but she took to camogie straight away.

Can't teach

"A natural"? I suggested. "Yes, I suppose so", she answered, "because you can't really teach it. Oh, you can get

players to become stickers, but if the natural ability isn't there then they'll never go above a certain level."

Liz trained as a nurse in Dublin. "Temple Street first, then the Mater, then

the Coombe." She loved her nursing training, but found it very hard to fit in her camogie practise as well.

She is now working in St. Luke's Hospital, Kilkenny, in the intensive care unit, and is glad to be back in her home county.

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The gentle touch — Liz with some of the family's dairy herd.

Kilkenny full back's views . . .

Although her family is in dairy farming, she doesn't get much involved. "Well it's not easy when you're nursing, especially if you're on night duty. Anyway they don't need me around here. I give the odd injection to the cows and that's about it."

Liz plays squash as well as camogie and is extremely fond of knitting. "Nothing fancy", she insisted, "just ordinary things." She has one senior all-Ireland medal but not very happy memories of Croke Park. "The echo", she said succinctly, is brutal. It would be better to have no one there at all than the few who do go."

She loves the game but doesn't rate it highly as a spectator sport. "Oh, I know people would disagree with me, but I think it's very much a player's game." It's not a dangerous game in her opinion, and she does not wear a helmet. "I tried it once and hated it, but I still think we should have to wear it! Luckily, referees

are strict and there's no roughness in the game."

Liz thinks that, generally speaking, the standard of camogie is not as high as it could be. "There are clubs in every parish, and at that level it's on the up and up, but there comes a time when girls lose interest and they don't want to train. Facilities everywhere are not as good as they should be, more's the pity, and there's a certain amount of expense involved for the players — sticks, outfits, travelling, etc."

The Kilkenny team trains in St. Kieran's College, in the city, when the college is closed. "At the moment we do about three nights a week", said Liz, "but we'll be stepping that up. We know our opponents and we'll be discussing our tactics."

Was she nervous about the big day? "What do you think?" she replied. "Of course I am: it could be one of those days when I'll do nothing right!"

Camogie-the background story

WHEN the surge of Irish nationalism led to the founding of the Gaelic Athletic Association in 1884 and the Gaelic League in 1893, it was inevitable that young men should interest themselves in Irish games — football and hurling. It was equally inevitable that before long, young women would also wish to play Irish games.

In the Keating Branch (Dublin) of the Gaelic League a young man, Seamus Brennan, noted that the girls were intensely interested in the branch's victories in the Gaelic Senior Football Championships in 1902. "Many of them", he said, "began to say: 'What about us? We want a game of our own and we can't play hockey.'"

As a result, some of the members of the men's committee and a few interested ladies got together, and decided to establish a game for girls based on hurling and the rules of hurling. That's how camogie came into being, and its rules have remained almost unchanged from its beginning to the

present day. The name itself is an anagram of caman (hurley) and og (young or little).

The structure of the Camogie Association is the same as that of the G.A.A. — i.e., clubs, county boards, provincial councils, and the ard comhairle. There are three college councils and about 400 colleges are involved. Membership is almost 60,000. The Cumann Camogaióchta na nGael was a completely voluntary organisation until 1980, when the department of Education allocated a grant towards the cost of appointing one full-time officer.

There are many competitions at different levels, but the highspot of the camogie year is on the second Sunday in September, when the junior and senior all-Ireland finals are played in Croke Park.

"P.S. I am grateful to Angela Hlg-gins, B.A., for allowing me to quote from her book 'A History of Camogie' (Price £1.50).

Cork Girls' Bid For G Against Kilken

WITH All-Ireland finals day at Croke Park on Sunday and Cork in the senior final interest will centre on G.A.A. headquarters this week-end. Cork's opponents will be Kilkenny and in the junior final another Munster side, Clare, will meet Antrim. But spare a thought for Bishopstown Community Games team as well, as they take part in the national finals at Mosney over the week-end.

The Cork team has been announced for Sunday and is the same as that which finished against Dublin in the All-Ireland quarter-final, when a marvellous second half display saw them snatch victory from the jaws of defeat.

This means that Marian McCarthy, the flamboyant Eire Og 'keeper and 'Camogie Player of the Year' last season, is again between the posts. Marian's

clubmate, Eileen Dineen, who has done so well since coming into the side, is again at full-back, and another clubmate, Miriam Higgins, so good against Galway, is at wing-back. Patricia Riordan and Martha Kearney, both missing for the semi-final, make a welcome return to the side, with Patricia opposite Miriam and Martha Kearney filling the important centre-back spot.

Liz Lynch continues to hold her position at wing-centre following two excellent performances, while Nancy O'Driscoll at full and Angela Higgins on the other wing complete a very competent mid-field sector.

At half-forward Cork have

Mary O'Leary, so often a match-winner for the county with her tremendous accuracy, while on the wings will be captain Clare Cronin and Ger McCarthy, who were so exciting against Dublin. And at full-forward Cork have Mary Geaney, whose clever passing and opportunist scores might well win the game for Cork.

This season more than any other Cork have made very clever use of their substitutes so the four named for Sunday — Val Fitzpatrick, Joan O'Sullivan, Ann Delaney and Clare Kelleher — are as vital a part of the panel as any of the selected players.

In their championship

outings this season Cork have made very slow starts and in fact were led at half-time against both Dublin and Galway. A slow beginning against Kilkenny could prove expensive as Kilkenny have a very strong side indeed and if given the chances early on they might put the title out of reach of the Leesiders.

However, this season Cork have played with a new spirit and determination and in the second half of both semi-final and quarter-final games they reached new heights and against all the odds won both games.

But Cork can expect their biggest test to date against Kilkenny, who are rated very highly indeed. They have a star-studded line-up and have been playing brilliantly all season.

In goal they have the confident Teresa O'Neill, while in defence they have Liz Neary, Ann Downey, Biddy O'Sullivan and Ann Holden, all very good players. Bridie Martin, who has been out with a broken finger, returns to the centre

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Battling Kilkenny Hold Champions

By GERRY McCARTHY

CORK 3-9

KILKENNY 3-9

KILKENNY battled back from a seemingly-hopeless half-time position to earn a draw with defending champions Cork in the All-Ireland senior camogie final at Croke Park yesterday. This was the second successive year that the Leeside girls have been held to level pegging at the first attempt because it was only after a replay that they accounted for Limerick 12 months ago.

It was Kilkenny, backed by the sun and playing into the Railway End, who made the running, as the holders took approximately 10 minutes to settle down. Unfortunately, despite their earlier territorial dominance, the girls from Nore side were most inaccurate and by the interval had amassed 10 wides to their opponents' four.

With Eileen Dineen coping successfully with the threat posed by Angela Downey, Kilkenny's attacking power was blunted and Cork were ahead by 0-4 to 0-2 after 15 minutes.

Soon afterwards, a prolonged Kilkenny assault was eventually cleared and the ball swept to the other end. Geraldine McCarthy foiled an attempted clearance and passed to the unmarked Mary Geaney, who shot to the net.

Safe Position

A probing run by Angela Higgins in the 22nd minute set up Claire acronin for Cork's second goal and the Munster representatives appeared in a reasonably safe position when leading by 2-6 to 0-4 at the interval.

The Kilkenny backroom team went to work during the break and reshuffled their forces. Bridie McGarry switched to centre back and biddy O'Sullivan was positioned on her left. Substitute Geraldine Sutton, Peggy Muldowney and Anna Whelan formed the midfield, Helena McCormack and Angela Downey flanked Margaret Farrell in the outside line of attack and Joe Dunne was at full-forward.

Mary Geaney stretched Cork's lead with a point, but, once the Kilkenny rearguard

had adapted to their new roles, the champions found scores very hard to attain. Kilkenny's Biddy O'Sullivan, in particular, had a storming second half and Bridie McGarry was soundness personified.

Deflected

When Angela Downey's powerfully-struck free was deflected to the Cork net in the 33rd minute, the challengers were back in contention but they fell six points behind after a long free by Mary O'Leary was adjudged a point by the referee after the umpires had signalled it wide.

It was 2-9 to 1-6 in Cork's favour with only eight minutes of actual time remaining when Kilkenny effected a further series of switches which were instrumental in earning them a division of the spoils.

Anna Whelan retired and her replacement, Ann Marie Brennan, took over as goalkeeper, with Teresa O'Neill going to full-back and Liz Neary to the attack.

Within a minute Miss Neary had the ball in the Cork net after a powerful run by Geraldine Sutton, but Kilkenny's hopes appeared to have been dashed once and for all when Cork struck back for a goal in the 45th minute.

Geraldine McCarthy's shot was partially blocked by the defence but the ball broke to Mary Geaney, who was standing unmarked with only the goalkeeper to beat. She made no mistake by kicking the leather home.

Two points by Angela Downey, one from a free, kept Kilkenny in touch and actual time was just up when the same player had a free blocked by the Cork defence. However, the

ball rebounded to Liz Neary, who first-timed it past Marion McCarthy.

Five minutes overtime, caused by stoppages for injuries and when a male Kilkenny supporter was being removed from the pitch, produced narrow shaves at both ends as Cork point advantage and Kilkenny strove for the equaliser.

The champions appeared to have the issue clinched in the 54th minute when Mary Geaney set up Mary O'Leary but, from point-blank range, the No. 10 missed the proverbial "sitter" by driving wide.

Escape

Profiting from that escape, Kilkenny mounted one last assault and Margaret Farrell sent high between the posts for the equaliser. Time was called on the puck-out and an exciting, skilful game was over.

A pronounced, and welcome feature was the absence of those intrusions by mentors which are the rule rather than the exception at hurling and Gaelic football.

This is one aspect of camogie which could well be emulated by the G.A.A. which seems unable, or unwilling, to get to grips with what can only be described as indiscipline or, dare I say it, referee-baiting.

SCORERS: Cork—M. Geaney (2-1), M. O'Leary (0-6), C. Cronin (1-1), G. McCarthy (0-1). Kilkenny—A. Downey (1-6), L. Neary (2-0), B. McGarry, H. McCormack, M. Farrell (0-1 each).

CORK—M. McCarthy; E. Dineen; P. Riordan, M. Kearney, M. Higgins; L. Lynch, N. O'Driscoll, A. Higgins; C. Cronin (Capt), M. O'Leary, G. McCarthy; M. Geaney.

KILKENNY—T. O'Neill; L. Neary (Capt.); Ann Downey, B. O'Sullivan, A. Holden; H. McGarry, P. Muldowney, H. McCormack, A. Whelan, M. Farrell, J. Dunn; Angela Downey. Subs—G. Sutton for A. Holden, A. M. Brennan for A. Whelan.

Referee — Phillis Breslin (Dublin).

Clare Land The Spoils

CLARE 3-2

ANTRIM 0-7

Clare became All-Ireland Junior camogie champions when they defeated Antrim in yesterday's final at Croke Park. Clare dominated the first half and built up an impressive lead which foiled a spirited effort by Antrim in the second half.

The Munster side went into an early lead when Veronica Casey gained possession at the throw-in and passed to corner forward, Lourda Fox, who scored a fine goal. Clare McAleese and Margaret McKillock scored a point each to keep Antrim in touch. Clare were in complete control at midfield where Clare Jones and Carmel Wall were impressive and Lourda Fox increased their lead with a goal in the eleventh minute.

A late first half goal from Martina Beegan put the Munster girls in a comfortable position with a six point lead at the interval.

Antrim looked much stronger in the second half and a point from Elizabeth Traynor in the 13th minute brought them within two points of the leaders. A point from a free by Lourda Fox steadied Clare however and the Munster girls held on to their lead to the end.

Scorers — Clare: L. Fox (2-1); Martina Beegan (1-0); Rosemary Fahy (0-1). **Antrim —** E. Traynor (0-4); C. McAleese (0-2); M. McKillock (0-1).

CLARE — M. Carey; J. Conlon, C. O'Meara, M. Howard, C. Moroney, V. Casey, C. Wall, C. Jones, L. Fox, C. Keating, M. Beegan, R. Fahy. Sub. — C. O'Connell (for C. O'Meara).

ANTRIM — K. Coyle; A. Kelly, A. McAtamney, J. McAllister, J. Phillips, B. Hesman, C. McAleese, M. McAteer, E. Traynor, L. O'Connor, D. Quinn, M. McKillock. Subs. — B. McAteer for M. McAteer and B. McAtamney (for L. O'Connor).

Referee — B. O'Loughlin (Down).



● ON THE ATTACK . . . Kilkenny's Margaret Farrell, who, who earned her side a draw with a last-minute point, gets in her shot at goal despite the challenge of Cork girl Patricia Riordan in yesterday's All-Ireland senior camogie final at Croke Park.

Late point foils Cork

Cork 3-9,
Kilkenny 3-9

KILKENNY snatched a sensational late point to force champions Cork into replay of the All-Ireland camogie final at Croke Park yesterday. The match was in its fifth minute of injury time when Margaret Farrell got the all important point from 30 yards and that was the vital sequel to a dramatic come back.

Cork squandered an eight point half time lead, and a six point one with only minutes remaining, but they can, perhaps, feel aggrieved at the amount of added time allowed by referee Phyllis Breslin (Dublin). The side must also be questioning a decision by the referee very early in the game to disallow a 'goal' by Geraldine McCarthy. The umpire seemed to be signalling for such, but was then over-ruled after play had continued for about 30 seconds.

Yet the champions must take much of the blame themselves for allowing Kilkenny back into the game when the cup seemed destined for Cork for the 13th time. Kilkenny were allowed scope in the last quarter and they took full advantage, with star player Angela Downey shrugging off the tight marking defence to create the chances.

Cork, almost at the end of

normal time, missed a vital chance when Mary O'Leary, who had already scored six fine points, lost a goal chance which would have given them a four points lead, and through it all, there were a number of other vital missed chances.

One of the main reasons for the Kilkenny fight back was, however, the second half performance of Angela Downey, who was held before the break to just one point from play and two from frees. But early in the second half, after Cork had stretched their interval lead of 2-6 to 0-4 with another point, she hit a point and then a goal to

make a game of it.

Cork held firm, but Liz Neary, who moved into the forward line, gave Kilkenny a vital boost with a goal after 18 minutes of the second half, and although Cork struck back immediately with a Mary Geaney goal, Kilkenny refused to panic, plugging away, and Miss Downey pointed twice, set up Liz Neary's second goal, and then, with time ticking away, Margaret Farrell forced the replay.

Scorers: Cork M. Geaney 2-1, M. O'Leary 0-6, C. Cronin 1-1, G. McCarthy 0-1. Kilkenny: A. Downey 1-6, L. Neary 2-0, B. McGarry, H. McCormack and Margaret Farrell 0-1 each.



No way through the Cork defence of Eileen Dinneen, Patricia Riordan, Miriam Higgins and Martha Kearney for Kilkenny forward Jo Dunne during the All-Ireland senior camogie final at Croke Park yesterday. (Picture by Des Barry)

Cork M. McCarthy (Eire Og), E. Dinneen (do), P. Riordan (Ballinlough), M. Kearney (Na Piarraigh), M. Higgins (Eire Og), L. Lynch (Douglas), N. O'Driscoll (Eire Og), A. Higgins (Watergrasshill), C. Cronin (Old Aloysians, Capt.), M. O'Leary (Watergrasshill), G. McCarthy (Nemo), M. Geaney (Eire Og).

Kilkenny: T. O'Neill (St. Pauls), L. Neary (do), capt., A. Downey (do), B. O'Sullivan (Tullagher), A. Holden (Shamrocks), B. McGarry (St. Pauls), P. Muldowney (Young Ireland), H. H. McCormack (St. Pauls), A. Whelan (Castlecumber), M. Farrell (UCD), J. Dunne (Carrickshock), A. Downey (St. Pauls).

Referee: P. Breslin (Dublin).

CLARE'S TITLE

Clare 3-2,
Antrim 0-7.

CLARE won their second All-Ireland junior camogie title at Antrim's expense with a great first half performance.

They can thank Laura Fox of Shannon, whose goal contribution proved vital in the end. Clare led to 0-3 at the interval.

Clare Scorers: L. Fox 2-1, Beegan 1-0, R. Fahy 0-1. Antrim Traynor 0-4, C. McAleese 0-2, McKillip 0-1.

Clare: M. Casey (Eire Og), Connellan (do), C. O'Meara (Shannon), M. Howard (Eire Og), Moroney (Ruan), V. Casey (do), Wall (Kilmichael), C. Jones (Shannon), L. Fox (do), C. Kearney (Eire Og), M. Beegan (Shannon), Fahy (Fahy), Sub: C. O'Connell (Kilishkeen) for O'Meara (Shannon).

Antrim: K. Coyle (Ballyvaughan), A. Kelly (Portlaoise), McAtamney (do), J. McAlister (Cusandall), J. Phillips (Antrim), B. Hassan (Rathfriland), McAleese (Portlaoise), McAteer (Cushendall), E. Traynor (Ardrinny), L. O'Connor (Teresas), D. Quinn (Oregon), McKillip (Cushendall), Sub: Carey (Loughgiel) for O'Connor, McAtamney (Creggan), McAteer.

Intruder 'helps' Kilkenny steal a draw

By PAT ROCHE

CORK 3-9
KILKENNY 3-9

A TALL, dark stranger, an unwelcome intruder on the pitch in his self-imposed duty to give Dublin referee Phyllis Breslin a practical lesson on his interpretation of the rules, may well have been the toast of Kilkenny last night for the time allowed for the second-half disruption of yesterday's All-Ireland Camogie final by Mr X at Croke Park added up to enable Kilkenny to grab the equalising score.

The referee played almost five minutes over the allotted 25 minutes in the second half but Kilkenny folk and neutrals will be delighted with the dramatic happenings in a memorable match.

Actress Siobhan McKenna, herself a player of no mean ability in her days at UCG, was among the throng on the Hogan Stand to be captured by the drama of it all.

The mystery remains: who was Mr X; but he was soon forgotten after seven hefty bouncers emerged from the tunnel of the Hogan Stand to see him out of the area. Referee Breslin allowed the best part of two minutes for the intrusion and there was more lost time because of injuries. Unlike the footballers and hurlers, camogie players are taken on trust. When they go down it is deemed a genuine injury and the match is duly stopped.

Kilkenny's remarkable fight

back during those lost minutes deservedly yielded the equalising point from Margaret Farrell of UCD. Margaret stole space and collected a sideline cut about 30 yards out to shoot the point that will give the Kilkenny girls another bite at the title.

But the story of Kilkenny's hopes, seemingly entombed with three minutes of the second half's 25 remaining when Mary Geaney buck-rooted to the net, developed along pulsating lines after a change had been made in the Leinster team's line-up to allow full-back Liz Neary to move forward.

Liz moved into the attack when Ann Whelan went off and Ann Marie Brennan came into goal with Teresa O'Neill moving out from goal to take over at full back.

Liz, who is team captain, had smacked a great goal past star Cork goalkeeper, Marian McCarthy, in 18 minutes of the second half. This got Kilkenny back to within a goal of their rival. But up popped Mary Geaney for that booted Cork goal which seemed to seal victory. A couple of points from Angela Downey, who has played more effective roles, provided a splendid lead into Liz Neary's second goal, which brought the house down and left only a point between them on the verge of lost time.

Liz took her chance when Angela Downey had a close free

half blocked down but, before the equaliser eventually came, star Cork forward Mary O'Leary did nothing for her reputation by slamming wide from in front of the posts.

A draw seemed to satisfy everyone except Cork, and no wonder, for, almost like the Galway hurlers on the previous Sunday, they appeared to have it in the bag. A lead of 3-9 to 2-6 with only three minutes of ordinary time remaining was their biggest claim on the honours.

Kilkenny depended perhaps too much on Angela Downey in an attacking sense. Maybe the others do not get enough target practice for they hit a bundle of wides in the first half when having wind advantage.

The Cork front-runners, on the other hand, held more strength in depth. There always seemed to be more of them capable of picking off scores or setting up the chance. Clair Cronin was like lightning when in possession. Mary Geaney, Mary O'Leary and Geraldine McCarthy made important space for themselves.

OTHER STARS

The Cork goalkeeper, Marian McCarthy, also played a leading role, but Kilkenny had other stars of this enthralling match in Bridie McGarry, Margaret Farrell, Jo Dunne, Helena McCormack, Biddy O'Sullivan, and, of course, Angela Downey.

Kilkenny should have had themselves in a better position at half time but their wides and Cork's ability to beat their defence for two fine goals from Mary Geaney and Clair Cronin fashioned the half-time score, 2-6 to 0-4 for Cork.

CORK—M. McCarthy, Eileen Dinneen, P. Riordan, M. Kearney, M. Higgins, L. Lynch, N. O'Driscoll, A. Higgins, C. Cronin (captain) (1-1), M. O'Leary (0-6—3) free, G. McCarthy (0-1), M. Geaney (2-1).

KILKENNY—T. O'Neill, L. Neary (captain) (2-0), Ann Downey, B. O'Sullivan, A. Holden, B. McGarry (0-1), P. Muldowney, L. McCormack (0-1), A. Whelan, M. Farrell (0-1), Jo Dunne, Angela Downey (1-6—1-3) free. Subs—Geraldine Sutton for Holden at half-time; Ann Marie Brennan for Anna Whelan.

Referee—Phyllis Breslin (Dublin).

CLARE 3-2

ANTRIM 0-7

CLARE's first-half performance achieved more than Antrim's second-half rallying efforts and therein lies the reason for the Munster county's exciting win in this All-Ireland junior camogie final at Croke Park yesterday.

Clare hit three excellent goals in the first half through Lourda Fox (2) and Martina Beegan. It was sufficient to give them a 3-0 to 0-3 interval lead.

A tremendous Antrim rally was inspired by the shooting of Liz Traynor in the second half. The Antrim right winger hit a string of four points as Antrim gained control and there was only two points between them when suddenly Clare's, Misses Fox and Fahy halted the threatened onrush with two snappy points inside a minute with five minutes remaining.

CLARE—M. Carey, A. McInerney, C. O'Meara, M. Howard, C. Moroney, V. Casey, C. Wall, C. Jones, L. Fox (2-1), C. Kearney, B. Beegan (1-0), R. Fahy (0-1).

ANTRIM—K. Coyle, A. Kelly, A. McAtamney (0-1), J. McAlister, J. Phillips, B. Hassan, C. McAleese (0-2), M. McAtamney, Traynor (0-4), L. O'Connor, M. McKillip. Subs: B. McAtamney for L. O'Connor, mins. B. McAteer for M. McAteer, 42 mins. Referee—B. LiLochlainn (Down).

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● SCRAMBLE FOR SAFETY . . . Helena McCormack and Jo Dunne of Kilkenny get out of the way as Cork goalkeeper Marion McCarthy gets in her clearance in the All-Ireland senior camogie final at Croke Park.



Members of Kilkenny team who played in the drawn camogie final in Croke Park yesterday against Cork . . . Liz Neary, captain; and Bridie McGarry.



A Kilkenny forward gets to the ball first in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie final against Cork, at Croke Park yesterday.



Kilkenny's Liz Neary clearing past Cork captain Claire Cronin during the drawn All-Ireland camogie final at Croke Park.



The Cork team which drew with Kilkenny in the All-Ireland senior camogie final at Croke Park on Sunday.

CON HOULIHAN'S COLUMN



IT WAS babies' day at Croke Park: their mothers and their grannies were intent on cheering on the young women of their counties—and those who couldn't get child-minders simply brought their offspring with them.

And you had to move warily lest you tread on a papoose in his sleeping bag or be run down by the mobile little ones as their excitement blew them hither and thither like leaves in a whirlwind.

It was picnic day too at the G.A.A.'s headquarters—and many good people from Antrim and Clare and Cork and Kilkenny had brought their own.

It was a day that sharpened the appetite: the wind was fresh and gave little hints that soon the swallows would be flying south.

The sun was occasionally darkened by woolly grey-white clouds.

And it was easy to understand the gusto with which flasks of tea and tins of sandwiches were being emptied.

And you wouldn't have minded if some good wife had turned up with a portable kitchen and proceeded to boil bacon and cabbage and spuds.

But anyone who thinks of All-Ireland camogie finals day as little more than a pleasant social occasion is a long way from treble twenty—his dart, indeed, is outside the board entirely.

Croke Park may not be as densely inhabited as when the men do battle for the Big Apples—but the fervour is no less.

And these lasses do not need a motivator—no more than hens do on a frosty morning when they are warring over a crust.

You should have seen the last desperate minutes of the junior final as Antrim strove furiously to overhaul Clare.

And when Claire Jones made a siege-lifting run we heard the kind of roar that we have long known followed by "Come on The Banner."

Clare have never won a senior camogie All-Ireland—nor indeed have they been in a final.

And this was only their second time in a junior final—they won the title in 1974.

And the ecstasy that greeted their triumph yesterday was rooted in the well-founded belief that the county's rewards have not been in keeping with their talents.

LADS IN THEIR SLEEPING BAGS

And it was a foretaste of what we can expect when Clare's hurlers pluck The Big Apple.

Even the little lads in their sleeping bags woke up and made chortling noises as the tribal current ran through them.

And I doubt if they got much sleep for the rest of their stay in Croke Park.

Soon the Arlone Boys were turned loose—but even their most vigorous efforts were muffled by the chantings evoked by the coming of the Cork and Kilkenny lasses onto the pitch.

The preliminaries are now taking on a dimension unknown in Kathleen Cody's era, but eventually the National Anthem fluctuated in the wind and the battle was joined.

Cork and Kilkenny are the queenpins of modern camogie—only Wexford and Antrim with a title each have challenged them in the last decade.

Yesterday's meeting was expected to produce a game of great quality.

And the conditions as they have been all season in Croke Park were good.

The wind was fitful and it was impossible to decide which end it favoured.

The sun was occasionally a nuisance to the defenders at the Railway End—but for long periods was clouded over.

The pitch looked good—and if the sun and light showers pattern continues, it should be in great form next Sunday.

But the texture in the first half of what turned out to be a remarkable game was seldom more than moderate.

Kilkenny were favourites even though Cork were reigning champions—but their early play dismayed their followers.

The focus of their hope was, of course, Angela Downey—but the first half brought her little more than frustration.

The Cork defenders were as acutely aware of her prowess as the Dutch of Liam Brady's—and when the ball came her way there was invariably a marker within a hurley length.

WIDE AFTER WIDE

And her troubles seemed to affect all her colleagues, especially the attackers who like Galway's in the second half last Sunday won possession freely but shot wide after wide.

They seemed to have the help of the wind as they played into the Railway goal—but the wind at Croke Park nowadays seems as effective in the vacuum as in the flow.

Certainly it didn't seem to bother Cork in a one-sided and uninspiring first half.

Even the return of brilliant midfielder Bridie McGarry didn't upset them. They held their own in this sector—and were clearly better up front, even though Mary O'Leary's free-taking was less than her best.

But Mary's industry and vision were the most effective element in Cork's first-half attacks—and most of Kilkenny's troubles started on her wing, Cork's right.

Kilkenny got the first score—a fifth minute point by Bridie McGarry. But Cork had claimed a goal in the second minute when in a fierce melee the ball hit the underside of the crossbar before being scooped away.

It was the first source of argument in a game that left a welter of controversy in its wake.

Cork recovered from their disappointment of the no-goal, hurled steadily and began to pick off the points.

And in the 17th minute they got their first (allowed) goal. And a beauty it was.

Mary Higgins did the heavy work and when the ball was crossed from Cork's right, it came to "striker" Mary Geaney unmarked 12 yards from goal.

And Mary slashed it to the net—and gave the Denis Law salute to her delighted comrades and supporters.

Cork now led 1-4 to 0-2 and in the 22nd minute Cronin deepened Kilkenny's troubles with another spectacular goal.

Again the wave of attack came down the right. Claire got room for a run into the centre—and her flying shot gave keeper Teresa O'Neill little chance.

Cork led 2-6 to 0-4 at the interval—and with the help of the sun and possibly the wind looked set for an easy victory.

And a point by Mary Geaney in the third minute of the new half seemed the first drop of a shower.

OBVIOUSLY IMPROVING

Kilkenny had made a few changes including the introduction of Geraldine Sutton—and were obviously improving.

And midway through the half they got their first goal—and it came in circumstances probably unique in a camogie final.

Angela Downey had been fouled as she ran at goal—and the Cork wall seemed too near as she prepared to take the free.

Seemingly a tall young man in the Hogan Stand had no doubt it was—and he bounded on to the pitch, accompanied by a black-and-amber teddy-bear.

As he proceeded to lecture referee Phyllis Breslin, a posse emerged from the under the stand and converged on him.

And there was unscheduled entertainment as they went about their stern duty, like men trying to push a hen out of a garden.

The Cork people hardly thought it funny—Angela blasted the free to the net. Now it was 2-7 to 1-5.

Kilkenny had another goal in the 20th minute: Liz Neary made a little run and scored from close range. Now it was 2-9 to 2-6.

But then Mary Geaney again profited from lying behind the defence—and kicked a goal that seemed to set the seal.

Now it was into broken time—and Angela Downey was making desperate runs at goal.

She has the acceleration of a rabbit and the power of a pit-pony and is very nearly an unstoppable force.

But the Cork defenders were almost immovable objects—and those last few minutes were fierce.

And in an outrageously dramatic finish Angela got two points—and then another goal from Liz Neary cut the margin to the minimum.

And in the fifth minute of broken time Margaret Farrell hit a lovely point that brought black-and-amber ecstasy.

And so it was 3-9 each. And while Cork bemoaned their no-goal, Kilkenny complained of a point that never was.

It had been a strange game: much of the first forty minutes had been ordinary enough—but the last quarter was unforgettable.

And so the mothers and the grannies gathered up the papooses and collected the mobile little ones—and looked forward to another day.

Camogie thriller ends in a draw

By Gerry McCarthy

THE girls Gaels took over Croke Park yesterday, but the attendance and atmosphere was a complete contrast to the banner-waving hordes present at the Offaly-Galway hurling final seven days previously.

Yet only a chauvinist would claim that the level of skills paraded by the women from Cork and Kilkenny was in any way less than what had been produced by the stars of the caman code.

We had an abundance of crisp ground striking, some tremendously effective doubling on the ball and a veritable exhibition of how sideline cuts should be taken.

In this last regard, Cork's Patricia Riordan was the acknowledged "queen" with her team-mate, Claire Cronin, a close second.

Kilkenny's Angela Downey was undoubtedly the best

"hurrier" on view, her ball control on those surging solo runs being equal to anything seen during the McCarthy Cup competition.

Cork, seemingly on the way to their 13th title at the interval were caught in a late Kilkenny rally that tied the scores with the second-last puck of the game.

Credit then to both teams for a sporting, skilful exhibition that ended in a welter of excitement as referee Phyllis Breslin added five minutes for stoppages during the second half.

Cork may claim that, because of this, they were robbed but, in the final analysis, not one of the approximate 4,000 attendance will complain... if the replay attains the same standard.

Margaret Farrell, the Kilkenny player who levelled the score with a point in the All-Ireland Camogie final yesterday at Croke Park.

Camogie Sevens

KILLEAGH BUFFERS ALLEY 8-2
KILLEAGH, Cork, won the All-Ireland Camogie seven-a-side competition in Glemalbyn yesterday. They defeated Buffers Alley from Wexford in a very exciting final.

U.C.D. and Croagh, Kilkenny (Limerick) were the beaten semi-finalists. Best for Killeagh: P. Motoney, M. Sweeney, while E. Walsh was impressive for Buffers Alley.

Referee: R. White.

BUFFERS IN THE FINAL

BUFFERS' ALLEY, 3-7

U.C.D., 3-6

BUFFERS' ALLEY, 3-7 U.C.D., 3-6
BUFFERS' ALLEY, runners-up in last year's club championship, qualified for the Leinster Camogie Final, beating U.C.D., the Dublin champions by a single point (3-7 to 3-6) at Monaliffa yesterday. Although trailing by three points at the interval, U.C.D. rallied and drew level midway through the second half and the final quarter produced some exciting camogie.

U.C.D. pulled ahead by a point but the Wexford girls equalised. A goal from U.C.D. was followed by two quick points from the Wexford champions and in the closing minutes Buffers' Alley goalied to give them a one-point victory.

SCORERS — Buffers' Alley — M. Lacey (1-3), B. Doran (1-0), K. Toole (1-0), S. Cousins (0-1), G. O'Leary (0-1), E. Walsh (0-1), C. O'Leary (0-1).
U.C.D. — E. Murphy (1-4), J. Gormley (1-0), M. Farrell (0-1), A. Murphy (0-1), U. Carey (1-0).

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Clare Jones, Captain of the Clare team, receiving the All-Ireland Cup from Maire Ní Mhorain, President of the Camogie Board.

Rousing Welcome for All-Ireland Champions

Clare's camogie heroines were given a rousing reception when they returned to the county on Monday night. Bonfires blazed and hundreds of cheering supporters turned out in Shannon, Sixmilebridge, Kilkishen, Newmarket-on-Fergus, Clarecastle and Ennis to hail the great achievement of the Clare girls in defeating Amtrim to take the All-Ireland junior camogie crown.

Such was the enthusiasm shown by the supporters at each stop along the way that the team arrived in Ennis well behind schedule. However, O'Connell Square was full of atmosphere and colour as the crowd waited patiently for the teams arrival. When Ennis Brass Band headed them up Parnell Street the air resounded with prolonged cheering and applause.

Clad in their Clare jerseys, the girls proudly lofted the cup for all to see and they were quite obviously thrilled by the big turnout. The

cheering was also for the mentors, Fr. Michael McNamara and Catherine McNicholas who played such an important part in the great victory. Also with the party was the team mascot, seven years Linda McNamara, niece of Mary Carey.

Clare Co. Council Chairman, Tadhg MacConmara officially welcomed the team and said the entire county was proud of the girls' achievement and the huge crowd present was indicative of this pride. He was hopeful that the

All-Ireland success was just the beginning of a great era for Clare GAA.

Ennis UDC Chairman, Frank Hanrahan, said he was honoured to welcome the team to Ennis. He congratulated the girls on emulating the achievement of their 1974 counterparts. Other speakers included GAA Co. Chairman, Tadhg Murphy, and Fr. John Hogan, Adm., representing Dr. Michael Harty, Bishop of Killaloe, and Camogie Board Chairperson, Catherine McNicholas.

Fr. Michael McNamara, team trainer said the success had been achieved by the great dedication of the panel. They had believed in their own ability, and believed that Clare was best, he said.

Team captain, Clare Jones, expressed thanks to the mentors for helping them to

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Fantastic Kilkenny comebacks

Kilkenny
Cork

3-9
3-9

By: BREDA WALL

FANTASTIC! That is the only way to describe the skill and determination displayed by Kilkenny in the last quarter of the exciting senior all-Ireland camogie final in Croke Park on Sunday.

And it pulled them back from the brink of defeat and earned them a replay against classy Cork.

A last-gasp point in the fourth and final minute of injury time clinched a second bite at the title for the Noreiders. And a complacent Cork side learned the harsh lesson that the only time it matters to lead is at the final whistle.

Kilkenny's recovery was truly miraculous. Both their opponents and spectators were stunned at their transformation from a team struck with stage fright and unable to cope with a rampant Cork to a side that possessed all the necessary all-Ireland skills and great courage and spirit.

What other team would come back from being 9 points down in the opening minutes of the second half? And playing against the wind at that.

were features of the game as officials often disagreed.

The indecisive Dublin referee could only gaze, dumb-founded as the Kilkenny supporter paced out 10 yards for the free and pushed the Cork defenders back.

Only the action of the Kilkenny girls in pushing their guardian from the field ended the dilemma for the ref.

Timing

Cork must be questioning the official's sense of timing

And a beautiful goaling opportunity came in the 17th minute when Cork full-forward, Mary Geaney got clear in front of the goalmouth. She made no mistake and blasted home the ball.

The only reply to these succession of Cork scores was a good point from Angela Downey in the 12th minute.

Cork resumed their scoring in the 20th minute with a point from a free from sharp shooter Mary O'Leary and a text-book goal from Claire Cronin when the Leaside attack again got behind the Kilkenny cover.

Demoralised

This left Kilkenny trailing by 8 points and looking absolutely demoralised. Bridie Martin at centrefield kept the game somewhat alive for Kilkenny but was denied a lot of balls from the backs who were blocking, but not clearing.

Angela Downey moved out to the forward line and Jo Dunne went full-forward, but as soon as Angela approached the goalmouth she was immediately surrounded by two or three Cork girls. Cork obviously reckoned the Kilkenny star as the only danger and this tactic paid off immensely in the first half.

A point each from frees

on and was remarkable in regaining possession and clearing the balls to the Kilkenny forwards. Geraldine Sutton was also a great asset. Her strength and speed along the wing were crucial features. Helena O'Neill was also very effective on the wing and made Kilkenny's first goal from play.

But it was Cork who worked the first score of the second half to increase their lead to 9 points.

This was followed by an Angela Downey point from a free in the 6th minute and another free in the 9th minute marked the turning of the tide. She slammed the ball into the back of the net.

This was quickly followed by a great point by Helena O'Neill answered by a Cork point, to leave the score 2-9 to 1-6.

Kilkenny dominated the game from now on and the releasing of Liz Neary from full-back to centrefield made available an excellent player who really surprised the Cork defenders who were still an inseparable barrier between Angela Downey and the goal.

Unsettled

A great pass from Helena O'Neill on the wing was blasted into the net by Liz

Walkie talkie rules O.K.

CHANGING players positions and taking others off entails some very hard decision making in any game.

So the Kilkenny camogie selectors anticipating the problem for Sunday's all-Ireland asked former Kilkenny star Ann Carroll to bring a walkie talkie with her on the Hogan Stand and speak down to them in the dug-out on how things looked from above.

Along with the aid of former team trainer Pierce Malone, Ann was able to make some very useful suggestions with which the selectors agreed. And Kilkenny came back to draw.

The girls got the idea of a walkie talkie from Fr. T. Maher who used it with the senior hurlers.

the Cork defence which was now in complete disarray.

Full-time

Full-time was reached and it seemed that any moment the final whistle would be blown to give Cork a one-point victory. Kilkenny just couldn't seem to get that crucial score to draw.

In these last four nerve-racking minutes, Cork had two wides and Kilkenny had an uncharacteristic wide from Angela Downey. That elusive leveller came eventually from Margaret Farrell in the last moment of the game.

Replica

This game was a replica of the 1974 final against Cork when Helena O'Neill snatched a last-minute point to draw the match. In the replay, Kilkenny scored a good win, so if history repeats itself Kilkenny will be bringing home the Duffy cup on October 4.

The main architects of Kilkenny's success were Liz Neary, Bridie Martin, Helena O'Neill, Geraldine Sutton (who merits her place on the team) and, of course, Angela Downey who must have a few bruises after her handling by the Cork defenders. And, of course, the selectors and trainer must be given credit for their intelligent switches and reading of the game.

Best for Cork were Mary O'Leary, Mary Geaney, Claire Cronin, Martha Kearney and Geraldine McCarthy.



Claire Cronin (Cork) heads for the Kilkenny goal pursued by Biddy O'Sullivan (Kilkenny).

Bizarre incident

But the game from the side...

as she allowed over four minutes extra-time. But how Kilkenny needed every nail-biting second of it!

The game opened with Kilkenny drawing first blood as Bridie Martin pointed in the 12th minute.

There were soon signs of the Kilkenny comeback as Angela Downey was marked and unable to get through.

just before half-time left Kilkenny trailing by 0-4 to 2-6.

Dejected Kilkenny supporters got the bad news on the electronic scoreboard that Kilkenny under-21 hurlers were trailing by 7 points at half-time in Waterford, and that did not help matters.

Changes

When Kilkenny came out in the second half Bridie Martin was moved to centre-field. Geraldine Sutton was the netball player.

Neary in the 18th minute, a score which really unsettled Cork.

But again the Kilkenny defence let the Cork forwards walk into the goal in a move which was finished by Mary Geaney for her second goal. This seemed to end all hopes of Kilkenny coming back, but this was to be Cork's last score.

Angela Downey scored two points in the 21st and 24th minutes to leave Kilkenny trailing by four points with one minute of official time left.

Towels, towels

The Kilkenny senior camogie team were presented with full size beach towels during their training for the All-Ireland final.

Brilliant Clare take All-Ireland honours

CLARE 3-2

ANTRIM 0-7

By Austin Hobbs

Clare captured their second All-Ireland Junior Camogie title when they had four points to spare over Antrim (3-2 to 0-7) in a thrilling final at Croke Park on Sunday last. They turned in a classic display and withstood a fierce second half rally to emulate the historic achievement of their 1974 counterparts, and in so doing also maintained Clare's 100 per cent record in All-Ireland camogie final appearances.



• Lourda Fox shoots Clare's first goal with Karen Coyles well beaten.

The Clare team was in no way overawed by the occasion and in fact, if anything, Croke Park setting them on their feet. The final brought out the best in them and they played with spirit and determination for the full fifty minutes. It was a game which tested the character of each and every player and not a single weak point was found.

Carrying the mantle of match favourites did not upset the Clare girls—they just got on with the game and more than made good the mantle was firmly bestowed on

ing towards the Canal end

re got off to a dream start with a goal after less than ten seconds. From the start Veronica Casey won possession and shot goal to Lourda Fox who, as the sliotar, soloed two and crashed home a score from six metres. Sharpness was a mere of better things to come as the Shannon player and te of a rather heavy early in play she was a problem for the Antrim ce throughout the

Nine minutes into the game Antrim recorded their first point when Elizabeth Traynor scored from a free and three minutes later the deficit was reduced to the minimum when full-forward Margaret McKillop scored a beautiful point. Doreen Quinn took a side line cut on the Hogan Stand side and Margaret doubled on it overhead from just outside the square.

Antrim never got a chance to build on that score as Clare surged into attack straight away and Lourda Fox netted her second goal. This really put them on the move and Antrim had to soak up attack after attack as the Clare half-backs rained shots into the forward line. Mary Howard dominated completely at centre back and made some great catches under pressure. On the ground she was fast and strong. It was a long clearance from her that led to Clare's third goal. Martina Beegan gained possession and cut in from the right before netting from close range.

The only clear cut scoring opportunities Antrim got during that period were from frees and all Elizabeth Traynor's efforts were wide. Elizabeth, who had been the key figure in Antrim's victory over Galway, was well marshalled by Carmel Moroney and only gave her

the slip once to take a good point, which left Clare leading at the break with a six point lead.

Such was the performance of the Clare girls in the opening half that it seemed that it would be just a formality for them to take the field for the

second half. It was something totally new for them to lead at this stage as in all previous matches they had to come from behind to win. It was perhaps this that caused them to lull for a while and Antrim slowly but surely crept within striking dis-

tance.

Antrim attacked for all their worth but the Clare defence held solid, although they did give away a number of frees that might have produced scores had Elizabeth Traynor been able to find her shooting form. In the 7th

minute she did point a free from 20 metres. This was added to by Claire McAleese with a point from play a minute later, and for the first time Antrim looked poised to seriously threaten Clare's hold on the game. In the 10th minute Elizabeth Traynor



• The All-Ireland champions before Sunday's final

After match

Comment

GOLD MEDALS FOR CAVAN CAMOGIE CHAMPIONS

CAVAN maintained their proud record in Community Games camogie in the National finals at Butlins on Sunday when the girls from Area 6 (Laragh-Castletara-Kill-Drung) won the gold medals when they defeated

Oran (Roscommon) in the semi-final and then gave a tremendous performance in the final against hot favourites, Marino (Dublin) beating the Dubs by 11 points.

Cavan won two more gold medals when Sharon Greene (Kingscourt) came first in Girls Under-16 Art and Raymond Fadden (Ballyconnell) won the same event for boys. Bronze medals went to the Girls Under-13 Handball team from Kingscourt and Patricia Cullen, also from Kingscourt, in Under-10 Art and, in the newly-introduced Wheelchair Dash, Philip Dunne, Bailieborough, also won a bronze medal for his county.

In the first semi-final of the camogie the Cavan girls faced up to the Connaught champions, Oran, Roscommon, and in an exciting and closely-fought game Cavan won by 5-1 to 2-4.

Cavan opened the scoring in the 6th minute when Fiona Smith scored a goal and four minutes later when Brenda Fay added another it looked as if it was going to be plain sailing for Cavan. However, a goal by Hilary Hussey and points apiece from Barbara Nally and Bláithín Kelly before

Treana McKenna tacked on a point for Cavan left the score at the interval Cavan 2-1, Roscommon 1-2.

On the restart Roscommon attacked strongly and points from Deirdre Nally and Pauline Fallon left the sides level after ten minutes. Cavan seemed to be panicking at this stage but the calming influence of team manager Joe Hegarty soon became evident and goals on the trot from Fiona Smith and Geraldine Smith re-established their superiority and although Roscommon scored a further goal and a point the Cavan girls replied with a goal from Edel Brady to close the scoring.

Cavan were well served by Claire Brady in goal and Catherine Smith was outstanding and got good support from Louise Carbin and Roisin Walshe. Fiona Smith had a great game in attack and also impressive were Brenda McConnell, who was injured and missed the final, Trina McKenna, Brenda Fay and Frances Lee.

In the second semi-final Dublin (Marino), the Leinster champions, beat Cork (Bishopstown) and looked favourites to win the gold medals. Referee for this game was John Hayes (Cavan).

FINAL

The final was played in a welter of excitement before a huge crowd who kept up a non-stop barrage of vociferous support throughout the game. Cavan got off to an encouraging start when after four minutes Geraldine Smith had the ball in the Marino net. Pressure was kept up and after some exciting passages of play Fiona Smith broke clear to put Cavan 2-0 to nil in the lead. Dublin then had a brief spell of superiority and had a goal by Nicola O'Brien. Cavan, however, regained the initiative and Fiona Smith had a point and Frances Lee a goal for Cavan to leave the half-time score: Cavan, 3-1; Dublin, 1-0.

Cavan dominated the second half and within two minutes Frances Lee had the ball in the net. This was followed by a Brenda Fay goal and in a breakaway Imelda McKiernan had Dublin's second goal. Cavan quickly returned to the attack and only the woodwork kept the ball out of the Dublin goal and when Cavan forced a '30' Trina McKenna made no mistake in scoring a point. Five minutes from the end Geraldine Smith retired injured for Cavan and was replaced by Brenda McConnell.

Cavan — Claire Brady; Catherine Smith, Eileen Lynch, Louise Carbin, Roisin Walsh, Edel Brady, Trina McKenna, Teresa McCabe, Frances Lee, Fiona Smith, Geraldine Smith, Brenda Fay, Kathleen Brady.

At the helm



ANNA MAY McHUGH, 'Altona', Fallaghmore, Athy, became secretary of the National Ploughing Association in 1955 while working as secretary to the late J. J. Bergin, its founder.

Always interested in organising, she continued as secretary until 1973 when she was appointed managing director on the death of Sean O'Farrell.

Anna May has attended and organised the National Championships since 1955, with a group of voluntary workers representing 24 counties. She has also attended the World Ploughing Competitions in Italy, France, Holland, Great Britain, Austria and New Zealand.

Closer to home she attends most of the county events throughout Ireland in January, February and March. Her job entails many late hours of work, attending meetings and discussions, co-ordinating with sub-committees and now planning for this year's World and Golden Jubilee events in Wexford.

Outside her interest in ploughing, she was secretary and later chairman of the Co. Laois Camogie Board and holds five Inter-Provincial medals for Leinster and a number of county medals for Laois.

Stretching her administration talent further still, Anna May was secretary of Co. Laois Federation of Muintir na Tire and represented the county on the National Executive for seven years.

She became first President of Ballylinan I.C.A. Guild when formed in 1965 and is actively associated with I.C.A. to the present day. Is there room or time for more? Yes. She is presently secretary of the local Community Council, a position she has held for eight years.

Married to farmer John McHugh they have two children aged 12 and 14.

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The Cavan camogie team which won the Gold medals. Front row (l. to r.) — Eileen Lynch, Teresa Greenan, Claire Brady, Louise Carbin (captain), Kathleen Brady, Caroline Brady and Roisin Walshe. Back row (l. to r.) — Brenda Fay, Joe Hegarty, Edel Brady, Trena McKenna, Mrs. McKenna, Catherine Smith, Geraldine Smith, Teresa McCabe, Mary Brady, Fiona Smith, Brenda McConnell, Frances Lee and Barney McEnroe.



Financial Aid Towards Camogie Trip

Picture shows Mr. Val McCaul (right), Cavan Crystal, presenting Noeleen Kiernan, Chairperson, Co. Cavan Camogie Board, with the envelope containing their sponsorship towards the forthcoming trip to U.S.A. at the end of the month. Picture includes Carmel Lyons, Treasurer, and Hugh Murphy, P.R.O.

AMERICAN CAMOGIE TRIP

The Cavan Camogie Board trip to the United States will leave from Dublin Airport on Friday next, 25th of September. A party of over 50, which includes the official party of 20, 16 players and four officials, will fly to New York, where they have a game at Gaelic Park, on Sunday, 27th of September, followed by a reception in the Stadium Casino, which is held jointly for them and the visiting Laragh Utd. / Drumalee footballers.

On Wednesday, 30th of September the official party travel on to Philadelphia where they play on Sunday, 4th of October as part of the Cavanmen's Association Field Day. The Laragh Utd. / Drumalee footballers will also be in action at the same venue.

The camogie team then move on to play in Pittsburg on Tuesday, 6th of October. The Pittsburg side toured Ireland in July and played games in Tullamore, Dublin and Monaghan. The party fly home on Monday, 12th of October. Many of the players that won the National League title for Cavan last July, will be in action, including A. McKiernan, N. Kiernan, A. Lynch, A. Sullivan, M. McDermott and the Clarke sisters.

Notable absentees from the trip are Bernie Callaghan, Margaret Hastings and M. McMullen, owing to domestic reasons (i.e. school). However, the side travelling is indeed a strong one.

A special sub-committee was set up to plan and organise the trip, also to help fund-raising.

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Catherine Landers, who will be in action for Killeagh tomorrow evening.

Big Day For Killeagh

ALL-IRELAND club champions, Killeagh, have a big day tomorrow when they face Cashel in the 1981 Munster inter-club championship final at Burgess, Killeagh, final at Burgess, Killeagh, their home grounds. And before the game, Miss Mary Moran, president of the Camogie Association, will officially open the Killeagh club's new mobile dressing rooms.

On the same evening, Ballincollig meet Aghabullogue in the Under-14 League, while Sunday will be taken over by Junior "B" championship games when no less than eight ties will be played in this competition.

Killeagh, who were such splendid All-Ireland club champions last season are through to the Munster decider of the 1981 campaign and with the way they are playing at present it is difficult to see how any club can take their title from them.

On Saturday last the East Cork girls added yet another title to their list, when as late entries they won the All-Ireland seven-a-side trophy in most impressive fashion.

Killeagh have strength in all sectors and their biggest asset is their ability to play as a team. They have star players in Patricia Fitzgibbon, Marie Costine, Pat Moloney, Catherine Landers and Betty Joyce, and they must be expected to win tomorrow evening.

However, they might do well to remember that a few years ago Scoll Mhuire, Cashel, dominated the All-Ireland colleges scene and

no doubt many of the star names in the Colleges sides will be in action tomorrow.

Also on their way to the decider, Cashel have accounted for Shannons and Gaultier with two good wins, so Killeagh can expect a tough tie. But they must be fancied to win their Munster title.



Triona Bonner, Cashel is sandwiched between Killeagh forwards Catherine Landers and Patsy Keniry as her team captain Helen Dunne races across to support during the Munster inter-club camogie championship final at Burgess Cross, Killeagh, Co. Cork. (Echo)



The Killeagh team which scored a great win over Cashel in the Munster Inter-Club Camogie Championship final at Burgess Cross, Killeagh, Co. Cork. (Examiner)

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Cashel goalkeeper Susan O'Dwyer brings off a fine save at the expense of a 30 in their Munster inter-club camogie championship final against Killeagh at Burgess Cross, Killeagh. (Picture: Donal Sheehan)



The Killeagh captain, Catherine Landers, tussles for possession with a Cashel back during the Munster Inter-Club Camogie Championship final.

NO TROUBLE TO KILLEAGH

By Joan Morley

Killeagh 4-6 St. Cormac's, Cashel 0-2

KILLEAGH retained their Munster Inter-Club Championship title in impressive fashion at Burgess, Killeagh, on Saturday evening, when they defeated a young St. Cormac's Cashel side by 4-6 to 0-2.

The champions were ahead at the interval by 1-5 to 0-2 in this game, played in miserable conditions, and although they had a difficult patch in the opening half of the second period they then produced a scoring blitz which saw them put the game beyond the reach of the youthful Cashel side.

But the St. Cormac's girls were not as far behind as the score suggests. They were very much in the game in the first half and after the interval had their best period, when for twelve minutes they held the star-studded Killeagh side scoreless and at the same time played some excellent camogie themselves. But at the finish they had to accept defeat at the hands of the superior champions.

Once again Marie O'Donovan, Betty Joyce, Marian Sweeney and Pat Moloney were in top form for the winners, while young players Barbara Kirby, Ann Marie Landers and Ann Leahy, who scored two excellent opportunist goals, were also impressive.

For Cashel, former Scoil Mhuire stars Majella Hallinan, Mary Kelly, Fiona Bonnar and Clare Bargery were excellent and it was good to see the girls from that marvellous camogie College — so prominent in All Ireland Colleges competitions — helping Cashel to their first Munster inter club final.

Scorers — Killeagh: A. Leahy 2-0, M. Sweeney 1-2, B. Joyce 1-1, P. Moloney 0-2, B. Kirby 0-1. St. Cormac's, Cashel: C. Bargery 0-2.

Killeagh: P. Fitzgibbon, M. O'Donovan, M. Spillane, B. Landers, B. Joyce, A. M. Landers, P. Moloney, B. Kirby, P. Keniry, C. Landers, A. Leahy, M. Sweeney.

St. Cormac's: J. O'Dwyer, H. Dunne, A. Anglin, M. Brennan, K. McCluskey, M. Hallinan, F. Bonnar, U. Cummins, C. Bargery, M. Butler, M. Kelly, A. Buckley. Subs. M. Gayson for M. Butler, P. Bonnar for U. Cummins.

Mr. Camogie's helping hand

Our Camogie Correspondent, AGNES HOURICAN looks at the progress made by the sport since 1931 and how this was helped by The Irish Press.

ONE OF the ideals on which The Irish Press was founded 50 years ago was to foster and revive Irish culture and tradition. An Cumann Camogaíochta can attest to the encouragement and support that the organisation has received from the newspaper over the intervening period. Indeed, the real progress of the association dates from just one year later in 1932 with the inauguration of the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship, for which Sean O'Duffy—often referred to as "Mr. Camogie"—presented a magnificent silver cup that is still the trophy for the competition.

Sean O'Duffy, national organiser since 1911, and now in his 95th year, was the camogie correspondent for The Irish Press in those early years. Writing under the penname "Tir na nOg", his regular contributions, accounts of matches and the amount of space given to colleges games were a source of great encouragement to all those dedicated people in the association; of whom Miss M. Gill and Miss E. Ryan deserve special mention.

An Cumann Camogaíochta can look back also on a successful half century.

Founded in 1904, the association went through periods of good and bad years between the beginning and the inauguration of the Tailteann Games in 1924. The latter gave rise to a new wave of enthusiasm which was reawakened in the games in 1928 and was so

strong before the 1932 Tailteann Games that the officers convened the first congress on April 25, 1932.

Many counties contested those first All-Ireland finals. Some of those counties have remained strongholds of the game and some have yet to win a senior trophy at national level.

The two big names in the first 20 years were Cork and Dublin, cities, who, mark you, had well organised and thriving schools competitions.

A troubled period over a ban on foreign games in the early 40s brought a split in the association for a few years. By the late 40s Dublin came back into the limelight and dominated the All-Ireland championship scene for the next 20 years. They won the O'Duffy Cup 18 times out of 19 and were only defeated once, in 1956, by Antrim who had been close challengers many times in that period.

The setting up of the All-Ireland Colleges Council in 1958 gave a new dimension to the association. Standards improved all over the country with the result that those counties whose colleges were flourishing soon came to the fore and inside a decade, new champions came to be born. Wexford and Kilkenny were the first to break through and some mighty tussles between these Antrim and resurgent Cork is

the story of the late 60s and 70s.

In the Minor All-Ireland Competition, which is now part of the Willwood Tailteann Festival, the standard of play is extremely high. Cork have been the kingpins in this under-16 age group. Down and Galway are the only other counties who have succeeded in capturing Corn Tailteann.

A Senior National League Competition was set up in 1977 which was followed by a similar competition for junior players two years ago. Tipperary, who have been in and out of competition since the foundation, won their first senior trophy in the inaugural year of the league although Presentation Convent, Cashel, had brought home senior and junior schools all-Ireland titles previously. Wexford, Kilkenny and Dublin

have been the other title-holders.

Last year was an auspicious one for the Leesiders. They became the first county to win the three national championships and their county champion winners, Killiagh, took the All-Ireland Club title. In addition to all this success, North Presentation School won the senior schools title.

Camogie has been promoted very successfully among under-14 age group by such promotions as the Community Games and Feile na nGael. At Galway in June, 40 teams participated in the Feile na nGael two-day competition.

The skill that has been attained by these young players is a joy and a great tribute to those dedicated voluntary workers who train these young girls throughout the length and breadth of Ireland.

But widespread organisation brings headaches for the administrators. Finance, refereeing, cost of sticks and balls are the greatest of these. However, with the help of the Department of Education scheme to provide full-time officers for voluntary organisations, Seosaimhín Nic Ualladh, camogie's development officer and secretary, is establishing a strong link between the counties and Ard Choiste which is bound to bear fruit.

Coaching courses organised for the past decade by the national coaches, Anne Carroll and Mary Moran, the present Uachtarán, have done much to improve the skills of the game and their book on coaching has been a great aid to coaches at all levels.

The association has still a long way to go — a team in every parish and school in the country should be the ideal and also has been the wish of "Mr. Camogie."

Extraordinary A.G.M. To Fill Vacant Positions

CORK will have Vice-chairperson and Co. Secretary on Monday next, as on that evening the Cork County Board hold an extraordinary general meeting to elect the two new officers to act until the Co. Convention in December.

The new officers have to be elected to replace vice-chairperson Pat Moloney and Co. Secretary, Breda Landers, both of Killeagh, who have resigned from their positions in recent weeks.

Mary Maher, who is the present registrar and has been combining the post of secretary as well, is the only nominee for the Co. Secretary position, and as she is prepared to continue in the dual role, she will be the official Co. Secretary-Registrar from Monday.

There will, however, be an election for the post of vice-chairperson with Rose O'Leary (Eire Og), the former Co. Secretary, and Mrs. Sheila Spillane (Killeagh), a Cork senior selector, both nominated for the position.

The Munster teams for the forthcoming interprovincials have been announced and Cork have no less than eight players on the senior side, and three subs, while on the junior side they have five representatives and a substitute.

On the senior team Cork have three defenders, goalie Marian McCarthy and backs Patricia Riordan and Martha Kearney, and the defence is completed by Clare Harrington of Clare and Vera Hackett of Tipperary.

Cork have two centre fielders on the side, Cork captain Clare Cronin and Angela Higgins, and they will be joined by Limerick's Vera Mackey in this sector.

And in the attack Cork fill three of the four positions, with young Ger McCarthy, playing in her first senior year with Cork gaining her first interprovincial "cap" while Mary Geaney and Mary O'Leary are also in the attack where they will be partnered by Deirdre Lane of Tipperary.

Cork have three of the four substitutes as well with Catherine Landers, Marian Sweeney and Eileen Dineen being joined by Bernadette O'Brien of Limerick.

Cork have five players on the junior team, with Clare having one more and Limerick one.

Mary Maher and Mary O'Donovan are in the defence where they are joined by Clare Casey and Carmel Moroney of Clare and Limerick's Martina O'Donoghue.

Margo Twomey is the only Leesider in the centre, where she partners Veronica Casey and Clare Jones, while in the attack the All-Ireland Junior champions, Clare, have two in the persons of Lourda Fox, and Colette Keating, while Cork also have two representatives — Ann Marie Landers and Stephanie Curtin. And Joan Hyde is included in the substitutes, together with Clare's Mary Howard and Carmel Wall, and Helen Clifford of Limerick.



Mary O'Donovan — on the Munster junior camogie team.

ROSE O'LEARY FILLS IN AS CORK VICE-CHAIRMAN

ROSE O'LEARY, who was last year's vice-chairman of the Cork Co. Camogie Board is back in that position, at least until the Cork Co. Convention in December.

Rose, of the Eire Og Club, who was also a dedicated Co. Secretary for many years, did not go forward for the position at the last Convention but an extraordinary general meeting of the Co. Board last evening she was elected to fill the post for the next few weeks. She defeated Mrs. Sheila Spillane of Killeagh.

The meeting followed the resignations of Pat Moloney, vice-chairman and Breda Landers, the Co. Secretary, both of Killeagh. But there was no election for the secretary's post, as Mary Maher of Douglas, who had been combining both the secretary and registrar's positions for some weeks was unopposed, and is to continue in the dual role until convention.

The Cork team to meet Kilkenny in the All-Ireland final replay at Croke Park on Sunday was announced and is unchanged.

The team is: Marian McCarthy, Eileen Dineen, Martha Kearney, Patricia

Riordan, Miriam Higgins, Angela Higgins, Nancy O'Driscoll, Liz Lynch, Ger McCarthy, Mary O'Leary, Clare Cronin, Mary Geaney, Subs. Ann Delaney, Joan O'Sullivan, Val Fitzpatrick, Clare Kelleher, Clare McCarthy.

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Replay causes fixture changes

By TAOBH LINE

WITH the Replay of the All-Ireland Final between Cork and Kilkenny arranged for Croke Park (3.0) on October 4, the semi-finals of the Interprovincials for the Gael-Linn Cup (Senior) and Shield (Junior) have been put back to October 11 and the Final is rearranged for November 1.

Leinster entertain Munster the (holders) and Connacht travel to Ulster for the semi-finals.

The Club Championship semi-finals have been changed to October 25 with the final fixed for November 8.

The All-Ireland Club holders, Killiagh, retained their Munster title last Saturday when they defeated the Tipperary Champions, Cashel.

WORTHY WINNERS

The first half was close enough but the champions were worthy winners in the end. Their opponents in last years all-Ireland final, Buffers Alley are the Leinster Champions once again. Last Sunday they proved much too good (4-1 to 1-1) for the Kilkenny champions, St. Pauls.

A rather surprising result considering that half of the Kilkenny All-Ireland team was playing for Pauls, so it is on the cards that both Killiagh and Buffers Alley could reach the final again.

Killeagh are drawn to play the Ulster winners — Buffers Alley the Connacht champions.

SCHOOLS AGMS

Ulster and Leinster Post Primary Schools Councils held their Annual General Meetings last Saturday. Arrangements were made for their respective Senior and Junior Provincial Championships.

Reports from both meetings showed increased affiliations with great enthusiasm in both Provinces. Ulster have again a record number of Schools affiliated in 53.

Munster's meeting is scheduled for Saturday next at Limerick. The Cork Schools, St. Patricks, reached the Senior and Junior Finals last season. They won the Senior title and Sceilg Cup by defeating Assumption Convent, Walkinstown, Dublin, but another Dublin School, St. John of God, Kilmore, turned the tables on St. Patricks in the Junior Final.

Yet it was a great achievement for a small school to qualify for the two finals.

JUNIOR LEAGUE

The Junior League is scheduled to start on November 1. Those counties interested in participating have been invited to forward their names to Ard Choiste.

This year, the junior teams of senior counties may take part in the Junior League for the first time.

It is hoped to put the counties with both grade into the same zones to facilitate travelling.

Eleven counties are graded Senior — Cork, Limerick, Clare, Tipperary, Galway, Dublin, Kilkenny, Wexford, Antrim, Down and Derry, who will make up two zones. The remaining junior counties will be zoned when those who wish to take part are known. Last season 15 junior counties participated in three zones.

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Cork to win a close replay

By JIM O'SULLIVAN

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Dedication of the Kerry footballers, but when
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ry Nott, from Glen Rovers — trainer of the
which won the All-Ireland three in a row
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r this week, she said that over the past two
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All-Ireland final, she admitted to having been
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League final to Antrim earlier in the year,
she felt, proved a blessing in disguise. Mary
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Anna Crotty — who waited from 1952 before
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Trainer Tom Nott advising the team during a training session at Ballinlough.

(Picture, Denis Minihane)

fact that we won last year's final against Limerick in a replay... Mary O'Callaghan, who is Chairperson of the Board, says that camogie in Cork is in a healthy state, even though a few clubs have been lost, "mainly because of the want of someone to run them. We have some great players coming up", she said, "and the enthusiasm and spirit among the present panel was never better". She didn't think the team was complacent in the first game. "They played very well in the first half, and turned over with a good lead. But an incident near the end, when a man came on to the field, upset them". The incident occurred when the brother of one of the Kilkenny players attempted to push the Cork players back when a free was being taken. Kilkenny got a goal and the delay caused is given as the main reason why the referee played so much extra time. Mary O'Callaghan is confident of success this time. "I think we are going to win, and if we do, it will not be just a victory, but a moral victory, because of decisions recently taken by the Board". The team is captained by Clare Cronin, from the Old Als

club. She was booked on a continental holiday and was forced to miss most of the training. But, she will be back for the game. Players are drawn from Eire Og, Na Piarasigh, Glen Rovers, Watergrasshill, Douglas and Old Als. Eire Og have the biggest representation, which includes Kerry-born Mary Geaney, who travels twice a week from Castleisland to train, and Nancy O'Driscoll. Both girls have played for the Irish international hockey team. Tom Nott, a Cork minor hurling selector since 1973, has trained the camogie team for the past three years. He says that the commitment of the girls is greater than any football or hurling team because they have to pay their own way. "When we went so far ahead the last day, some of the girls may have felt it was just a matter of holding on. In addition, we missed two golden opportunities of goals in the last few minutes. Both teams are very evenly matched and the replay should be close". For the record, Cork hold twelve senior titles. The county was without a championship from 1941 until 1970 and since then five victories were gained (in 1971, '72, '73, '78 and last year).

Kilkenny's experience to swing it

ALL CAMOGIE fans eagerly await the replay of the All-Ireland Senior Camogie championship final fixed for Croke Park (3.0) on Sunday next. The dramatic ending, which gave Kilkenny another chance, after they were trailing 3-9 to 2-6 with only three minutes of ordinary time remaining, must surely have caused some nightmare to the Corkonian in the meantime. A number of the players on both sides will be glad of the opportunity to justify themselves as many played below their potential and not up to their performances in earlier games. Kilkenny's experiment of playing Bridie McGarry, their usual centre back, on the wing did not work out as Bridie's long clearances were sadly missed in the first half. There should be a great effort for supremacy between herself

and Mary O'Leary, Cork's star forward. Mary was out of the game during the spring and early summer with a back complaint. She made a successful return against Dublin in the quarter-final and was again very effective in the semifinal against Galway. Yet her performance in the final even though she chalked up seven points, was not up to her usual class. No doubt all the players will have learned from the drawn game and we are likely to see very different tactics. DIDN'T PANIC Cork didn't panic when Kilkenny started to catch up. They didn't make any switches to match the many changes the Noreiders made and three weeks later they have announced exactly the same team in exactly the same positions. Kilkenny's team shows one change. Geraldine Sutton, who

CAMOGIE BY TAOBH LINE came in on the right wing in the drawn game, has retained that position and Anne Holden, the left back, has been replaced by Biddy O'Sullivan, who was centre back. Only four of the players retain their original positions. They are goalie Teresa O'Neill, Liz Neary, full back Ann Downey, right back and Peggy Muldowney, the midfielder. Margaret Farrell, centre forward who scored the equaliser, has gone to left wing and Angela Downey is named as centre forward. Bridie McGarry is back in her usual place at centre back. Helena McCormack, who moved from the left wing to right forward the last day remains in that corner. Jo Dunne is back

in her usual position at full forward and Anna Whelan has gone to the left corner. Both goalies played very well the last time, and saved their respective sides more than once. The Kilkenny captain, Liz Neary, who moved from the full back position to centre forward, contributed in no small way to her country's change of fortune, with her two well taken goals while Martha Kearney in the Cork defence kept very close to Kilkenny's ace forward Angela Downey. Actually, the result of the replay could well be influenced by the performances of the two centre backs and the two centre forwards. If Angela can master Martha and if Mary O'Leary can get to the ball before Bridie Martin, the scoring should be high, but if the centre backs dominate, then it will be up to the other forwards to take their scores smartly.

All in all, it is an intriguing prospect. If the day is fine and the ground is dry the game should be very close. Both teams are camogie players of the highest skills and the final issue could depend on the day's performance of individual players. Again I favour Kilkenny, only because they have so much more experience which was really saved them for another chance the last day. Teams: Cork — M. Mc Carthy; E. Dineen; P. Riordan, M. Kearney, M. Higgins; L. Lynch, N. O'Driscoll, A. Higgins; C. Cronin (capt.), M. O'Leary, G. McCarthy; M. Geaney. Kilkenny — T. O'Neill; L. Neary (capt.); A. Downey, B. McGarry, B. O'Sullivan; G. Sutton, P. Muldowney, M. Farrell; H. McCormack, Angela Downey, A. Whelan; Jo Dunne.

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Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael



Cluiche Ceannais
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Páirc an Chrócaigh
4 Deireadh Fómhair, 1981
3.00 p.m.

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Seosamh Mac Mórdáigh
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Liz Neary, the Kilkeny captain, with her happy team after yesterday's All-Ireland triumph.
Picture: COLMAN DOYLE

Meet The Cork Team

WITH interest so high at the moment in Cork's All-Ireland replay against Kilkenny at Croke Park on Sunday next followers might like to know a little more about the players who will represent this county, so the following are pen pictures of the girls who will wear the Cork colours.

MARIAN MCCARTHY (Eire Og): Goalkeeper Marian is seeking her seventh All-Ireland senior medal and is a most versatile player who has fielded for Cork in several positions. Has collected Cork Co. Championship medals with both South Presentation Past Pupils and Eire Og and is noted for her long relieving puck-outs. Marian has worn the Cork colours in all grades and has played several times for Munster. Was awarded B.+I. Camogie Player of the Year Award last season. Marian, who is also an excellent badminton player, is a factory worker.

PATRICIA RIORDAN (Watergrasshill): A versatile defender, who is equally at home at full or left corner. Was on Cork's All-Ireland winning team for the last two years and has represented Cork in all grades. A schools player with South Presentation, Patricia has been selected on the Munster senior side this season and is a sales assistant by occupation.

MIRIAM HIGGINS (Eire Og): Learned her camogie at St. Vincent's Convent and played for Glen Rovers before taking up a Civil Service appointment in Dublin. Won five Dublin Championship medals with Celtic and collected Leinster and All-Ireland junior honours with Dublin. A well known referee, Miriam also enjoys badminton and tennis.

MARTHA KEARNEY (Na Piaras): Although still very young Martha has considerable experience. Captained Cork to All-Ireland success at minor level. Won All-Ireland Colleges medal with North Presentation and fielded with Munster College Interprovincial side. Equally at home in defence, midfield or attack Martha brought the first senior medal to her club last season, and has just been selected for the Munster senior side this season.

CLARE CRONIN (Old Aloysians): Captain: Clare holds All-Ireland medals at colleges, minor and senior level. Honoured with Levi Youth Sports Award for Camogie in 1976. Clare was a prominent member of the St. Aloysius team which brought the first Colleges All-Ireland to Cork. Clare, who previously fielded with Ballyphehane, is a dental surgery assistant.

ANGELA HIGGINS (Watergrasshill): Seeking her third senior medal Angela also holds junior All-Ireland medal. Won intermediate, league and championship with Loreto, Fermoy, County junior and intermediate medals with Watergrasshill, County senior with Imokilly and under 18, junior and senior medals with Cork. Published a history of first 30 years of camogie and coaches colleges teams at Mercy, Macroom, where she is a physical education teacher.

NANCY O'DRISCOLL (Eire Og): Nancy came out of inter-county retirement to help Cork this season. Holds the unique honour of captaining Cork to win All-Ireland honours at junior and senior grades. An international hockey player, she also plays badminton. One of six camogie playing sisters, she has won Cork Co. Senior Championship medals with Eire Og. Nancy practices as a solicitor in the family firm.

MARY O'LEARY: Comes from a sporting family. She, her

brother Seanie, and grandfather, hold All-Ireland medals. Accuracy both from placed balls and from play, is Mary's greatest asset. Won Cork junior, intermediate and senior medals. Munster under 18, junior and senior, and All-Ireland junior and senior medals. The former Cork captain, who captained this season's Munster senior side, is a clerical worker.

MARY GEANEY (Eire Og): Mary is following in the family's sporting tradition. Her father Con and brother Dave, also hold All-Ireland medals. From Cast-Castleisland and has just been known in squash, badminton and ladies football circles, and is an international hockey goalkeeper. Holder of three County Championship medals with Eire Og. Mary is in the family business in Castleisland and has just been named on the Munster senior team for the coming interpros.

EILEEN DINEEN: Won All-Ireland junior medal with Cork at third attempt last season and was also a sub on the senior side. Eileen has won junior, intermediate and senior County medals with Eire Og; Munster junior and senior medals with Cork and a Gael Linn medal with Munster. Eileen played her colleges camogie with Mercy, Macroom, and works as a key operator. Her hobbies are farming and reading.

LIZ LYNCH (Douglas): Played at midfield for Cork juniors for last 3 seasons winning All-Ireland medal at third attempt. Holds one Munster under 18, three Munster junior medals, two junior Gael Linn Cup medals, and Junior "B" Championship and League medals with Douglas.

GERALDINE MCCARTHY (Nemo Rangers): Playing in her first senior season, Ger has got some vital scores for Cork and has just won her place on the senior interprovincial side. Ger was honoured with Cork Youth Award and captained Cork minor team to All-Ireland success in 1979, as well as being top scorer. Ger holds two minor and one junior All-Ireland medals as well as Munster medals in under 18, minor and junior grades, and a junior interprovincial medal. Ger learned her camogie at Sacred Heart School.

ANN DELANEY (Glen Rovers and U.C.C.): Won an All-Ireland junior medal with Cork last season. She also holds two All-Ireland minor medals as well as Munster minor, under 18 and junior medals. Won Cork Colleges league medal with St. Aloysius and has played in Ashbourne Cup and won selection on Combined Universities team.

JOAN O'SULLIVAN (Glen Rovers): Another who won an All-Ireland junior medal last season, Joan was a prominent member of the St. Patrick's School side, shone on the Cork under 18 team which won Munster title in 1979. Holds three Munster medals as well as her colleges awards. Joan is interested in basketball, swimming and reading.

VAL FITZPATRICK (Glen Rovers): Learned her camogie at St. Aloysius School where she won an All-Ireland Colleges medal. Played with Old Aloysians before going to take up employment in Limerick, where she played for a few years with a local club. Joined Glen Rovers on her return and to her credit has one All-Ireland junior medal, two Munster Colleges medals and two Munster Championship medals, and is hoping for her first senior medal on Sunday.

CLARE KELLEHER (Eire Og): Yet another product of County junior and senior medals with Eire Og as well as Munster minor, under 18 and junior medals. Played for Munster Colleges side and is a Grade "C" coach.

Angela Downey is Kilkenny's ace

By MAOL MUIRE TYNAN

WITH tensions heightened after the controversial climax to the drawn game between Kilkenny and Cork, today's replay should prove a melting-pot for all the emotions, skills, disappointments and rewards that make the All-Ireland the ultimate goal of every girl who has played camogie.

After the initial clash, sandwiched between the hurling and football finals, there were rumblings that referee, Phillis Breslin of Dublin, had allowed an unusual amount of extra time with 4 minutes and 40 seconds. Those moments proved precious to Kilkenny, but Cork undoubtedly forfeited some chances during their overtime.

As dispute and debate lie idle in the face of referee's infallibility, only one question remains to be answered — who will win this afternoon's game? Speculation will be marked by the assumption that Kilkenny could not possibly play as badly again as they did in the first fifteen minutes on September 13th. They jotted up no less than ten wides in the first half against Cork's four, and in retrospect, their placing of the team was nothing short of unwise.

Bridie Martin-McGarry was removed from her natural position at centre-back to wing centre-field. Helena O'Neill, a remarkable player, stood on the other wing and the two were left to languish as the ball soared repeatedly over their heads to the half-back line.

By half-time, the error was obvious and almost irreversible; Bridie returned to her usual position where she played extremely well and Biddy O'Sullivan took the place on her left hand. Other positional changes proved fruitful, as in the case of Liz Neary who scored two goals when moved into the forward line.

The introduction of Geraldine Sutton to midfield as a substitute was a clever

move and she retains her place today. She helped in the very brave recovery of the eight point interval deficit but, for all that, Kilkenny seemed to rely, as ever, on Angela Downey to produce the scores.

The St. Paul's girl — one of the most amazing camogie players of all time — managed 1-6 and today plays at centre-forward. The wisdom of this move is not unquestionable; she needs space for movement and could well find herself in a claustrophobic position here. Nevertheless, she will demand more attention than any other girl on the pitch.

In the first game, Cork played soundly rather than dramatically; they are obstinate and tenacious — powers which were well displayed by the County's Selection Committee this year. Their chances of winning were considerably hampered when the Committee insisted on removing three of their foremost players from the panel after a pre-League Final dispute.

Catherine Landers, this season's captain, Pat Moloney and Marian Sweeney travelled with their club, Killeagh, to meet Kilkenny's county side, in a friendly game on the eve of Cork's League Final clash with Dublin. The three are superb players in their own right; they are very experienced and all captained Cork at some stage of their careers.

But, their decision to play with their clubs before an important County game brought the wrath of their peers on them to such an extent that they now find themselves out in the cold.

If Cork had in fact managed to beat Dublin, their actions might not have caused such friction and the path to the All-Ireland final would undoubtedly have been smoother.

The committee's ruling does not lessen morale in the team and the fact that they have come this far in an inter-county of the depth of talent and dedication in the County is a further pointer towards their determination to win. They are by young Geraldine Kilkenny their left-forward, who travelled with her team to Antrim in the middle of her Leaving Certificate examination. She faced her 'M' paper within hours of arriving home from their extensive trip to the North.

This impenetrable door to the game is really Cork's hallmark and could go a long way in helping them to win their title today. The forwards are all dangerous and though Mary O'Leary was the proverbial 'winger' on the last occasion, she manages to produce around six points, she will need much watching from today. Mary Geaney, who scored 1-2 last time round, Cherie Cronin and Geraldine McCarthy will be just as effective.

Both teams will have profited from the first game; they know each other well now and are aware of the centre-fielders and defence lines are equally good. In the long run, Kilkenny has the trump card in Angela Downey; unless she is kept early, Cork can wave goodnight to their present status.

CORK — M. McCarthy; Dineen, P. Blodan, M. Higgins; L. Lynch; O'Driscoll, A. Higgins; Cronin (capt.), M. O'Leary; McCarthy; M. Geaney.

KILKENNY — T. O'Connell; Neary (capt.), A. Downey; McGarry, B. O'Sullivan; Sutton, P. Moloney; Farrell; H. McCormack; Downey, A. Whelan.

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KILKENNY'S TITLE

By Joan Morley
Kilkenny 1-9, Cork 0-7.

Kilkenny are the new All-Ireland champions. At Croke Park yesterday they defeated a disappointing Cork side by 1-9 to 0-7 in a game that failed to live up to expectations.

Played in almost constant drizzle, on a greasy pitch, conditions as well as the obvious tension on the part of both sides for almost the entire game, prevented this game from rising to any great heights and the expected "classic" never materialised.

But there was plenty of excitement as this ding-dong struggle swept from end to end with no more than two points separating the sides right up to the fourth minute of injury time when Angela Downey scored a super goal to put the icing on the cake for Kilkenny. The sides were level on three occasions, including half-time when they were 0-4 each.

Kilkenny, as expected, lined out as they finished in the drawn game with Cork also retaining their side. But unlike the first encounter when the Cork attack got plenty of room, Kilkenny had completely sealed off the way to goal, and the proof of their success in this sector was that all Cork's scores came from placed balls. In this sector Bridie McGarry as centre back was a match-winner for Kilkenny with Liz Neary at full back also in tremendous form.

Cork too were sound enough in defence, particularly in the first half, and here Eileen Dineen and Martha Kearney were excellent.

But Cork were all at sea in the centrefield where Liz Lynch, surprisingly substituted in the 17th minute of the second half, was the only one to do well. Here Kilkenny, with Peggy Muldowney, and Margaret Farrell playing really well, laid the foundations for their win.

Both attacks were limited yesterday but when Angela Downey switched to the corner from centre forward she found the space that had eluded her before the break and Kilkenny picked up the vital points to see them through.

That final Kilkenny goal was a beauty, a marvellous solo effort from Angela Downey which put the issue beyond doubt. In addition to Angela, Kilkenny had another excellent forward in Helena McCormack.

The Cork attack never found their form yesterday, with only that grand Stalwart Mary O'Leary impressing. Mary, obviously suffering from a recurrence of her back trouble, scored all Cork's points and was the only one who looked dangerous at any stage.

On yesterday's performances there is no doubt but

that the best side won, but how Cork must rue that first tie, when they left a seven point lead slip with three minutes of actual time left to play, and allowed a far from impressive Kilkenny side that vital second chance, which has now given them the title.

What of referee Phyllis Breslin of Dublin who came in for so much criticism for her rather "generous" five minutes added time in the drawn tie, which gave Kilkenny the chance to equalise? Well, yesterday she played four minutes over, but there were a number of stoppages and if she was guilty of anything it was her over use of the whistle, which spoilt a lot of the game as a spectacle.

Scorers — Kilkenny: A. Downey 1-6, M. Farrell, H. McCormack and G. Sutton 0-1 each.

Cork — M. O'Leary 0-7.

Kilkenny — T. O'Neill, L. Neary, A. Downey, B. McGarry, B. O'Sullivan, G. Sutton, P. Muldowney, M. Farrell, H. McCormack, A. Downey, A.M. Whelan, J. Dunne. Sub. A. M. Brennan for P. Muldowney.

Cork — M. McCarthy, E. Dineen, P. Riordan, M. Kearney, M. Higgins, L. Lynch, N. O'Driscoll, A. Higgins, C. Cronin, M. O'Leary, G. McCarthy, M. Geaney. Subs. J. O'Sullivan for L. Lynch, C. Kelleher for C. Cronin, V. Fitzpatrick for M. Higgins (injured).

Ref. P. Breslin, Dublin.

ANGELA LEADS KILKENNY WIN

By MAOL MUIRE TYNAN
KILKENNY 1-9 CORK 0-7

MEDALS for bravery should have been awarded to the girls of Kilkenny and Cork as they tirelessly battled for dominance in the All-Ireland Camogie final replay under the sullen clouds of Croke Park yesterday. In the most atrocious ground conditions, Kilkenny packaged their fourth title and their heroine, Angela Downey, immortalised her name by taking all but three of her team's scores.

Kilkenny started out on a happy note when Helena McCormack took their first point from a free at 40 yards in the opening minute. But in the opening minute, Cork, unperturbed by the opposition's fortunate opening, went into immediate attack from the puck out, and Mary O'Leary, who had a superb game throughout, and scored all her team's points, replied with another point from a free.

The Munster girls were obviously regretting the nine point lead they allowed slip away in the first clash, and fought with admirable tenacity as Kilkenny's Geraldine Sutton snatched another point from play. Underfoot conditions prevented any attempt at smooth play and it was impossible to detect any superiority in either side as they struggled neck and neck until Mary O'Leary again pointed from a free.

Despite the sodden pitch and lack of scores for fifteen minutes, the game never degenerated to boredom as the 3,000 supporters cheered wildly with every shot of the ball. There was a series of fruitless frees and numberless side-line shots before Angela Downey finally blasted the ball over the bar to put Kilkenny one point ahead from an apparently impossible position. Prompted by her dash, Cork again pushed into attack and Kilkenny conceded a thirty which Mary O'Leary easily scored.

At the interval, it was anybody's game. Martha Kearney had made a good job of containing the inimitable Ms. Downey — which must have been one of Cork's priorities — and their goal keeper, Marion McCarthy was sheer excellence in goal. Despite the hard work of the Munster girls' defence, they did not seem to display the same power as they did in the drawn game and their forward line did not appear as

lethal as Kilkenny's. However, at the beginning of the second half, they sprung into action, harrowing Kilkenny's full-back Liz Neary (captain), Bridie McGarry, Biddy O'Sullivan and Ann Downey.

After almost eight minutes, Cork strode ahead for the first time in the game; after some breathtaking struggling in the breathtaking goalmouth, 'keeper Kilkenny's goalmouth, 'keeper Teresa O'Neill just about managed to stop a hard ground shot and scooped it over for a thirty. Mary O'Leary pointed.

Excitement

The next few minutes were fraught with excitement as neither side succeeded in gaining completely effective control. Margaret Farrell of Kilkenny took another point,

but Cork pulled the lead back to one point shortly afterwards.

With time running out rapidly for Cork, Ann Downey went to take a free. She struck the ball low and hard, but the referee called it back and placed it again. This time she stretched her team's lead to two points. Mary O'Leary then took her side's final score with a free from 27 yards, before Angela made their position more stable with another point.

As Cork struggled valiantly for a goal, the St. Paul's girl dashed upfield at incredible speed. There was nothing to stop her as she dodged past centre-fielders and defenders to palm the ball into the net.

Kilkenny's supporters, exhilarated by the wonderful finish, prepared to rush onto the field and Phyllis Breslin blew the final whistle. It was a victory that Kilkenny deserved, but both teams deserve the highest credit for their fitness and stamina on a dreadful day in Croke Park.

Scorers: Kilkenny — Angela Downey (1-6), H. McCormack, G. Sutton, M. Farrell (0-1 each). Cork: M. O'Leary (0-7).

KILKENNY — T. O'Neill; L. Neary, Ann Downey, B. McGarry, B. O'Sullivan; G. Sutton, P. Muldowney, M. Farrell; H. McCormack, A. Downey, A. Whelan, J. Dunne. Subs: A. M. Brennan for P. Muldowney; A. Holden, M. Malone, M. Brennan.

CORK: M. McCarthy; E. Dineen, P. Riordan, M. Kearney, M. Higgins; L. Lynch, N. O'Driscoll, A. Higgins; C. Cronin (capt.), M. O'Leary, M. McCarthy, M. Geaney. Subs: J. O'Sullivan for L. Lynch; C. Kelleher for C. Cronin; V. Fitzpatrick for M. Higgins. Referee — Phyllis Breslin (Dublin).



Patricia Riordan of Cork beats Kilkenny's Anna Whelan to the ball during the camogie final at Croke Park yesterday.

Downey ensures Kilkenny victory

BY PAT ROCHE

Kilkenny..... 1-9;
Cork..... 0-7

ALTHOUGH Kilkenny just about deserved to win their fourth title in the All-Ireland senior camogie final replay in murky conditions at Croke Park yesterday, a break away goal by star attacker Angela Downey in the last movement of the match gave them a flattering five points winning margin over Cork.

Miss Downey, a daughter of the former Kilkenny star, "Shem", can weave her way through defences like nobodys business as she demonstrated in that final move but her movements were generally restricted in this match and her best contribution came through pointing frees to finish up with a handsome total of 1-6.

Despite that display of accuracy one must turn to the Kilkenny defence where another Downey, Ann, operated, to find the real reason for Kilkenny's win. From the outset the Kilkenny cover broke the spirit of the Cork attackers repeatedly. At first it was Ann Downey with her high catches which frustrated some of Cork's most dangerous attacks.

Later, it was Bridie McGarry's superb positional sense and ability to clear her lines with precision and skill. The back up was equally superb from talented defenders like Liz Neary and Biddy O'Sullivan.

SOLIDARITY

Perhaps Kilkenny's overall secret for this display of uncompromising defence, deployed with marvellous understanding lies in the fact that four of the players are from the one club, St. Pauls.

It was not a day for skilful camogie but it was quite fascinating to see the girls master the conditions—a drizzle fell throughout—and the enthusiastic crowd were well entertained with a close and evenly contested match.

The inability of the Cork forwards to get to grips with their task proved decisive in the end. It was a fair commentary on their failure against the in form Kilkenny defence that only Mary O'Leary managed to score for them.

Their inadequate efforts were rendered so, chiefly because of the talented Kilkenny defence and it was the last straw for them to see Claire Cronin, their flying winger, being replaced in the closing stages.

Miss Cronin's retreat, perhaps, typified more than anything else the hopeless task which had confronted the Cork attackers all through. Yet, they had a few narrow misses in the first half and had goals materialised then, it may well have been a different story.

Martha Kearney had a few near misses with frees but Kilkenny were shaping as the most potent force in play with massive points under pressure from Geraldine Sutton and Angela Downey, who was robbed of a goal with a puck in from the right which skidded off the bar with Marion McCarthy anchored to her line.

Mary O'Leary's solo threat to the stubborn Kilkenny defence was underlined by her magnificently sliced side line shot from 40 yards went all the way to Treasa O'Neill, the Kilkenny goalkeeper who dropped the ball and then just managed to scrape it away for a "35" which Miss O'Leary pointed to level the scores at the break, 0-4 each.

Miss O'Neill was also called upon to give of her best to stop a Miss O'Leary pile driver before the Cork star hit her side into the lead from a "35" free.



Kilkenny goal under pressure from Cork in the replay of the All Ireland camogie final at Croke Park yesterday. Kilkenny won to wrest the title from Cork. — (Photograph by Tom Lawlor)



Angela Downey notches another point for Kilkenny.



● CLOSE PLAY between Miriam Higgins (Cork) on left and Helena McCormack (Kilkenny) in yesterday's All-Ireland Camogie final at Croke Park.

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Angela Downey caught in an uncharacteristic ballet-like pose.



The Kilkenny captain and trainer Liz Neary and Mary Conway with the trophy after Kilkenny's victory in the camogie all-Ireland at Croke Park.



ABOVE: Kilkenny's Biddy O'Sullivan in a tussle with a Cork defender.

Sportstar of the week



BRIDIE McGARRY

BRIDIE McGARRY, Kilkenny's slim fairhaired centre-back, gave an outstanding exhibition of camogie at its best in the All-Ireland Senior Final Replay against Cork at Croke Park last Sunday. As always Bridie was sportsmanship personified and her uncanny anticipation, long clearances and speed contributed in no small way to her county's and her own fourth All-Ireland success.

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Kilkenny captain Liz Neary with the trophy surrounded by supporters in Croke Park after Kilkenny's victory over Cork in the all-Ireland senior camogie final on Sunday.

Photos: Tom Brett



Kilkenny - All-Ireland Senior Camogie Champions 1981, who defeated Cork in Croke Park on Sunday. In front (from left): Anne Holden, Cathy Dalton, Bridie McGarry, Anna Whelan, Liz Neary (captain), Teresa O'Neill, Anne Brennan, Deirdre Malone. Behind: Margaret Brennan, Anne Downey, Angela Downey, Peggy Muldowney, Helena McCormack, Biddy O'Sullivan, Jo Dunne, Margaret Farrell, Geraldine Sutton.

petently, blew the whistle for a free, fans ran on to the pitch, thinking the game was over.

But it was not over yet as Angela Downey still had a score to settle with the Cork goalie and a final treat for the fans who had travelled in sizeable numbers for the game.

Memorable goal

She grabbed the ball almost at midfield, did a solo run and bypassed two defenders and the goalie to palm the ball into the net for a memorable goal. The final whistle blew and Kilkenny had unseated champions Cork to take the title after four years of waiting.

It was a delighted Liz Neary, the girl who has contributed so much to Kil-

FIGURES OF THE GAME

FIRST HALF

	G	P	F	W	30s
KILKENNY	0	4	6	3	0
CORK	0	4	6	5	1

SECOND HALF

	G	P	F	W	30s
KILKENNY	1	5	5	5	1
CORK	0	3	8	5	2

TOTALS

	G's	P's	F's	W's	30s
KILKENNY	1	9	11	8	1
CORK	0	7	14	10	3

Scores by the clock

2nd minute... Helena O'Neill opened the scoring with a point from a free.
2nd minute... Mary O'Leary replied immediately with a point, again from a free.
13th minute... Geraldine Sutton picked off a beautiful point for Kilkenny against the run of play.
1st half... Angela Downey opened her account with a point.



All-Ireland stars in Gael-Linn games

IT IS a quick return to the playing fields for the new All-Ireland champions, Kilkenny, and for finalists Cork, as they are both well represented on the Munster and Leinster Gael-Linn Interprovincial teams in the semi-finals at Russell Park (3.15) on Sunday next.

The other semi-final between Ulster and Connacht (represented by Galway) is fixed for Eglis (3.0) on Sunday also both games are preceded by the Junior semi-finals.

Because of the drawn final these semi-finals were postponed from September 27. Holders, Munster have selected eight of the Cork side to represent the Province, with two from Tipperary and one each from Limerick and Clare making up the 12. Five of the Kilkenny team, four from League champions, Dublin and three from Wexford lineout for Leinster.

The outstanding players of both Provinces come into opposition in these games. Angela Downey, Bridie McGarry, Anne Downey, Margaret Farrell and

Joe Dunne (Kilkenny), Ann O'Brien, Edel Murphy, Orla Uí Riain and Barbara Redmond (Dublin), Elsie and Dorothy Walsh and goalie, Kathleen Tonks adds up to a sound and skilful side.

But if the team had been selected after the All-Ireland final and replay it would surely include Liz Neary, the Kilkenny captain, who was outstanding.

Cork, who have eight players on the Munster team, will be very keen to retain this, their last honour. 1980 was an outstanding year for the Leesiders as they won the Senior, Junior and Minor All-Ireland titles and the province of Munster took both Gael-Linn trophies.

Cork were well represented in Senior and it was a complete Cork side which played in the Junior Killeagh (Cork) the All-Ireland club champions have still the chance of retaining that honour.

Marion McCarthy (goal), Patricia Riordan, Angela Higgins, Claire Cronin, Mar O'Leary, Geraldine McCarthy and Mary Geaney (Cork), Maura Hackett,

CAMOGIE by TAOBH LINE

and Deirdre Lane (Tipperary), Vera Mackey (Limerick) and Claire Harrington (Clare) will be on duty for Munster.

In the Junior game (2-0) All Ireland champions Clare are well represented with Cork. Limerick making up the 12 against a Leinster combination of Kildare, Dublin, Offaly, Wicklow and Wexford. The strong Clare representation could sway the verdict in Munster's favour.

Ulster's Senior Counties — Antrim, Down and Derry — are represented in their selection. They have a brilliant goalie in Carol Blaney (Antrim), Sarah Anne Quinn and Brigid McLaughlin (Derry) and Stephanie Kelly and Marion McGarvey (Down), are skilful and hardworking along with Joe McClements, Jacky McAtamney and Philomena Gillespie (Antrim) and Shiela McCartan, Cathy O'Hare, Veronica McGreevy and Fion-

nuala McGrady (Down) they will give the Galway representatives a lively game.

Connacht have not yet announced their team but it is sure to include Nono McHugh, Josie Kelly, Una Jordan, Breda Coady (goal) and Bridie Cunniffe.

Both Ulster and Connacht have selected strong junior teams. Connacht may have an advantage in that nine are from Galway with Roscommon filling the three remaining positions. Carmel Briscoe (goalie), Bridie Kenny (capt.) and Margaret Reilly won all-Ireland Willwood Tailteann minor medals last August with Galway.

Antrim, who defeated Galway in the All-Ireland Junior semi-final, but lost the final to Clare have four of their stars on the Ulster side—Joan McAllister, Bernie Hasson (capt.), Elizabeth Traynor and Claire McAleese. Other well-known players are Monaghan's goalie, Teresa McDonnell and defender Noelcen McMahon and Eileen McGeough of Fermanagh, who plays at midfield.

The All-Ireland senior cham-

ionship final replay will be a ding-dong struggle for supremacy. The Kilkenny team played so much better than the drawn game, that they retained the Cork attack more effectively.

There was some fine play before the Leesiders clinched the issue with the minute goal from Downey, who had a tally of 1-6.

GAEL-LINN TEAMS SENIOR

MUNSTER—M. McCarthy (goal), C. Harrington (Clare), F. Mackey (Limerick), V. Mackey (Limerick), A. Higgins (Tipperary), G. McCarthy (Kilkenny).

LEINSTER—K. Tonks (Wexford), O'Brien (Dublin), A. Downey (Kilkenny), D. Walsh (Wexford), M. Farrell (Kilkenny), E. Walsh (Wexford), B. Redmond (Dublin), Downey (Kilkenny), E. Murphy (Dublin), J. Dunne (Kilkenny).

ULSTER—C. Blaney (Antrim), Kelly (Down), J. Kelly (Antrim), S. McCarthy (Derry), (capt.), (Down), S. A. Quinn (Antrim), V. McGreevy, F. McGarvey (Down).

CONNACHT—All Galway (available).

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LEINSTER—T. O'Brien (Kildare), A. McGarry (Kilkenny), A. McGarry (Kilkenny), C. Ledwith (Dublin), O'Loughlin (Wicklow), A. O'Leary (Offaly), M. Malone (Kildare), Dunane (Dublin), M. O'Connell (M. Farrell (Wexford).

MUNSTER—M. Carey (Clare), Maher (Cork), M. O'Connell (Cork), M. O'Donoghue (Limerick), Moroney, V. Casey (Clare), Twomey (Cork), C. Jones (Clare), A. M. Londen (Clare), C. Keating (Clare).

ULSTER—T. McDonnell (Monaghan), J. McAllister (Monaghan), J. McMahon (Monaghan), (Tyron), B. Hasson (Lond), M. Ogle (Tyron), E. Traynor (Antrim), (Tyron), C. Traynor (Antrim).

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40 YEARS AGO

GERALD EGAN and Charles McArthur staged the first professional boxing tournament in Clonmel for 25 years, and the feature fight of the night saw Sean Clancy of Dublin defeat Pat O'Connor of Cork, in an eliminator for the middleweight championship of Ireland. Other results were: Lightweight: Jimmy Smith (Clonmel) bt Kid Cronin (Cork); Con Roche (Dublin) bt Pat McAlinden (Dublin); Eddie Downey (Dublin) bt Jack Lenihan (Cork).

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CORK retained their All-Ireland senior camogie championship title when they defeated Dublin by 7-5 to 1-2 in the final at Croke Park where the Cork team lined out as follows: P. Hogg, J. Cotter, L. Kirby, M. Hegarty, M. Fitzgerald, K. Coughlan, M. Vallely, M. Hobbs, P. Hegarty, K. Buckley, E. Casey, K. Barry.

Easy For Sacred Heart

Sacred Heart 6-3 Mount Mercy 1-0

In the semi-final of the 1981 Cork secondary school's first year camogie competition, Sacred Heart (Turner's Cross) proved too strong for Mount Mercy College and now go on to meet St. Patrick's (Mayfield) in the final.

Defenders Colette Cronin and Valerie Cotter, centre Colette O'Mahony (Cork 1981 Feile na nGael skills winner) and centre-forward Patricia O'Shea were the Sacred Heart stalwarts whilst Grainne Hassett, Niamh Coughlan and Ursula Collins were Mount Mercy's best on the day.

Cork senior player Geraldine McCarthy proved a very capable referee in a very sporting game.

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Now It's Up To Munster

LAST season there was practically a clean sweep of national titles, with the Senior Colleges, All-Ireland Senior, Junior and Minor Championships and both Junior and Senior Interprovincial titles, all coming to Cork and Munster.

This year, however, it is very much a different story. St. Patrick's School began the year well, by taking the senior Colleges All-Ireland, and kept in Cork, the trophy won by North Presentation last year.

But it was a different story after that as one after the other the All-Ireland titles left the Lee, with the junior and minor going early and the senior going last Sunday, to Kilkenny, after a replay.

Now the provincial season is with us and a great deal depends on the Munster sides to bring honours south. Now the Provincial season is upon us and we must wait and see if the Munster teams can retain the marvellous double they achieved for the first time last season.

On Sunday both junior and

senior Munster sides will meet Leinster in the Gael Linn Cup semi-finals and undoubtedly they will have a stiff task in both competitions.

The Cork players involved in the senior tie can expect to renew meetings with a number of the Kilkenny stars from last Sunday's All-Ireland replay, as, although the Leinster teams were not available at the time of writing, sharp-shooter Angela Downey, who scored 1-6 in that game, and Bridie Martin who had such a tremendous game at centre back are certain to be in the side, and there could be more. From Wexford Elsie Walsh could be in the line-up while from Dublin Marian Conroy, Edel Murphy and Orla Ni Riain could find places.

STRONG SIDE

So even considering these few players, there is no doubt but that Leinster can field a very strong side and Munster can expect to have a battle on their hands if they are to retain the Gael Linn Cup which they won after a long lapse, last season.

The Munster side is dominated by Cork players with no less than eight on the side, with Tipperary having two and Clare and Limerick one each.

The vital factor on Sunday could be the ability of the Cork players involved to raise themselves to the occasion following their disappointment of last Sunday.

It won't be easy to gear themselves for this game, but it is most important that they put the defeat behind them and go out to gain compensation by defeating Leinster. And Munster can do it as they have strength in all sectors. Cork goalie Marian McCarthy is in goal, while county colleagues Martha Kearney and Patricia Riordan are also in the defence together with Clare Harrington (Clare) and Vera Hackett (Tipperary).

In the centre Cork have two players in Clare Cronin and Angela Higgins, and they will be joined by Limerick's Vera Mackey. And in the attack Cork have Mary Geaney, and Mary O'Leary and Ger McCarthy, and completing the sector

will be Tipperary's Deirdre Lane.

So on paper at least Munster have a very strong side, who could win, but Leinster have a very wide selection from which to choose their side so Munster must travel to Dublin with the greatest respect for their opponents.

Clare have the biggest representation in the Junior Gael Linn, which is not surprising as they are All-Ireland junior champions. From Clare there is goalie Mary Casey, defender Carmel Moroney, centres Clare Jones and Veronica Casey and forwards Lourda Fox and Colette Keating.

For their part Cork have five representatives: defenders Mary Maher and Mary O'Donovan, centre Margo Twomey and forwards Ann Marie Landers and Stephanie Curtin. And Limerick have one representative defender Martina O'Donovan.

Again this looks a strong side, but they too can expect strong opponents, as besides the good senior counties, Leinster can also choose from counties like Kildare

and Wicklow, where camogie has been going from strength to strength in recent years.

In the second semi-finals Connacht, very surprisingly, have given a walk-over to Ulster in the senior campaign but they will be fielding in the junior competition, in which they meet Ulster at Eglis, Co. Tyrone, on Sunday.

Finally there is a meeting of the Cork Under-18 Selection Committee at the Imperial Hotel, this evening (Friday).

FIXTURES

Tomorrow (Saturday)

U-14: Watergrasshill v Killeagh at Killeagh.

Sunday

At Russell Park, Dublin, Gael Linn Cup Semi-finals (Junior): Leinster v Munster, 2 p.m. (Senior): Leinster v Munster, 3 p.m.

At Aglish, Gael Linn Cup Semi-final (Junior): Connacht v Ulster, I.C. at Coashford, Aghabullogue v Inniscarra, 3.30 p.m. (Ref. M. Murphy, U.C.C.). At Youghal, I.C.: Youghal v Eire Og, 3.30 p.m. Ref. P. O'Neill.

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LEINSTER BY ONE POINT

Leinster 3-9; Munster 2-11.

LEINSTER SENIOR team reversed the result of the junior game when they pipped Munster by a point in a high scoring match at Russel Park. If Munster had played throughout with the same determination as they mustered up for the last fifteen minutes the result could have been very different.

But a lethargic Munster performance in the first half particularly gave Leinster a seven point lead at the interval and although Munster actually pulled Leinster back to level terms, Angela Downey scored her third goal to put Leinster on the road to victory.

It was a tough game of camogie, but some individuals displayed the skills of the game, in spite of the tight marking. Angela Downey was again in superb form and were it not for her the Leinster forward line would have been in great trouble. Ger McCarthy played well on the wing for Munster and scored some lovely points from play while Leinster's Ann Downey set a side line cut over the bar from nearly 40 yards. Leinster deserved their victory, if only for their greater consistency and now meet the winners of the Connacht-Ulster clash in the final.

Scorers: Leinster — Angela Downey 3-5, Ann Downey, Margaret Farrell, Jo Dunne, Elsie Walsh (0-1 each). Munster — Mary O'Leary (2-8), Ger McCarthy (0-2), Deirdre Lane (0-1).

Ulster 4-3;

Connacht 3-6

Ulster qualified for the Gael Linn Cup final with a narrow victory over Connacht at Eglis, Co. Tyrone, yesterday. Connacht, represented by twelve Galway girls, settled down well and led by 2-4 to 2-2 at half-time. But Ulster fought hard in the second half and their determination paid off when they emerged two points clear at the finish.

Scorers — Ulster — Veronica McCreevy (2-0), S. Quinn (0-5), M. McMullan (1-0), M. McCartan (1-0). Connacht — P. Carr (1-2), V. Jordan (1-2), A. Morris (1-0), M. Murphy, M. Kelly (0-1 each).

Connacht 5-1;

Ulster 3-2

Connacht Juniors kept the flag flying in the West when they defeated Ulster in the second semi-final and now meet Munster in the final. A good first half performance saw them leading 3-0 to 1-0 at half-time and they ran out comfortable winners.

Scorers — Connacht — M. Reilly (2-0), M. Ryan (2-0), M. Coyle (1-1). Ulster — E. Traynor (1-1), A. Burke (1-0), B. Hughes (1-0), J. Doran (0-1).

Munster 2-5;

Leinster 2-4

Scorers — Munster — C. Keating (1-1), S. Curtain (1-0), C. Jones (0-2), L. Fox (0-2). Leinster — M. Brennan (1-0), M. Cusack (1-0), M. Malone (0-3), A. Molloy (0-1).

Cork Should Advance

A Cork team will be in action again this weekend — this time the Under-18's who will play Waterford at St. Finbarr's Grounds on Sunday in the Munster championship. On the same day Bride Rovers meet Inniscarra in the junior 'B' championship and on tomorrow (Saturday) four Cork colleges will be playing in first round Munster junior colleges championship ties.

Five clubs are represented in the Under-18 Cork team, which on paper looks very strong indeed.

There is one Cork senior on the side, Ger McCarthy who has made such a name for herself this season, and was in such good form on the Munster senior side on Sunday last. Goalie Clare McCarthy is the Cork senior reserve goalie while almost all of the other players involved have played on county sides at some level. Consequently this Cork team will not lack experience and they must be fancied to win against Waterford, who are still pretty much in the doldrums on the inter county front.

Glen Rovers, Blackrock and Killeagh have three players each on the side. As well as Ger and Clare McCarthy the Glen also have Ann Currid, another excellent player.

Blackrock, so good at under-age level in recent years, have their three representatives in Joan Hyde, so good in Munster's win in the junior Gael Linn on Sunday last, Una O'Connor and Frances Deasy, while Killeagh have their chosen three in team captain Ann Marie Landers, another who played well for Munster juniors last Sunday, Ann Leahy, and Patsy Keniry.

Aghabullogue have two players on the side — the excellent Joan O'Riordan and Ann Buckley, while Na Piarasigh fill the remaining spot with the stylish Irene O'Leary.

It is hard to see this Cork team losing to Waterford, especially with a home venue, but strange things can happen in championship games, so they would do well to concentrate from the outset.

TEAM:

C. McCarthy, A. Leahy, U. O'Connor, F. Deasy, J. O'Riordan, A. M. Landers (Capt.), A. Buckley, A. Currid, I. O'Leary, P. Keniry, J. Hyde, G. McCarthy. Subs. C. Murphy, A. Duggan, S. Barrett, C. Ronan, D. O'Riordan, S. Fitzgibbon.

In the only Cork club game listed for the coming weekend, Bride Rovers meet Inniscarra in what should be a most exciting junior 'B' championship tie.

In the All-Ireland club championship there will be keen interest in Cork in the outcome of the Oranmore and Buffers Alley, All-Ireland semi-final to be played at Nenagh on Sunday, as Cork's representatives Killeagh are still very much in the running, and play their semi-final on the following Sunday.

Cork have come out very well in the Munster junior colleges championship draw with most of their participants having home venues.

On tomorrow, Saturday, four Cork colleges will be at home in first round ties and there should be plenty of excitement as this competition gets under way.

The Cork teams at home on Sunday are St. Patricks who meet Shannon, in what is a repeat of last year's senior final pairing, Loretto, Youghal, who entertain Presentation de la Salle Hospital; Drishane, who play host to Scoil Mhuire Cashel, and North Presentation, who meet fellow Corkonians Immaculate Heart.

ALL-IRELAND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SEMIS

THE first semi-final of the All-Ireland Club Camogie Championship has been brought forward a week and will be played on Sunday next, Buffers Alley, the Wexford champions who represent Leinster will play the Connacht Champions Oranmore (Galway) at Nenagh (2-0).

The second semi-final stands for October 25 and is arranged for Dublin. The contestants are the champions Killeagh (Cork) and the Ulster winners, which will be decided on Sunday next between last years winners Killeel and Eglis.

Buffers Alley last years runners-up, and the 1979 champions have played very well in their Leinster campaign. They defeated the Dublin champions,

University College, and the Kilkenny champions, St. Pauls.

The pick of their team reached the final of the Kilmacud Crokes 7 aside and lost by only one point to Killeagh after a hectic game.

They have outstanding players in goalie Kathleen Tonks, Dorothy and Elsie Walsh all of whom were on Leinster team last Sunday. Other prominent players are the Consins sisters Deirdre and Fiona and the O'Leary sisters, Caroline and Gertrude.

Oranmore are no newcomers to the concluding stages of this competition and contested an all-Ireland final in the fourth year of the competition (1967). That year they drew with

CAMOGIE By TAOBH LINE

Eoghan Ruadh (Dublin) in the final but the Leinster champions succeeded in the replay.

The Galway girls had their hour of glory six years later in 1973, when Oranmore defeated St. Pauls Kilkenny. They reached the final again the following year but St. Pauls reversed the result the next time.

Two of that team Nono McHugh and Josie Kelly are still the inspiration of the younger members of the team who are all products of the local Presentation Convent. Paula Carr and Brid Holland,

well known Galway county players will also be on duty for Oranmore.

The Leinster Senior Championship final between holders Kilkenny, the new all-Ireland champions, and Dublin who are senior league winners is arranged for Russell Park (3-0) on Sunday next.

Unfortunately for Kilkenny some of their players notably Liz Neary and Ann Downey will be away on holidays, so the champions cannot field the same team as in the all-Ireland which is disappointing as this could be called a clash of the champions.

The four provinces will be represented in the Gaellinn Cup and Shield Finals. In the Senior Cup Leinster will meet Ulster

and Munster will play Connacht in the Junior, both on November 1.

All four semi finals played last Sunday were very closely contested. Leinster defeated holders Munster by one point in the Senior and Munster pipped Leinster by one point also in the junior. Ulster seniors advanced when they eliminated Connacht by two points while Connacht juniors had a five point victory over Ulster.

Claire Jones, Clare's star winger in the All-Ireland final and in their successful road to the final, has been named the A.I.B. Junior Sports Star 1981. She will receive her award at the West County Hotel Ennis on Sunday next.

saw Kilkenny
through

— *Late Downey goal sealed great victory* —

By Breda Wall

Kilkenny	1-9
Cork	0-7

SHEER WILL to win and relentless effort earned the O'Duffy Cup and All-Ireland senior camogie title for Kilkenny in the replay of the final at Croke Park on Sunday.

A demoralised Cork found themselves unable to turn the tide and gave up the ghost late in the second half.

But the victory was never securely in Kilkenney's grasp until the dying minutes when they led by two points and looked unbeatable.

A fantastic Angela Downey goal in the last minute added the icing to the cake.

1-6 of Kilkenny's total and without doubt was the architect of her team's win.

Her determination cowed the surprisingly sparse Cork supporters who uttered sighs of despair every time she gained possession and headed for the goal. Her efforts were topped off with that last-

Bridie Martin stuck to her opposite number with great tenacity and robbed her of the ball on several occasions. Anne Downey also had some great clearances to take the pressure off the backs and it was one of these that Geraldine Sutton picked up, just inside the Cork half, to score a point and give Kilkenny the lead.

Slippery pitch

This was a marvellous display of skill, despite the wet and slippery pitch which made conditions underfoot like a skating rink and made the ball greasy and difficult to rise and handle.

Angela Downey made the first impression on the scoreboard when she scored a good point in the 19th minute which was again answered by a Mary O'Leary point from a free. And it looked like a real battle of the giants as Angela then grabbed the ball and found herself space. All waited for the ball to hit the back of the net but instead it hit the crossbar and went

Angela went herself for a score when she gained possession in the 9th minute and she put the ball over the bar from a difficult angle and under pressure from the Cork defence. Her next addition to the scoreboard was a point from a 30 yards' free in the 12th minute and this gave Kilkenny the lead which they held for the rest of the game.

This was followed by a point from Margaret Farrell, the girl who had earned Kilkeny their second crack at the title by her last-minute equalising point in the drawn game. She had done some great work throughout the game and was unlucky not to put her name on the scoreboard earlier.

This gave Kilkenny a two-point lead and when Mary O'Leary pointed from a 30 yards free it looked like Cork would erode the lead as they had done in the second quarter of the first half.

Intelligent play

But this was not to be, despite some intense pressure on the Kilkenny backs. Bridie



Kilkenny captain Liz neary with the trophy surrounded by supporters in Croke Park after Kilkenny's victory over Cork in the all-Ireland senior camogie final on Sunday.

Photos: Tom Brett



champions 1981, who defeated Cork in Croke Park on Sunday. In

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Cork crush Waterford

By JOAN MORLEY

Cork 12-9
Waterford 0-1

It was plain sailing for Cork's Under-18 side at St. Finbarr's Grounds, Cork, yesterday, when they easily defeated Waterford in the Munster Championship by 12-9 to 0-1.

Right from the start it was obvious that Cork were a top despite playing against a strong wind in the opening period, they were quickly ahead and at the interval led by 7-4 to 0-1.

After that there was never any doubt about the outcome with Cork sharpshooter Joan Hyde, senior county player Ger McCarthy, Frances Deasy and captain Ann Marie Landers all in devastating form as they cruised to this impressive win.

But spare a little sympathy for Waterford who on this occasion were represented by club team Gall Tir, rather than a county selection. Apparently the Waterford County Board could not find the finances to send a county team so Gall Tir offered to travel to represent the county at their own expense, rather than withdraw from the competition altogether.

Cork: J. Hyde (6-2), G. McCarthy (3-4), P. Keniry (2-1), A. M. Lane (1-0), I. O'Leary (0-2). Waterford: A. Rogers (0-1).

Cork: C. McCarthy, A. Leahy, Riordan, P. Deasy, U. O'Connor, M. Landers (Capt.), A. Buckley, Ronan, I. O'Leary, P. Keniry, Hyde, G. McCarthy, Subs. D. O'Riordan for P. Keniry; A. Duggan for Buckley.

Waterford: N. Mulally, A. Power, R. O'Keefe, J. Barry, C. Coughlan, P. Barry, K. Phelan, J. Hutchinson (Capt.), A. Walsh, A. Rogers, M. Healy, M. Angaston. Sub. J. Phelan for A. Power.

St. Pats, Shannon Advance

St. Patrick's Comp.
Shannon1-2

St. Pats, Cork1-1

In the Munster Schools senior camogie championship at Cork last week, St. Pats., Shannon scored a narrow one point win over St. Pats., Cork. The Cork side were the reigning Munster and All Ireland senior Champions so this really was a fine performance by the Shannon School.

The Cork girls had the aid of the breeze in the first half but they found the winners defence and particularly Patricia Austin and Tina O'Connell in outstanding form Gerladine Morey and Rose O'Shaughnessy impressed at midfield while Peg Coughlan shone in attack. At the break the defending champions led by 1-1 to nil.

On the resumption Shannon pressed hard and the introduction of Kathleen Naughton at full forward greatly improved the attack. Again the defence was impressive with Caroline O'Meara also doing well. Lourda Fox, improved when moved to midfield while Martina Beegan and Angela Browne also did well. Angela Brown (1-0, and Martina Beegan 0-2, accounted for the winners scores.

St. Pats, Shannon, Teresa Naughton, Susan Quinn, Caroline O'Meara Capt. Patricia Austin, Tina O'Connell, Rose O'Shaughnessy, Geraldine Morey, Angela Browne, Lourda Fox, Jacqueline Garry, Peg Coughlan, Martina Beegan, Sub. Kathleen Naughton for Jacqueline Garry.

A.I.B. GIRLS CONTROL GAME

This competition was won again this year by the AIB girls who were always firmly in control when they played the Ulster Team on Saturday 5th September in Dublin. The Ulster Team are to be congratulated for fielding a side to play in a sport in which they have no tradition and they hope to do better in future years.



A.I.B. Camogie Team, winners of I.B.O.A. Cup.

The AIB Team included no less than five county players and would have given any side in Ireland a hard match.

The game had a final score of 14 - 4 for AIB to Ulster Bank's one goal, but despite this, it was enjoyed by both sides and indeed the fact that not one free was awarded in the match shows the fine spirit in which it was played.

The Cup was presented to the AIB Captain, Mary Christie at a function in the Ashling Hotel that evening.

Allied Irish Banks

Rita Cunningham, Joan Maher, Mary Flynn, Felicity Sutton, Anne Malone, Bernie Kelly, Margaret Twomey, Joan Doran, Mary Christie (Capt.), Caroline O'Leary, Sally Clohesy, Vera Marron.

Ulster Bank

Eileen Foley, Geraldine Donoghue, Patricia Holmes, Mary Ryan (Capt.), Brid Feeney, Cathleen Travers, Mary Hamon, Linda Conlan, Marie Toner, Patricia Kiernan, Niamh Delaney, Martina Duignan.



The team that brought the All-Ireland senior camogie title back to Kilkenny for the first time since 1977 following the win over Cork by 1-9 to 0-7 in a memorable final replay at Croke Park.

O'Duffy's passing marks the end of an era

THE PASSING of the late Sean O'Duffy is the end of an era for the Camogie Association. His long association with An Cumann Camogaíochta—75 of his 95 years—is only two years less than the life of the organisation itself.

Sean was born in Cill an Bhaile, near Westport, Co. Mayo. He came to Dublin in his teens and joined the Crokes GAA Club, with whom he played hurling and football.

From the time he became involved in camogie, in 1906, he worked tirelessly to promote its aims and ideals. He organised, refereed, administered and guided those in charge, north, south, east and west. His contribution to the growth of the Association is immeasurable.

What the efforts of that one dedicated and courageous man have achieved, Camogie is now played in every county in Ireland. There are competitions for all age groups, and as was

his wish, competitions in the primary, post-primary schools and in third level institutions.

Sean was also a freedom fighter and a Trade Union leader. In the 1913 strike he played his part and fought under Commandant Daly in the 1916 Rising, in North King Street. He spent a period in Stafford Gaol.

He worked with Michael Collins and Austin Stack after his release and when peace came he redoubled his efforts to the spreading and encouragement of Camogaíocht.

To his wife Cathlin, who shared his ideals and his endeavours in every national effort, our heartfelt sympathy.

Suaimeas sioraí go raibh aige.

O'DUFFY (Dublin) — October 20, 1981, at the Meath Hospital, Sean M. (late A Company 1st Battalion Dublin Brigade Old I.R.A., Cumann Camogaíochta na nGael and E.T.U.), beloved husband of Kathleen, 50 Castlemore Road, Harold's Cross; deeply regretted by his loving wife, sisters, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. R.I.P. Removal from hospital at 5 o'clock this (Wednesday) evening, arriving St. Paul's Retreat, Mount Argus at 5.30 o'clock. Funeral after 11 o'clock Requiem Mass tomorrow (Thursday) to Glasnevin Cemetery, House private. At 10.15 De go raibh a anam.

Death Of Sean O'Duffy

Sean O'Duffy, widely known for his involvement in An Cumann Camogaíochta for 75 of his 95 years, died yesterday at the Meath Hospital, Dublin, after a short illness.

Born in Cill an Bhaile, Co. Mayo, Sean came to Dublin in 1909. As a young man, he joined the Crokes Hurling Club and he took his first interest in camogaíocht in 1906, just two years after the founding of the association, and for the rest of his long life he worked tirelessly for the promotion of the association.

He was deeply involved in the trade union movement and in the fight for Irish freedom. In 1916, he fought in the Four Courts under Comdt. Ned Daly and was imprisoned in Stafford Jail.

After his release, Sean helped to establish the network of espionage and counter-intelligence with Michael Collins and he also helped to organise the Republican courts with Austin Stack.

In 1939, Sean married Kathleen McKeown, a native of Omeath, Co. Louth, a lady also prominent in the Camogie Association. He is survived by his wife and two sisters, to whom deep sympathy is extended.

At áha De go raibh a hanam dílis.

Camogie

Sean O'Duffy —the end of an era!

CAMOGIE has lost one of its greatest mentors — not to mention friends, in Sean O'Duffy who died yesterday in Dublin.

Many thousands of camogie people down through the years came to know Sean O'Duffy as he dedicated so much of his life to the game he loved.

A native of Mayo, he first became interested in Camogie in 1906, two years after its foundation and at a time when this national game for girls was in a very weak state.

He worked ceaselessly for the sport for the rest of his life and is one of the main reasons camogie is in such a healthy state today, as he guided players, officials and followers alike from his position as National Organiser — a post he held from 1906 until his death in this, his 95th year.

He is survived by his wife Kathleen, who was herself an inter-county referee and, like Sean, has worked constantly for camogie. He will be sadly missed by camogie followers everywhere.

Sean O'Duffy: an appreciation

MOST of the people who play Camogie probably never heard of Sean O'Duffy, except perhaps that his name is on so many cups including the All Ireland Trophy. Yet, without the dedication of this gentle Irishman that game would have died many years ago. It was with genuine regret that we heard during the week of the passing of this 95 year old man whose work should never be forgotten.

A hurler and footballer in his younger days, Sean also played an important part in the fight for Irish freedom, a part of which he remained intensely proud.

A Mayo man by birth, he came to Dublin in 1909 and a few years after the founding of the Camogie Association, he joined as an organiser. He overcame many obstacles in the development of that Association, and it is no exaggeration to say that it was his unbelievable dedication and unselfish hard work that brought the Association forward.

It was a regular sight, years

ago, to see Sean with flags, and a few hurleys strapped to his bicycle, making his way to the Phoenix Park on a Sunday. Alone, he would lay out the grounds for games which he organised and refereed from early in the morning to let in the evening.

It was under his impetus that the game spread throughout the country. In those days, when 10,000 - 12,000 people thronged Croke Park for the Camogie Final, it was thanks — in no small measure — to the tremendous effort of the man amongst women that these were such a success.

In recent years Sean's eyesight had been failing, and the years decreed that he no longer could play an active part in the Association. But he continued to remain interested, and was informed by his wife Kathleen—herself a dedicated Camogie coach and mentor. It is a simple thing to say that Sean O'Duffy will be missed, it is equally true that men of his character and ilk are hard to find.

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Camogie All Ireland: A great Achievement

Some weeks ago, a group of young Clare ladies won a camogie game in Dublin. What's unusual about that, you may say! The special aspect of this particular result was that by winning that game, they brought an All Ireland camogie title to Clare.

As far as Clare is concerned, All Ireland titles are rather a rarity in sport. And, for most of those involved with this camogie team, and their loyal supporters around the county, it was only when the team returned to a tumultuous welcome in Clare with their All Ireland trophy, that all realised what a great achievement their victory represented.

Championing Youth wishes to congratulate this young Clare team who won the Junior All Ireland, and in this edition, talks to a number of team members about their experience and about their lives in general. The Column will feature a number of other young people involved in a subsequent edition.

"I hope our victory will do a lot for the game of camogie amongst young people in the county, and will help to renew interest at national school level, specially", said 17 year old Rosemarie Fahy from Feakle. Rosemarie was full forward on the Clare side, and has played camogie for "as long as she could remember". Educated at Kilbane NS, and Colaiste Mhuire in Ennis, she played in NS and Community Games competitions and had played under 16 and under 18 previously with Clare.

Rosemarie was a member of the Clare under 18 panel which won a Munster title by beating Cork two years ago. She thought this year's whole campaign, which began when training commenced as far back as March, was a really great effort by all concerned.

PRESSURES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

The young Feakle girl has just completed her Leaving Cert. and is hoping to do medicine at UCG. She agreed that pressures on young people regarding exams and finding employment were increasing all the time. "The exam system is not really satisfactory, as a lot depends on the mood and form of the persons taking the exam as to whether they can do themselves justice. On the other hand, it is probably the best available system, as continuous assessment would probably be carried out by different people and would therefore, be irregular", said Rosemarie.

Another difficulty for young Clare people mentioned by Rosemarie was the frequent need to go to Dublin for jobs. While she did not have any experience, she thought that city life posed many problems for young people and she would prefer to live in a rural area.

SENIOR TITLE?

While she was boarding at the Ennis school Rosemarie agreed that the main social outlets for young people in the Feakle area were in Ennis or Limerick. However, she pointed out that there are active GAA, Youth, Macra clubs in the parish. A welcome development was the influx of families to the area through the RHO, scheme, she said. Interested also in basketball, volleyball and badminton, Rosemarie listed Chris de Burgh as one of her favourite music artistes.

Saying that she always wanted to do medicine, Ms. Fahy said that one never is sure about a career until you experience it. "That is one of the problems with career choosing, for instance, one has to decide about University options months before you know your Leaving results."

However, she claimed that, 'deep down' a person has usually a good idea what you want to do. "Career guidance at Colaiste which provided first hand information on different careers, was also helpful", said Rosemarie.

The young Feakle girl would like to continue playing camogie and is hopeful that, combined with the All Ireland Junior winning side of 1974, this year's side could go on to win a senior title for Clare.

by beating Kildare and then beat Antrim at Croke Park to take the title. She paid particular tribute to the well-organised and systematic training programme and preparation. "The panel put a lot of effort into training 2/3 times a week at peak season, and many had to travel 30-40 miles to Shannon or Ennis for the training sessions", said the Clare Capt.

Ms. Jones who confessed that her role as Capt. meant spending some time the night before the big game preparing a speech in anticipation of the big moment, said that the team got a fantastic reception in Shannon, Sixmilebridge, Newmarket and Ennis etc. on their return.

CADETS

A very prominent athlete in previous years, Clare Jones is the holder of six All Ireland cross country medals one long jump medal and one sprint medal in BLOE. She hopes to renew her athletic activities next year.

Attracted to the Cadets as a career since she attended a Graduation Dance of the force some time ago, Clare said the outdoor life appealed to her. SHE EXPLAINED THAT CADETS SPEND 18 MONTHS TRAINING AT THE CURRAGH and then continued their third level education. She hoped to concentrate on PE Teaching if opportunities existed. Ms. Jones played at centre field for Clare and has a special word of thanks to Clare hurler, Sean Stack, whose hurleys she used during the campaign this year.

FROM TEACHING TO COMPUTERS

A young Ruan lady who spent one year teaching in Nigeria figured at wing back on the winning Clare camogie team this year. 25 year old Carmel Moroney from Erinagh, Fountain is now embarking on a new phase of her career, having taken up a position as a computer programmer at Burlington in Clonlara.

Carmel began her camogie career at Leaving Cert. level and went on to play in the third level Ashbourne Cup with UCG, where she qualified as a secondary school teacher. After qualifying, she headed for Nigeria, "something always wanted to do". Describing it as a great experience, Carmel said there were great extremes in weather condition ("half the year was extremely dry when nothing grew") and in living standards. "In the place where I was located, amazingly, there were about 60,000 many of whom lived in huts, while there were certain sections affluent. If the Poor people had some rich relation, they obtained a good education", explained Carmel.

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GREAT TEAM EFFORT AND DETERMINATION

The young girl who had the honour of accepting the Cup from Camogie Council President, Mary Moran was 18 year old Clare Jones from SHANNON. Clare has also just completed the Leaving Cert. at Shannon Comprehensive School and is hoping to join the Cadets in the Curragh.

Clare began playing camogie in the 6th Class at NS (St. Senans) and developed her interest at second level. She was a member of the successful Clare under 18 team in 1979. She said this year's Clare junior side showed great determination to beat Cork in a replay, defeat Limerick in the Munster final after a replay again, qualify for the All Ireland final



Mary Moran (right) President of the National Camogie Association, presents the IAB junior camogie player of the year award to Claire Jones, captain, of the All-Ireland winning Clare junior team.

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BY AGNES HOURIGAN

KILKEEL TAKE ON THE HOLDERS

Killeagh, the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Club Champions, travel to Russell Park (3.0) on Sunday to defend their title in the semi-final against Ulster champions Kilkeel, who last Sunday retained their provincial crown when they pipped English (Tyrone) by one point.

The winners of Sunday's game will meet Buffer's Alley (Wexford), who last Sunday defeated Oranmore (Galway), the Connacht champions. The final is fixed for November 8.

Killeagh, who won the All-Ireland seven-a-side last September, have a strong and experienced team. Pat Moloney, Catherine Landers and Marion Sweeney have had many years of inter-county experience with the Cork Senior team while Betty Joyce, Anne Marie Landers, goalie Patricia Fitzgibbon and Patsy Kening have represented Cork at minor and junior levels.

Kilkeel, who lost to Buffers

Alley at this stage last year have not as experienced a side as their opponents.

GREAT SPIRIT

As they showed in the semi-final last year they have great spirit and enthusiasm and it was that characteristic that helped them last Sunday when they were under pressure.

Their captain, Cathy O'Hare, is also the County Down captain, and with her two club-mates from the county side,

Bonny McGreavy and Teresa Allen, to lead, the Mourne girls will give a good display.

Other players for Kilkeel are the three Morgan sisters, Michelle, Carmel and Christine, goalie Christine Rooney, Maura Arterton and Carmel O'Hare.

Buffer's Alley, who have reached the club final for the fourth year in a row, were too strong for the younger Oranmore team whose most experienced players were Nora McHugh and Josie Kelly who

played for the team that won the club title in 1973.

The Wexford champions lost the decider to Ballyagran in 1978, won the Cup in 1979 when they turned the tables on the same opposition and lost to Killeagh last year.

They looked very fit last Sunday. They had brought their usual goalie, Kathleen Tonks, who is the Leinster goalie, into attack and played Terry Butler, the county's junior goalie between the posts.

Kathleen fitted in well in

the attack and figured among the scorers. Terry, on the other hand, was not tested but she has played well for the county in the position many times.

Elsie Walsh, at full forward was really the downfall of Oranmore. She scored 3-0 of the 6-11 tally and the opposition had no answer to her skill.

The news of the death of Sean O'Duffy, known to many as Mr. Camogie, has saddened the hearts of many camogie players all over the country. The late Sean guided, strengthened and supported An Cumann Camogaiochta for 75 of his 95 years. The hardest task was never too much trouble and the longest journey was never too far for that dedicated organiser to whom the Association owes most for what it has achieved.

Ar dheis De go raibh a anam and deepest sympathy to his wife Kathleen.

RARE DEFEAT FOR CHAMPS KILKENNY

DUBLIN 2-7, KILKENNY 1-7

ALL-IRELAND champions Kilkenny suffered a rare defeat at the hands of Dublin at Russell Park yesterday in the Leinster Championship final.

Although Kilkenny were without Liz Neary and Anne Downey, it was really Dublin's determined approach to the game that won the day for them.

Dublin led at half-time by seven points, and despite a much improved Kilkenny performance in the second half, Dublin held out with just a goal to spare.

It was a goal by Joan Gormley in the third minute that set Dublin on the road to victory. Joan doubled on a well taken sideline by Edel Murphy and sent the ball straight to the net. Helena McCormack pointed for Kilkenny but Una Crowley, playing a good game on the wing for Dublin, replied with a point from play. It was Joan Gormley again who passed a lovely shot to Orla Ryan, who scored Dublin's second goal.

Two further points by Una Crowley

and one from Orla Ryan saw Dublin ahead 2-4 to 0-3 at the interval.

Kilkenny opened the second half scoring when Angela Downey pointed. A square infringement denied Kilkenny of their first goal but Jo Dunne was soon to net for Kilkenny.

Helena McCormack pointed to leave Kilkenny just a goal behind and they put up a great battle, but Dublin managed to keep ahead to the finish.

Scorers—Dublin: Orla Ryan (1-2), Joan Gormley (1-0), Una Crowley (0-3), Edel Murphy (0-2), Kilkenny—Jo Dunne (1-0), Helena McCormack (0-3), Angela Downey (0-1), Anna Whelan (0-1).

Leinster Colleges Sen. A—Voc. Sch. Thomastown 1-2, Arklow V.S. 7-0. Pres., Castlecomer 0-0, Dominican Wicklow 1-1, Pres., Terenure 6-2, St. Cathriona 0-0, St. John of God, Kilmore 5-4, Holy Faith, Clontarf, 0-0.

Leinster Colleges Junior—Voc. Sch. Thomastown 4-0, Pres., Castlecomer 0-0.

No Problems For Superb Killeagh

KILLEAGH (CORK) 4-6;

KILKEEL (DOWN) ... 0-3

...All-Ireland Club camogie champions Killeagh of Cork scored a deserved victory over Down champions Kilkeel in the All-Ireland club camogie championship semi-final at Russell Park Blanchardstown on Sunday and qualified for the final against Buffer's Alley (Wexford) who were the runners-up last year.

The winners backed by the wind in the first half scored two early goals but were well held for the remainder of the half during which time they added three points as against one for Kilkeel.

After the interval Cathy O'Hare scored a brilliant point from a sideline stroke to inspire her Ulster team mates but the Munster girls were too strong and went on to win very comfortably.

Pat Moloney Marian Sweeney

and Catherine Landers were best for Killeagh while Veronica McGreavy Cathy O'Hare and Michelle Morgan were Kilkeel's most impressive players.

Scorers: Killeagh — P. Moloney (1-3); M. Sweeney (1-1); F. O'Connor and A. Leahy (1-0 each); C. Landers and M. Donovan (0-1 each). Kilkeel—D. Morgan (0-2); C. O'Hare (0-1).

30 YEARS AGO

HOLDERS Glen Rovers retained their Cork Co. Senior Camogie Championship title when they defeated Blackrock by 2-3 to 0-3 in the final at the UCC Grounds, where Breda Buckley (2-1), E. O'Donovan and M. Kelleher (0-1) each scored for the winners, while N. Duggan scored all three points for Blackrock. The teams were: Glen Rovers — S. Cahill, N. O'Brien, Bridie Lucey, N. Deane, S. O'Brien, Bessie Lucey, K. Donovan, M. Fitzpatrick, B. Buckley, M. Kelleher, E. O'Donovan, Peg Lucey, Sub. E. Dempsey. **Blackrock** — T. Warren, M. Flaherty, M. Hennebry, M. O'Connell, M. Ahern, M. Delea, L. Walsh, S. Cronin, M. Hayes, A. O'Shea, M. Leahy, N. Duggan.

40 YEARS AGO

FOLLOWING a conference held in the Gresham Hotel, Dublin, Mr. P. O'Keeffe, General Secretary of the G.A.A., announced that unity had been achieved between the two bodies controlling camogie in the country.

Senior Club Tournament — A, Killeagh v Glen Rovers; B, Eire Og v Na Piarasigh; C, Old Aloysians v U.C.C.; D, Watergrasshill v Sarsfields.

Second Round — A v C; B v D. Under-16 Championship — A, St. Vincent's v Ballincollig; B, Eire Og v Aghabullogue; C, St. Fanahans v Glen Rovers; D, Churchtown v Bishopstown; E, Youghal v Na Piarasigh; F, Old Aloysians v Inniscarra; G, Brian Dillons v Ballinora; H, Killeagh v Douglas; I, Blackrock v winners B; J, winners A v Sarsfields; K, Fr. O'Neills v St. Finbarrs; L, winners C v winners D.

Quarter Finals — M (K v H); N (G v J); O (L v E); P (F v I). Semi-finals — O v N; M v P.

Under 18 Championship — A, Castlemagner v Brian Dillons; B, Sarsfields v Churchtown; C, Fr. O'Neills v Bishopstown; D, St. Finbarrs v Ballinora; E, Blackrock v Ballincollig; F, Na Piarasigh v Eire Og; G, Douglas v Killeagh; H, Glen Rovers v winners A; I, St. Fanahans v Aghabullogue.

Second round — J (B v H); K (C v D); L (G v I); M (F v E). Semi-final — M v J; L v K.

Munster Can Expect Tough Battle

THE Munster junior team defend their Gael Linn Cup title on Sunday next when they meet Connacht in the 1981 final. The senior decider between Leinster and Ulster will also be decided on Sunday in a double decker bill at Russell Park, Dublin.

And on the home front another final will be in progress when Aghabullogue, the 1980 Junior Champions meet Eire Og in the Intermediate Championship final at Inniscarra, also on Sunday.

The Munster junior panel is the same as that which emerged victorious in a most exciting Gael Linn Cup semi-final tie against Leinster. Now the southerners, who won by a single point in that game, are facing yet another stiff task in Connacht. It will be remembered that Galway won the All-Ireland minor title this season and no doubt many of that side will be in action in the Connacht line-up. Also the western province failed to field a

senior interprovincial side this season which might suggest that they are concentrating on the junior twelve. In that event, Munster can expect a tough battle.

However, Munster were quite impressive last time out with Joan Hyde of Blackrock, who came on as a sub, being particularly effective. Other Cork players who did well in that game were Mary Maher and Mary O'Donovan, while Clare goalie, M. Casey, and inter-county colleague, Veronica Casey, were also very good in Munster's 2-5 to 2-4 win.

The actual team was not selected at the time of writing but the panel is — M. Casey (Clare), C. Moroney (do.), M. Maher (Cork), M. O'Donovan (do.), M. O'Donoghue (Limerick), M. Twomey (Cork), V. Casey (Clare), C. Jones (do.), L. Fox (do.), A. M. Landers (Cork), S. Curtin (do.), C. Keating (Clare), M. Howard (Clare), C. Wall (do.), J.

Hyde (Cork), H. Clifford (Limerick).

The senior final should be a marvellous affair with Leinster probably expected to emerge victorious at the finish.

Junior county champions, Aghabullogue, are hoping for an Intermediate championship win on Sunday which would put them from junior to senior ranks in a marvellous two year spell. And with the excellent side they can field against Eire Og in Sunday's final, they must be fancied to do just that.

Aghabullogue have three Cork players on their side in the persons of Anna Buckley, Joan Riordan and Norma Delaney, and they have other excellent players in Eileen and Sheila Barrett, Norma Delaney and Mary Noonan, and are playing with a marvellous spirit this season.

What of their opponents? Well, Eire Og are fielding their second string here and

as in the case of all senior clubs, the Intermediate team is constantly losing members to the top side. This has been the case with Eire Og as since last season's campaign in which, incidentally, they also contested the decider, they have lost both Margo Twomey and Mary O'Donovan to their seniors. However, they have always been known for their determination, especially when the odds are stacked against them, and with very good players in Teresa Kelleher, Ann O'Leary and Cork player, Kathleen Conway who has joined the club from Blarney they will not give up the chance of an intermediate title without a fight.

As a curtain raiser to this game, two other Intermediate sides will be in action when Youghal meet home side Inniscarra, in what should be a closely contested encounter.

In other games, Ballinora meet Fr. O'Neills in the

Junior B championship and in the under-18 league St. Finbarr's are away to Douglas. Na Piarasigh are at home to Nemo Rangers and Sarsfields clash with St. Fanahans at Sarsfields.

FIXTURES

(All on Sunday)
At Russell Park, Dublin, Gael Linn Cup Finals, 2 p.m. Junior: Connacht v Munster; 3.15 p.m. Senior: Leinster v Ulster.
At Inniscarra, I.C. Final, Aghabullogue v Eire Og, 3 p.m. (Ref. M. Whelan); 11. Youghal v Inniscarra, 2 p.m. (Ref. Ballinacollig).
At Fr. O'Neills, J.B.C., Ballinora v Fr. O'Neills, 3 p.m. (Ref. Killeagh).
At Douglas, U-18 L. St. Finbarrs v Douglas, 3 p.m. (Ref. Bishopstown).
At Na Piarasigh, U-18 L. Na Piarasigh v Nemo Rangers, 3 p.m. (Ref. Glen Rovers).
At Sarsfields, U-18 L. Sarsfields v St. Fanahans, 3 p.m. (Ref. Watergrasshill).
The draws for the Senior Tournament and the Under 18 championships

Leinster fancied to keep the Cup

By TAOBH LINE

LEINSTER and Ulster contest the Senior Interprovincial Final for the Gael Linn Cup at Russell Park, Blanchardstown (3.15) on Sunday next. It will be preceded by the Junior Shield between Connacht and Munster at 2.0.

So for the first time in many years all four provinces will be represented. In the senior semi-finals Leinster just pipped the holders, Munster, by one point and Ulster defeated Connacht by just two points.

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In the junior semi-finals, holders Munster had to come from behind to qualify for the final when they defeated Leinster by one point.

Connacht juniors, alone, had a comfortable victory in the semi-final games. They beat Ulster by five points.

Leinster is selected again from the three Senior Counties. Five from All-Ireland champions Kilkenny, four from National League winners Dublin and three from Wexford.

Ulster also comprises players from the three Senior counties in the province, six from Down, four from Antrim and two from Derry.

Kathleen Tonks (Wexford) is a sound goalie and has four skilled defenders in front of her in Anne Downey, and Bridie McGarry (Kilkenny), Ann O'Brien (Dublin) and Dorothy Walsh (Wexford).

The midfielders Margaret Farrell (Kilkenny), Elsie Walsh (Wexford) and Barbara Redmond (Dublin) will take matching while Kilkenny's Angela Downey and Jo Dunne and Dublin's Edel Murphy and Orla Riain forward line will take watching.

BRILLIANT GOALIE

Ulster have a brilliant goalie in Carol Blaney (Antrim). Her team mates Josie McClement in defence, Jacky McAtamney at midfield and Philomena Gillespie in attack won All-Ireland Senior medals in 1979 while Down's representatives Stephanie Kelly, Sheila McCartan and captain Cathy O'Hare, in defence, Veronica McGreevy, Fiona McGrady and Marion McGarvey in attack have gained Senior experience in recent years. Sarah Ann Quinn and Brigid McLaughlin (Derry) were in excellent form in the semi-final.

CLOSE GAME

Yet Leinster's line-out looks the stronger and they should regain the Cup.

The Munster-Leinster junior game was close and well contested. If Munster can reproduce the same form they will give fancied Connacht a hard run.

The Munster team has a very good goalie in Mary Carey (Clare) and five more strong players from the Clare Junior All-Ireland team.

GOOD FORM

Carmel Moroney, Veronica Casey, Claire Jones, Lourda Fox and Collette Keating (Clare) were all prominent in the semi-final. Mary Maher, Margo Twomey and Ann Marie Landus (Cork) were also in good form.

Killeagh the Champions qualified for the All-Ireland Club Championship final for the second year in a row when they defeated Killeel last Sunday. They will play Buffer's Alley, who are figuring in their fourth final in succession on November 8.

The Third level Colleges' (CCIA) are holding their annual fixtures meeting at Belfield, 2.9 on Saturday next.

Arrangements for the Ashbourne Cup, the Purcell Cup, the League and the Freshers 7-a-side will be decided.



GAMOGIE REPRESENTATIVES — Mrs. Cashman, Blackrock Club (left), Kelly, chairperson, do (centre), and Mary Maher, Co. Board secretary after the Cork Co. Bord na n-Og seminar at St. Finbarr's Pavilion, Togher, Cork.

30 YEARS AGO

AFTER a thrilling Munster Senior Soccer Cup semi-final at the Mardyke, Cork Athletic and Evergreen United played a one goal each draw. Frank Hennessy opened the scoring for Athletic and Sean McCarthy equalised from the penalty spot for Evergreen. The teams were: Cork Athletic — Waters, Noonan (P), Noonan (D), O'Callaghan, Burke, O'Connell, J. Moloney, O'Mahony, O'Leary, F. Hennessy, Cotter. Evergreen United — D. Healy, M. Taylor, N. Hayes, McCarthy (J), McCarthy (C), Lynch, W. Moloney, Cochrane, McCarthy (S), J. Conway, A. Bradley. In the other semifinal, Waterford defeated Limerick by 6 goals to 1.

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OLD ALOYSIANS won the Cork Junior Camogie Area Championship final by defeating Lee Hosiery by 5-0 to 2-1. The winners scoring all their goals in the first half and the losers doing likewise in the second half.

EASY ENOUGH FOR LEINSTER

LEINSTER 3-10 ULSTER 2-4

LEINSTER captured the Gael Linn trophy at Russell Park yesterday with a comfortable margin of 9 points. Yet, Ulster always looked threatening and were just one point behind at half-time, mainly due to their good defensive work.

Kilkenny's Jo Dunne opened Leinster's scoring with a point and goaled in the 11th minute before Ulster got their first goal from Veronica McGreevy. Angela Downey pointed for Leinster but Ulster continued to attack. Sarah-Anne Quinn initiated a move from the sideline. Mary McMullan doubled on it to the net.

Leinster, through Elsie Walsh and Edel Murphy scored a further three points. Sarah-Anne Quinn pointed for Ulster so leaving Leinster ahead 1-5 to 2-1 at half-time.

On the restart Angela Downey scored a fine goal for Leinster, the Ulster goalie, Carol Blaney was drawn out of goal and Angela although off balance, shot the ball to the net.

Orla Ryan pointed twice and then, in the 15th minute sealed the game in Leinster's favour with a good goal.

Ulster's Sarah-Anne Quinn scored three further points, but Leinster added two more. It was Elsie Walsh, the strong Leinster attack and Anne Downey in defence who swung the match for Leinster although the scoring could have been much higher in their favour but for the Ulster defenders Stephanie Kelly and Cathy O'Hare while Veronica McGreevy and Sarah-Anne Quinn were their most effective attackers.

Scorers, Leinster, Angela Downey 1-2, Jo Dunne 1-1, Orla Ryan 1-1, Edel Murphy 0-3, Elsie Walsh 0-2, Margaret Farrell 0-1. Ulster, S. Quinn 0-4, V. McGreevy 1-0, M. McMullan 1-0.

Leinster — K. Tonks, A. O'Brien, A. Downey, B. Martin, D. Walsh, M. Farrell, E. Walsh, B. Redmond, O. Ryan, A. Downey, E. Murphy, J. Dunne.

Ulster — C. Blaney, S. Kelly, S. McCartan, J. McClements, C. O'Hare, J. McAtamney, B. McLoughlin, T. Allen, V. McGreevy, P. Gillespie, S. Quinn, M. McMullan. Sub. K. Rice for J. McAtamney.

Connacht 2-3; Munster 2-2
A Connacht head a one point victory over Munster in the Gael Linn Junior Competition at Russell Park.

After a close first-half, Connacht, with wind advantage led by 0-3 to 0-2. Munster, however, took the initiative in the opening minutes of the second half with a good goal from Carmel Wall.

Connacht fought back determinedly and Carmel Manning goaled in reply. Munster player Claire Jones, pointed and then sent a wracking shot to the net leaving Munster now two points ahead.

Connacht fought back again and from the lock-out Mary Ryan connected and goaled swinging the match in Connacht's favour.

A square infringement denied Munster their winning goal so Connacht emerged with a one point win after a tremendously exciting second half.

Scorers — Connacht: M. Ryan (1-2), C. Manning (1-0) M. Collins (0-1), Munster C. Jones (1-2), C. Wall (1-0).

COLLEGES RESULTS
Leinster Senior — Maryfield 3-2; Walshtown 0-0, Wicklow U.S. 8-1; Dominican Convent, Wicklow 0-0; Mercy Athy 5-0; Mercy, Naas 0-0.

Leinster Junior — Maryfield 9-3; Kilmore 0-0.

Club Results — Senior A — Celtic 7-9; Etna 1-1.

Sen B — Celtic 6-6; U.C.D. 0-0.

Inter B — A. de Stocks 0-2; St. Annes 0-1, Phoenix 4-0; Fingallians 1-0.

Junior B — Woodville 5-0; Na Fhiona 0-0, Round Towers 6-1; Kilmacud 1-1.

Junior C 2 — Craobh Chiarraí 7-0; Curraigh Seanta 0-0.

Cork Inter — Co. Final — Alisha 2-3; Eire Óg 1-4.



A Leinster defender clearing past Ulster's Philomena Gillespie and Veronica McGreevy in the Gael Linn Camogie Final at Russell Park.



J. McAtamney...
gress in the Gael Linn camogie final.



Ulster goalie C. Blaney trying to stop a high shot during the camogie final against Leinster at Russell Park.

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THE WINNER — This spectacular last-minute goal by Aghabullogue forward Anna Buckley gave her side victory over Eire Og in the Cork County Intermediate Camogie final at Ballyanley yesterday.

— ("Examiner")

CAMOGIE

by Noel Spillane

AGHABULLOGUE WIN AN EXCITING FINAL

AGHABULLOGUE 2-3 EIRE OG 1-4

Junior County Champions, Aghabullogue, won the Cork County Intermediate Camogie Championship on a 2-3 to 1-4 scoreline against Eire Og at Ballyanly, Inniscarra, yesterday in a thrilling final. This championship win takes the Aghabullogue club straight from the junior ranks into the senior grade in the space of just two seasons.

They crowned a marvellous two years at Inniscarra yesterday winning by a mere two points but were made to fight all the way to the finish by a gallant Eire Og team.

Aghabullogue, with their three Cork players Anna Buckley, in particular, Joan O'Riordan and Norma Delaney in fine form, led by two points to nil at the end of a lack-lustre first half. It was indeed a game of two decidedly contrasting halves with all the action crammed into that exhilarating second half.

THREE POINT LEAD

In the opening minute of the second half, Mary Noonan pushed Aghabul-

logue into a three-point lead with another score before Eire Og began to show for the first time in the game.

Ann O'Leary, in attack, crashed a drive off the post after three minutes and within a minute Eire Og were level at 0-3 to 1-0 with a goal from Jackie Lane, which Aghabullogue goalkeeper, Eileen Barrett, should have prevented.

Hilda Horgan gave Eire Og the lead for the first time with a point in the 7th minute, and this score was followed by points from Ann Brennan and Ann O'Leary to make it 1-3 to 0-3 to Eire Og midway through the second half.

Mary Noonan atoned for her earlier missed frees

when she goaled from the range for Aghabullogue level the game at 1-3 each after 17 minutes. Then Hilda Horgan again gave Eire the advantage with another point with just three minutes remaining.

It was hectic stuff at late stage and just when it looked as if there was going to be a major upset, first substitute, Anna Buckley delivered the lethal blow to the Junior county champions.

Surrounded by opponents she managed to get her shot and it went all the way to the net to make it 2-3 to 1-4 favour of Aghabullogue and that was two minutes from time.

In the curtain raiser Youghal scored a 0-6 to 0-1 win over the local Inniscarra team in their Intermediate League game. Youghal led at half time 0-4 to 0-1.

Aghabullogue: E. Barrett, E. Noonan, S. O'Shea (capt.), G. Barry-Murphy, S. Barrett, J. O'Sullivan, J. O'Riordan, Cooney, N. Delaney, M. O'Shea, M. Noonan, S. Hayes. Subs: Anna Buckley for Julie O'Sullivan (20 minutes into first half).

Scorers: Mary Noonan (2-2), Anna Buckley (1-2), Norma Delaney (0-1).

Eire Og: T. Kelleher, E. O'Leary, P. Cullinane, K. Dwyer, S. O'Brien, D. Crowley, R. McCarthy, H. Horgan, A. O'Leary, K. Conway, A. Brennan, J. Lane.

Scorers: Jackie Lane (1-4), Hilda Horgan (0-2), Ann Brennan, Ann O'Leary (0-1) each.

Referee: Mrs. Mary Ryan (Glen Rovers).

● The trophy was presented to the skipper of the winning Aghabullogue team, S. O'Shea, by Rose O'Leary of the Cork County Board.



The North Presentation senior camogie team, All-Ireland winners in 1980 and are in the Munster semi-final against Shannon this year.

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Killeagh Must Strike Top Form To Win

The clash of the giants is scheduled for Sunday next at Gaultier, Co. Waterford, where the country's top club teams, Killeagh of Cork and Buffers Alley of Wexford meet in the All-Ireland Club Championship final. And if previous meetings between these two sides are anything to go by the stage must be set for a thriller. Pick of the local games must be the Junior "A" Championship Semi-final between St. Finbarr's and Churchtown, while in other games listed there are Under 18 and Under 14 League ties, a Junior "B" Championship game and seven first round Junior Colleges Championship ties involving Cork colleges down for decision on tomorrow (Saturday). Cork Co. Champions, Killeagh, became the first Cork club to win the All-Ireland Club Championship

when last season they defeated Wexford Champions Buffers Alley in a most exciting final by five points. Now these sides meet again and another thriller must be on the cards.

Since last season's decider these arch rivals met in the All-Ireland seven-a-side tournament with the Cork girls again emerging victorious. But again it was close.

Killeagh's Betty Joyce, who missed the semi-final is again a doubtful starter for Sunday as her leg injury is not fully recovered, but otherwise all their players are fit. So Killeagh will be a formidable side indeed and must be there with a very good chance. In their semi-final win Marie O'Donovan was again in marvellous form, and other top players in the East Cork side are Pat

Linehan, Catherine Landers, Marian Sweeney, and youngsters Barbara Kirby, Patsy Keniry, and Ann Marie Landers.

But Buffers Alley, who won the title in 1979, have always been one of the country's top club sides and with marvellous performers in Elsie and Dorothy Walsh, Caroline and Gertrude O'Leary, Terry Butler, Kathleen Tonks and Deirdre Cussins, they will be a tough side indeed to beat. And Margaret O'Leary, that super performer from a few years ago is back in their side, which should add an extra dimension to their performance. So Killeagh can expect their toughest opposition to date and will have to strike top form right from the beginning if they are to retain their title.

St. Finbarr's will be



PATRICIA FITZGIBBON
● Ratsy Keniry, in action for Killeagh on Sunday.

fancied to defeat Churchtown in the Junior "A" Championship Semi-final listed for the Barrs Ground on Sunday, but the Churchtown girls will not give up a place in the final without a struggle, so it should be a good game.

In other games Nemo Rangers are at home to Ballincollig, also in the Junior "B" Championship, while Glen Rovers play Na Piarraigh at the Mon Field in the Under 18 League and Douglas meet Brian Dillons at the Tank Field in the Under 14 campaign.

And Cork colleges will be involved in seven first round Junior Championship ties to be decided on tomorrow. The games are: Loreto, Youghal v. St. Aloysius; North Presentation v. South Presentation; Bishopstown Community School v.

CUMANN CAMÓGAÍOCHTA na nGAEL

CRAOBHCHOMÓRTAS IDIRCHLUB
Cluiche Ceannais na hÉireann



Gall Tír, Portláirge
08 Samhain, 1981, 2.30 p.m.

BUFFERS ALLEY (LOCH GARMAN) v CILL IATH (CORCIGH)

An Réiteoir: Belle Uí Lochlainn, An Dún

An Clár Dífigiúil

Luach: 10p

Joseph Patrick Donohue

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BUFFERS ALLEY ARE CAMOGIE QUEENS AGAIN

BUFFERS ALLEY ... 2-6
KILLEAGH 1-4

IT WAS a case of sweet revenge for Buffers Alley at Gaulteir (Waterford) on Sunday afternoon last when they regained their All-Ireland club camogie crown by comprehensively beating the reigning champions, Killeagh (Cork) by 2-6 to 1-4.

It was a marvellous victory for the Alley and compensated somewhat for last year's four points defeat by the same opposition at the same juncture. On that occasion the Alley were defending All-Ireland champions and Killeagh were lucky to dethrone them.

But there was nothing lucky about the way the Alley girls won back their crown. They did it in style, gaining the lead in the opening minutes and then never being headed for the remainder.

Very often the winning of an All-Ireland title signals the pinnacle of achievement of a club or county team and, invariably, the side breaks up quickly afterwards.

The Alley girls, however, are proving to be the exception to the rule. They have contested the last four All-Ireland finals in a row and there is every reason to suggest that they will be involved in the next four also.

They have re-built their team with a minimum of fuss and players who were too young to be considered when that great run was starting have now established themselves as regulars on the side, having come up through the club's junior ranks and those of the Kilmuckridge Vocational School under the tutelage of Willie Corcoran.

One of those youngsters who blossomed into a fine player before and on Sunday is Stella Sinnott. She played a masterful game at centre field and contributed much to the win by her efficient policing of the Killeagh and Cork player, Pat Moloney.

Stella's spirit typified that of the entire Alley side as she chased and harried throughout and never gave her more illustrious opponent a chance to develop her game and dictate the play as she can and likes to do.

On the other hand, Killeagh had no one to match Elsie Walsh. The Wexford girl was in tremendous form and produced an outstanding first half, during which she scored all her side's total. Special mention, too, must be made of centre-back Margaret Leacy who had a blinder also.

The Alley had the advantage of a stiff breeze in the first half and opened the scoring with a point from Elsie Walsh. Killeagh replied with a similar score through M. Sinnott, but Elsie restored the Alley lead.

were short some regulars. Against a Park Rangers side who got Blakey made up Blues total an entertaining game.

An 'own goal' and one from an entertaining game.

Park Rangers on a 2-0 scoreline in points when they accounted for ROSS BLUES collected both

Ross Blues
down Park

Crossed before the end.
Lawlor headed the equaliser for

LAST YEAR'S DEFEAT BY CORK GIRLS AVENGED IN ALL-IRELAND FINAL

alled the defence and the Alley held firm.

The selectors made an inspired switch at this stage in bringing on Kathleen Tonks into the corner and moving Dorothy Walsh back to help the defence. Kathleen notched a point with her very first touch of the ball and five minutes from the end elevated herself to the position of "super-sub" when she seized on a blocked save by the Killeagh goalie to score a match-winning goal.

The Cork women threw caution to the wind at this stage and pressed hard, but they found the Alley defence in most uncharitable mood and two 15 yards frees and a point were Killeagh's lot in a tense finish. The Alley supporters were de-

lirious with delight at the finish and the girls were royally feted by the G.A.A. Club Committee at their Monamolin clubhouse on their arrival home.

It would be most unfair to single out players for special mention. Nevertheless, the performances of Margaret Leacy, Stella Sinnott and Elsie Walsh will be especially remembered.

Buffers Alley — Terry Butler; Ann Butler; Geraldine Duggan; Margaret Leacy, Deirdre Cousins; Fiona Cousins, Stella Sinnott, Elsie Walsh (1-4); Gertrude O'Leary, Caroline Farrington (0-1), Dorothy Walsh; Bridie Doran. Sub.: Kathleen Tonks (1-1) for D. Cousins).

Killeagh — P. Fitzgibbon; M. Donovan; M. Spillane, C. Landers, B. Landers; B. Kirby, P.



Kathleen Tonks in her more familiar guise as goalkeeper, but on Sunday she assumed the role of 'Super-sub' when she was introduced to the forwards late in the game and scored 1-1. Inset is Stella Sinnott who had an outstanding game at midfield.



Curracloe down
Killeenagh men

Duncannon
keep up chase

and George Browne scored for the winners, while John Farrell re-

Linehan, A. M. Landers; F. O'Connor, P. Keniry, M. Sweeney; B. Joyce. Sub.: A. Leahy (for B. Joyce). Ref.: D. O'Loughlin (Down).



Caroline Farrington (top) and Geraldine Duggan were two more Buffers Alley heroines in Sunday's great victory.

Ross 'Mercy' edge out Bunclody V.S.

MERCY CONVENT, New Ross, scored a good win over Bunclody Vocational School in their Leinster Colleges fixture at New Ross last week-end.

It was a very close affair with Catherine English's goal after only five minutes being enough to secure victory for New Ross as Bunclody's only reply was a point by Anne Kearns.

At the end of the day, though perhaps Bunclody had most to be happy about. It is their first year to reach the final of the St. Joseph's cup.

St. Davids
pip Josephs

Fastnet, who may have struggled, the back in front of goal as Fast-

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BUFFERS ALLEY TAKE TITLE

BUFFERS ALLEY 2-6, KILLEAGH 1-4

Cork county champions Killeagh, who became the first Cork club to win the All-Ireland Club Championship last season, lost their title yesterday when they were defeated by the 1979 winners Buffers Alley at Gaultier, Co. Waterford.

The Cork champions took time to settle and never really found their form in the first half. For this they paid the price as the Wexford champions clicked from the throw-in and were ahead at the interval by 1-3 to 0-2.

Killeagh did make a gallant effort after the break, but then their forwards failed to capitalise on their chances. Wexford went on to win by 2-6 to 1-4.

Kathleen Tonks, who played in goal for Leinster a week ago, failed to find her place between the posts for her club but in the second half she came on as a substitute forward and scored 1-1 to help ensure victory. Elsie Walsh was another Buffers star, particularly in the first half when she scored 1-2, while Margaret Lacey, newcomer Stella Synnott and goalkeeper Terry Butler were others to impress for the winners.

Killeagh's best players were Marie O'Donovan, Patricia Fitzgibbon, Pat Linehan and Patsy Keniry.

Scorers Buffers Alley: E. Walsh 1-3, K. Tonks 1-1, C. O'Leary 0-2. Killeagh: A. Leahy 1-0, M. Sweeney, P. Linehan, P. Keniry and M. O'Donovan 0-1 each.

BUFFERS ALLEY: A. Butler (Capt.), G. Duggan, M. Lacey, D. Cousins, S. Synnott, D. Walsh, G. O'Leary, C. O'Leary, B. Doran, E. Walsh. Subs: K. Tonks for F. Cousins.

KILLEAGH: P. Fitzgibbon, M. O'Donovan, M. Spillane, C. Landers, B. Landers, B. Kirby, P. Linehan, A. M. Landers, F. O'Connor, P. Keniry, M. Sweeney, B. Joyce. Subs: A. Leahy for B. Joyce, S. Spillane for F. O'Connor.

Referee: E. O'Loughlin, Down.

Junior B' Championship, Quarter Final: Ballincollig 0-3, Nemo Rangers 0-0.

BUFFERS ALLEY REGAIN TITLE

Buffers Alley Wexford 2-6; Killeagh (Cork) 1-4

BUFFERS' ALLEY recaptured the All-Ireland Club Championship title which they first won in 1979, when they dethroned the champions Killagh.

Cork in a well contested game at Gaultier, County Waterford yesterday.

The winners played with wind and ground advantage and dominated the first ten minutes at the end of which they led 1-3 to 0-1. Elsie Walsh was the inspiration of Buffers Alley during the early part of the game.

A switch on the Killagh team brought Marion Sweeney to mark Elsie. There was only one score for the remainder of this half and that was a point for Killagh which left the score Buffers Alley 1-3 to 0-2 at the interval.

Killagh pressed hard after the interval, but faulty shooting did not improve their tally. Buffers Alley added a point, before Anne Leahy goalied for Killagh after 15 minutes of this half, and this score only left two points between the sides in a hectic finish Killagh tried in vain to get ahead but Wexford put up a spirited performance.

Kathleen Tonks came into the Wexford attack and soon made her mark scoring a point and a goal to make the issue safe. Killagh never gave up and were still attacking at the final whistle.

Margaret Leacy and Elsie Walsh were the stars for Buffers Alley, and the Butler sisters Terry and Anne, Stella Synnott, Bertrude O'Leary and Dorothy Walsh were also prominent. FKOR Killagh goalie Patricia Fitzgibbon, Marion Sweeney, Patsy Keniry, Marie Donovan, and Pat Maloney did best.

SCORES—Buffers Alley: E. Walsh 1-3, K. Tonks 1-1, C. O'Leary 0-1. Killagh: A. Leahy, M. Sweeney, P. Maloney, M. Donovan, P. Keniry 0-1 each.

BUFFERS ALLEY—T. Butler, A. Butler, G. Duggan, M. Lacey, D. Cousins, F. Cousins, S. Synnott, D. Walsh, G. O'Leary, C. O'Leary, B. Doyle, E. Walsh. Subs: K. Tonks for D. Cousins.

KILLEAGH—P. Fitzgibbon, M. Donovan, M. Spillane, C. Landers, B. Landers, B. Kirby, P. Linehan, A. M. Landers, F. O'Connor, P. Keniry, M. Sweeney, B. Joyce. Subs: A. Leahy for B. Joyce.

Referee—D. O'Loughlin (Down).

RESULTS

Leinster Colleges Senior—Mercy, Nias, 1-1, Presentation, Clane, 1-1; Maryfield College 7-2, onahes 0; Mooncoin 3-0, Presentation, Castlecomer 2-0; Presentation, Tournure 7-1; Holy Faith, Clontarf 1-0; Maryfield College 7-0, Colaisie Iosagain 0.

Leinster Colleges Junior—Mercy, Achy, 5-0, Presentation, Clane, 3-0; Maryfield College 9-0, Colaisie Iosagain 0.

Dublin Club results—Curran Cup Final—Celtic 5-4 (A. Coffey 3-0, N. Fleming 2-1, G. O'Mahony 0-2, D. Lane 0-1), Cuchulainn 2-3 (F. Barry 2-0, A. O'Brien 0-2, B. Edmund 0-1).

Senior "A" League—Pres. 2-3, Erins Isle 1-5; Austin Stacks 1-3, Marino 0-1.

Junior "A" Final—Presentation 4-1, Good Counsel 0-1.

Senior "B" League—Woodville 6-0, Naomh Iosa 0.

Inter "B" League—Na. Fianna 4-0, Phoenix 0.

Junior "A" League—Kilmore 3-1, Marino 4-1.

Junior "B" League—Round Tower 2-0, An Calsteán 2-1; Sláben Bloom 0-0, Naomh Padraig 1-0; Erins Isle 2-0, Phoenix 0.

Junior "C" League—Naomh Bhróg 2-0, St. Anne's Round Towers 4-1, St. Oliver Plunketts 0.



Camogie

ANNE BUTLER, BUFFER'S ALLEY CAMOGIE CLUB. Anne is full-back on the Wexford county team and has given a series of outstanding displays this season. She captained Buffers Alley to victory in the All-Ireland club championship only last Sunday and had previously won an All-Ireland medal with them also, as well as two Leinster county championship medals and four Leinster club championship medals.



Elsie Walsh (left), the Alley's top scorer in Sunday's All-Ireland final, and her sister, Dorothy, who did well in the forwards also.

Camogie - All-Ireland Club Final: At sun-drenched Ballymabin on Sunday last Buffers Alley of Wexford came out best in what was a very hard-fought and thrilling game of camogie. Killeagh, the All-Ireland champions had to give best to a fitter and more determined outfit. There was some great camogie in this game and how the large crowd loved and cheered its every thrill. Both teams sported girls with numerous All-Ireland medals to their credit and it certainly was some honour for Gaultier to host this game. Both team mentors had great praise for the entire organisation and indeed the camogie officials present considered the entire set-up second to none. A great evening's entertainment was rounded off with a social gathering in the Ocean Hotel, at which Miss Mary Moran presented the trophies to the winners. A special warm welcome was given to Miss Nell O'Loughlin, from Warrenpoint, Co. Down, who did a splendid job of refereeing.

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By UNA BEAN UÍ PHUIRSÉIL



ALTHOUGH Dublin once again failed to win the coveted Seán O'Duffy Cup and the Senior All-Ireland Camogie Championship, there was much honour and glory brought to the Metropolis by the camogie players of all grades.

Four titles is the success story at All-Ireland level. The Senior side won the beautiful A.I.B. Cup and the Senior National League, St. John of God Convent, Kilmore, took the Junior Schools Cup. Marino brought the Féile na nGael title to Dublin for the third year in a row and Woodville won out the Pan-Celtic Competition.

Dublin were successful too, in the Leinster Championships. Our Minors were the champions in Leinster but lost the All-Ireland semi-final to the Willwood Tailteann winners, Galway. The Under-14 cailini became Leinster Champions for the second successive year and the Senior girls meet Kilkenny or Wexford in the Senior Final. The Juniors lost to Kildare in the Final by a narrow margin.

After their very satisfactory run in the Senior League, in which they defeated All-Ireland Champions, Cork in the Final, the Senior team was hotly tipped to dethrone the champions in the All-Ireland series. However this was not to be. After bulding up a seven point lead by half-time, the Dubliners ran out of steam in the second half and finished well beaten.

Any county, who can keep up the pressure at the underage level, is bound to be successful on the Camogie fields.

Twenty-six competitions were played under the auspices of the Senior, Junior and Minor Boards last season. Congratulations are in order, both to the hard working officials and mentors and, of course, to all the competing players.

Honour AND glory . . .

University College got back into the limelight after a decade in the wilderness when they captured the Senior League and Championship titles having earlier in the season retained the Ashbourne Cup and won out the C.C.I.A. League for the first time.

Marino, who have a host of young players, also had a very successful year winning eight competitions all told.

Numbered among their victories was the Senior B Championship. They also took the spoils in Junior 'B' Championship and League and won both Competitions in under-13 and under-14 as well as the Féile Competition. In addition they were runners-up in the Community Games All-Ireland last September.

The Primary Schools Board had a very successful season during which they played out competitions for the longer established schools and continued with the 'mixing system' for the beginners.

A number of fund raising activities were undertaken by the Board during the year. The most successful and indeed the most exciting, was the ten-week draw.

The Board tried out a 'closed season' from December 1st to February 1st last. It was viewed with mixed reactions. Some felt it was hard to get the players re-motivated after the break.

Others were pleased to miss the cold days in the Park through December and January. No decision

will be made on this matter until the Annual Convention.

All things considered Camogie is thriving on the Dublin fields but many more Officers, Referees and Officials of all kinds are needed to man such a vast undertaking as the Dublin Camogie Board.

Where the Titles Went

Senior A Championship and League: U.C.D.

Senior B Championship: Marino

Senior B League: Erin's Isles

Inter A Championship: Celtic

Inter A League: Leixlip

Inter B Championship: An Caisleán

Inter B League: Woodville

Junior A Championship: Na Fianna

Junior A League: Fingallians

Junior B Championship and League: Marino

Junior C1 Championship and League: Leixlip

Junior C2 Championship and League: St. Josephs

JUVENILE

Under 11 League and Championship: An Caisleán

Under 12 League and Championship: Woodville

Under 13 League and Championship: Marino

Under 14 League and Championship: Marino

Féile under 14 Championship: Marino

The under-11 Blitz, which was again very popular, is perhaps the greatest proof of the interest in the game in the Metropolis, and a heartening demonstration from the dedicated promoters throughout the city and county.



Two ladies who received awards during the annual presentation of Kilkenny Sports Stars awards pictured with Tony Prendergast, Managing Director, Smithwicks (sponsors). They are Liz Quinlan (left) who received the juvenile hockey award and Liz Neary, who captained Kilkenny's senior camogie team to victory in the All-Ireland. Other winners were: Seamus Coskenny's senior camogie team to victory in the All-Ireland. Other winners were: Seamus Coskenny (Athletics), Ben Lawler (Boxing), Ken Boland (Coarsing), Padraig O'Rourke (Golf), Paddy O'Connor (Greyhound Racing), Peadar Hughes and Anthony Greene (Handball), Tom Nicholson (Horse Racing), Ray Heffernan (Hurling), Nicky O'Donnell (Rugby), Juvenile winners: Jimmy Leahy (Golf), Michael Walsh (Handball), Michael Coerford (Athletics), John Croke (Soccer), Hall of Fame Denis Gullfoyle; Handicapped award: Martin Costello.

CAMOGIE: MUNSTER U-18 FINAL

Cork Must Be Fancied —At Least On Paper

SUCCESS was the order of the day last season as Cork and Munster won trophy after trophy to record the most successful season in county and provincial history. Things are different this year, however, as the sideboards of both Cork and Munster are practically bare.

However, St. Patrick's did win the All-Ireland Colleges title, Cork took the Munster Senior Championship crown, and now Cork's Under 18's have a chance of bringing a third major trophy to Cork when they meet Clare on Sunday next in the Munster Under 18 Championship Final at Shannon.

In local games on Sunday there are only two club ties listed, both in the junior "B" Grade, while on tomorrow four games will be decided in the Munster Junior Colleges Championship.

Cork, mainly due to an outstanding performance by inter-county senior Geraldine McCarthy, had a good win over Limerick in the Munster Under 18 Championship semi-final on Sunday last. Now they meet Clare in the decider on Sunday and the team shows two changes from last Sunday.

For their game against Limerick Cork were without goalie Clare McCarthy, who was ill. Clare's position in goal was filled in the first half by Carmel Murphy and after the interval by Frances Deasy. On Sunday Clare returns to the side with Frances reverting to her normal outfield position and Carmel included in the substitutes. Patsy Keniry who played so well last week after coming on retains her position in the side with Joan Hyde moving to the substitutes for Sunday.

The remainder of the team is the same and shows strength in all sectors. Cork

have excellent defenders in goalie Clare McCarthy, and backs Una O'Connor, Ann Leahy, Joan O'Riordan and Frances Deasy.

Patsy Keniry, Ann Marie Landers, who captains the side and Ger McCarthy are a marvellous midfield trio, while Anna Buckley, Clare Ronan, Lillian Zinkant and Irene O'Leary are all excellent forwards.

So on paper at least Cork look very good and must be fancied to do well in this final. However, Clare have excellent Colleges teams at the present time, in particular St. Patrick's, Shannon, and the Cork girls can expect to see a number of past pupils, if not present pupils from that College in the side.

The Clare team was not available at the time of writing, but no doubt Munster junior stars Clare Jones and Lourda Fox will be in the side, while others who could be in the line-up are Pat Austin, Veronica Casey and Mary Howard. So Clare too can field a very strong side and with a home venue they will be a difficult side indeed to overcome. In any event this game should be an excellent one between two stylish sides.

Cork: C. McCarthy, U. O'Connor, A. Leahy, J. O'Riordan, F. Deasy, P. Keniry, A. M. Landers (capt.), G. McCarthy, A. Buckley, C. Ronan, L. Zinkant, I. O'Leary.

Subs: J. Hyde, C. Murphy, S. Barrett, C. Higgins, A. Duggan, D. O'Riordan.

In club games Bride Rovers entertain Inniscarra in the Junior "B" Championship, while in the League in the same grade Eire Og are at home to Aghabullogue, both games on Sunday.

Four Junior Colleges Championship games will be decided on tomorrow (Saturday) with three Cork colleges involved. Two of these, North and South Presentation, will be in opposition, while the third, newcomers Bishopstown Community School, will meet St. Patrick's, Shannon. In the other games St. Mary's, Nenagh, meet Presentation, Sexton Street, and Cashel play Pres. De La Salle Hospital.



PROUD CAPTAIN — Catherine Landers, Captain of Killeagh Camogie Team with the trophies won by the Killeagh Club during the year at their Dinner in Hilltop Hotel, Youghal.

U.C.G. SEVEN SUPREME

U.C.G., 2-7; U.C.C., 2-1

THE ANNUAL seven-a-side blitz for third level colleges took place in Belfield on Saturday. The Isobel O'Neill trophy, presented by Ulster Polytechnic this year for the tournament was won by U.C.G. when they beat U.C.C. in the final.

Ten colleges took part in the competition and the standard of camogie was very high, the majority of the games throughout the day were very close, and although U.C.G. were fairly convincing winners of most of the games in their section, T.C.E./N.I.H.E. gave them a tough fight. U.C.C. were similarly pressed by St. Mary's, Belfast, but qualified from Group 'A'.

The final itself was a tough uncompromising game with both teams showing plenty of skill. Unfortunately, perhaps due to the tiredness of the end of the day, the standard of play dropped at times, and much petty fouling took place. U.C.G. were leading by 1-5 to 2-1 at half-time, and despite applying great pressure in the second half, U.C.C. failed to score.

Mairead Coyle, Paula Carr and Eilish Mulholland were U.C.G.'s best players, while Anne Marie Landers and Norma Delaney fought until the end for U.C.C.

Scorers — U.C.G. — M. Coyle (1-2), C. Oakley (1-0), E. Mulholland (0-2), P. Carr (0-3); U.C.C. — A. Landers (2-1).

OTHER RESULTS

Leinster Senior Colleges — Banagher V.S., 5-1; Birr Community School, 4-0. Scorers — Banagher — R. Horan (2-0), P. Kelly (1-1), A. Hoban (1-0), O. Hannisly (1-0); Birr — B. Cahill (2-0), S. O'Neill (1-0), R. Ryan (1-0). Pres., Clare 2-1; Mercy Athy, 1-2.

F.C.I. — Buncloody, 4-1; Wicklow V.S., 2-0. Ballhale V.S., 6-3; Pres., Castlecomer, 0-0.

Dublin Club — Senior A — U.C.D.,

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5-4; Cuala Naomh Mhuire, 1-1. Pres., 0-2; Austin Stacks, 0-3. Senior B — Woodville, 6-0; U.C.D., 0-0. An Caislean, 3-4; Marino, 1-1. Junior C — Cumann Ui Conaill 1-0; Kilmore, 1-0.

CLARE MCCARTHY STARS FOR CORK

CORK 2-6 CLARE 0-3

A superb defence which repelled several Clare attacks particularly in the second half, won the day for Cork in an exciting Under 18 Munster camogie final at the Church Field, Shannon yesterday. At half time Cork led 0-4 to 0-1.

Indeed Cork dominated the play for most of the game but when Patsy Keniry raised the green flag in the 14th minute of the second half followed by another goal by Lillian Zinkant four minutes later the hopes of a fading Clare side were finally dashed.

A feature of the play was the outstanding goalkeeping by Clare McCarthy, and the brilliant work of Ann Leahy at full back aided by Una O'Connor. Ger McCarthy at centre field was outstanding

throughout and Patsy Keniry was always a danger at half back.

Clare's first point from an acute angle was a brilliantly taken effort from Lourda Fox, while Clare Jones, who today becomes a cadet in the Irish Army, pressed very hard for the losers and opened up many opportunities for the forwards which they failed to press home. Pat Austin also did trojan work for Clare all through the game.

Cork: C. McCarthy, A. Leahy, J. O'Riordan, U. O'Connor, F. Deasy, G. McCarthy (0-3), P. Keniry (1-1), A. Buckley, A. M. Landers (Capt.), I. O'Leary, L. Zinkant (1-3), C. Ronan. Subs: J. Hyde for A. Buckley and C. Higgins for C. Ronan. Clare: W. O'Flynn, J. Condon, Ryan, C. O'Meara, P. Austin, C. Wall, C. Jones, (0-1), G. Moore, Beegan, R. Fahey, L. Fox (0-2), Coughlan. Subs: R. O'Shaughnessy for C. Wall and T. Naughton for Fox.

Referee C. Clancy (Limerick)

MARYFIELD SCORE WELL

Maryfield, 7-3; Callan, 1-4. MARYFIELD COLLEGE gave a fine display when defeating Mercy Convent, Callan, by 7-3 to 1-0 in the preliminary round of the Leinster Colleges Camogie Competition. The skill of Carmel O'Byrne, Anne Beirne, Patricia Clinton and Sinead Power was the decisive factor against a Callan side who were best served by Bernadette Lyons, Maureen Aylward and Mary O'Shea.

Scorers — Maryfield — C. O'Byrne (3-3), G. Sheehan (2-0), Patricia Clinton (1-0), J. Byrne (1-0). Callan — B. Lyons (1-0).

Other results — St. John of God, Kilmore, 4-2; Presentation, Kilkenny, 3-2.

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C.C.I.A. League — U.C.D., 8-7; St. Patrick's Training College, 1-0.

Dublin Club Results — Senior 'A' — Cuchulainn, 4-2; Phoenix, 2-1. Marino, 2-0; Presentation, 0-0. Senior 'B' — Woodville, 3-1; An Caislean, 2-1. Inter 'A' — Austin Stacks, 1-1; Phoenix, 1-0. Junior 'A' — Naomh Bheid, 1-1; Cuchulainn, 1-0. Junior 'B' — Leixlip, 1-0; Na Blianna, 0-0. Junior 'C' — St. Annes, 2-0; Finagallans, 0-0.

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Intriguing Challenge For Presidency

MRS. CARMEL DESMOND, the Cork President of the All-Ireland Colleges Council, completes her term of office on tomorrow when the A.G.M. of the Council will be held. But Cork might well have the new President as Mrs. Lil O'Neill is standing for the prestigious post.

On the playing fields St. Finbarr's and Blackrock contest the Junior A Championship final on Sunday, while Eire Og play their final senior League tie and if they win they take the title.

Miss Lil O'Neill, who is standing for the position of President of the Colleges is a most experienced administrator, having held the top post of President of the Camogie Association from 1967 to 1969. She was also Chairman of her club, Old Aloysians, Cork Co. Board, and Munster Council for long periods, and an experienced referee who has officiated at an All-Ireland Senior final. So she is a very able contender for the position.

But Lil will have strong opposition from Fr. Anthony Davies from Co. Down, who is a respected official in the North and Mrs. Eileen O'Mahony of Dublin, who although quite a new administrator is highly

thought of. And of course, as Eileen Duffy, she was one of Dublin's greatest goalies and has many All-Ireland medals to her credit.

The contest for the post should therefore be a very keen one but Mrs. O'Neill must have a very good chance of being elected.

There will be no elections for the other positions on the Council with Mrs. Agnes Purcell of Dublin continuing as Vice-President, Miss Lily Spence of Antrim, staying on as Treasurer and Miss Mary Moran of Cork carrying on as Secretary.

Most important motion mentioned on the Agenda would appear to be one calling for a neutral, half-way venue for All-Ireland Colleges semi-finals, and it will be interesting to see how this goes.

The Junior A Championship is a very good competition and Sunday's final promises to be an excellent affair with St. Finbarr's and Blackrock in opposition, at Ballinlough.

Blackrock have gone from strength to strength since their return a few years ago and their concentration on young players is now showing dividends with their appearance in the Junior A Final. They have a number of very promising players including Una O'Connor, Frances Deasy, Joan Hyde and Clare Ronan who were all members of the successful Under-18 Cork panel and they also have experience in the person of Mary Whelton.

The Barrs too have some marvellous players in Mary Walsh, Stephanie Curtin, Valerie O'Mahony, Marie O'Sullivan and Marian O'Brien, so followers can expect a real thriller here.

Eire Og, always such a good League side, have a chance of clinching the 1980 title on Sunday, also at Ballinlough. They have won

all their games to date, and now only have to take both points from Old Aloysians in their final game of the campaign. This tie will be

played as a curtain raiser to the Junior Championship Final, which gives supporters a chance of seeing an excellent double-bill.

Eire Og are a very good side with strength in all sectors. They have five Cork senior players in Mary Geaney, Nancy O'Driscoll, Marian McCarthy, Miriam Higgins and Eileen Dineen as well as substitute Clare Kelleher, and they have Cork Juniors in Mary O'Donovan and Margo Twomey. So it is very difficult to see how they can be prevented from taking the League title on Sunday.

However, Old Aloysians, who have been in the doldrums for so long have had a few good results of late and they will not give Eire Og all their own way. The points will not really put Old Aloysians in the running for the title but a good performance would be a marvellous boost for them.

Old Als depend a great deal on Cork senior Clare Cronin, but they have other fine players in Marian O'Leary, Dolores O'Riordan, Eleanor Hackett and Marcella Fitzpatrick, and they will certainly give their best on Sunday.

In other games Glen Rovers meet Na Pairsaigh in the 1981 Senior league at the Mon Field on Sunday, while in the Under-16 Championship, Ballincollig meet St. Vincents and Churchtown oppose Bishopstown.

FIXTURES

Tomorrow: All-Ireland colleges A.G.M. at Belvedere Hotel, Dublin, 2 p.m.

SUNDAY

At Ballinlough: S.L. Eire Og v. Old Aloysians 1.30 p.m. (Ref. U.C.C.); J.A.C. Final: Blackrock v. St. Finbarr's 2.45 p.m. (Ref. M. Maher).

At Mon Field: S.L. Glen Rovers v. Na Pairsaigh, 3 p.m. (Ref. Sarsfields).

At St. Vincents: U-16 C. Ballincollig v. St. Vincents, 11 a.m. (Ref. Douglas).

At Churchtown: U-16 C. Churchtown v. Bishopstown 3 p.m. (Ref. Youghal).

Lil O'Neill the new president

Cork's Mrs. Lil O'Neill was elected President of the All-Ireland Colleges' Camogie Association at their annual general meeting in Dublin on Saturday. Mrs. O'Neill, a former president of the Parent Association, defeated Ulster representative Fr. Davies by 9 votes to 4.

It was decided to hold regional coaching courses rather than a single national one because of the cost of travel. It was also announced that Munster secretary Miss Mary Moran was compiling a history of the game in the province which it was hoped would be ready for the centenary year of the G.A.A.

Miss Moran was returned unopposed as colleges' secretary. The vice-chairman is Mrs. Agnes Purcell; honorary treasure is Miss Lily Spence (Ulster) and delegate to central council Mrs. Rosina McManus.

20 YEARS AGO

IN their first year, Fermoy won the Cork County junior camogie championship title, when they defeated Canovee by 3-1 to 1-2 in the final at Church Road. The teams were: Fermoy — A. Egan, P. O'Brien, K. O'Rahilly, K. Fleming, M. Kelleher, J. Pine, M. Lomasney, C. O'Rahilly, K. Egan, K. Clancy, B. Egan, M. Flood. Canovee — J. Lucey, C. Healy, M. Lucey, T. Dunlea, K. Lucey, M. Harrington, K. O'Mahony, H. Sullivan, M. Murray, S. Crowley, S. Dunne, I. Sheehan.

40 YEARS AGO

OLD ALOYSIANS scored a runaway 11-0 to 0-1 win over Blackrock in the Cork County senior camogie league at Tivoli, where the winners lined out as follows: P. Hogg, N. Fitzgerald, M. Twomey, M. Conlon, E. Brady, N. O'Dowd (Capt.), K. Buckley, L. Kirby, F. Curran, J. McGrath, D. O'Regan, E. Casey. (Blackrock team was not published with the report of the game).



Mrs. Mary O'Callaghan, Chairman Cork County Board, presenting the winning trophy to Mary Geaney, captain of the Eire Og camogie team after they won the senior league at Ballinlough. ("Examiner")

Joy at last for Barrs

By JOAN MORLEY

ST. FINBARR'S 2-4
BLACKROCK 2-2

THERE were tears of joy in the St. Finbarr's camp yesterday as their narrow win over a very young Blackrock side in the Junior A Championship final at Ballinlough brought to an end ten frustrating years for them. This was the sixth final in the last ten years in which the Barrs have appeared — and their first win.

After ten minutes of this most exciting game it looked as if the Barrs might have a runaway win. They had strength in all sectors, with Marie O'Sullivan, the captain, being particularly good in defence, Finola Broderick and Valerie O'Mahony brilliant around the centre of the field and Mary Walsh and Christine Hickey always dangerous around goal.

But a youthful and stylish Blackrock side — they are all under eighteen with the exception of former Cork senior Mary Whelton — had other ideas and they battled back to within two points of the winners at the interval on the score 2-3 to 2-1.

The second half was a marvellous affair, which kept the big attendance on their toes right to the final whistle.

Scorers at either end were almost impossible to come by and in fact only two points were scored in this period.

Again the winners looked the stronger side for most of this half and one felt that were it not for the marvellous goalkeeping of Blackrock's Frances Deasy and the brilliant defensive work of Ursula Lyons and Chris Furlong, Barrs might well have sewn up the title much earlier.

As it was they must regard themselves quite fortunate at the end as Blackrock's Mary Whelton snatched a last minute point, when a goal looked inevitable. But on the day St. Finbarr's deserved their victory which was a tribute to their total dedication after so many bitter disappointments down through the years.

Scorers: St. Finbarr's — C. Hickey 1-1, M. Walsh 1-0, M. O'Sullivan 0-3. Blackrock — M. Whelton 1-1, H. Jordan 1-0, J. Deasy 0-1.



Another goal for the Barr's as the ball rolls into the Blackrock net during the junior camogie league final at Ballinlough yesterday. —(Picture: Richard Mills)

St. Finbarr's: C O'Connor, M O'Brien, L Cosgrave, M O'Sullivan, B Hannon, F Broderick, V O'Mahony, M A Horgan, M Christie, C Hickey, M Walsh, S Curtin.

Subs. M Crowley for M Christie, C O'Leary for M A Horgan.

Blackrock: F Deasy, U O'Connor, U Lyons, H Kennedy, C Furlong, P

Darcy, J Hyde, U O'Keeffe, J Deasy, C Ronan, M Whelton, H Jordan. Subs. C. Murphy for P Darcy. Referee: Mary Maher.



The St. Finbarr's team who defeated Blackrock in the final of the Cork County junior camogie final at Ballinlough. (Examiner)



Rockies and Barrs chasing the ball during the Junior League camogie final at Ballinlough on Sunday. (Echo)

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Liz Neary is Player of Year

KILKENNY'S achievement in regaining the All-Ireland camogie championship received an end-of-the-season salute yesterday when the team's outstanding full back, Liz Neary, was declared "Camogie Player of the Year" and was presented with the B + I award in recognition of her selection, writes PADDY DOWNEY. She is the third player from Kilkenny and the seventh in all to receive the award since its inception in 1975.

Liz Neary is not only a brilliant defender: she is also regarded as one of the most sporting players in the game. She won her first major honour in 1968/69 when Presentation College, Kilkenny won the All-Ireland Colleges title. She shared in another distinction in 1968 when she played on the Kilkenny county team that beat Dublin in the Leinster championship for the first time — and that was Dublin's first defeat in the province for 32 years.

She holds a record of six All-Ireland club championship medals — five won with St Paul's, Kilkenny, and one with Austin Stacks of Dublin. She has played in six All-Ireland senior finals with Kilkenny, figuring on the winning side in 1974, 1976, 1977 and 1981. She also holds a National League medal won with her native county.

Liz captained the Kilkenny team which beat Cork in a replay of this year's final and had the unusual distinction, for a full back, of scoring two goals in the drawn game.



Liz Neary, of Kilkenny, became the seventh winner of the B + I Camogie Player of the Year.

Liz gets that special award



Liz Neary of Kilkenny, nationally recognised as the most sporting player

in the game, is the seventh winner of the B + I Line 'camogie player of the

year' award, since the scheme was inaugurated in 1975. She is the third

Kilkenny player to be honoured and follows Bridle McGarry (nee

Martin) and Angela, who won it in 1976 and 1977 respectively.

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Liz Neary 'Player of the Year'

Liz Neary of Kilkenny, nationally recognised as probably the most sporting player in the game, is the seventh winner of the B and I Line Camogie Player Of The Year award, since the B and I Line G.A.A. Personality Of The Month Award scheme was inaugurated in 1975.

She is the third Kilkenny player to be honoured, and this latest recognition now puts Kilkenny ahead of Cork in the awards table. Kilkenny's Bridie Martin won the Camogie Player Of The Year award in 1976, and Angela Downey in 1977.

Other previous winners were: Bridget Doyle (Wexford) in 1975, Pat Moloney (Cork) in 1978, Miread McAtamney (Antrim) in 1979 and Marion McCarthy (Cork) in 1980.

Liz was presented with her award by Mr. Kevin O'Doherty, Manager of European Container Services, B and I Line, in Dublin yesterday. She won her first major honour in 1968-1969 with the Presentation College, Kilkenny team which won the all-Ireland Senior Colleges title.

Since then Liz has gone on to win a record of six all-Ireland Club Championship medals — five with St. Paul's Kilkenny, and one with Austin Stacks in Dublin.

She was, on the famous Kilkenny team which made history in 1968 by beating Dublin for the first time, marking Dublin's first defeat in Leinster for 32 years.

Liz has now played in six all-Ireland senior finals and holds four winners' medals from 1974, 1976, 1977 and 1981. And this year she captained the Kilkenny side which defeated the holders Cork after a replay in the all-Ireland final.

There to celebrate with Liz yesterday were her mother, her brother Pat, his wife Ann and Kilkenny colleagues Ann Dorney and Carmel Doyle.

Also in attendance were Kilkenny chairman Mill Malone and Secretary Mary Fennelly. Mary Moran, President of the Camogie Association; Mrs. A. Purcell, Treasurer, and Jo Golden, Ard Rúnal of Central Council; Mrs. Lil O'Neill, President All-Ireland Colleges Council; Mrs. K. Timmons, chairman Leinster Council and Mr. Seán O'Siochain, who represented the G.A.A.



Kilkenny's Liz Neary receives the B. + I. Camogie Player of the Year Award from Mr. Kevin O'Doherty.

Club Championship time

THE LEINSTER Club Championship, due to start on Sunday next, has aroused great interest. The competition, open to any club wishing to participate, has attracted no less than thirty-two competitors from eight of the Leinster Counties affiliated, with Kilkenny and Kildare notable absentees.

Because of the large entry, the teams are divided into four sections of eight. It is planned to play each division separately and have two semi-finals and a final in the play off.

The biggest response came from Dublin, who have fourteen clubs in the competition. Westmeath come next with five; Wexford and Offaly have three each; Louth, Carlow and Meath each entered two and Wicklow has one representative.

In Sunday's games, Cullion (Westmeath) are at home (2.30) to Presentation (Dublin) and Kilrush (Wexford) travel to Myshall (Carlow) 2.30.

Westmeath, who joined the Junior National League for the first time this season had a very

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successful outing in their first fixture. They defeated Roscommon by 4-2 to 0-3 at Turin last Sunday.

GREAT SKILL

The Westmeath side showed great skill and stamina for a county so recently reorganised. Great credit is due to the organisers, officials and coaches for the progress which has been made.

The C.C.I.A. Seven-a-Side for Freshers in Universities and Third Level Colleges is arranged for Belfield next Saturday and starts at 10.30. No less than twelve teams have entered for this very popular competition which will have a trophy, the O'Neill Cup, for the first time.

The cup was presented to the Council by the Ulster Polytechnic College to commemorate their late teammate, Isobel O'Neill who died tragically last year.

The Munster Senior Schools

semi-finals were decided last Saturday. Comprehensive School Shannon defeated North Presentation Cork 3-3 to 0-4 and Presentation de La Salle eliminated Drishane 7-7 to 0-3. Final between Shannon and Hospital will be played after the Christmas holidays.

The Senior Schools Cup is another Trophy lost to Cork, who, after such a successful season in 1980 when they won the three National Championships — senior, junior and minor and the club championship, were out of luck in all grades this season.

Westmeath held their first Ceol, Caint agus Damhsa Competitions last week and the following clubs won their way to the Leinster finals in January. Instrumental Music — St. Marys. Figure Dancing — Crookedwood. Solo Singing — Crookedwood. Novelty Act — Cullion. Question Time — Crookedwood. Recitation — Delvin. Ballad Group — Raharney. Set Dancing — Raharney.

The next round of Junior National League matches will be played on November 29.

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A DREAM COME TRUE FOR LIL

By JOAN MORLEY

WHEN Mrs. Lil O'Neill of Old Aloysians was president of the Camogie Association from 1965 to 1967, one of the hopes closest to her heart was the establishment of an All-Ireland Colleges Council. In her address to Congress in 1967 and again the following year she advocated the setting up of such a body and since then, not alone has this council been established, but last month Lil was elected as its president and will now be at the helm for the next two years at least.

The council was set up in 1969 and since then has gone from strength to strength. Now known as the All-Ireland Post Primary Schools Council to take under its wing all second level schools, such as Regional, Comprehensive, etc., as well as colleges, the council has a staggering 200 schools in active competition.

Colleges camogie has played a major role in improving the overall standard and many top class players have come out of the competitions to become inter-county stars. It has also had the effect of spreading camogie throughout the country and in fact no fewer than 14 counties have had schools in Croke Park on All-Ireland Colleges finals day in the 12 years since its inception.

So Lil takes over as president of a very successful sector of camogie. But this dedicated Cork lady will not be satisfied to leave things as they are and has many hopes and plans for her two years of office.

During her term Lil would like to see more schools join the ranks and is particularly interested in attracting schools who have still to introduce camogie to their curriculum as well.

One of her dearest hopes is for an established half day for sport in all schools and to this end the council are planning an approach to the Department of Education. With so many schools now involved it is almost impossible to get all the games played on Saturdays, and if there was a second day — say Wednesday — it would do a great deal to ease the burden.

Lil, who is a senior inter-county referee and was in charge of the All-Ireland final between Antrim and Wexford in 1969, is also very keen to see colleges fostering all aspects of the game, not only the playing of camogie. The new president would like to see more referees and administrators coming out of the schools and is hoping to set up schools committees to run their own affairs, with a helping hand from senior officials.

Mrs. O'Neill feels it is vital to have administrators coming from this sector, as good officers are

the game. And it goes without saying that top class referees are just as important to the successful running of camogie.

Lil began her camogie at St. Aloysius School, where as captain she led them to Cork schools championship honours. She also captained the Cork schools team and led Old Aloysians juniors to county championship honours in 1957.

A stylish centrefielder and later an opportunist forward, Lil was a regular member of the successful Old Aloysians senior team for many years.

From an early age, too, Lil was interested in administration and served as press officer and treasurer on the Cork County Board before becoming county chairperson for six years. She later became Munster chairperson for two different terms before becoming only the second Cork lady to be elected to the top job — president of the Association in 1965. Mrs. Lil Crowley, also of Old Aloysians, was the only other Cork lady to have held the post at that stage, but another Old Al.



Lil O'Neill, President Colleges Camogie Board

Mary Moran is the current president.

So administrative experience is something that Lil has plenty of and now that she is in charge of

the council, colleges camogie can only benefit from her term of office.

Lil, who is married to John O'Neill, has one son, Jonathan aged seven.

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Busy day on fields —and in Chambers

TWO INTER-COUNTY games in the Junior National League and three games in the Leinster Club Championship make the first Sunday in December a busy day on the camogie fields and a busy day too in the Council chambers as Meath are holding their annual convention and have asked for their game with Kildare to be postponed until Sunday week.

Carlow, who collected the points from Laois in the first round are entertaining Wicklow at Myshall (3.0) and the postponed Derry-Donegal tie is also down for decision.

The Carlow-Wicklow game should be very close with Carlow slight favourites to collect the points while Derry at Newbridge (2.0) may find Donegal hard to beat. They played very well against Cavan, the holders in the first round, in which Derry went down to Tyrone.

Kildare, the Leinster champions played a draw with their rivals Louth. Armagh scored a good victory over Monaghan, scoring 2-4 to nil, and Offaly got the points from Laois.

The Dublin champions University College, make their first appearance in the Leinster Club Championship and entertain Raharney (Westmeath) at Belfield (2.30). Cuala Naomh

Mhuire travel to Delvin (2.30) to play the local side and Kilkenny (Louth) also travel to Westmeath to play Crookedwood (2.30).

The Westmeath sides, who have been improving so much since they were reorganised a few years ago, may find the Dublin and Louth teams too experienced but are sure to learn from the encounters.

Last week's games were won by Leixlip who defeated Dunboyne, Marino eliminated the other Meath club, Kilbride and Woodville lost to Cumann UI Chonail after extra time.

The fourth game, Cuchulainn-Crumlin against Naomh Brid was postponed as Pearse Park was declared unplayable. There is another round of fixtures on December 13 so there should be a clearer picture after that to sum-up the situation.

The CCIA League has progressed according to play in each of the three zones. The northern zone which is run on a double round system, is further on than the eastern or south-western zones and is very keen. The winners are dependent on how the last four games work out for St. Marys, Poly and Queens.

The holders, University College, are playing St. Pats, Drumcondra (12.30) tomorrow. Both teams have defeated Carysfort with University College's victory more impressive.

In the third zone University College, Galway appear the stronger which is not surprising after their fine showing in the Freshers Seven-a-side in which they became the first holders of the Isobel O'Neill Cup.

20 YEARS AGO

ST. MARY'S High School, Middleton, won the Cork County senior schools camogie league title when they defeated North Presentation Convent, Cork, by 8-2 to nil in the final at Church Road. The teams were: St. Mary's — I. Fitzgerald, E. Stack, W. White, D. Considine, E. O'Keefe, M. Crowley, P. Lucey, M. Coffey, N. Gilley, M. Kennefick, U. Considine, E. Hourihan, North Pres. — D. Wilkins, S. Murphy, E. McCoy, P. Corbett, N. O'Mahony, A. Sullivan, E. Buckley, A. Murphy, M. O'Sullivan, J. Sexton, E. Forde, A. Sheehan.

Post of treasurer causes a problem

By JOAN MORLEY

CORK were without nominees for the vital post of Treasurer when delegates gathered at Pairc Ui Chaoimh yesterday for the Annual Convention of the Cork Co. Camogie Board.

But the problem was solved after lengthy discussion, and at the same time history was made as the new Treasurer, Miss Mairead O'Sullivan of Ballincollig, joined her mother Lil, unopposed as Registrar, as an officer, and so the two O'Sullivans become the first mother and daughter to sit together on a Cork Co. Camogie Board.

Mary O'Callaghan of Inniscarra, who was unopposed for the Chair, stressed the importance of the club during her address to convention. "The Club is the basic unit of the Association", she said, and she spoke of the trend of clubs coming and going in the county. "Clubs", she said, "have ceased to function, and a common cause is the lack of internal organisation. To remain in existence today a high level of organisation at club level is called for."

"The club", she continued, "forms an integral part of the Co. Board and it is vital that there be co-operation between them. There is room for improvement in all clubs. Administration, coaching and referees courses are

available but clubs do not take advantage of these, especially the weaker clubs". And she stressed "a chain is as strong as its weakest link."

Miss O'Callaghan also spoke on the difficulty of getting officers for the Co. Board. "At the moment we have only sufficient officers to keep the Board ticking over", she said and continued, "We need a greater number of people to help if we are to expand and make plans for the future, and I would like to see a better attendance at the weekly Co. Board meeting." She stressed the need for a greater liaison between the Clubs and Co. Board and said that "officers resigning when problems arise or when hard decisions have to be taken does not help the situation."

Miss O'Callaghan also spoke of Cork's limited success in 1981 as against 1980 when the county made a clean sweep on the All-Ireland front. "We reached the National League Final", the Chairperson said, "but the attitude of some players with a big responsibility towards the preparation for and playing of this final was a disgrace. The Board on recommendation of the selectors took the only decision it could. Spokespersons for the players' club gave the Cork Co. Board and its

officers and camogie in Cork a lot of adverse publicity. I hope anything like this will never happen again. I am sure that everyone is now aware that camogie in Cork is bigger than any individual or club."

Miss O'Callaghan concluded by saying that: "My greatest wish for Cork in 1982 is that there be harmony, dedication and co-operation and I have no doubt success will follow."

The President of the Camogie Association, Miss Mary Moran of Cork, was in attendance at Convention and when she addressed the meeting announced that there would be a National Camogie Day in 1982, probably in October. This she said would put camogie in the public eye and if it got the support it deserved would do a great deal for our national game. But it would need the co-operation of everyone if it was to succeed.

Following on the Chairperson's address and the Treasurer's, Miss Miriam Higgins, Report, which once again showed a difficult financial position, a Finance Committee was formed to concentrate solely on ways and means of raising money for the Board.

The new Finance Committee is: Frances McCarthy (Blackrock), Mairead O'Callaghan (Watergrasshill), Mairead O'Sullivan (Ballincollig), Miriam Higgins (Eire Og), Mary McCarthy (Glen Rovers).

As already stated the Chairperson was unopposed for the coming year while Rose O'Leary (Eire Og) and Mary Maher (Douglas), who took over as Vice-Chairperson and Secretary respectively, following the resignations of Pat Moloney and Breda Landers of Killeagh, some weeks ago, were also without opposition.

In fact there was no vote for any post on the Board as Mrs. Spillane (Killeagh) and Mairead O'Callaghan (Watergrasshill) both withdrew to give Mrs. Lil O'Sullivan (Ballincollig) the position of Registrar. And Mrs. O'Sullivan in turn withdrew from her position of PRO to leave the way open for Miriam Higgins of Eire Og, who did not seek to retain her post as Treasurer.

At the meeting yesterday Mairead O'Callaghan who was unopposed for Fixtures Secretary withdrew her name, but Frances McCarthy of Blackrock agreed to fill the office.

No Elections For Cork Board

There were no elections for positions on the Cork County Camogie Board when delegates gathered at Pairc Ui Chaoimh yesterday for the annual Convention. Mary O'Callaghan, chairperson; Rose O'Leary, vice-chairperson; and Mary Maher, secretary were returned without opposition, while Miriam Higgins is the outgoing treasurer is the new P.R.O. and Mrs. Lil O'Sullivan is new Registrar. And the troublesome Treasurer's spot — there were no nominees before Convention — will be filled by Mairead O'Sullivan of Ballincollig, a daughter of the new Registrar.

There were, however, elections for the various selection committees and these resulted as follows:

Senior: Rose O'Leary (Eire Og), Mary Nott (Glen Rovers), Mary O'Callaghan (Inniscarra), Mrs. Spillane (Killeagh) and a Killeagh nominee.

Junior: Mrs. O'Sullivan (Ballincollig), Miriam Higgins (Eire Og), Mary O'Callaghan (Inniscarra) plus nominees from Aghabullogue and St. Finbarrs.

Minor: Mary Moran (Old Aloysians), Mary Nott (Glen Rovers), Mary Maher (Douglas), Mary O'Callaghan (Inniscarra) and a nominee from Minor Champions (not yet known).

Under 18: Mary Watt (Brian Dillons), Mary O'Callaghan (Inniscarra), Lilian Twomey (Sarsfields), Mary McCarthy (Glen Rovers), Clare Kelleher (Eire Og).

The delegate to Munster Council for the coming year will be Mary O'Callaghan while the delegates to Congress will be Rose O'Leary, Mary Maher, Mary O'Callaghan and Miriam Higgins.

There was a long list of motions for Convention, many of them dealing with the playing of various leagues and championships at an earlier time of the year than at present. These were all fully discussed and mostly dealt with as recommendations rather than motions.

But one vital motion which could concern every club in the country was one from Eire Og regarding the grading of all clubs. This asked that G.P.C. allocate clubs to each grade, i.e. Senior, Intermediate, Junior A and Junior B with league and championship in each grade. The grading is then to be ratified at a specially convened meeting of the Co. Board. This motion was passed and it could have a vital bearing on all the coming season's competitions.

Another interesting motion asked that the new plastic banding be allowed on hurleys. This motion was discussed in conjunction with news from the President, Miss Moran, about a Central Council effort to have a fibreglass banding at present being experimented with, perfected for use in camogie. Any acceptable banding must be good news for camogie followers as the cost of hurleys has made it very difficult for clubs, especially with splicing, as we knew it banned.

Finally, after many years of meeting once a week the Cork County Board is to hold fortnightly meetings for a trial period of six months beginning in May.

TWO GAMES PUT BACK ONE WEEK

THE second round of the Camogie Junior National League is arranged for Sunday next. Seven games are listed but the Derry-Donagall and the Wicklow-Waterford games are put back to December 6 as Derry and Wicklow have their Annual Conventions on Sunday.

Roscommon, who entertain Tyrone at St. Coman's Park (2.30), must improve on their showing against Westmeath if they are to match Tyrone who defeated Derry 3-5 to 2-1 in their first round game.

Cavan play Westmeath at Virginia and both counties have two points each from their first round games. Westmeath were very impressive against Roscommon so they could give Cavan, the holders, a close tie.

The clash of Kildare and Louth at Cappagh should be a lively contest. Keen rivals over the last two seasons, honours are fairly even, but Louth, who went down to Armagh in the first round game will be anxious to stay in the race.

Armagh, the first winners of the Junior League (1980) made a successful start to the current season when they defeated Louth 5-5 to 3-5, so they will have an advantage over Monaghan who are having their first outing, at Ballymacnab (2.0).

Offaly and Laois were on the losing sides to Waterford and Carlow in the first round. This game should be close with Offaly likely to take the points.

CLUB TIES

Two games are arranged in the Leinster Club Championship for Sunday next. Marino (Dublin) travel to Kilbride (Meath) (2.30), and Leixlip play Dunboyne (Meath) at Phoenix Park (2.30).

Marino, who have come from the underage grade to the Senior status this year may be too experienced for Kilbride, who have the advantage of a home venue. The Leixlip - Dunboyne tie could be a more even contest. Two Dublin clubs, Cuchulainn and Naomh Bríd, are opponents in the third game fixed for Pearse Park (2.0). Cuchulainn should advance from this game.

The All-Ireland Post Primary Schools Annual General Meeting is arranged for Saturday at the Belvedere Hotel, starting at 2.0.

Mrs Carmel Desmond, who has proved so able in the chair has completed her four year term.

There are three nominations for the President, Mrs. Lil O'Neill (Cork), a former President of the Association, Rev. Father Davies (Down), long associated with the Ulster colleges, and Eileen O'Mahony (Leinster).

Eileen is a former Dublin County goalie and a holder of eight All-Ireland medals.

Miss Mary Moran reports on a successful year past with plenty of competitions within the Provinces for all age groups in addition to the All-Ireland senior and junior championships.

THIRD LEVEL SEVENS

University College Galway won the Third Level Colleges Annual Freshers seven-a-side at Belfast last Saturday with a very skilful team of first year students which included Paula Carr, Galway senior player, Mairead Coyle (Roscommon) and a junior interprovincial winner and Ailish Mulholland (Monaghan).

The beaten finalists University College Cork were also strengthened by inter-county players Anne Marie Landers, Joan O'Riordan and Norma Delaney.

Other newcomers to the Colleges scene are Helen Clifford, Limerick and Anne Leahy, Cork (Thomond-NIHE), Teresa Allen and Kay McParland Down (Q.U.B.), Carmel Mulholland and Ann Higgins (Antrim) and Fiona Carey (Fermanagh), Polytechnic.

The winners were presented with the Isobel O'Neill Cup, donated by Polytechnic to commemorate their late teammate.

Cork and Galway will find plenty to plan for in their meeting in the Preliminary Round of the 1982 Ashbourne Series after this close and exciting final between their respective Freshers teams.

Keenest fare in Northern Zone

THE weatherman had been kind enough at weekends until last Sunday when all camogie games scheduled had to be called off. The Junior National League has made a very good progress considering that it only started on November 15.

Thirteen games have been decided which gives a fair idea where the strength within the three zones lies.

The keenest competition again lies within the Northern Zone where Cavan and Tyrone have each won their two games.

The fact, that Kildare and Louth played a draw, gives Armagh, as the inaugural winners, a great chance in that Zone.

The most even Zone appears to be Carlow, Offaly, Waterford, Laois and Wicklow.

LEAGUE TABLE

The situation on the League table is as follows:

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Armagh	2	2	0	0	4
Cavan	2	2	0	0	4
Tyrone	2	2	0	0	4
Louth	2	2	0	1	3
Carlow	1	1	0	0	2
Derry	2	1	1	0	2
Monaghan	2	1	1	0	2
Waterford	2	1	1	0	2
Westmeath	2	1	1	0	2
Offaly	2	1	1	0	2
Kildare	2	1	1	0	2
Donagall	2	1	1	0	2
Roscommon	2	1	1	0	2
Laois	2	1	1	0	2
Meath	2	1	1	0	2
Wicklow	2	1	1	0	2

CLUB C'SHIP

The Leinster Club Championship also advanced considerably. Almost all the first round games are completed.

Studying the results, one wonders if it was wise to include the Junior and Senior clubs in the one zone.

But I understand this was the wish of the Junior counties and no doubt they will gain considerable experience playing against the senior clubs.

The CCIA League for Third Level Colleges has also kept apace with the fixture list. Queens have won out the Northern Zone with second place going to St. Marys or Polytechnic, depending on which college wins their final game.

University College, Dublin, last year's winners, and May-

nouth are still unbeaten in the Eastern Zone and University College, Cork, and University College, Galway, are doing best in the South-Western Zone.

Munster, as usual, are through to the Senior Provincial final with Shannon Comprehensive and Presentation-De La Salle, Hospital, in the decider.

The Zone winners in their Junior competition are also known and four well-known Camogie schools have won out.

Presentation, Bandon, who play Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, in the preliminary round to the semi-finals is the only newcomer.

The other three winners are North Presentation, Cork, 1980 Senior champions, St. Patricks, Cork, 1981 Senior champions, and Presentation-De La Salle, last year's Junior champions runners-up.

Scoil Mhuire, Cashel, have won the Senior title twice and the Junior title once in recent years.

Some of the Leinster Schools Zones have been completed. John of God, Kilmore, last year's Junior All-Ireland winners, have won out the Dublin Zone.

GREAT CONTEST

Maryfield, the 1980 Junior All-Ireland champions, are runners-up. There was a great game between these two colleges to decide the first and second places in the Zone.

Mercy Convent, Callan, have won out the Kilkenny Zone with Presentation Convent, Kilkenny runners-up.

Birr and Banagher are the Offaly sectional winners and runners-up, a and Wicklow Vocational and Dominican Convent come out of the Wicklow section.

Wexford and North Kilkenny and Kildare are not yet completed.

parade at Feile na nGael.



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MOVES TO OFFSET WINTER INACTIVITY

By AGNES HOURIGAN

NOW that the All-Ireland Championships are completed attention turns to other events.

The Junior National League Commands pre-Christmas attention. There are five zones.

A. Westmeath, Roscommon, Cavan, Donegal and Tyrone.

B. Armagh, Louth, Monaghan, Meath and Kildare.

C. Carlow, Offaly, Waterford, Laois and Wicklow.

D. Cork, Clare, Tipperary, Wexford and Limerick.

E. Galway, Antrim, Down, Dublin, Kilkenny and Derry.

The Senior League will have two Zones this season and are as Zones D and E of the Junior.

It is planned to complete the Junior Counties Zones A, B, C and put the winner into a three way play-off with the Zones D and E which are the Junior Teams of the Senior Counties.

WINTER ACTIVITY

In all, twenty-six counties will take part in the Junior League and eleven in the Senior League.

Another winter activity which should be an asset to counties which are inactive in the Winter, is planned. For a number of years the Senior clubs in Munster have played a Provincial Championship. Leinster passed a motion at their Convention last February to inaugurate a similar competition and plans are already advanced to get the participants known.

The C.C.I.A. are at present preparing for the Colleges Competitions and the League which is Zoned North, East, South/West, will be starting in November when the Freshers Competition will also be played.

BIGGEST PROBLEM

Already the Four Provincial Schools Councils have had their Annual General Meetings and the competitions have started.

The biggest problem facing all units in the Association is the cost of travelling. It has risen sharply since the petrol crisis. A second headache is the cost of sticks and balls.

Congratulations to Kilkenny on bringing the Seán O Duffy Cup and the All-Ireland Senior Title back to the Nore side for the fourth time in nine years.

The Kilkenny success story began with the rise of the Schools Competitions and the success of Presentation Convent Kilkenny, who were the first All-Ireland Senior Champions and Mercy Convent Callan. More than half that Champion side has brought all the honour to their native County as well as two National League titles.

CLARE STAR

In addition to the County's success, the St. Pauls Club have won the All-Ireland Club title more often than any other Club — four times as

compared with two for St. Patricks (Tipperary) and two for Austin Stacks (Dublin).

Well done to Clare also. They regained the New Ireland Junior Cup which they first won in 1974 and congratulations to their young star Claire Jones who won the A.I.B. Junior Sport Award for 1981.

Where the Titles Went

ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

Senior: Kilkenny.
Junior: Clare.
Minor: Galway.

NATIONAL LEAGUES

Senior: Dublin.
Junior: Cavan.

INTERPROVINCIAL

Senior: Leinster.
Junior: Connacht.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Senior: Buffer's Alley, Wexford.

LEINSTER CHAMPIONSHIP

Senior: Dublin.

UNIVERSITIES

Ashbourne Cup: U.C.D., Dublin.
Ashbourne Shield: Queen's, Belfast.
Purcell Cup: N.I.H.E., Limerick.
League Final: U.C.D., Dublin.



Mary O'Leary, left, Claire Cronin, of Cork, and Anne Delaney (Kilkenny) in a race for possession in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Final Replay.

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Camogie Star of the Year

by Mary Murphy

For the first time this year, a Junior player has taken the title. At nineteen years, Claire Jones shouldered so well the responsibility of leading her side to All-Ireland victory. She began her competitive career with St. Patrick's Comprehensive School, Shannon, with whom she won Munster Colleges titles. Her club, Shannon, are county champions in Clare. Claire is also an athlete — her cross-country background was evident in the stamina which she displayed in the All-Ireland Final. Squash is another pastime in which she engages. To the inevitable question of her aspirations, she declared that she would like to be part of a Clare Senior All-Ireland winning side.

1980 was Cork's year, but 1981 in contrast saw the major trophies travel in diverse directions. I write just as the O'Duffy Cup has been claimed by Kilkenny — two memorable games were needed to decide its destination.

The first game, though lacking in skill, compensated with a pulsating final ten minutes, which saw a Cork lead of nine points whittled away by Kilkenny — if ever a captain can recall with satisfaction the manner in which she fulfilled her role, surely it must be Liz Neary, whose two goals in the period saved Kilkenny. Liz normally plays at full back on the county side, but the flair displayed in her short stint on the wing, brought to mind her younger playing days — the days of the late sixties and early seventies when Presentation Kilkenny and Presentation Mountmellick vied for dominance in Leinster, and Liz was a danger of rare calibre.

Another star of that Presentation, Kilkenny era, Bridie McGarry, impressed all present with her displays on both occasions this year — she played on the wing in the first game, and in her usual centre back position in the replay.

Finally, from this game, Angela Downey, whose trump card in the replay was the adoption of a policy of first time pulling, ended the game with a goal from a solo effort, where, after travelling from midfield, she by-passed defenders and goalie to palm to an empty net.

The Junior title was captured by Clare at the expense of Antrim — a feature of this game was the superb skill of individuals on both sides — particularly in the second half there were spells



Mary Moran, Allied Irish Banks and President of Camogalochta na hEireann, presenting the Gaelic Stars Trophy to Claire Jones (Clare).

of uninterrupted open play — Claire Jones and Lourda Fox of Clare, Ann Kelly and Joan McAllister of Antrim, come to mind particularly. In fact, the ability of Claire Jones — of whom more later, was exemplified in her side-line cuts — the Senior game witnessed Cork's Patricia O'Riordan and Claire Cronin, with Peggy Muldowney from Kilkenny, following suit.

Galway took the minor title — at the expense also of Antrim. Galway captain, Brid Kenny, comes to mind as a player of great calibre. It is strange that Galway, with All-Ireland Minor titles and All-Ireland Colleges' titles coming their way in the late seventies, fail to make an impact at Senior level. Do the players depart the local scene once schooldays end? Or, is it just a question of patiently awaiting the emergence of the correct blend of youth and experience?

Dublin won the National League — defeating Cork in the final. However, Cork turned the tables in the All-Ireland quarter-final, coming from six points down at the interval to win with five points to spare. Cork are proving to be

the bête noir of Dublin's attempts in recent years — when will Dublin overcome?

The events which to me provide the best combination of skill, grit and determination are the Intervarsity and Higher Institute competitions. U.C.D. retained the Ashbourne title with a superb team effort. The C.C.I.A. league saw the same final pairing, U.C.D. v. U.C.C., with U.C.D. completing the double. Thomond College captured the Purcell Cup at the expense of Mary Immaculate Training College, their Limerick neighbours.

Munster and Leinster dominated the Colleges scene — St. Patrick's Cork achieved the unusual feat of reaching both Junior and Senior Finals — they took the Senior title when they defeated Assumption School, Walkinstown, by just one point. They had to yield in the Junior Final to a very strong squad, St. John of God School, Kilmore Road, Dublin — this side have played together through Community Games, Féile na nGael, Minor and Junior Colleges. They will be a force to be reckoned with at Senior level this year.

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THE CAMOGIE SCENE



• Claire McCarthy



• Marion McCarthy



• Ann-Marie Landers

STARS OF THE COUNTY CORK!

By Mary Moran

AS the New Year dawned, three Cork girls were honoured with individual awards. Sixteen-year-old Claire McCarthy, a schoolgirl at North Pres, received the Gaelic Stars A.I.B. Camogie Star of the Year Award for her record breaking achievements of 1980. Claire amassed a remarkable haul of medals. The list reads All-Ireland colleges, minor, junior and senior, together with colleges and junior interprovincial and a Cork intermediate championship medal.

Next to step up for her prize was Ann-Marie Landers. Her name was pencilled in for the Munster Youth Sports Award for camogie. Ann-Marie was part of Killeagh's glorious run which started with the Cork senior title, included the Munster club championship and league, and climaxed with the All-Ireland club championship cup resting in the East Cork village.

Ballinhassig's Marion McCarthy claimed the most coveted award in camogie, the B & I Award. Holder of six All-Ireland senior medals, the versatile and talented Eire Og player was a popular choice.

On the colleges front, a new force stepped in from the shadows to write their name in the history of colleges camogie. Under the guidance of

John Ring, St. Patrick's Secondary School has made steady strides over the past five seasons. But in 1980/81, they blossomed forth to achieve great heights. Without conceding a single score, they motored to the Munster final passing Immaculate Heart, Scoil Pol and Scoil Mhuire, Cashel en route.

St. Patrick's withstood a gale force wind and mighty pressure from Shannon Comprehensive School to take the Munster Title by a one point margin. A few weeks later their junior squad played their part by taking the Munster junior championship at the expense of Pres. de la Salle, Hospital thus creating a record of the first Munster championship double by any school in the same season.

The senior side had ten points to spare over St. Josephs, Glenamaddy to qualify for the All-Ireland final against last year's

runners-up, Assumption, Walkinstown. Behind for most of the game, St. Patrick's broke through dramatically in the closing minutes to snatch victory. Corn Sceilg had found a third resting place by the Lee. The heroines of the hour were Eileen Noonan, Antoinette Gibbs, Geraldine Barry, Pauline O'Mahony, Elizabeth Dunphy, Anne Lonergan, Ann O'Mahony, Ann Currid, Jacqueline O'Regan, Regina Scoutts, Valerie Brett and Maeve Cullen.

At Athleague, the junior squad accounted for Mercy, Roscommon in the semi-final. They had to concede to a superior St. John of God, Kilmore side in the final at Nowlan Park. However, much more will be heard of Caroline Reidy, Mary Currid, Audrey Linehan and Mary Murphy.

Killeagh set out to defend their

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• St. Patrick's Secondary School, Munster and All-Ireland Colleges Senior Champions 1981.

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Cork crown in a championship which saw the youthful Na Piarraigh make their senior debut. Muskerry were first to bow out. A power-packed display by Lilian Zinkant and her Sarsfields team-mates made it one way traffic. Old Aloysians got off to a great start against Watergrasshill but Mary O'Leary's accuracy ate away their early lead and notched up match-winning scores.

Glen Rovers and Eire Og took two hectic games before deciding which would advance. Deirdre Sutton demonstrated all her goalkeeping skills but ten points from the Eire Og forwards left them a goal ahead in the replay. Killeagh proved too good for College and Eire Og carried too much experience for Na Piarraigh.

Watergrasshill, with ex-Ballinlough player, Patricia Riordan in their defence, made a brave effort against Killeagh but found Betty Joyce in top scoring form. Noelle O'Driscoll chalked up 2-4 to take Eire Og past Sarsfields to yet another final.

Great rivals of recent years,

Killeagh and Eire Og, faced each other for Cork's top prize. But there was one vital difference this time. Killeagh were defending champions and Eire Og the challengers. It was the confidence of their Cork, Munster and All-Ireland victories which enabled Killeagh to put on a classy display. True to their character, Eire Og fought every inch of the way. Catherine Landers, Marie O'Donovan, Ann-Marie Landers, Marion Sweeney and Betty Joyce played leading roles in a victory for the East Cork side.

What was the most exciting match of the year?

My vote goes to the final of the Kilmacud Crokes 7-a side between Killeagh and Buffer's Alley. A hectic encounter, which produced thirteen goals, spectacular saves, close shaves and top class stickwork, alternated like a see-saw. Rita Whyte blew the final whistle leaving drained spectators wondering whether it was one or two points in it. But who cared? The Cork and Wexford girls had served up marvellous fare. Killeagh had taken the trophy, Elsie Walsh the Player of the Tournament trophy and Pat Moloney the Golden Goal Award.

For minor specialists, Cork, it was their least impressive year. Since the inauguration of the All-Ireland minor championship in 1974, the Rebel County has collected five titles and contested six finals. This season's side did not match up to previous standards and made a tame exit against Tipperary.

Fielding a completely new side, the Cork juniors drew with Clare at Shannon. Missed opportunities in the replay said goodbye to Cork's Munster and All-Ireland titles. Clare were happy to collect both as the season progressed.

Catherine Landers led Cork, All-Ireland champions of 1978 and 1980, into the senior intercounty arena last Spring. The side started promisingly taking the Munster title and winning their section of the National League which included Wexford and Kilkenny. Renewing an almost annual date with Antrim in the Open Draw, Cork made the long journey to Loughgiel where they advanced by 3-8 to 0-4. At Russell Park they met Dublin in the final of the National League. Dublin made better use of their chances and regained a title which has to date eluded Cork.

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• Killeagh - Cork, Munster and All-Ireland Club Champions. (Back): Ann Leahy, Pat Moloney, Marie O'Donovan, Mary Spillane, Ann-Marie Landers, Betty Joyce, Catherine Griffin and Patricia Fitzgibbon. (Front): Patsy Keniry, Catherine Landers, Breda Landers, Marion Sweeney, Barbara Kirby and Shelley Spillane.

ALTHOUGH they are only in existence since 1973 the Killeagh Camogie Club could not be in a more contrasting situation than they are at present having won the All-Ireland club championship and as I write are Munster champions for the second consecutive year.

It all began eight years ago when some of the school-going girls got together and asked local hurler Tony O'Neill to organise training. Consequently, as time went on, they never lost faith in their own ability and were simply rewarded by winning the Feile na nGael competition in 1977. Then came three of the most frustrating years in the life and times of the club and in the words of their hard working Chairperson, Sheila Spillane, "We reached the county finals of 1977, 1978 and 1979 and lost all three. Psychologically, it was a heartbreak to go so near each year and lose. I remember one final in the Mardyke against Eire Og when we were seven points up at half-time and lost the match."

Then in the early months of 1980 Killeagh gained sweet revenge by

FAITH brings its rewards

by
TOM MORRISON

beating Eire Og in the county semi-final by 4-2 to 1-3 at Bishopstown where magnificent displays by Marie O'Donovan, who had previously played with Cloyne and Cork, Catherine and Anne Marie Landers, Pat Keniry and Betty Joyce significantly went a long way towards victory.

Having lost many a game they should have won in the early years, Killeagh did not let the county final slip from their grasp on May 25, 1980 and thanks to an all round brilliant display they hammered Glen Rovers by 4-9 to 1-4 at Ballinlough. Everyone once again was a hero after an emphatic 5-9 to

1-1 first round victory over Ardkeen (Waterford) in the Munster championship at Burgess were Marion Sweeney and Pat Keniry were their top scorers with 1-4 and 2-0 respectively.

Mary Spillane and Pat Moloney impressed, too, that afternoon for the home team who led by 4-6 to 0-1 at the break. Though not knowing much about their second round opponents Ballygrane (Limerick), only that they had seven of their side on the county panel, Killeagh rallied to win a great game by 4-6 to 2-2. Commenting on the game, Mrs. Spillane, who has two daughters on the panel, said, "It was the best game of camogie I have seen for many a day and I think victory was due to a vital switch we made by putting

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Back Cover: THE CLARE CAMOGIE TEAM — ALL-IRELAND JUNIOR CHAMPIONS 1981.

Front Row (left to right): Claire Jones, capt.; Mary Howard, Mary Carey, Lourda Fox, Veronica Casey, Josie Conlon, "Mascot" McNamara. Back Row: Rosemary Fahy, Caroline O'Meara, Leslie Flynn, Martina Beegan, Carmel Moroney, Mary Murphy, Colette Keating, Carmel Wall, Mary Anne McInerney, Geraldine Fahy.



● Pictured at the Clare G.A.A. Banquet were (from left): Taidhg Murphy, Chairman of Clare Co. Board; Mary Moran, President of the Clare Camogie Association; Paddy McFlynn, President of the G.A.A.; Donie Nealon, Secretary of the Munster G.A.A. Council and Des Crowe, Clare Co. Secretary.

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1981 must certainly rank as one of the most successful ever enjoyed by Clare Camogie Board. Apart from capturing the elusive All-Ireland Junior championship title in September when they withstood a strong Antrim challenge to bring the county its second All-Ireland honour, the overall growth of the game and the enthusiasm demonstrated by players in local competitions is some indication of the healthy state of the sport in Clare at the present time.

One can only pose the question and ask what was the secret behind the county teams' success this year and, the answer no doubt, was the Board's imaginative policy in 1976 when it was decided to inaugurate a primary schools competition embracing as many schools as possible throughout the county to take an active part in promoting the game.

Organizing that competition in which eighteen teams took part was the Board's present day Chairperson Catherine McNicholas and the success of the '76 venture brought to light several potential players with natural skills when developed would one day be excellent players.

In the years to follow as many as twenty-two schools took part annually, with Inagh National school winning most of the titles to-date, which certainly speaks volumes for Coach-trainer Flan Garvey who has been the shining light behind the schools success.

As these young girls acquired a taste and love for the game their talents were becoming more obvious in the under 14 and under 16 competitions in which their teams took part, and therefore, it came as no surprise when in 1979 these starlets expertly trained and coached by Jim Cooney helped Clare win its first under 18 Munster championship title.

Jim, who over the years had contributed so much to the success of under age teams saw his efforts rewarded in that proud and notable achievement.

Without doubt the highlight of the year was the winning of the All-Ireland junior championship and no praise can be too high for the players, team trainer Fr. Michael McNamara and selector Catherine McNicholas for the



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amount of effort, time and energy put into building a team capable of winning such a coveted prize.

The championship campaign began on Easter Sunday when the first of a series of trials took place and from which a panel of players would be named and a team selected.

In the opening round of the Munster championship, played at Shannon, Clare were faced with the giant sized task of dethroning All-Ireland title holders Cork, and what a magnificent game this turned out to be with the challengers holding their own with the Leesiders, yet nearing the end of the game it looked as if the craft and experience of the Cork girls would prevail when they edged into the lead, however, the springing of Rosemary Fahy from the subs proved to be a master stroke for the Feakle girl's two excellent goals earned Clare a draw.

The replay at Ballincorrig will long be remembered when in a nerve tingling game which saw Carmel Moroney, Mary-Ann McInerney, Veronica Casey and Rose Fahy reach new heights in bringing about a deserved one point victory.

In a closely fought Munster final at Shannon, Clare were held to a draw by Limerick, keeping Clare's chances alive on that occasion was none other than Claire Jones who played a captain's part in scoring the all important goal.

The replay at Adare was a thriller with outstanding performances from goalkeeper Mary Carey, wing back Caroline O'Meara and midfielder Colette Keating. Carmel Wall whose excellently taken goals put her in a class of her own.

The semi-final game against highly rated Kildare at Clane was another excellent match when Lourda Fox gave an exhibition of fast skilful and attacking play, her match winning point towards the end will be cherished for many a long day.

Despite the loss of Mary-Ann McInerney through injury Clare faced Antrim brimful of confidence in the All-Ireland final. Josie Conlon coming in at full-back gave a star studded display but taking the honours in this game were Mary Howard who excelled at centre back, while Claire Jones, Martina Beegan and Lourda Fox certainly caught the eye. Clare was honoured by having its captain Claire Jones voted the Junior Player of the Year for which she was awarded the A.I.B. Trophy.

With such a highly talented reservoir of players to choose from for places on the senior team the county selectors can look to the future with confidence in that in the not too distant future the winning of the All-Ireland senior title may not be all that far away.

In the National League Clare seniors turned in creditable displays while going under to Limerick in the opening round drew with Tipperary and had a good win over Galway.

Yet in the senior championship Galway emerged victorious by a margin of three points against a Clare team that had fine players in Margaret O'Toole, Maureen Davourn, Claire Harrington, Ann Daly, Ann Marie Russell and Ann Fahy.

Another notable feature was the upsurge of the popularity of camogie in Clare in '81, when no fewer than seven new clubs affiliated, some of which later in

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1981 WAS THE END OF AN ERA FOR CAMOGIE

ONE feature of the 1981 Competitions was the fall of champions. Cork lost all three All-Ireland titles and in turn their County Champions Killeagh lost their All-Ireland Club Crown. Armagh were also out of the honours list in the Junior National League while Kilkenny lost the Senior National League but gained the All-Ireland Crown later in the season.

In Post Primary sector the senior and junior titles were taken from North Presentation, Cork and Maryfield College.

University College Dublin were the only holders to retain a competition at All-Ireland level when they won the Ashbourne Cup and made history for themselves by

winning the C.C.I.A. League for the first time afterwards.

Now let us look at the New Champions Kilkenny, after a lucky break in the All-Ireland Final, managed to draw level with the reigning champions Cork and went on to regain the Sean O'Duffy Cup in the replay.

Liz Neary, who played a captain's part in the drawn game, and who has been a consistently brilliant and sporting player for a decade, for the Noreiders was named the 1981 B & I Player of the Year.

Clare came back into the limelight. Having won out in Munster, they just pipped Kildare in the All-Ireland semi-final and went on to conquer Antrim in the Final after a brilliant game by both teams.

Claire Jones, Clare's star winger in all their matches was named the 1981 A.I.B. Junior Sport Star.

Galway, the 1981 Minor Champions, were a fine young team all through the season. Having won out in Connacht they defeated Dublin decisively but it took everything they could give to conquer an equally good Antrim team in the final at Tynagh.

In fact many neutral spectators on the day would have wished for a draw to a splendid under 16 Final.

DUBLIN TOPS

Dublin regained the Senior League after many great games, the most exciting of which was the final between the Metropolitans and then All-Ireland Champions Cork. However just three weeks later, the Dubliners failed to reproduce the same form and were eliminated from the championship by the Corkonians.

The Junior League in which fifteen counties participated was keenly contested. Kildare, Louth and Cavan were the lone winners. Louth defeated Kildare narrowly. Cavan and Louth played a draw in the final but Cavan took the

honours and the Bourke Cup narrowly on the replay.

Buffers Alley, Wexford made it third time lucky again when they regained the All-Ireland Club Title.

Champions in 1979, they lost to Killeagh in 1980 but dethroned the champions to get back on top.

Leinster defeated Munster to regain the Gael-Linn Cup and Connacht just took the Shield from Munster by a single point.

Another Cork School, St. Patrick's came to the fore and qualified for both Senior and Junior All-Ireland finals.

ONE POINT

They won the senior title and Corn Scelig after they defeated Assumption School, Walkinstown by one point. Dublin gained some consolation, however when another school St. John of God, Kilmore took Corn Gobnait and the Junior title from St. Patrick's the following week.

The Third Junior National League has commenced and as a result of a motion passed at Congress twenty-six counties will participate.

The Junior counties which add up to sixteen began the competition at the beginning of November. They are divided into three zones. Holders Cavan, Tyrone, Armagh, Louth and Kildare seem to be the strong teams to date. In early March, the Junior teams of the senior counties, who are divided into two zones, will play out for one final place and the junior counties will gain the second final place.

1981 was the end of an era for Camogie. It saw the passing of Seán O'Duffy to his reward. If his place in heaven was to be chosen for his dedication to Camogie, Seán's place would be high indeed. He was a hard worker, a true Gael and a slave to the advancement of An Cumann Camogaíochta. Ar Dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.



The Aghabullogue intermediate camogie team who captured the Cork county intermediate championship when they defeated Eire Og in the recent final. Included with the team is trainer Murt Murphy.

Camogie Roll of Honour

St. Olivers made Camogie history in 1981, by taking the county senior championship for the first time. Drawn from Buff and Knockainey intermediate teams, they surprised Croagh/Kilfinny in the decider with a deserved win.

Ballyagran the holders of the title failed to field a team in the championship. Their panel of players was depleted, following the decision of a number of their players to opt for the newly formed Old Christians club.

Bruff the intermediate championship winners and Knockainey the intermediate league winners, combined for the senior competition and went on to score a historic win.

Angela Sullivan, Helen Clifford, Liz Moloney, Marion Cunningham and Teresa Byrnes backboned this very formidable combination.

At inter-county level Limerick had a poor season. They fell to Tipperary in the opening round of the All Ireland championship and in the National League. Dublin put paid to the hopes of a place in the decider. The best performances at this level came from the junior squad, who with a little luck could have taken the provincial title.

Helen Clifford (Bruff), Martina O'Donoghue (Croagh/Kilfinny), Vera Mackey and Bernadette O'Brien (Old Christians) were honoured with selection on the Munster teams.

At the All Ireland C.C.D. finals in Dublin, Bruff Set Dancers won for the second successive year. Ballinacurra Gaels captured the honours in the novelty act and recitation.

ROLL OF HONOUR

Senior Championship (St. Olivers 3-1 Croagh/Kilfinny 0-4)

D. Cleary, C. McCarthy, N.M. Bagnell, K. Mulcahy, T. Byrnes, H. Clifford (Capt.), A. Sullivan, N. Hourigan, M. Bolger, M. Cunningham, J. Kiely, M. Bolger, L. Moloney.

Junior Championship (Awarded to Feenagh/Kilmeedy)

Junior League (Feenagh/Kilmeedy 4-0 St. Patricks 0-0)

J. Baggott, A. Walsh, J. Murphy, T. Cregan, H. O'Brien, K. Liston, J. Fitzgerald, H. O'Gorman, E. O'Keeffe, A. O'Keeffe, M. Ring, J. Butler.

Intermediate Championship (Bruff 7-3 Ballyagran 3-0)

K. Mulcahy, H. Clifford, M. Clifford, E. Dineen, B. Mulqueen, M. Corbett, J. Kiely, L. Moloney, N. Hourigan, M. Flavin, C. Crowley, V. Carroll, M. Riordan, M. Hogan, B. Shanahan, O. Quinn.

Intermediate League (Knockainey 3-3 Ballyagran 1-3)

D. Cleary, P. Guerin, B. Bagnell, M. Lynch, T. Byrnes, M. Cunningham, E. Sullivan, G. Houlihan, M. Bolger, V. O'Carroll, M. Bolger, E. O'Grady, M. O'Riordan.

Under 21 Championship (Knockainey 2-4 Croagh/Kilfinny 1-6)

Debbie Cleary, Teresa Byrnes, Angela Sullivan, Maria Bolger, Nora Mai Bagnell, Marian Lynch, Phyllis Guerin, Elizabeth Sullivan, Valerie O'Connell, Elizabeth O'Grady, Martina Bolger, Margaret O'Donoghue.

Under 18 Championship (Croagh/Kilfinny 2-4 Knockainey 2-3)

K. Keogh, M. Guiry, J. Murphy, C. Dundon, M. O'Donoghue, R. Fitzgerald, K. McInerney, R. Bracken, L. Kinnane, A. Sheehy, T. Fitzgerald, E. Glynn, E. Liston, E. Ruddle, N. Murphy.

Under 16 Championship (Knockainey 1-2 Granagh 1-1)

C. Hennessy, G. Houlihan, P. Guerin, V. O'Neill, E. O'Grady, E. Sullivan, T. Byrnes, V. Carroll, S. Walsh, M. McDonagh, N. Cunningham, K. Murphy, B. Byrnes.

Under 14 Championship (Croagh/Kilfinny 3-4 Bruff 3-0)

S. Barrett, J. Murphy, T. O'Brien, N. Murphy, M. Kennedy, E. Liston, T. Fitzgerald, P. Scanlon, M. Glynn, V. Fitzgerald, T. Toomey, A. Barrow, E. Hannan, E. Boyce, H. Normoyle, J. McCarthy, C. Histon, C. Normoyle, H. Greaney, H. Forde.



**FEENAGH — WINNERS
JUNIOR LEAGUE
& CHAMPIONSHIP**

Feenagh winners of Junior League and Championship, Back Row (L. to R.): Helen McEnery, Catherine McEnery, Joanne O'Gorman, Liz Clancy, Bernia Scully, Marta Ring, Ann Walshe, Eileen O'Keeffe, Helen O'Brien, Ann Browne.
Front Row (L. To R.): Joan Fitzgerald, Maria O'Gorman, Helen O'Gorman, Joanne Murphy, Ann O'Keeffe, Kathleen Histon, Mary O'Brien.
Not included: Teresa Cregan, Judith Baggott, Noreen Quaide, Mary Lynch.



**FEENAGH UNDER 18
COUNTY SEMI-FINALISTS**

Back Row (L. To R.): Brada Twomey, Catherine McEnery, Claire O'Connell, Joanne O'Gorman, Noreen Hartnett, Helen O'Brien, Ann Browne.
Front Row: Lelia Long, Helen O'Gorman, Joanne Murphy, Ann O'Keeffe, Kathleen Histon, Mary O'Brien, Helen McEnery. Not included Helen Butler, Mary Lynch, Judith Baggott.

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NOT too often I imagine would one find a mother and daughter holding administrative posts in a sporting organisation but Mairead O'Sullivan was recently appointed treasurer of the Cork County Camogie Board of which her mother, Mrs. Lily O'Sullivan, is registrar. Mairead, who plays camogie for Ballincollig, is a very competent referee, a committee member of the club and is the club's delegate to the County Board.

Her father, Mr. Cornelius O'Sullivan, is secretary of Ballincollig GAA Club and vice-chairman of the Mid-Cork Board and fills other administrative roles in Cork GAA circles.

Mairead is a member of the International Department of the Bank of Ireland at 32/34 South Mall, Cork, all of whose members have keen interest in sport.

Mairead was born in London and lived there until she was ten when her father returned to take up a post in the personnel department of the Pfizer Chemical Company at Ringaskiddy, Co. Cork.

Her younger brother and sister both play Gaelic games for Ballincollig clubs.

Mairead also plays hockey and ladies soccer for the Bank of Ireland teams.



'81 honours are spread around

THE camogie honours for 1981 were well spread and what could be more pleasing for the Camogie Association. Unlike 1980, when the seven major titles went to Munster three of the four Provinces now hold an all-Ireland title.

Kilkenny regained the Senior Championship Cup which they last held in 1977 and in this victory history repeated itself.

The Noreiders won their first Senior Crown in 1974 after a replay with Cork who were champions for the previous four years.

As in 1974 the Black and Amber side took the honours at the second attempt. Their captain, Liz Neary, was later named the B. + I. Player of the Year, for her performances in the Championship.

If there were more awards to be won Angela Downey and Bridie (Martin) McGarry, who were also excellent, would surely qualify.

CLUB RECORD

Most of this Kilkenny team have brought honour and glory to their county by winning four All-Ireland titles, two National Senior League titles and their champion club, St. Paul's hold the record five All-Ireland Club titles.

Clare Juniors surprised all in Munster by defeating the Champions, Cork and fancied Limerick. They were lucky to defeat Kildare by a point in the semi-final and led Antrim comfortably at the interval.

The Ulster champions showed their true form in the second half but Clare had a great goalie in Mary Carey, a brilliant winger in Claire Jones, who won the Bank of Ireland Junior Player of the year Award, and clever forwards in Lourda Fox

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and Colette Keating to give the Junior final a most exciting finish and victory went to Clare.

Galway regained the Willwood Tailteann Minor title in which they defeated a gallant Antrim team in the final by a single point after a very skilful game.

The All-Ireland club title was won by Buffers Alley for the second time. They defeated Killeagh who dethroned the Wexford champions the previous year.

Leinster won the Gael-linn Interprovincial Cup defeating Ulster and Connacht just pipped holders Munster in the Junior Shield.

WELL-CONTESTED

Dublin, Senior National League Champions in 1979, regained the title and the A.I.B. Cup and Trophies when they defeated Cork in a very close and well-contested game in the final.

The Junior National League title was won by Cavan after a drawn game with Louth.

University College, Dublin, retained the Ashbourne Cup, won the C.C.I.A. League for the first time and regained the County League and Championship after ten years. Thomond / N.I.H.E. took the Purcell Cup and the Freshers Seven-a-side.

Another Cork school, St. Patrick's, won the Senior Schools Cup in 1981 and were runners-up in the Junior Schools Final to Kilmore St. John of God Convent.

MARY GEANEY TAKES TITLE

Star Kerry sportswoman Mary Geaney of Castleisland, won the Kerry Singles Badminton Championship for the sixth time at Tralee Sports Centre. It was her first time taking the title since 1978.

An Irish Hockey international, Mary Geaney came up against Mrs. Maura Dwyer of Listowel, in the final of the championship, but powered her way to an 11-3, 11-6 victory.

ANGELA DOWNEY A TOP SCORER

This season Kilkenny won the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship for the fourth time and one person who played a major role in their victory was that exceptionally skilful player, Angela Downey, who during the course of the All-Ireland campaign, scored an impressive eight goals and 20 points. And when you add Angela's National League tally of 6-17 you have a marvellous 14-37 total for eight matches.

Angela, who hails from Ballyragget in Co. Kilkenny, is daughter of Shem Downey, an outstanding Kilkenny hurler. She began her camogie career in Presentation Convent, Castlecomer and then played with Scoil Bride, Callan, whom she helped to an All-Ireland Colleges final. She later became a leading light in the University College, Maynooth team, which reached its first final during her student days.

This talented forward won her place on the Kilkenny senior team at the tender age of 15, in 1972 and since then has been an automatic choice. 1974 was a marvellous year for Angela for not alone did Kilkenny take their first senior All-Ireland title but in that season she was joined by twin sister Anne on the side to make it an unforgettable win for the Downey family.

Angela and Anne now have four All-Ireland medals to their credit and in 1977 Angela had the further honour of captaining the side to All-Ireland honours and also becoming the recipient of the B+I Camogie Player of the Year award.

Angela, who is also an automatic choice for the Leinster team, is a left-corner forward but has played in all four forward positions. And this very talented player is now passing on her knowledge of the game to the pupils of Vocational School, Thomastown, where she is a teacher.

And what of that scoring feat for 1981 which in the championship was as follows: v Tipperary 3-4, v Down 3-4, v Cork (in drawn final) 1-6, v Cork (in replay) 1-6 — making a total of 8-20. And in the National League she scored 2-3 v Cork; 2-5 v Wexford, 1-1 against Cork (in their second game) and 1-8 v Wexford (in their second clash), totalling 6-17 which brings Angela's total for eight matches during the season to that staggering 14-37.



The combined Blackrock Camogie Club under-14 and under-16 teams pictured after they received their awards for 1980. Also included are — Mrs. Mary Moran, President, Camogie Association of Ireland; Councillor Chrissy Aherne, President, Blackrock; Mrs. Peggy Kelly, Chairperson; Mrs. Frances McCarthy, committee; Miss Mary Whelton, trainer; Helen O'Leary, Ber O'Keefe, Marie Aherne and Nora O'Keefe, committee.

— ("Echo")