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Tipp take first title in spectacular style

TIPPERARY 6-13, GALWAY 2-7

By Mark Rabbitte

With a quality display of spirit, confidence, and spectacular score taking, Tipperary camogie players created history last Sunday by capturing the All-Ireland junior title for the first time, in impressive fashion in Croke Park.

To say that Tipperary were worthy champions would be an understatement. They displayed all the qualities of champions right from the word go, to such an extent that they led from start to finish and were never in any danger of letting this one slip

moment. Deirdre Hughes and Sinead Nealon both produced the big performances on the big day and if ever two players played such an instrumental role in deciding a game, it was these two. Contributing 3-13 of Tipp's total between them, they were the

to be somewhat porous in the first half, tightening up considerably, they proceeded to carry out a demolition job on the Westerners.

DOMINANT

Galway really fell ragged in this second half after losing Emer Hardiman through injury just before the interval and with Tipperary now dominant in almost every sector, the only question to be answered was how much they would win by.

Overall though, it was the two goal burst by Hughes, and Joan Tobin with Nealon throwing over a point for good measure within two minutes of the restart which really knocked the stuffing out of Galway. It stretched a five point lead to twelve and from here, there was no way back for the Galway girls. Even when Catriona Finnegan goaled for them after 27 minutes, it barely made the scores respectable and even though there was only three minutes left in the game, Tipperary still came hunting and finished off with a goal and a point, — something which was indicative of their sheer ruthlessness on the day.

Tipperary will be delighted to have eventually won the title and it won't worry them that for a



Deirdre Hughes (Tipp) watches as the ball breaks behind her and a Galway defender during last Sunday's game.



Joan Tobin (Tipp) solo's away with two Galway players giving chase in Sunday's All-Ireland final.

away from them.

Having lost the last two finals in heartbreaking fashion, this year's side was determined not to get caught on the hop for a third year running. Their preparation for this game, both mentally and physically, was intensive. They had to banish all those haunting memories from the back of their minds and the question of whether or not they really had what it takes to win an All-Ireland final.

That question was answered emphatically on the green sward of GAA headquarters and with a step up to intermediate level imminent to go with the minor All-Ireland title already attained this year, the future for Tipperary camogie is as bright at the moment as it ever was.

SUCCESSIVE DEFEATS

But this victory was by no means an overnight success. It has been a long time coming and in the preparation to win the junior title, Tipperary had to endure successive final defeats in 1990 and 1991, and it was probably the hunger and desire for victory which came from these two defeats which carried them through to victory this year. They certainly looked the hungrier side on Sunday, playing the game at an unrelenting pace from start to finish.

Straight from the throw in, Tipperary took the game to their opponents and from the time Deirdre Hughes had Tipp's first score after only three minutes until the time Helen O'Leary goaled just seconds from the end, they played with a fire and a passion which has become synonymous with Tipperary down through the years.

It takes scorers to win games though, especially All-Ireland finals and Tipperary probably had

main instigators to the downfall of this youthful Galway side, and whether it was Hughes' scores from play or Nealon's accuracy from frees, the pair were unerring all day long.

Spare a thought though for the Galway girls. Most of them are still at school and there is no doubt that victory will eventually be theirs in time. They hardly deserved to be beaten by such a large margin and indeed, they were right in the game up until half time. However, two goals and a point in the first two minutes of the second half for Tipp finished off any dreams they might have had of taking the title.

FLYING START

The game got off to a flying start with Galway quick into the attack forcing a good save from Ailish Delaney. There was a deal of scrappy play in those opening minutes as both teams strived to settle down, but once they did, the scores came thick and fast. A third minute goal from Deirdre Hughes and a brace of pointed frees from Sinead Nealon left Tipperary 1-3 to 0-1 up after ten minutes. It was clear, even at this early stage that both girls were going to be significant in a Tipperary victory and as if to underline this, they went on to score all of Tipp's first half total of 2-7 between them.

It was in this final half that Galway played their best camogie. Cora Curley and Olivia Broderick were doing very well, with the latter proving extremely accurate, and had they continued this form into the second half, they could well have caused an upset.

However, it wasn't to be as Tipperary's superior strength and experience began to tell as the clock ticked away. After going in at the interval just 2-7 to 1-5 in front, they came out with all guns blazing and the fact that she had only one



Joan Tobin (Tipp) about to handpass the ball clear as two Galway players move in to intercept during Sunday's All-Ireland final.

finish the game ended up as a non-event.

Their only objective was to get a victory and this they did in resplendent style. While there is no doubting that this was a real team performance, the contributions of both Deirdre Hughes and Sinead Nealon really marked them down as a cut above the rest. Hughes, whose move to full forward before the throw in was significant, had a memorable game, scoring 3-3 and setting up many more scores over the hour. She teased the Galway defence time and again and Galway just had no answer to her.

Sinead Nealon also gave a performance which she won't forget in a hurry. She scored an amazing ten points, nine from placed balls and the fact that she had only one

wide all day bares testimony to her accuracy. She scored frees from all angles and every indiscretion by the Galway defence was punished to the last. Her work rate was also impressive doing quite an amount of defensive work along with getting the scores.

Ailish Delaney was impressive in goals and made quite a few

hard in defence but could never really come to terms with the threat posed by Deirdre Hughes. Catriona Finnegan and Cora Curley played well at midfield while up front Olivia Broderick, who was Galway's best player, had a fine game, and got good help from Emer Hardiman and Teresa Fallon.

Scorers: Tipperary: D. Hughes 3-3, S. Nealon 0-10 (8 frees, 1 '30), A. Gleeson, H. O'Leary and J. Tobin 1-0 each. Galway: O. Broderick 1-6 (1-5 frees), Catriona Finnegan 1-0, E. Hardiman 0-1.

TIPPERARY: Ailish Delaney, Ann Marie Fitzgerald, Regina O'Meara, Cora Kennedy, Clare Madden, Triona Bonnar (capt), Kaiffe Moloney, Maeve Stokes, Deirdre Hughes, Joan Tobin, Sinead Nealon, Jovita Delaney. Subs: Ann Gleeson for K. Moloney, Helen O'Leary for J. Tobin, Noelle Kennedy for J. Delaney.

GALWAY: Collette Callaghy, Ursula Hannon, Yvonne Larkin, Brigid Fahy, Deirdre Hardiman, Catriona Finnegan, Cora Curley, Dymna Maher, Olivia Broderick, Madge Kennedy, Teresa Fallon, Emer Hardiman. Subs: Fiona Ryan for E. Hardiman, Catherine Harte for M. Kennedy.

Referee: Marie Pollard (Waterford).

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GARY MURPHY (Golf) 1550 111 764

THE nineteen year old Kilkenny golfer was the star of Ireland's victory in the Men's home international golf championships at Prestwick, Ayrshire. He finished unbeaten throughout the championships, gaining 5½ points out of a possible six, and emerged as one of the bright new stars of amateur golf.

MANUS BOYLE (Gaelic Football) 1550 111 761

DONEGAL'S historic first All-Ireland football title was above all a team effort of courage, heart and tremendous confidence in their own ability. But one performance stood out. Manus Boyle, Donegal's full forward, made a huge contribution to his county's total of 0-18 with nine points, four from play. A surprise choice in the starting line-out, Boyle fully justified manager Brian McEniff's faith in him.



D.J. CAREY (Hurling) 1550 111 762

THE maturing talent of D.J. Carey was emphasised in Kilkenny's All-Ireland Hurling success. Particularly in the first half, he tortured the Cork defence and scored Kilkenny's entire first half total of 1-2, including a magnificent penalty. Although he tired somewhat in the second half, he did more than anyone to ensure the Liam McCarthy Cup returned to Kilkenny.

COLETTE O'MAHONY (Camogie) 1550 111 763

SHE may be small in size, but Colette O'Mahony made a large contribution to Cork's Camogie Championship victory. Scoring 10 points of Cork's 1-20 total, her accuracy both from play and frees broke the heart of the Wexford defence and proved a great inspiration for her Cork teammates.



PRESENTATION . . . Michael Carruth receives his Sunday Press-Bass Sportstar of the Month trophy in Blackrock Clinic last week from **Liam Meaney** (right), Managing Director, Tennents Ireland Ltd. Also in picture is **Aisling White**, Promotions Manager, Irish Press Newspapers.

The Guardian PLAYER OF THE WEEK



SINEAD NEALON

and **DEIRDRE**

HUGHES

(Tipperary).

To win an All-Ireland final at any time is a great occasion, but to win your very first in a grade, well, that is something special.

That is the proud boast of the Tipperary Junior Camogie team this week, when at Croke Park on Sunday last they defeated Galway in fine style to annex the county's first junior title.

Although it was a superb team performance, two girls who really stood out in the victory were Sinead Nealon and Deirdre Hughes. They gave an example of score-taking that would leave even the most deadly forward amazed. Nealon, who contributed ten points and Hughes, who contributed 3-3 to their sides tally marked themselves down as two of the most accurate players in the game and who, along with the entire panel, have every reason to look forward to the coming years of competition with a great degree of optimism.

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The Tipperary Camogie side which captured the All-Ireland junior hurling title at Croke Park on Sunday last. Back l. to r.: Maeve Stokes, Jovita Delaney, Ailish Delaney, Clare Madden, Cora Kenendy. Front l. to r.: Joan Tobin, Kaiffe Moloney, Sinead Nealon, Triona Bonnar (capt.), Deirdre Hughes, Ann Marie Fitzgerald, Regina O'Meara.



Members of the Cork camogie team with the All-Ireland torphy celebrate and watch the game on T.V. in Killeagh, last, night. (Picture: E. O'Riordan)

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Champions Kilkenny overcome Offaly challenge

rienced players joined them, including Ann and Angela Downey, Marina Downey and Claire Jones.

In the semi-final, they defeated Drumcullen, Offaly 2-13 to 2-12. We can look forward to an excellent game that should go all the way to the wire. Referee is John Pender (Kildare).

At the Leinster Colleges AGM, held in Kilkenny on Saturday last, the following officers were elected:

Chairman - Denis Kelly (Thornhill V.S. Kilbrannigan), vice chairman - Pat Doran (Thornhill V.S. Kilbrannigan), secretary - Brendan Williams (Loreto Convent, Kilkenny), treasurer - Niall O'Driscoll (Mercy Convent, Dublin), registrar - Ted Byrne (Castlemore Comprehensive).

years, Lisdowney will be taking part in their first final. Rathnure will be competing in their third decider.

They were defeated last year by Celtic, Dublin on a score of 5-8 to 1-5, and in '89 by St Pauls, Kilkenny, the score being 4-16 to 2-10. They will field four of the Wexford senior All-Ireland finalists - Catherine Murphy, Ann Reddy, Geraldine Codd and Eileen Dillon. In the semi-final, they defeated Marino, Dublin by 4-9 to 0-8.

When St Pauls club disbanded last year, it was a great boost to Lisdowney, as a number of experienced players joined the club.

Although both Wexford and Kilkenny champions have dominated this competition over the

CAMOGIE AFFAIRS

a-side on the full size GAA pitch. Reports from Sunday's games show a mixed reaction to the method, which is favoured by most Leinster counties. We will have another look at the procedure at a later date.

On Sunday next, the Leinster Senior Club Championship final takes place, when Rathnure, Wexford, have the Kilkenny champions, Lisdowney, at home (2 p.m.).

Although both Wexford and Kilkenny champions have dominated this competition over the

ford in the Junior League at Monamolin. In the opening half, both sides played well defensively, and, at the break, Wexford led 1-1 to 1-0.

In the second half, Carlow made better use of their chances, to run out winners on a 3-3 to 1-1 scoreline.

Scorers - Carlow - A.M. Ryan 2-0, E. Hogan 1-0, V. Crean 0-2, M. Smith 0-1, Wexford - M. Doyle 1-0, A. Fogarty 0-1.

The National Junior and Senior Leagues for 1993, which commenced on Sunday, are played according to the new Test series rules as passed at Congress last March i.e. fifteen players

LEINSTER champions Kilkenny were at their best when defeating Offaly in the National Junior Camogie League encounter at Freshford on Sunday.

It was an entertaining first half, at the end of which Offaly trailed by two points - 2-3 to 1-4. In the second half, Kilkenny stepped up the pace, winning eventually by 3-8 to 1-4.

Scorers: Kilkenny - I. Kennedy 1-3, M. Comerford 1-1, H. Butler 1-0, M. Costello 0-2, M. McGrath, A.M. Maher 0-1 each, Offaly - G. Mahon 1-2, M. Davis 0-2.

Carlow collected their first points when they overcame Wex-

CAMOGIE'S NEW DAY!

CAMOGIE'S National Junior League gets under way on Sunday - with a new set of experimental rules, which were passed at Congress, and which will also cover the senior league.

Each side will have fifteen players and the match will be played on a pitch similar to the dimensions for hurling and football.

Four games are down for decision on Sunday, one from each division. Clare are at home to the National Junior League champions Limerick and Wexford have a home venue against their near neighbours, Carlow.

Kilkenny have the advantage of home venue against Offaly. When they met in the Leinster championship, Kilkenny had three points to spare, 1-8 to 2-2.

Donegal travel to Fermanagh and may well have the edge in what should be a close encounter.

THE Ulster club championship semi-finals take place on Sunday at Swatragh, County Derry. The line-up is: Swatragh v Castletara (Cavan) (1.0), Portlough v Ballymacnab (Armagh) (1.30).

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NATIONAL JUNIOR LEAGUE

THE National Junior League champions Limerick collected their first brace of points in defence of their title, when they over-

came a strong challenge from Clare in the National Junior Camogie league game at Newmarket-on-Fergus yesterday. It was quite a spirited encounter with the champions lead 4-3 to 2-4 at half time. Limerick took control in the second half.

Final score: Limerick 6-7; Clare 4-6.
Scorers - Limerick: A. Quaid 3-0; K. Burke 1-2; B. O'Brien 1-1; P. Twomey 1-0; P. McCarthy 0-2; M. Treacy and M. McCarthy 0-1 each. **Clare:** P. O'Brien 2-0; S. O'Brien, C. Lennon 1-0 each; F. Fielding and F. Loughnane 0-2 each; M. McNicol and C. Slenson 0-1 each. **Ref:** N. Cormican (Galway).

Leinster camogie champions Kilkenny were in top form when they defeated Offaly in this National League encounter at Freshford yesterday. It was a sparkling first half with the winners just having two points to spare at the interval - 2-3 to 1-4. Offaly failed to score in the second half and the winners went on to notch a further 1-5.

Final score: Kilkenny 3-8; Offaly 1-4.
Scorers - Kilkenny: I. Kennedy 1-3; M. Comerford 1-1; H. Butler 1-0; M. Costello 0-2; M. McGrath and A. Maher 0-1 each. **Offaly:** G. Mahon 1-2; M. Davis 0-2. **Ref:** M. Woods (Kildare).

Carlow came out tops in this National Camogie league match at Monamolin yesterday. After a low scoring first half Wexford led 1-1 to 1-0. But Carlow dominated the second half.

Final score: Carlow 3-3; Wexford 1-1.
Scorers - Carlow: A. Ryan 2-0; E. Hogan 1-0; V. Crean 0-2; M. Smith 0-1. **Wexford:** M. Doyle 1-0; A. Fogarty 0-1. **Ref:** A. Deane (Dublin).

National League games played yesterday were played under the new test series rules: 15 a side on a big pitch.

CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ulster Senior Club championship semi-finals: Portlough v Antrim 5-7; Castletara, Cavan 2-3; Ballymacnab, Armagh 3-8; Swatragh, Derry 3-3.

Clare Senior Championship final: Wolfe Tone, Shannon 4-7; Borvick 4-4.

Glen girls are lucky

Toomevara 1-4
Glen Rovers 1-7

GLEN ROVERS were lucky to hold on to their Munster senior camogie title at Toomevara, Co. Tipperary yesterday where they were put to the pin of their collars to beat the locals in an exciting first round.

The Cork girls led at the break 1-3 to 0-3 but the Tipperary side reduced the arrears to a point midway through the second-half and shortly before the end had a goal disallowed. In the dying moments Toomevara were awarded a "30" but Deirdre Hughes' effort was saved.

Scorers for Toomevara: D. Hughes 1-1, N. Kennedy 0-3. Glen Rovers: P. Murphy 1-0, Ger McCarthy 0-3 (free), T. O'Callaghan and L. Mellerick 0-2.

Leinster honours for Rathnure

RATHNURE.....2-8
LISDOWNNEY.....0-8
WEXFORD Senior Camogie champions, Rathnure, had a convincing win over the Kilkenny champions, Lisdowney, and took their first-ever Leinster title, in the Senior final played at Rathnure yesterday.

Rathnure had the edge all the way through, leading 1-4 to 0-4 at the interval. Early in the second half, Lisdowney tried hard to get on terms, but came up against a strong Rathnure defence.

Angela Downey tried hard for the equaliser for Lisdowney, but as play switched to the other end of the field, Bernie Higgins put the icing on the cake for Rathnure with a well-taken goal.

Scorers: RATHNURE - B. Higgins (1-1), B. Howlan (1-0), G. Codd (0-3) A. Reddy (0-2), E. Keogh (0-1). LISDOWNNEY - A. Downey (0-4), M. Downey (0-2), A. Downey, B. Sharkey (0-1 each). Referee: J. Pender (Kildare).



Ms. Helen Murphy, Jurys Hotel, presenting the Jurys Cork Sport Star of the Month award to Sandie Fitzgibbon, captain of the Cork camogie team yesterday. —(Picture: Maurice O'Mahony)

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Glowing tributes to Sandy

GLOWING tributes were paid to Cork's All-Ireland winning camogie captain, Sandy Fitzgibbon, yesterday, both for her leadership qualities and ability as a player, after she was honoured as the September winner of the Jurys Hotel Sportstar award, writes *Jim O'Sullivan*.

They came from team coach Joe McGrath, the chairperson of the Cork Camogie Board, Sheila Golden, and Board President Nora Newman.

The award was her second and it was

presented by Sales Manager Helen Murphy-Kelly, in recognition of her role in the All-Ireland final victory over Wexford.

She also captained Cork to victory in the National League final. And, it was pointed out that this was the first time that the county achieved this double. Sandy achieved the added distinction of being the first player from Glen Rovers to captain Cork to victory in a senior All-Ireland final.

Joe McGrath remarked that if the

award judges had been in search of excellence, they had in Sandy Fitzgibbon 'an excellent achiever.'

"She is more than deserving of any success that comes her way. Her choice of captain was unanimous from the players and selectors because everybody knew that she would lead by example," he commented.

Nora Newman, who is also chairperson of the Glen Rovers club, recalled that Sandy had shown great promise even at the age of ten. "Even then, it was



NOT JUST A PRETTY FACE . . . Sandie Fitzgibbon, captain of Cork's all-Ireland winning camogie team, receives the Cork Jurys Sports Star of the Month award from Helen Murphy-Kelly, sales manager of Jurys Cork.

obvious that a star was born," she said.

"Not only is she a wonderful sportsperson, she is also a terrific person. In my opinion, she is the greatest sportsperson — and that includes men — in Cork at the present."

Sheila Golden said

that the award was 'well deserved,' for the reason that Sandy was an extremely dedicated and skilful player.

In reply, she said she viewed her award as a recognition of the team. "We were all one team, the players on the field,

and Joe and the three selectors on the sideline."

The attendance included her mother Kathleen and her seven sisters, along with team members, selectors Miriam Murphy, Marje Mackey and Marian

Impressive win for classy Glen

GLEN ROVERS 2-19; WOLFE TONES 1-2

GLEN ROVERS, the Cork and Munster champions, advanced to the Munster Inter-Club Camogie final with a comprehensive win over Wolfe Tones (Shannon) at Shannon on Saturday.

At half-time, the Cork side led by 1-10 to 0-1 and were never really troubled afterwards.

Glen got off to a good start and were 1-3 to nil up after 14 minutes, thanks to a fine goal from Patricia Murphy, who later had to leave the field with a facial injury.

Wolfe Tones played much better in the second half but never looked like pegging back the big lead and Denise Cronin put the icing on the cake for the Glen five minutes from time, with a superb goal from a solo run.

For the winners, Diane Deane had an excellent game and got good support from Mary Ring at full-back. Linda Mellerick and Therese O'Callaghan were on top in midfield while Ger McCarthy picked off some nice points and was very accurate from frees.

Goalkeeper, Aine McCormack, brought off some excellent saves for the home side while Tara Magee had a good game at full-back. Debbie McDonagh was her side's most dangerous forward and got good support from Tricia Loughnane.

Scorers - Glen Rovers: G McCarthy 0-8 (0-5 frees), D Cronin 1-0, T Murphy 1-0, T O'Callaghan 0-4, L Mellerick 0-3, F Twomey 0-3, C McCarthy 0-1. Wolfe Tones: D McDonagh 1-1, S O'Brien 0-1.

GLEN ROVERS: M O'Leary; M Ring; D Deane, S Fitzgibbon, D Cronin; L Mellerick, T O'Callaghan, M Currid; F Twomey, G McCarthy, P Murphy; C McCarthy. Subs: M Kennefick for F Twomey; D McCarthy for P Murphy.

WOLFE TONES: A McCormack; T Magee; T Divanney, M Costello, D Kelly; D McDonagh, E McDaid, K Stenson; T Loughnane, S O'Brien, C Linehan; G Meehan.

Grenagh Ballingarry 8-13. Lismore 1-2

IN the second semi-final, played at Ballingarry, Co Limerick, yesterday, the home side had a big win over the Waterford champions, Lismore, and will now meet Glen Rovers in the Munster final in the Glen Field, Cork in two weeks time.

Munster camogie panels

THE Gael Linn Interprovincial camogie competition get under way on Sunday Oct. 18, with Munster opposing Ulster at Holy Cross, Co. Tipperary in both Senior and Junior grades.

The Munster panels are as follows:

SENIOR (Cork unless stated): K Costine, L Dunphy, P Goggins, L Towler, T O'Callaghan, L Mellerick, S Fitzgibbon (capt), D Cronin, F O'Driscoll, C O'Mahony, S O'Brien (Clare), I O'Leary. Subs: R Desmond, C O'Loughlin (Clare), M Collins (Clare), M MacNicholas (Clare).

JUNIOR (Tipperary unless stated): A Delaney, A Fitzgerald, M Guiry (Limerick), C Kennedy, C Madden, B Chawke (Limerick), T Bonner (capt), S Nealon, L Dunlea (Cork), T Murphy (Cork), P McCarthy (Limerick), D Hughes.

Subs: R Desmond (Cork), R O'Meara, J Tobin, A Lenihan (Limerick).

EAST CORK - Dungourney: U-21 BHC Final, St. Catherine's v. Youghal, 3.30 p.m.

Focus on final

AT local level, the big game on the camogie front this coming weekend will be the Intermediate Championship which will see Brian Dillons and Kilbrittain in opposition on Sunday evening at Ballinhassig at 4.30 p.m. Also on Sunday there are four Under-16 Championship games down for decision while at Holy Cross GAA pitch the Munster Senior and junior teams play Ulster in the semi-finals of the Gael Linn interprovincial championships.

Despite their short number of years in existence the Kilbrittain Camogie Club have gone from strength to strength. In 1990 they won their first-ever title when they took the Junior 'B' Championship. Last year they won the Junior 'A' Championship and now on Sunday next they must certainly be in there with a great chance of winning the Intermediate championship thus being promoted to senior ranks which no doubt is the ultimate aim of every club. Should they succeed this will certainly be a remarkable achievement for the West Cork Club.

However, before taking this big step

they must first get over city side Brian Dillons and there is no doubting they face strong opposition in this team. Brian Dillons will be contesting their third intermediate final in a row and no doubt will not want a repeat of last year's final when they lost to Cloughduv by a mere point after a replay. On form it is difficult to predict a winner in Sunday's game as both sides appear to be fairly evenly matched. Dillons have had the toughest of the two paths to the final. In their first round game they defeated Castlemagner but their semi-final clash with Éire Óg went to a replay before they eventually came out on top after a hard-fought game while Kilbrittain had only one game to play before reaching the final and this was against Blackrock where they had a comprehensive victory and were not really tested.

Because of having more competitive games Dillons could just shade it but players like Liz O'Sullivan, Aileen Barry, Louise and Gail Flemming, Alison Dilworth and Val O'Mahony will really have to be at their best if they hope to curtail a Kilbrittain side

Dillons chasing elusive title

THIS weekend the Gael Linn Interprovincial semi-finals will be decided when Munster take on Ulster in both junior and senior games scheduled for Holy Cross GAA pitch on Sunday.

At club level the big game will be the Intermediate Championship final which will see Kilbrittain and Brian Dillons in opposition on Sunday at Ballinhassig at 4.30. The remainder of the weekend will see the continuation of the under-16 "A" and "B" championships, with four further games down for decision.

The clash of Kilbrittain and Brian Dillons in the Intermediate Championship final on Sunday promises to be a cracking contest between two excellent sides. Brian Dillons will be contesting their third final in a row and no doubt will be very anxious to end what appears to be a bogey championship for them.

Considering the strong panel they have available, many would have thought that they would have been promoted to senior ranks long before now. However, to date, the title continues to elude them and on Sunday they will certainly be up against it again.

Despite their short time in existence Kilbrittain have gone from strength to strength and it certainly would be no surprise if they were to come out on top.

Dillons have had the tougher of the two paths to the final with victories over Castlemagner in the first round and Éire Óg in the semi-final after a replay, while Kilbrittain had only one game to play and his resulted in a runaway victory over Blackrock.

The fact that Brian Dillons have had more competitive games could prove decisive but certainly players like Liz O'Sullivan, Louise Flemming, Aileen Barry, Val O'Mahony and Gail Flemming will have to be at their best if they hope to curtail a Kilbrittain side that can call on such marvellous performers as Mary Brennan, Miriam Deasy, Helen O'Donovan and Cathy O'Regan.

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MUNSTER TEAMS

The Munster senior and junior teams for Gael Linn Interprovincials on Sunday were follows:

Senior: K. Costine (Cork), L. Dunphy (Cork), M. Collins (Cork), T. O'Callaghan (Cork), L. Towler (Cork), L. Mellerick (Cork), O'Brien (Clare), D. Cronin (Cork), F. O'Driscoll (Cork), C. McCarthy (Cork), I. O'Leary (Cork), C. O'Mahony (Cork).

Junior: A. Delaney (Tipperary), M. Guiry (Limerick), Fitzgerald (Tipperary), C. Madden (Tipperary), C. Kennedy (Tipperary), T. Bonner (Tipperary), B. Chalke (Limerick), S. Nealon (Tipperary), L. Dunlea (Cork), P. McCarthy (Limerick), D. Hughes (Tipperary), P. Murphy (Cork).

FIXTURES

Sunday - Gael Linn Interprovincials semi-finals: Munster v. Ulster at Holy Cross, Thurles, 3 p.m.; Junior, Munster v. Ulster at Holy Cross, Thurles, 1.30 p.m.

Under-16 "A" Championship: Killeagh v. Newcestown, K. 12 noon; Inniscarra v. Cloughduv, Cloughduv, 12 noon.

Intermediate Championship final: Brian Dillons v. Kilbrittain, Ballinhassig, 4.30.

Under-16 "B" Championship: Castlemagner v. St. Fannagh, Fannaghans, 3 p.m.; Courcy Rovers v. Valley Rovers, Courcy Rovers, 3 p.m.

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Kilbrittain, Dillons to meet again

Brian Dillons 0-6,
Kilbrittain 0-6

A POINT by Mary Sexton three minute into injury-time gave Kilbrittain a second chance against Brian Dillons in a thrilling Cork County Intermediate Camogie final at Ballinhassig, yesterday.

Brian Dillons, appearing in their third consecutive County Final seemed to be set for victory when Niamh O'Regan edged them in front with a fine point eight minutes from time. Kilbrittain fought valiantly to secure the equaliser and might well have taken the lead when a Miriam Deasy shot shaved the wrong side of the post. But their persistence paid off with Mary Sexton's late equaliser.

Brian Dillons led by two points, 0-4 to 0-2, at the break but Kilbrittain dominated the early stages of the second half and points by Miriam Deasy, Cathy O'Regan, and Mary Brennan saw them leading after 12

minutes.

It was then that Dillons, inspired by Liz O'Sullivan, Alison Dilworth and Louise Hurley took control and forged ahead with points by Louise Fleming and Niamh O'Regan.

Scorers for Brian Dillons: L. O'Sullivan 0-2, L. Fleming 0-2, M. O'Regan 0-1, A. Barry 0-1.

Kilbrittain: C. O'Regan 0-2, A. Desmond, M. Deasy, M. Sexton, M. Brennan 0-1 each.

BRIAN DILLONS: C. Barrett, A. Dilworth, S. Fahy, G. Hannon, L. Hurley, G. Fleming, L. Fleming, N. O'Regan, L. O'Sullivan, G. Ryan, A. Barry, V. O'Mahony.

KILBRITTAIN: R. Hayes, C. Whelton, A. O'Leary, M. Brennan, H. O'Donovan, A. Desmond, M. Sexton, C. Dineen, M. Deasy, L. Crowley, C. O'Regan, E. O'Neill.

Referee: B. Joyce, Killeagh.

Munster 2-12,
Ulster 2-7

MUNSTER had a comfortable passage to the final of the Gael Linn Interprovincial Senior Camogie Championship when they beat Ulster by five points at Holycross yesterday.

The Munster ladies established control in the



Kilbrittain player Helen O'Donovan clears under pressure from Brian Dillons player Louise Fleming, during the Camogie Intermediate County final at Ballinhassig, Co. Cork. (Picture: Dan Linehan)

first-half and with goals from Clare McCarthy and Denise Cronin built up a 2-7 to 0-5 lead they never really looked like losing.

Ulster battled gamely in the second-half and with Munster slackening off goals by Catherine Higgins and Mary Black brought Ulster into contention. But in the closing stages the Munster girls held on for a well deserved victory.

Munster's best were Colette O'Mahony, Linda Murphy, Theresa O'Callaghan, Eileen O'Leary and Clare McCarthy. For Ulster Bronagh McCorry, Ka-

ren Convery and Mary Black caught the eye.

Scorers for Munster: C. O'Mahony 0-5, C. McCarthy 1-1, D. Cronin 1-0, L. Mellerick and E. O'Leary 0-2 each, C. O'Loughlin and F. O'Driscoll 0-1 each.

Ulster: K. Convery 0-4, B. McCorry 0-3, C. Higgins and M. Black 1-0 each.

Munster 5-6 Ulster 2-7
MUNSTER'S junior representatives had a facile win over Ulster in their semi-final, having eight points to spare in a one-sided game.

There was little between the sides in the first-half, at the end of which Munster led 1-5 to 1-2. The goal came from Deirdre Hughes with

Maureen McLennan netting the Ulster goal.

In the second-half Munster were completely on top with Deirdre Hughes adding three further goals and Lynn Dunlea a fourth to leave them most comfortable winners.

Best for Munster were Ailish Delaney, Deirdre Hughes, Trina Bonner, Pauline McCarthy and Marguerite Guiry. For Ulster Maureen McLennan, Patricia McEvoy and Olive Leonard caught the eye.

Scorers - Munster: D. Hughes 4-2, L. Dunlea 1-1, S. Nealon 0-2, T. Bonner 0-1. Ulster: M. McLennan 1-6, P. McEvoy 1-0, O. Leonard 0-1.

Leinster go to Galway

THE four provinces are engaged at senior and junior level this weekend, in the semi-finals of the Gael Linn Interprovincial Series.

Connacht entertain Leinster at Turloughmore, Galway, and Munster are hosts to Ulster at Holycross, Tipperary.

Holders Leinster have won the Senior Cup 23 times, while Ulster have captured the Junior title for the past three years.

At Senior level, Munster have selected 11 players from the All-Ireland champions, Cork, and one from Clare.

Their opponents, Ulster, are likely to be represented by Down and Antrim.

The Leinster team has six players from Kilkenny, five from the All-Ireland finalists, Wexford, and one from Dublin.

Leinster's opponents, Connacht, will be fielding an all-Galway team. They have star performers in Sharon Glynn, Imelda Hobbins, Sheila Coen and Imelda Maher.

The junior teams include many well-known names. Munster have chosen seven of the Tipperary girls who won the All-Ireland. Limerick and Cork supply the remainder.

Sunday

Gael Linn Semi-Finals

Turloughmore, Galway: Junior: Connacht v Leinster (1.30), L. Davitt, Westmeath. Senior: Connacht v Leinster (3.15), K. McNicholas, Clare.
Holycross, Tipperary: Junior: Munster v Ulster (2.0). Senior: Munster v Ulster (3.30).

MUNSTER GIRLS REACH FINAL

MUNSTER2-12
ULSTER2-7

MUNSTER had a comfortable passage to the final of the Gael Linn Interprovincial Senior Camogie championship when they beat Ulster by an unflattering five points at Holycross yesterday.

The Munster ladies established control in the first half and with goals by Clare McCarthy and Denise Cronin led 2-7 to 0-5 at the interval and never really looked in danger.

SCORERS: Munster - C. O'Mahony (0-5), C. McCarthy (1-1), D. Cronin (1-0), L. Mellerick, E. O'Leary (0-2 each), C. O'Loughlin, F. O'Driscoll (0-1 each).

ULSTER - K. Convery (0-4), B. McCorry (0-3), C. Higgins, M. Black (1-0 each).
Munster 5-6, Ulster 2-7
Deirdre Hughes was the star of Munster Junior's victory over Ulster in their Interprovincial semi final scoring four goals in a one-sided game.

SCORERS: Munster - D. Hughes (4-2), L. Dunlea (1-1), S. Nealon (0-2), T. Bonner (0-1). Ulster - M. McLennan (1-6), P. McEvoy (1-0), O. Leonard (0-1).

LEINSTER4-14
CONNACHT1-3
LEINSTER proved too strong for Connacht in this Senior Gael-Linn Interprovincial Camogie semi final played at Turloughmore, Galway yesterday.

SCORERS: Leinster - A. Downey (2-4), B. Mulally (2-3), M. Downey, A. Reddy (1-2 each), A. Downey, C. Murphy, G. Dunne (0-1 each), Connacht - S. Glynn (1-2), A. Ryan (0-1).

CONNACHT2-5
LEINSTER1-4
CONNACHT were best in this Junior Gael-Linn Camogie semi final played at Turloughmore yesterday.

SCORERS: Connacht - S. Hynes (2-0), M. Hawkins (0-5), Leinster - V. Cream (0-3), L. Kearney (1-0), M. McGrath (0-1).

Carmel crafts Pearses camogie win

PEARSE, GALWAY.....2-8; ORAN, ROSCOMMON.....3-4
TWO brilliant goals by Carmel Hannon enabled Galway senior champions Pearses to overcome a resilient challenge by Roscommon champions Oran in the Connacht Senior Camogie final at Ballymacward yesterday. Oran led at the break thanks to two Maeve Healy goals but the Galway champions, inspired by Martina Harkin, fought back to a deserved victory.

SCORERS - Pearses: C. Hannon 2-0, M. Harkin 0-5, U. Hannon 0-2, A. Ryan 0-1. Oran: M. Healy 2-0, C. Kelly 1-0, L. Lee 0-1.

CONNACHT JUNIOR FINAL At Craughwell Galway 3-5; Cill-gael Roscommon 3-3.

30 YEARS AGO

CANOVEE won their first ever Cork County Junior Camogie Championship title when they had a hard-earned 1-3 to 0-1 win over their Mid-Cork rivals, Donoughmore, in the final at the UCC Grounds, where the teams lined out as follows - Canovee: N. Dunne, T. Dunlea, A. O'Shea, K. Lucey, C. Healy, H. O'Sullivan, K. O'Mahony, M. Harrington, M. Coughlan, I. Sheehan, A. O'Brien, S. Crowley. Donoughmore: N. O'Connell, P. O'Connell, M. O'Leary, P. Murphy, L. Honohan, P. Gaffey, A. Honohan, M. Healy, M. O'Connell, N. Kelleher, A. O'Brien, M. Murphy. After this final, Glen Rovers won the Cork County Senior Camogie Championship title as a result of their very decisive 7-7 to 0-2 win over the holders for the previous three years, Old Aloysians, at the same venue. The teams were - Glen Rovers: D. Sutton, C. Buckley, P. Deane, W. White, N. O'Callaghan, M. Buckley, T. Murphy, P. Dorgan, S. O'Connell, N. O'Mahony, A. Cronin, M. Browne. Old Als: T. Fehilly, M. Clancy, C. O'Sullivan, J. Clancy, M. Murphy, D. Young, G. Vaughan, J. O'Grady, M. Barry, R. Manley, E. Harrington, L. O'Grady.

Jude's' Juniors face tough task from Mark's

FIXTURES

SUNDAY

Tymon North: (11.0) Jun A — St. Jude's v St. Marks.
 Bellfield: (12.15) Sen B — U.C.D. v An Caislean.
 Pearse Park: (12.15) Jun B2 — Good Counsel v Liffey Gaels.
 Fairview Park: (12.15) Sen B — Marino v Round Towers. (1.30) Jun A — Marino v Kilmacud Crokes.
 Ashdown: (12.15) Jun B2 — St. Oliver Plunketts v Cumann Setanta.
 Ellenfield: (12.15) Sen C — Whitehall Colmcille v Portobello.
 Glensaulin Park: (11.0) Jun B1 — Naomh Padraig v St. Margarets.
 Fr. Collins Park: (12.15) Jun A — Trinity Gaels v Clontarf.
 Phoenix Park: (11.0) Jun B1 — Cumann UI Chonail v Clanna Gael. Sen A — Ballyboden v St. Monicas. Sen A — Erins Isle v Na Fiaanna. (12.15) Sen A — Celtic v Cummin. Inter — Naomh Mearnog v Cumann UI Chonail. Jun B1 — Na Fiaanna v St. Monicas. (1.30) Inter — Naomh Buid v St. Finians. Sen C — Thomas Davis v Cuala. Jun A — Naomh Maur v St. Annes.

THERE'S a Tymon North Junior A cracker on the agenda for next Sunday when the two close neighbours, St. Jude's and St. Mark's meet, writes Niall Scully.

The Templeogue club are seeking their first win of the season following a draw and a defeat in their two outings, and they expect a severe examination in this intriguing local derby.

"Mark's are a very strong club, so we know it won't be easy," reflects the Jude's' secretary, Catherine Kelleher, who once played for Marino.

Catherine is delighted with the progress the Junior A's have made in this their first year in that grade. They have a small, dedicated panel of 14 players who fall under the command of Mary Farrell and Tadgh Dennehy.

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The team is made up of last season's Junior B's and Under-16 performers, and they are quite capable of making a serious impression on the League and Championship.

"Our long-term wish is to go senior," says Catherine. "It's very much in the future, but we are also happy with the strides our Junior B's have made. One obstacle we have to overcome, though, is the unemployment situation which sees us lose several of our players when they leave school."

"They have to leave the area to obtain work and it effects us badly at adult level. There is no problem with numbers in the juvenile section, but holding onto the older girls can be difficult enough with the work situation, and, of course, when they become older and develop other interests."

Jude's can be content at the solid juvenile structure they have constructed. They have squads at the 15, 14, 13 and 12 levels, with two sides in the U-11 section.

It's an impressive advancement since their first steps in the sport with one U-14 team in 1983. "There is fantastic interest in the area among the kids, and we have worked hard on developing it," adds Catherine.

Any new recruits wanting to join the Saints can contact Catherine (51338) or Ann Dennehy (502078).

Former Dublin hurling supremo Jimmy Boggan has been named as the new manager of the Dublin camogie senior team. His appointment was confirmed at the re-convened Convention, which elected the following Co. Board officers: Chair: Maureen Brady (St. Anne's). Vice-Chair: Kathleen Timmons (Naomh Aoife). Sec: Pat Rafferty (Naomh Oliver Plunkett). Treas: Chris Green (Marino). Registrar: Sophie Brack (Kilmacud Crokes). PRO and Fixtures Sec: Carmel Cooper (Celtic).

Dublin should get off to a good

DUBLIN are eager to impress as they travel to Kildare next Sunday for their first assignment in the newly-shaped National Junior League.

For the first time, the Dubs will be playing 15-a-side camogie as opposed to the traditional 12-a-side game, and it's a prospect that excites them.

It's prime advantage is that full-size GAA pitches can now be used for camogie fixtures, and the Dubs have been getting used to the new discipline in practice.

In charge of the squad will be last year's management team of John Kirwan, Mary Matthews and Aine Derham. But, due to

the reconvened Convention on November 7, they won't know if they will still be in command after the Kildare tie.

"It's a match-to-match contract, without the pay," jokes John Kirwan. "But, seriously, we would like to continue."

"There are plenty of good players around, and I feel that if all the players we wanted were available to us, we could do very well this season."

"I look at only one match at a time, but at least we have avoided Kilkenny, Wexford and Carlow in our group," reveals John.

It was Carlow who toppled the Dubs in the first round of the

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Championship last term. "That was a big disappointment to us all, but Carlow were the better team on the day," admits John.

"They went on to beat Wexford, and Kilkenny beat them by only two points. Still, we made mistakes in that match, but we have no excuses."

Dublin's last honour was in 1987, when they overcame a marvellous Kildare side to collect the National Junior League title.

It was a very proud day for trainer, Billy Maloney, who

always had the wish of leading his team into Croke Park for an All-Ireland Final.

Kildare were the major reason why that wish didn't turn into reality, but now, Kildare have gone senior, and their Junior side won't be as big a threat.

Dublin, though, have been preparing well for this contest. "We are delighted with the response we have got in training," says John.

"When we were appointed last year, we had a match the week after. The hardest thing was getting out a team. At least this season we have had more time to get things right."

WITH ALL-IRELAND CAMOGIE TROPHY



Sandy Fitzgibbon, captain of the victorious Cork camogie team with the All-Ireland trophy, photographed at the Ballinhassig Camogie, Hurling and Old Abbey Athletic Clubs combined dinner at the Munster Arms Hotel, Bandon. Also included are team members Rose Desmond, Teresa O'Callaghan, Paula Goggin, Kathleen Costin, Miriam Murphy, selector, and Ballinhassig Camogie Club officers Marion Fleming, chairperson; Eileen Collins, hon. secretary, and Mary Crowley, hon. treasurer.

Rathnure visit London

ON Sunday next, the Leinster Senior Club champions Rathnure (Wexford) play the London champions, Tara, at Ruislip, in the All Ireland club championship quarter-final.

The London club will provide stiff opposition. Tara are no newcomers to the club championship. They were defeated by Mullagh of Galway last year, who went on to take the All Ireland title.

Tara have stylish players in Ann Hehir and Breda Duffy, both from Clare, Brenda Kelly (Cork) and Mary Gilligan, Galway.

Rathnure are an

experienced side seeking their first All Ireland title. They beat Lisdowney (Kilkenny) in the Leinster final, and field four of the Wexford senior team who contested the All Ireland final, Ann Reddy, Geraldine Codd, Catherine Murphy and Eileen Dillon. They look set to make the semi-final.

In the All Ireland junior league, there are four first-round games down for decision on Sunday. The All Ireland junior champions Tipperary travel to Cork, and with players like Deirdre Hughes, Terena Bonner, Sinead Neilon, Cora Kennedy and Clare

Madden, they should find little difficulty in securing their first brace of points.

Cork will depend on Lynne Dunlea, Teresa Murphy, Rose Desmond, Aileen Barry and Patricia Monaghan to keep the points by the Lee. Cavan play hosts to Armagh, and this should be a good, spirited encounter. Armagh will be fancied to take the points here, as they have a number of players from Ballymacnab, who were beaten in the Ulster club championship final replay on Sunday last.

Players to watch are Mary Donnelly, Pauline

McConnell and Shauna Gribbon. Cavan will be looking to such stalwarts as Geraldine Martin, Josephine Donnelly, Majella Prior and Bernie Donaghue to give them victory.

Derry travel to Antrim. The fact that Antrim club champions, Portglenone, won the Ulster club championship on Sunday last is sure to give a good boost to the county, and will make it hard for Derry to take home the points.

Kildare face Dublin at home. This should be a close encounter, with little separating the sides at the final whistle.

Rathnure's experience too great for Tara

LEINSTER senior champions Rathnure (Wexford) face London champions Tara at Ruislip in the All-Ireland club championship quarter-final next Sunday.

Tara were defeated by Mullagh of Galway last year who went on to take the title and the Exiles have stylish players in Clare duo Ann Hehir and Breda Duffy.

However, Rathnure are an experienced side hungry for their first All-Ireland title. They defeated Lisdowney in the Leinster final and will field four of the Wexford senior team.

In the National Junior League, All-Ireland champions Tipperary travel to Cork and with players like Deirdre Hughes, Terina Bonnar and Sinead Nealan they should find little difficulty securing the points.

Armagh should overcome Cavan as they will field a number of players from the Ballymacnab club, who were beaten in the Ulster club championship final.



Helen Murphy, Jury's Hotel, Cork, presenting the Jury's Sports Star of the Month Award to Sandie Fitzgibbon, captain of the All-Ireland winning Cork Senior Camogie team.

Galway girls can start with a win

OFFALY entertain beaten All-Ireland Junior finalists, Galway, at Lusmagh in the National Junior Camogie League on Sunday (3.0).

The Midlanders were beaten on their first outing to Kilkenny, while this is Galway's first outing since the All-Ireland. The western girls should have the edge.

In a first round game Fermanagh travel to Tyrone and this should be an entertaining encounter between two well matched sides. The home venue may give Tyrone the advantage.

Waterford host Wexford, who have dropped two points to Carlow. This is Waterford's first outing and home soil will help, but Wexford may carry too much strength on the day.

The replay of the Ulster Senior Club championship final also takes place on Sunday between Portglenone, Antrim and Ballymacnab, Armagh.

The drawn game was a thriller with Ballymacnab snatching the equalising goal on the final whistle.

Ballymacnab have never won an Ulster championship while Portglenone last won in 1982.

The game will be played at Portglenone at 2.0.

Doherty named new chairman of Cospoir

FORMER Garda Commissioner Eamonn Doherty is the new chairman of Cospoir, the national sports council. He succeeds Ron Delany in the position.

Doherty's appointment was announced by Minister for Sport Liam Aylward yesterday as he named the new 22-man Council, which will have a three year term of office.

The new Cospoir is — Chairman: E J Doherty (Former Garda Commissioner, Chairman of Sport for All Committee).

Maurice Ahern (Athletics Administrator), Dr Geraldine Barniville (Medical Doctor, Member of Board of Management of National Coaching and Training Centre), Donie Butler (Commercial Mgr FAI), J Kiernan (International Athlete), Brendan Conway (CEO, Kilkenny VEC).

Mary Costello (Limerick City Advisory Body), Ronnie Delany (Olympic gold medalist, former Chairman), Frank Fahey (PE teacher, National Co-Ordinator for Be Active/Be Alive Campaign), Mary Fennelly (Former Pres of Camogie Assn).

Harry Farrell (Comm Games Longford), Roddy Gaynor (Dir Inst of Leisure and Amenity Mgmt), Con Haugh (Princp Off, Sports Sec, Dept of Education), Fergal Herbert (Sports Publisher), Eddie Keher (Former Kilkenny Hurler), Joan McCloy (Pres of Irish Ladies Hockey Un).

Michael McDonough (Post Primary Insp, Dept Education), Michael McGannon (Primary Schoolteacher, Irish Mini-sport Movement), Caroline Murphy (Journalist), Noel Murphy (Ch'man Board of Mgmt, National Coaching and Training Centre), Art O'Brien (Sec, IABA), Andrew O'Rourke (Solicitor).

Liz nearly ready for 'Alliance'

LIZ NEARY of Kilkenny made quite a name for herself on the camogie field, winning eight All-Ireland medals, one with Dublin and seven in the Black and Amber of her native county.

Nowadays she is making an impact on the golf scene and, in the course of winning the Ladies Summer League at her club, she reduced her handicap from 17 to 12.

At the rate she is going Liz will soon be qualified to play in the Leinster Ladies Alliance, which offers single figure women players competitive golf throughout the winter months.

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SóisearConnachta

		<u>Marún is bán</u>
1. Maebh Ní Eilí	(Maevé Healy)	Roscomáin
2. Bríd Ní Fhathaigh	(Brigid Fahy)	An Ghaillimh
3. Elaine Ní Clonaith	(Elaine Kenny)	An Ghaillimh
4. Cairméal Ní Ailín	(Carmel Allen)	An Ghaillimh
5. Deirdre Ní Chonnachtáin	(Deirdre Connaughton)	Roscomáin
6. Damhnait Ní Mheaschair	(Dympna Meagher)	An Ghaillimh
7. Mairéad de Burca	(Margaret Burke)	An Ghaillimh
8. Treasa Ní Bhreacáin	(Teresa Bracken)	Roscomáin
9. Oilbhe Ní Bhrodair	(Olivia Broderick)	An Ghaillimh
10. Máire Ní Ghiannáin	(Mary Gannon)	Roscomáin
11. Caitríona Ní Fhiornagáin	(Caitríona Finnegan)	An Ghaillimh
12. Eimhear Ní Argadáin	(Emer Hardinan)	An Ghaillimh

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13. Siobhán Ní Mháirtín	(Siobhán Martin)	Roscomáin
14. Ailish Ní Giolla Chairnigh	(Ailish Kilkenny)	An Ghaillimh
15. Briainín Ní Ruairí	(Bernie Rogers)	An Ghaillimh
16. Treasa Ní Chárthaigh	(Teresa Carty)	Roscomáin
17. Caitríona de hOra	(Catherine Hoare)	Roscomáin

MumhaGorm is órga

1. Ailish Ní Dhúláinne	(Ailish Delaney)	Tiobraid Árann
2. Mairéad Ní Ghadhra	(Marguerite Guiry)	Luinneach
3. Áine Máire Ní Gearailt	(Anne Marie Fitzgerald)	Tiobraid Árann
4. Córa Uí Chinnéide	(Cora Kennedy)	Tiobraid Árann
5. Clár Ní Mhadáin	(Claire Madden)	Tiobraid Árann
6. Tríona Ní Chnámhsí	(Triona Bonner)	CAPTAEN Tiobraid Árann
7. Briainín Chawke	(Bernadette Chawke)	Luinneach
8. Sinéad Ní Nialláin	(Sinéad Nealon)	Tiobraid Árann
9. Póilín Ní Cárthaigh	(Pauline McCarthy)	Luinneach
10. Lyn Ní Dhoinnlé	(Lyn Dunlea)	Corcaigh
11. Pádraigín Ní Mhurchú	(Patricia Murphy)	Corcaigh
12. Deirdre Ní Aodha	(Deirdre Hughes)	Tiobraid Árann

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13. Leán Ní Laoire	(Helen O'Leary)	Tiobraid Árann
14. Siobhán Ní Thoibín	(Joan Tobin)	Tiobraid Árann
15. Mairéad Ní Threasaigh	(Mairéad Treacy)	Luinneach
16. Rionach Ní Mheára	(Regina O'Meara)	Tiobraid Árann

SinsearCorcra is órga

1. Terri de Búitléir	(Terri Butler)	Loch Garman
2. Tina Ní Eanáir	(Tina Fitzhenry)	Loch Garman
3. Una Ní Mhurchú	(Una Murphy)	Cill Chairnigh
4. Caitríona Ní Mhurchú	(Catherine Murphy)	Loch Garman
5. Caitríona Bhreatnach	(Cathy Walsh)	Áth Cliath
6. Réiltín Shionóid	(Stella Sinnott)	Loch Garman
7. Áine Ní Dhúnaigh	(Ann Downey)	Cill Chairnigh
8. Gillian Ní dhioldáin	(Gillian Dillon)	Cill Chairnigh
9. Marina Ní Dhúnaigh	(Marina Downey)	CAPTAEN Cill Chairnigh
10. Áine Ní Rodaigh	(Anne Reddy)	Loch Garman
11. Aingeal Ní Dhúnaigh	(Angela Downey)	Cill Chairnigh
12. Bríd Ní Mhaolalaidh	(Brigid Mullally)	Cill Chairnigh

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13. Louise Ní Chomhraí	(Louise Curry)	Áth Cliath
14. Sinéad Ní Laoire	(Jane O'Leary)	Loch Garman
15. Gearóidín Ní Dhuinn	(Geraldine Dunne)	Áth Cliath
16. Miriam Uí Mhaoilleoin	(Miriam Malone)	Cill Dara

MumhaGorm is bán

1. Caitlín Ní Oistín	(Kathleen Costin)	Corcaigh
2. Eilís Ní Dhonnchaidh	(Liz Dunphy)	Corcaigh
3. Bríd Ní Clonaith	(Breda Kenny)	Corcaigh
4. Treasa Ní Cheallacháin	(Therese O'Callaghan)	Corcaigh
5. Eilís Towler	(Liz Towler)	Corcaigh
6. Linda Ní Mhaoilgheiric	(Linda Mellerick)	Corcaigh
7. Sandra Ní Giobúin	(Sandy Fitzgibbon)	CAPTAEN Corcaigh
8. Denise Ní Chróinín	(Denise Cronin)	Corcaigh
9. Irene Ní Chaoimh	(Irene O'Keefe)	Corcaigh
10. Fiona Ní Dhrisceoil	(Fiona O'Driscoll)	Corcaigh
11. Colette Ní Mhathúna	(Colette O'Mahony)	Corcaigh
12. Irene Ní Laoire	(Irene O'Leary)	Corcaigh

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13. Róis Ní Dheasúnaigh	(Rose Desmond)	Corcaigh
14. Eilís Ní Néill	(Liz O'Neill)	Corcaigh
15. Paula Ghógán	(Paula Goggan)	Corcaigh
16. Máire Ní Choileáin	(Marie Collins)	An Clár

LEINSTER OUT TO HOLD TITLE

THE final of Gael Linn inter-provincial Camogie series will be played at O'Toole Park, Dublin on Sunday, starting at 3.15 p.m. It will be preceded by the Junior Gael Linn decider at 2.00 p.m.

Leinster will be all out to hold on to their title which they won from Munster last year.

Terry Butler who has had a great season for Wexford is in goal. Tina Fitzhenry, Catherine Murphy, Wexford, with Una Murphy Kilkenny, and Cathy Walsh Dublin, are in defence. Ann Downey, flanked by Gillian

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Dillon (both Kilkenny) and Stella Sinnott Wexford are at centre field while Marian Downey, Angela Downey and Brigid Mullaly (Kilkenny), along with Ann Reddy (Wexford) make up the forward line.

The Munster team will have Kathleen Costine (Cork) in goal, Liz Dunphy, Paula Goggin, Liz Towler and Teresa O'Callaghan in defence while Linda Millerick and Denise Cronin will

be at centre field.

Their attack includes Fiona O'Driscoll, Colette O'Mahoney, Irene O'Keefe and Sadie O'Brien (Clare).

Munster will be hoping to bring off the double when their juniors meet Connacht. Munster include Triona Bonner, captain, Deirdre Hughes, Sinead Nealon (Tipperary), Marguerite Guirey and Paula McCarthy (Limerick), and Lynn Dunlea (Cork) make them a formidable force.

Connacht will be backed by All-Ireland beaten finalists Galway, and players from Roscommon.

Munster capture Gael Linn Cup

LEINSTER surrendered their Gael Linn inter-provincial title to Munster when they lost the final at O'Toole Park on Sunday.

Leinster had to field short of their centre back Wexford's Catherine Murphy, and this was a blow, although Cathy Walsh of Dublin filled the slot and performed well.

Munster commenced with all 12 players from All-Ireland champions Cork. They went three points ahead and held this lead at half time, on a score of 0-8 to 0-5.

Early in the second half, Gillian Dillon, from about ten yards, sent a bullet-like shot towards goal, but it was unbelievably saved by Munster goalie Cathy Costine.

Munster continued to pick off points, and two goals for Leinster

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by Gillian Dillon and Jean O'Leary still left a three-point deficit. In the 20th minute, a goal by Irene O'Leary put the icing on the cake for Munster.

Final score - Munster 1-18 (I.O'Leary 1-4, C.O'Mahony 0-7, I. O'Keefe 0-3, S. Fitzgibbon and M. Collins 0-2 each); Leinster 2-9 (J.O'Leary 1-2, B. Mullaly 0-4, G. Dillon 1-0, M. Downey, A. Downey, A. Reddy 0-1 each).

On Sunday, the Leinster senior club champions Rathnure have Pearses of Galway at home (2pm) in the All-Ireland Senior Club championship semi-final. Rathnure defeated the London champions Tara in the quarter-final, but will

get stiffer opposition from the Galway champions.

Nevertheless, the Slaneysiders are confident of reaching the final. They have some very experienced players and will want to forget the quarter final match.

Rathnure will field as follows - M. Fleming, C. Murphy, M. Doherty, P. Dreelan, M. Hayden, A.M. White, M. Green, A. Reddy, L.Doyle, N. McCarthy, G. Codd, B. Higgins, Subs. E.O'Leary, B. Howlin, A. Barrow, A. Shore, A. Somers, M. Somers, S. Quigley, E. Doyle, A. English.

The Leinster League is now drawing to a close. Meath and Offaly will meet in the final at a Meath venue on Sunday November 29. More on that later.

A replay classic?

SUNDAY next should see yet another classic encounter when Kilbrittain and Brian Dillons will meet for the second time at Ballynaly at 1.30 p.m. to decide the destination of the Intermediate Championship title for 1992. In other games, the Gael Linn Interprovincial Championships finals are scheduled for O'Toole Park, Crumlin on Sunday and will see Munster and Connaught in opposition in the Junior final at 1.45 p.m., while at 3 p.m. the Munster senior team play Leinster. Also on Sunday, the U-18 championship gets off to a start with a number of interesting clashes listed, while in the Junior B Championship, Fermoy are at home to Courcy Rovers in a quarter-final clash. In the only other game listed, Killeagh and Newcestown clash in the semi-final of the U-14 "A" League at Mayfield on Saturday at 12 noon.

Three weeks ago Kilbrittain and Brian Dillons finished all square in the Intermediate Championship final after a nail biting contest and on Sunday next these sides meet again in what should be another cracking contest. On form, the city side will probably be slightly favoured again this time, but it certainly would be no surprise if Kilbrittain were to succeed. Both teams will be chasing their first ever Intermediate title and with Dillons losing out last year after a replay, they will no doubt be very determined not to have a repeat of this. On the other side of the coin, Kilbrittain won the Junior "B" championship two years and last year proceeded to win the Junior "A" title after just one year. If they take the Intermediate championship on Sunday, it certainly will be some achievement for a club only formed in the past five years.

Dillons will be hoping that players like Liz O'Sullivan, Aileen Barry, Louise and Gail Fleming, Alison Dilworth and Val O'Mahony will carry the day for them, but these girls will certainly have to be at their best if they hope to curtail a Kilbrittain side that can call on players like Mary Brennan, Ann Marie Desmond, Catherine Whelton, Mary Sexton and Miriam Deasy.

In the Interprovincial finals on Sunday, the Munster senior team face a tough challenge when they take on Leinster. The Leinster team is mainly dominated by Kilkenny and Wexford players and could prove to be more than a handful for a Munster side which is made up mainly of Cork players.

Tipperary players winners of this seasons All-Ireland Junior championship make up the bulk of the Munster Junior team with just two Cork players, Lyn Dunlea and Patricia Murphy gaining places.

FIXTURES

Saturday, November 7, U-14 "A" League semi-final: Killeagh v Newcestown at Mayfield, 12 noon. (Ref. Tracy Sheehan).

Sunday, November 8, Gael Linn Interprovincial finals: Junior, Munster v Connaught, O'Toole Park, Crumlin, 1.45 p.m.; Senior, Munster v Leinster, O'Toole Park, Crumlin, 3 p.m.; Intermediate Championship final: Kilbrittain v Brian Dillons at Ballynaly, 1.30 p.m. (Ref. Betty Joyce); Junior "B" Championship: Courcy Rovers v Fermoy at Fermoy, 3 p.m. (Ref. St. Catherine's); U-18 Championship: Ballincollig v Middleton at Ballincollig, 12 noon (Ref. Ballinora); Fr. O'Neill's v Killeagh at Fr. O'Neill's, 3 p.m. (Ref. Middleton); Newcestown v Sarsfields at Newcestown, 3 p.m. (Ref. Cloughduv); Glen Rovers v Aghabullogue at Glen Rovers, 12 noon (Ref. Na Piarraigh); Bandon v Eire Og at Bandon, 12 noon (Ref. Valley Rovers); Junior "A" League, St. Finbarrs v Watergrasshill at St. Finbarrs, 11.45 a.m. (Ref. Douglas).

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DESPITE a purple patch during the second half when Gillian Dillon and Stella Sinnott added a goal apiece, it was Munster all the way in the Gael Linn Interprovincials in O'Toole Park Dublin yesterday.

The Munster side was effectively All Ireland Cork by any other name, with 19 year old Deirdre Hughes from Tipperary the only outsider.

Despite a hat tick of goals from Galway's Cathiona Finnegan, Connacht were very much the junior partners in this match, dominated from the start by a Tipperary powered Munster side.

At O'Toole Park - Senior - Munster 1-18 (I.O'Leary 1-4, C.O'Mahony 0-7, I. O'Keefe 0-3, S. Fitzgibbon 0-2, D. Hughes 0-2); Leinster 2-9 (J. O'Leary 1-2, G. Dillon 1-0, B. Mullaly 0-4, M. Downey 0-1, Ann Downey 0-1, A. Reddy 0-1).

Junior - Munster 6-11; Connacht 3-3.

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Champs for first time

Kilbrittain 0-4
Brian Dillons 0-3

KILBRITTAIN became Cork County intermediate camogie champions for the first time when they had a point to spare over luckless Brian Dillons in a low-scoring but highly absorbing final replay at Ballyanley yesterday.

Both sides provided spirited play on a pitch that was much too heavy for stylish stick work and several good chances went begging at both ends.

Kilbrittain's outstanding defender, Mary Brennan, had two points from frees in the opening quarter but Dillons countered with a fine point from Naomh Regan and one from a free by Liz O'Sullivan.

Mary Sexton had Kilbrittain's only score from play just before half-time, a splendid effort from 40 yards.

At half-time it was 0-3 to 0-2 and Mary Brennan increased Kilbrittain's lead with another pointed free four minutes after the resumption. Remarkably they were not to score again but fought doggedly to hold on to their slender lead.

When Liz O'Sullivan pointed a 30 after ten minutes Dillons looked set to collect the title that had eluded them in the past two finals. They dominated play but failed to capitalise on some good chances. Their efforts were further stymied by the superb defensive play of Annette O'Leary and Mary Brennan.

Scorers for Kilbrittain: M. Brennan 0-3, M. Sexton 0-1. Brian Dillons: L. O'Sullivan 0-2, N. O'Regan 0-1.

KILBRITTAIN: R. Hayes, K. Whelton, A. O'Leary, M. Brennan, H. O'Donovan, A. Desmond, M. Sexton, C. Dineen, I. Crowley, E. O'Neill, C. O'Regan, M. Deasy. Sub: K. Foley for C. Dineen.

BRIAN DILLONS: K. Barrett, A. Dilworth, S. Fahy, G. Hannon, L. Hurley, G. Fleming, L. Fleming, N. O'Regan, L. O'Sullivan, G. Ryan, A. Barry, V. O'Mahony. Sub: C. O'Mahony for A. Barry.

Referee: B. Joyce (Kil-leagh).

Club appeal suspension

PEARSE'S camogie club in Galway have appealed the six-month suspension imposed on one of their players, Sharon Glynn, sent off while playing for Connacht in the Gael-Linn semi-final at Turloughmore on October 18.

Glynn was deemed to have attempted to strike an opponent with her hurley (Rule 19.14).

The club argue in a statement that the 17-year-old student had been pushed to the ground following a throw-in and had used her hurley to protect herself as got back to her feet. She was sent off by the referee, but the club say she made no attempt to strike an opponent.

ban out of order

THE Connacht senior camogie selectors have taken legal advice against a six-month ban on their teenage county star, 17-year-old Sharon Glynn.

They have sent the camogie association (Cumann Camogaiocht na nGael) a solicitor's letter querying the validity of their decision to suspend the Leaving Cert student for six months.

The young Pearse's club player was sent off in a Gael Linn senior interprovincial semi-final between Connacht and Leinster in Turloughmore on October 18.

The referee's report described her as 'attempting to strike an opponent.'

By CLIONA FOLEY

But the team management and her club claim that the rule under which she was banned (Rule 19.4) was not actually passed at the last Congress and is invalid.

"We have gone through all the proper channels and we feel a solicitor's analysis is our only option now," Connacht selector Colette Kennedy said.

Glynn's club have also launched an all-out offensive on the Association Cummann, calling for a full enquiry into Glynn's case and a change in the rules.

"At the very least we would like to see some difference in the punishments for 'attempting to' and actually 'striking' a player," Pearse's senior team manager Michael Kennedy said.

"At the moment the punishment is the same. But we feel certain that Sharon did neither," he added.

Glynn's club say that at the time of the alleged incident the full-forward was getting up off the ground and gripping her hurley with a hand at either end, in such a way that it was impossible to try to strike someone.

The Camogie Association takes a extremely firm hand with their relatively rare wrongdoers.

In the men's games, conviction for a similar offence (striking or attempting to strike) would probably only earn a one-month ban with a leave to appeal.

Male players are also allowed to bring an ally to speak for them when they appear before the Ard Chomhairle.

But in the Camogie Association players must face their Tribunal alone and there is no right to appeal unless the ban is a year or greater.

Yesterday, before they knew of the solicitor's letter, the Camogie Association said the matter was closed.

Glynn's club Pearses went on to win their first senior Galway title without her and will also be missing her for their All Ireland club semi-final against Rathnure (Wexford) next weekend.

"But this is not about getting her back for the club," said Kennedy.

"We feel she was badly misjudged and tainted. As a talented schools' player she is missing out an awful lot of games and suffering."

(Picture: Dan Linehan)

The Kilbrittain team (left) who drew with Brian Dillons in the Cork Camogie Intermediate County Final at Ballinhassig.



Double mission for Wilson

the Junior "B" Championship.

Tomorrow could prove to be a very special day for Newcestown trainer Denis Wilson. He will be hoping to steer his charges to their first ever Junior "A" Championship success, while later in the day he will be lining out with the Newcestown hurlers, who take on Newtownshandrum in the County Junior final at

Páirc Uí Chaoimh.

However, Inniscarra will provide tough opposition. On form Newcestown go as favourites. They appear to be stronger all-round and with fine victories over Ballinora, St. Finbarrs and Watergrasshill behind them they will certainly be confident.

Inniscarra will be spearheaded by senior

intercounty player Irene O'Keeffe as well as other fine players in Marie O'Brien, Margaret O'Donovan, Tracy Ryan and Ann Golden. But they will have to be at their best to curtail a Newcestown side that can call on players like the Kenneally sisters, Hilón and Eleanor, Cliona Long and Antoinette O'Connell.

The U-16 "B" Cham-

pionship final should provide a very close and entertaining game with Courcey Rovers and Bandon bidding for their first ever U-16 title. In fact, if Bandon succeed it will be their first every title, while Rovers only won their first title this season when they defeated St. Fanahans in the U-14 "B" League final.

When both sides met in the league only a puck of

the ball separated them, so no doubt tomorrow's clash should be another ding-dong affair.

Bandon will be looking to players like Catherine Leahy, Leane Tobin, Aoife Crowley and Clare Deasy, while Courcey Rovers will be pinning their hopes on Shirley Moloney, Cora Murphy, Carol Hannon, Niamh Downing and Emer Brennan.

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Mid Cork girls capture county title

Sheila Golden, chairman, Cork County Camogie Board, presenting the Junior 'A' Championship cup to Michelle O'Sullivan, captain, Inniscarra, after their two points win over Newcestown in the final at Ballincollig.



Inniscarra triumph

Inniscarra 1-8,
Newcestown 1-6

A brilliant display by inter-county star Irene O'Keeffe helped Inniscarra to their first major success in sixteen years when they defeated Newcestown by two points in the Cork Junior "A" camogie final at Ballincollig yesterday.

Scorers: Inniscarra: I O'Keeffe 1-6 (0-4 frees), F O'Donovan 0-1, M O'Brien 0-1. Newcestown: C Long 1-3, H Kenneally 0-2, L Crowley 0-1.

Inniscarra: A O'Leary; T Ryan; M O'Donovan, E Murray, M O'Sullivan; N Buckley, I O'Keeffe, C O'Callaghan; S O'Sullivan, F O'Donovan, D O'Sullivan; M O'Brien. Subs: A Golden for C O'Callaghan; E Moynihan for S O'Sullivan.

Newcestown: C O'Donovan; M Crowley; J Wilson, E Twohig, P Holland; M Carty; E Long, Y O'Callaghan; A O'Connell, H Kenneally; L Crowley. Sub: U Crowley for L Crowley.

In the U-16 "B" final Courcey Rovers defeated Bandon 3-1 to 2-3.



The Inniscarra team, winners of the Cork Co. Junior 'A' Camogie Championship with a two point victory (1-8 to 1-6) over Newcestown in the final at Ballincollig.

Glen put title on the line

ON Sunday next at the Glen Field Cork champions Glen Rovers will be hoping to retain their Munster crown when they take on the Limerick champions Granagh/Ballingarry in the provincial decider at 1 o'clock. At local level the Junior 'B' Championship continues with two games down for decision and will see Barryroe and Aghabullogue in opposition at Coachford on Sunday morning while on Monday at Riverstown Courcy Rovers play the home club. In the under-16 championship Killeagh are at home to St. Vincent's, Bishopstown travel to Kilbrittain and Bandon play Castlemagner at the latter's venue.

On Sunday next at the Glen Field, Glen will be chasing their third Munster title in-a-row when they take on Granagh/Ballingarry in a game that is scheduled to start at 1 o'clock and here it is difficult to see the holders being stopped. They are a very strong outfit powered by inter-county players Sandy Fitzgibbon, Therese O'Callaghan, Denise Cronin, Lynda Mellerick, Clare McCarthy and these together with their other experienced players Mary Ring, who captains the

side, Diane Deane, Mandy Kennefick, Patricia Murphy and Máiréad O'Leary must surely combine to form a very strong outfit.

GREAT STYLE

On the other side of the coin Granagh took the Limerick Championships in great style and they too can call on inter-county players Bernie Chalke, Bernie O'Brien, Máiréad Treacy and Ida Quaid but these girls will certainly have to be at their best if they hope to curtail what appears to be a more experienced Glen side.

In the Junior 'B' championship Barryroe will be expected to account for Aghabullogue's second string while Sarsfields who can call on players like Ger Barry and Eithne Barry should prove too strong for Courcy Rovers.

UNDER-16

In the under-16 'A' championship the clash of Kilbrittain and Bishopstown promises to be a very close affair. If Vivienne Harris and Elaine Doyle play to form then the city side could well be on their way but they certainly face a tough challenge in a Kilbrittain side spearheaded by Cork

minor Miriam Deasy who will also be favoured with a home venue.

In the second game Killeagh should have the edge on St. Vincent's while in the under-16 'B' championship there should be plenty of keen rivalry when Bandon and Castlemagner clash at the latter's venue in a semi-final game. Both clubs will be seeking to advance to their first game. Both clubs will be seeking to advance to their first ever under-16 final on the following Sunday against Courcy Rovers.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

Munster Club Senior Championship Final: Glen Rovers (Cork) v Granagh/Ballingarry, Limerick at the Glen Field, at 1 o'clock.

Junior 'B' Championship: Aghabullogue v Barryroe at Coachford at 12 noon. Ref. Eire Og.

Under-16 'A' Championship: Killeagh v St. Vincent's at Killeagh at 12 noon. Ref. Fr. O'Neills. Kilbrittain v Bishopstown at Kilbrittain, at 12.30. Ref. Courcy Rovers.

Under-16 'B' Championship: Bandon v Castlemagner at Castlemagner at 3 p.m. Ref. Inniscarra.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

Junior 'B' Championship: Sarsfields v Courcy Rovers at Sarsfields at 4 o'clock.

Glen champs again

By Tom Higgins

Glen Rovers (Cork) 2-13; Grenagh-Ballingarry (Limerick) 2-3

GLEN ROVERS retained their Munster senior camogie title with a good win over Grenagh-Ballingarry at the Glen Field, Cork yesterday.

The Limerick side, who played with a strong wind in the opening half, got off to a great start with a goal from Una Quaid within a minute and when Noreen Noonan had another five minutes later they looked like putting it up to the champions. However, once the home side settle down they began

For the winners, Diane Deane was very solid in defence and got great support from Mary Ring. Sandy Fitzgibbon, after a quiet first-half, played well with the wind while Clare McCarthy and Therese O'Callaghan were prominent in attack.

Fourteen years-old Breda O'Brien had an excellent game in goal for the losers, while Bernie Chawke was prominent in defence and was ably assisted by Una Quaid. Noreen Noonan and Bernie O'Brien were others to play well for Grenagh-Ballingarry.

Scorers for Glen Rovers: T O'Callaghan 1-6, P Murphy 1-0, C McCarthy 0-3, F Twomey 0-2, D Cronin 0-1, L Mellerick 0-1.

Grenagh-Ballingarry: U Quaid 1-0, N Noonan 1-0, I Quaid 0-2, Bernie O'Brien 0-1.

GLEN ROVERS: M O'Leary, M Ring, D Deane, S Fitzgibbon, D McCarthy, L Mellerick, M Kennefick, D Cronin, T O'Callaghan, P Murphy, F Twomey, C McCarthy.

GRENAGH-BALLINGARRY: Breda O'Brien, M Treacy, S Meehan, B Chawke, U Quaid, V Noonan, Bernie O'Brien, N Sheehan, I Quaid, S Heffernan, N Noonan, K Sheehan.

Referee: K McNicholas (Clare).



● Glen's Sandy Fitzgibbon

to mark more closely and turned over at the break 2-2 to 0-3 behind.

After the sides had swapped points in the opening minutes of the second-half Glen took over to draw level by the 43rd minute when the score read 0-9 to 2-3. Then Patricia Murphy had the Glen's first goal to put them in front and in the closing stage Therese O'Callaghan, who had an outstanding game, put the icing on the cake with an excellent goal.

CAMOGIE

All-Ireland Senior Club Championship semi-final: Rathmore (Wexford) 2-5; Pearse's (Galway) 1-6.

National Junior League: Tipperary 7-8; Waterford 1-0.



All-Ireland champions, the Cork camogie team, celebrate. Members of the Cork camogie team pictured at a victory reception at Jameson Heritage Centre, Midleton. Centre is Alan McEnri, manager.

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Glen out to atone

GLEN ROVERS will be hoping to atone for their defeat by Mullagh of Galway in last year's All-Ireland Club Championship semi-final when this coming weekend they make the long journey to Portlennone, Co. Antrim to play the home club in this season's semi-final. On the local front the U-14 'A' League final will be decided between Newcestown and Bishopstown at Ballynaly at 1.45 p.m. while immediately following this game Brian Dillons and Inniscarra clash in the U-16 Championship semi-final. In the only other games listed both Junior 'B' Championship semi-finals will be decided and will see Barryroe and Kilbrittain in opposition at Bandon and at Ballincollig, Cobh take on Courcy Rovers.

On form Glen Rovers will go into Sunday's All-Ireland semi-final as favourites to advance but they certainly will be treating their opponents with every respect. Portlennone favoured with a home venue and spearheaded by players like Carla Doherty, Siobhan Bradley, Ann Monaghan and the McAntanery sisters Therese and Marie will no doubt provide stiff opposition for the Cork girls. However, despite the fact that the Glen will be fielding without players like Ger McCarthy and Mary Currid they still have a very strong panel to choose from and if players like Sandy Fitzgibbon, Therese O'Callaghan, Mary Ring, Denise Cronin, Mairead O'Leary, Diane Deane and Patricia Murphy play to their usual form it is difficult to see them being halted.

The second semi-final is also down for decision this weekend and will see Rathnure of Wexford and Tara of Galway in opposition at Rathnure. The All Ireland final is scheduled for November 29.

The County Board have put up a cup to the memory of the late Maire Ni Cheallachain of Dripsey whose trojan work for the Camogie Association throughout the whole country will long be remem-

bered. While Maire Ni Cheallachain showed a keen interest at all levels of camogie she always had a special grath for the underage games and it certainly seems very appropriate that the trophy to her memory be given each year to the winners of the U-14 'A' League and the first recipients of this trophy will be either Newcestown or Bishopstown and here it looks like as if we could have a very close contest in store. When both these sides met in the Feile na nGael competition only a puck of the ball separated the sides. Bishopstown went on to win the Cork Feile and because of this will probably start as slight favourites for Sunday's game but no doubt Newcestown after having been defeated in the Junior 'A' final two weeks ago will be very determined to do well this time out.

In the remaining games Barryroe should have the edge over near neighbours Kilbrittain in the Junior 'B' semi-final while in the second semi-final newcomers Cobh could be heading for their first final ever.

In the only other game listed Dillons should, on form, have the edge over Inniscarra when they clash in the U-16 Championship semi-final.

FIXTURES

SUNDAY

All-Ireland Club Championship semi-final: Glen Rovers (Cork) v Portlennone (Antrim), Portlennone, 1 p.m.

Under-14 'A' League final: Newcestown v Bishopstown, Ballynaly, 1.45 p.m.

U-16 Championship semi-final: Brian Dillons v Inniscarra, Ballynaly, 3 p.m.

Junior 'B' Championship semi-finals: Kilbrittain v Barryroe, Bandon, 2.30 p.m.; Cobh v Courcy Rovers, Ballincollig, 12 noon.

So easy for the Glen

Glen Rovers 8-17;
Portlennone 2-4

GLEN ROVERS qualified to meet Rathnure of Wexford in the All-Ireland Senior Club camogie final when they had a big win away to Portlennone yesterday.

The home side got off to a good start when they scored two goals in the opening five minutes, but a goal from 45 yards by Sandy Fitzgibbon in the 10th minute settled the Glen and they began to play much better afterwards.

Glen were undoubtedly the fitter and more skilful side and once they got into their stride it was all one-way traffic.

The game was over as a contest early in the second-half when Linda Mellerick waltzed past three defenders to score a spectacular point and the Cork side then raced away to a deserved success.

Glen scorers: Clare McCarthy 3-2, Linda Mellerick 0-3, Fiona Twomey 2-2, Therese O'Callaghan 1-1, Patricia Murphy 0-3, Sandie Fitzgibbon 1-0, Denise Cronin 1-0.

'Town's camogie triumph

Bishopstown 5-1;
Newcestown 1-6

BISHOPSTOWN won the Cork County Under-14 'A' camogie league at Ballynaly, yesterday with a seven points success over Newcestown.

In a very closely contested first-half the winner turned over leading by 1-1 to 0-3 and were still only a point in front, 3-1 to 1-6, going into the final seven minutes. However, Bishopstown finished the stronger for a deserved win.

Scorers for Bishopstown: Nicola Falvey 2-0, Nicole Barry 2-0, Nicole Corcoran 1-0, Margaret Kearney 0-1.

Newcestown Paula Twohig 1-6 (0-4 frees, 0-2 '30's').

Inniscarra 1-3;
Brian Dillons 0-3

IT has not been Brian Dillons' week. Having lost the Intermediate 'A' championship final to Kilbrittain last Sunday they had to give best to Inniscarra in the Under 16 'A' semi-final in the second game at Ballynaly.

Inniscarra led at the break by 1-1 to 0-1 and although Brian Dillons came more into it in the second-half they could never get the vital score that would put them back in the game.

Scorers for Inniscarra: Catherine O'Leary 1-0, Deirdre O'Sullivan 0-2, Margaret Noelie O'Sullivan 0-1.

Brian Dillons: Valerie O'Mahony 0-2, Jill Hannon 0-1.

CAMOGIE ROUND-UP

THE all Ireland camogie senior club championship semi-finals will be decided next Sunday. Munster champions Glen Rovers of Cork make the long journey north to take on the Ulster champions Portlennone of Antrim at Portlennone.

Glen Rovers must be strongly fancied in this encounter. They won title in 1990 with a win over St Paul's of Kilkenny.

The 'Glens' are a formidable force, fielding five players who were members of the Cork team that won the All Ireland.

Portlennone have yet to win the title. They reached the final on two occasions, in 1972 and 1977. Their Ulster title this year was the first since 1982, and although the odds are stacked against them on Sunday they are sure to put up a good display. They will be depending on players such as Brona and Brenda McIlvina, Karen Convery, Margaret Dockman and Siobhan Bradley to create a major upset.

The Leinster champions, Rathnure of Wexford have the Connacht champions Pierces of Galway at home. Rathnure defeated Tara of London in a quarter final match, 1-5 to 1-3.

SUNDAY: All Ireland Senior Club Championship (semi-finals) — At Rathnure: Rathnure v Pierces, 2.30 pm. At Portlennone: Portlennone v Glen Rovers, 1.00 pm.

Glen's long trip

Glen Rovers make the long journey North tomorrow for the game against Portlennone of Antrim in the All-Ireland Club Championship semi-final on Sunday.

On the Cork front pick of the games should be the clash of Newcestown and Bishopstown in the Under 14 'A' League final, while both Junior 'B' Championship semi-finals will also be decided. Barryroe and Kilbrittain meet at Bandon and at Ballincollig Cobh take on Courcy Rovers.

In the only other game Inniscarra and Brian Dillons battle it out at Ballynaly to decide who goes forward to meet Killeagh in the Under-16 Championship final.

Glen Rovers, defeated by Mullagh of Galway in last year's club semi-final, will be hoping to make no mistake this time when they take on Portlennone.

On form Glen must be favourites but their panel has been considerably weakened with the non-availability of two of their more experienced players in Ger McCarthy and Mary Currid.

Beth are a big loss and combined with the long journey Glen will be treating this game with the utmost caution.

The Glen, captained by Mary Ring, will include other experienced performers in Sandy Fitzgibbon, Therese O'Callaghan, Lynda Mellerick, Diane Deane, Denise Cronin, Patricia Murphy as well as their younger players Mairead O'Leary, Deirdre McCarthy and Mandy Kennefick.

The Under-14 'A' League final between Newcestown and Bishopstown promises to be a very close affair. When both teams met in the Feile na nGael competition Bishopstown emerged victorious by the narrowest of margins and Sunday's game promises to be another close one.

Bishopstown will be looking to players like Vivienne Harris, Elaine Doyle and Nicole Barry, while Newcestown will be pinning their hopes on players like Paula and Elaine Twohig, Linda Crowley, Elizabeth White and Karen Long.

The cup for the winners will be the Maire Ni Cheallachain Trophy. This cup has been donated by the County Camogie Board to commemorate the memory of the late Maire Ni Cheallachain whose trojan work for Camogie not alone in Cork but throughout the whole country will long be remembered.

In the remaining games Barryroe should have the edge over near neighbours Kilbrittain when they clash in the Junior 'B' Championship semi-final, while Courcy Rovers will be hoping to continue their winning trend when they take on Cobh.

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The UCC Freshers camogie team which won the Inter-Varsity Cup over the weekend defeating UL in the final. Pictured (left to right) are: Claire Shine, Valerie Nagle, Niamh Fitzgerald, Josephine Ahern, Paula Dowling, Neasa O'Dwyer, Deirdre Delaney and Stephanie Dunlea. Front row: Eithne Dunphy, Yvonne O'Leary, Nicola O'Brien, Carol O'Callaghan, Orla Murphy, Helena Bugler and Maria McElhinney.

A first for UCC

UCC first year camogie team won the Freshers inter-varsity tournament for the first time ever on Saturday in Maynooth. Twelve teams in all participated in the tournament. In their section UCC defeated Magee College, UCG, UCC 'B', Queens and Jordanstown.

In the other section, University of Limerick beat Waterford RTC, DCU, UCD, Maynooth and Coleraine, to meet UCC in the final.

In a closely contested final UCC defeated UL by 1-4 to 1-1.

The victorious UCC panel: N. O'Dwyer (Capt); P. Dowling, S. Dunlea, C. O'Callaghan, J. Ahern, D. Delaney, H. Bugler, O. Murphy, N. O'Brien.

The UCC captain Neasa O'Dwyer, was also awarded player of the tournament.

The team were coached by Pat Murray and Tom Queally and selectors were Sharon Keohane and Sinead Eustace.

Easy for Barryroe

Barryroe 5-1; Courcey Rovers 0-0

BARRYROE had an easy win over Courcey Rovers in the Cork Junior "B" camogie championship decider at Cloughduv, yesterday.

The winners led by 2-1 to nil at the break and added three further goals in the second-half for a well deserved win.

For Barryroe, Elaine McCarthy had an outstanding game and got good support from Colette Cahalane and Ann Sheedy. For the losers Shirley Moloney, Catherine Morgan and Mairead O'Donoghue were best.

Scorers for Barryroe: Ronnie Barry 3-0, Sharon Keohane 1-1 and Jane Keohane 1-0.



Pictured at a recent presentation to Irene O'Keefe, the Inniscarra and Cork camogie player, at Castle Hotel, Blarney: Noel Hennessy, Inniscarra GAA (centre); Tim McCarthy, Telecom Eireann, who presented Irene with a watch for her achievement in being voted best player for Cork in the All-Ireland camogie final this year.

Another meeting

By Tom Higgins

Inniscarra 2-2
Killeagh 2-2

INNISCARRA and Killeagh must meet again in the Cork Under-16 camogie championship final.

In an exciting game, in very trying conditions at Togher on Saturday, Killeagh looked the likely winners at half-time.

Inniscarra played with a very strong wind in the opening half, but they still turned over 0-1 to 1-1 behind having shot nine wides and failing to convert three "30's".

When Killeagh went further ahead with a point after two minutes of the second-half they looked good, but Inniscarra suddenly got their act together and playing some excellent camogie drew level in the eighth minute with a fine goal from Fiona O'Donovan, who shot hard and low from a 20 metres free. Three minutes later Catherine O'Leary got through for another goal to put Inniscarra in front for the first time. They held this advantage until two minutes from time when Regia Cunningham shot home after the ball had stuck in the mud in the Inniscarra goalmouth.

Scorers for Inniscarra: F O'Donovan 1-2 (1-0 free, 0-1 "30"), C O'Leary 1-0.
Killeagh: B Kelleher 1-0, R Cunningham 1-0, M O'Connor 0-2 (0-1 free).

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Micheál Martin, Lord Mayor of Cork makes a presentation on behalf of Swisco Sports and Social Club to Kathleen Costine, goalkeeper of the Cork All-Ireland-winning camogie team. Included are Sheila Golden, chairman Cork County Camogie Board; Seamus Keegan, chairman of Swisco Sports and Social Club and Mary Martin, Lady Mayoress.

Tipp well in command

Cork 1-1; Tipperary 2-5
ALL-IRELAND junior camogie champions, Tipperary collected the points in this National Junior League tie at Ballyanley, Cork yesterday.

The winners led by 1-3 to nil at the break and although Cork played much better in the second-half they never looked like troubling the champions.

Scorers for Cork: Lynn Dunlea 1-1.

Tipperary: Triona Bonner 1-3, Sinead Nealon 1-0, Deirdre Hughes 0-2.



SPORTS STARS: At the *Kilkenny Sports Stars Awards dinner for 1992* were (from left) *Comdt Eamonn Goulding, chairman, (who played inter-county senior hurling and football for Cork); D. J. Carey (hurling award); Bridget Mullally (camogie award); and George Good, managing director, Smithwick's (sponsor). Mr Good comes from Model Farm Road, Cork.*

Champs Limerick to keep Galway at Bay

FIVE games are down for decision next Sunday in the Junior Camogie League.

National League champions Limerick are at home to All-Ireland runners-up Galway both having collected two points from first round matches.

Galway have stars in Eimear Hardiman, Yvonne Larkin, Ailish Kilkenny and Carmel Allen, but the experience of Ada Quaid, Bernie O'Brien, Patricia Twomey, Kay Burke and Pauline McCarthy should see Limerick through.

Clare visit Leinster champions Kilkenny who took two points from Offaly. While Imelda Kennedy, Sinead Costello, Mary McGrath and Margaret Comerford will make it difficult for them Clare should take their first points with the help of Pauline O'Brien, Maura McNicholas, Sylvie O'Brien and Clodagh Lennon.

All-Ireland champs Tipperary must be fancied to win at Cork while Donegal at home may be too strong for Antrim. Tyrone travel to Derry and should take the points.

On Saturday, Maynooth College host a Freshers Seven A Side competition for the Isobel O'Neill Cup. Colleges and universities from all over Ireland will take part in the CCIA organised event, start time 10.30.

CCIA hold their annual convention on Sunday in Maynooth College at 11.0.

Dramatic win by heroic Rathnure

RATHNURE 2-5, PEARSES (Galway) 1-6: an injury time transformation put Rathnure into the All-Ireland senior club camogie final for the first time in their history as they disposed of the Galway champions in a spectacular thriller on Sunday.

'Lazarus isn't in it' - Geraldine Codd commented after it was all over, as winners and losers alike stood dazed on the scene of a memorable battle. She had just played her part in the comeback to end all comebacks, turning a three-point deficit into a breathtaking two-point victory.

Not until fully an hour and twenty seconds had elapsed did Bernie Higgins strike the vital equaliser to end more than thirty scoreless minutes for the home team. Then, once the dam had burst, the scores kept coming with Codd hitting Rathnure into the lead and Norma Carty battling through for the final point.

Next to come will be a trip to Cork and a final against Glen Rovers on 29th November.

Win, lose or draw, Sunday was always going to be an emotional occasion for the eventual victors, as a minute's silence beforehand for the late Pat Reddy reminded the large crowd. Pat's sister Ann lined out as normal with Rathnure.

The Galway girls soon made it very clear that they were no pushovers, cheered on by their coachloads of supporters. They settled the more quickly with a couple of points but were then taken aback by a Rathnure goal. It came out of the most almighty scrum in the square with Geraldine Codd blocked several times before Lilian Doyle made the critical connection.

The Rathnure lead lasted barely four minutes as disaster befell Mary Fleming in the goal. She attempted a hand-passed clearance, only to be intercepted by the in-rushing Martina Haverty who followed up into the net.

The Pearses continued to look lively in attack but added just one more free to their tally before half time. Meanwhile, Ann Reddy popped one over for Rathnure, Codd slotted over a free and Lilian Doyle took a point from an Eileen Dillon pass to leave it 1-3 each at the break.

And so it stayed for ten tense minutes during which Rathnure did most of the pressing, without looking really convincing. Eventually the scoring drought was relieved at the other end through a couple of Martina Harkin frees.

The Pearses edged further ahead on 52 minutes with one of just three scores which the Galwegians extracted from play. Desperate measures were called for and Catherine Murphy lent her formidable talent up front to the search for salvation.

On 56 minutes it seemed that she had done the

● Report by David Medcalf

trick as her headlong surge into the square produced incredible chaos around the goalmouth. However, Jackie Codd's handpassed effort, performed from an unlikely sitting position, squeezed inches the wrong side of the post.

As the hour ticked away and the injury allowance commenced, mighty Murphy once more tried to make something happen, this time under an Eileen Dillon free. She mis-judged the flight, and the ball sailed over her fingertips to Bernie Higgins who shot low to the net to provoke a cheer which echoed back from Mount Leinster.

The excitement was not finished either as Rathnure were suddenly freed from the chains of anxiety which had dogged their attack up to that. Geraldine Codd accepted the lead point with an ease and arrogance which had been notably absent up to that. Then Norma Carty carved a score for herself out of a run up the right flank which summed up the determination of the entire team.

They were heroines, all of them.

Catherine Murphy, while performing her more normal role of full back, pulled off some sublime blocking tackles. Anna-May White and Trish Dreelan thrived on the adversity which came their way a-plenty in the second half, patrolling the corners with tigerish intent.

This was a win fashioned above all from the ability of the defence to hold steady for long periods when the morale-raising scores were not flowing.

Eileen Dillon shouldered enormous responsibility, playing everywhere except goalie, it seemed, at some stage in the game. Mary Hayden set a new standard for ground hurling while Ann Reddy was simply fearless in everything she attempted.

If there was a cause for concern in this unforgettable performance, it was the lack of incisive pattern to the forward play. Still, no-one could fault the willingness of Lilian Doyle and the rest to put themselves into the most bruising of situations without regard for personal safety.

RATHNURE: Mary Fleming, Catherine Murphy, Anna-May White, Trish Dreelan, Norma Carty (0-1), Eileen Dillon, Ann Reddy (0-1), Lilian Doyle (1-1), Bernie Higgins (1-0), Bridget Howlin, Geraldine Codd (0-2, 0-1 from a free). Sub: Jackie Codd for Howlin (43 mins).

PEARSES: Aggie Burke, Catherine Donnellan, Ann Earls, Geraldine Heavey, Bridget Kilgannon, Martina Harkin (0-4 from frees), Ursula Hannon, Ann Ryan, Tracy Laheen (0-2), Carmel Hannon, Martina Haverty (1-0). Sub: Maire Farrell for Haverty (27 mins).

Wides: Rathnure 12, Pearses 9.

Referee: Betty Joyce (Cork).



ANN REDDY, one of the heroines of Rathnure's victory, bursts past her Galway opponent with the ball.



CATHERINE MURPHY, who was outstanding for Rathnure, about to make another telling clearance against Ann Earls of the the Galway and Connacht champions.

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SPORTING forum

LAST WEEKEND was a remarkable one for Wexford sport with important victories being recorded in camogie, hurling, Gaelic football and soccer. Well done to all concerned for giving us all a much needed boost on these dark, Winter days.

Rathnure reached their first ever All-Ireland club camogie final with a very exciting win over Galway and Connacht champions, Na Piarsaig; Buffers Alley reached the Leinster club hurling final with a good win over Trim; the footballers beat Antrim in an exciting League tie in Gorey and the Co. soccer team repeated last year's Oscar Traynor Cup win over Waterford.

I went to Rathnure for the camogie clash on Sunday, and it was a really worthwhile journey as the girls carved out a remarkable victory when all seemed lost.

Rathnure struck with a goal and two points in the last couple of minutes to snatch victory and put themselves into the All-Ireland final. Their never-say-die spirit won the day.

I was particularly glad for Catherine Murphy who gave another remarkable display at the back and then forged upfield in those hectic closing minutes to inspire the last-gasp winning effort.

It was a great occasion for the Rathnure club to be hosting such an important match in their own splendid grounds, but it was an occasion also tinged with emotion and sadness. The club and the area had been hit during the week by the death at a young age of Pat Reddy, formerly a player with the senior hurlers, and brother of Ann, a key member of the camogie team.

The Reddy family is widely connected and greatly respected in the locality. The funeral took place only on Saturday and a minute's silence was observed before Sunday's game. All concerned were anxious that Ann should take her place in Sunday's encounter. Despite the great strain on her, she performed with her usual wholehearted distinction and was an important part of this victory.

My sympathy to the Reddy family and all relations, and at the same time my congratulations to Ann and all the rest of the girls and to Teddy O'Connor and the other mentors on a great victory in such circumstances.



THE RATHNURE TEAM that won its way to the All-Ireland club camogie final on Sunday with a great win over Pearse's, the Galway and Connacht champions on Sunday. Back, from left - Brigid Howlin, Trish Dreehan, Anna May White, Bernie Higgins, Mary Fleming, Ann Reddy. Front, from left - Eileen Dillon, Catherine Murphy, Mary Hayden, Lillian Doyle, Norma Carty and Geraldine Codd.

Glen are on the glory trail again

By Tom Higgins

IT has been a great year for Cork camogie with the senior county side winning the National League and All-Ireland titles. On Sunday at the Glen Field (2.30) the Cork County champions, Glen Rovers, will be hoping to put the icing on the cake when they face Rathnure of Wexford in the All-Ireland Club championship final.

Glen won this competition in 1986 and 1990 when they defeated St. Pauls of Kilkenny and are quietly confident of taking the title once. They boast four members of the successful Cork side — Sandy Fitzgibbon, Linda Mellerick, Therese O'Callaghan and Denise Cronin as well as Clare McCarthy who was a sub. However, they will be missing Mary Currid, a Cork panelist, and their prolific scorer Ger McCarthy, who are both indisposed.

However, they still have a very talented and balanced side, and with eight players who have

collected All-Ireland Club medals in the past they will not lack experience.

They will again be led by Mary Ring, who captained the side to their first club title in 1986, and if they can show previous form they will take a lot of beating.

"We are not underestimating the opposition. After all they have five of the Wexford side beaten in this year's All-Ireland final so they will not be beaten easily. Still, we are confident of our own ability and feel we have the winning of the game," said selector Ann O'Donovan when I visited the Glen Field last evening to see the girls training under the watchful eye of trainer Noel Lynham.

The only member of the panel not training last night was Sandy Fitzgibbon, who is in America with the Irish basketball side. But she will be back on Thursday and will be expected to play a major part in Sunday's game.

Rovers on course for final glory

THE All-Ireland senior camogie club championship final takes place on Sunday between Cork kingpins Glen Rovers and Rathnure, Wexford.

Rathnure, who are competing in their first ever final, defeated London champions Tara 1-5 to 1-3 in the quarter-final and Pearse's of Galway 2-5 to 1-6 in the semi-final.

Five of the Wexford team, runners-up in the All-Ireland, Geraldine Codd, Anne Reddy, Catherine Murphy, Eileen Dunne, and Mary Hayden will take up positions with Rathnure.

They also have excellent performers in Trish Dreehan, Bernie Higgins and Brigid Howlin.

Glen Rovers, participating in their fourth final in six years, won't topple easily. They won in 1986, captained by the present captain Mary Ring and again in 1990 and are fancied to take their third title on Sunday.

They are a formidable force fielding five players from All-Ireland champions team, Cork, Linda Mellerick, Denise Cronin, Therese O'Callaghan, Sandy Fitzgibbon, and Claire McCarthy.

Meanwhile, The AGM of the All-Ireland Schools camogie council takes place at Croke Park on Saturday at 2.0.

Fixtures — Sunday — All-Ireland Senior Club Championship final: Glen Rovers (Cork) v Rathnure (Wexford). Glen Rovers 2.30. Leinster B League final: Meath v Offaly, Kilmessan 2.0. Ref: L. Davitt (Westmeath).

FÁNAITHE AN GHLEANNA



AR CHUÍ (ó chlé) – Clár Nic Cárthaigh, Emma Ní Airt, Tara Ní Fhloinn, Áine Ní Longargáin, Pádraigin Ní Mhurchú, Máiread Ní Laoire, Únda Ní Mhaolghoiric, Denise Ní Chroíin, Alison Nic Conmidhe, Úna Ní Argáin.
CHUN TOSAIGH (ó chlé) – Áine Ní Cholmáin, Aoibheann Nic Cárthaigh, Treasa Ní Cheallacháin, Máire Ní Rinn (Captaen), Fiona Ní Thuama, Dianne Ní Dhéin, Deirdre Nic Cárthaigh, Mandy Chinileic.

RATH AN IÚIR



AR CHUÍ (ó chlé) – Teddy Ó Conchubhair (Roghndóir), Áine Inglis, Jackie Nic Oda, Briainín Ní Uiginn, Máire Phléimeann, Máire Ní Éidéan (Captaen), Bríd Huilín, Áine Shore, Lillian Uí Dhughail, Sinéad Ní Choirc, Pádraigin Uí Dhraoiléain, Áine Ní Bhearáin. **CHUN TOSAIGH (ó chlé)** – Eilís Ní Shomacháin, Áine Máire de Faoite, Gearóidín Nic Oda, Caitríona Ní Mhurchú, Áine Ní Roidigh, Eibhlín Dhiolún, Norma Ní Chárthaigh, Máiread Ní Shomacháin.

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GLEN ROVERS – Cork

Dathanna – DUBH, GLAS IS BUI

(1)

MAIRÉAD NÍ LAOIRE

Mairéad O'Leary

(2)

DIANE NÍ DHÉIN

Diane Deane

(3)

MÁIRE NÍ RINN

Mary Ring (Captaen)

(4)

DEIRDRE NIC CÁRTHAIGH

Deirdre McCarthy

(5)

SANDRA NIC GIOBÚIN

Sandie Fitzgibbon

(6)

MANDY CHINIFÉIC

Mandy Kenefic

(7)

TREASA NÍ CHEALLACHÁIN

Therese O'Callaghan

(8)

FIONA NÍ THUAMA

Fiona Twomey

(9)

LINDA MHAOILGHEIRIC

Linda Mellerick

(10)

DENISE NÍ CHRÓINÍN

Denise Cronin

(11)

PÁDRAIGÍN NÍ MHURCHÚ

Patricia Murphy

(12)

CLÁR NIC CÁRTHAIGH

Claire McCarthy

IONADAITHE – (13) Áine Ní Cholmáin, Aon Coleman; (14) Áine Ní Longargáin, Ann Lonergan; (15) Emma Ní Airt, Emma Hart; (16) Alison Nic Conmidhe, Alison Conway.

RÁTH AN IÚIR (LOCH GARMAN)

RATHNURE – Wexford

Dathanna – DUBH IS ÓMRA

(1)

MÁIRE PHLEIMEANN

Mary Fleming

(2)

CAITRÍONA NÍ MHURCHÚ

Catherine Murphy

(3)

ÁINE-MÁIRE DE FAOITE

Anna-Mai White

(4)

MÁIRE NÍ ÉIDÉAN

Mary Hayden (Captaen)

(5)

PÁDRAIGÍN UÍ DHRAOILEÁIN

Patricia Dreehan

(6)

NORMA NÍ CHÁRTHAIGH

Norma Carty

(7)

EIBHLÍN NÍ DHIOLÚN

Eileen Dillon

(8)

ÁINE NÍ ROIDIGH

Anne Reddy

(9)

GEARÓIDÍN NIC ÓDA

Geraldine Codd

(10)

LILIAN UÍ DHUGHAILL

Lilian Doyle

(11)

BRIAINÍN NÍ UIGINN

Bernie Higgins

(12)

BRÍD HUILIN

Bridget Howlin

IONADAITHE – (13) Jackie Nic Óda, Jackie Codd; (14) Éilis Ní Laoire, Elizabeth O'Leary; (15) Éilis Ní Shomacháin, Eilis Somers; (16) Áine Inglis, Anne English.

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Teachtaireacht an Uachtaráin

Tá ríméad orm fáilte a chur romhaibh chuig an cluiche cennais faoi leith seo, an ceann deireannach i mbliana.

Once again Cork and Wexford are in an All-Ireland camogie final, this time in the club championship.

Rathnure club is playing in its first final, having snatched the semi-final from Pearses, Galway, in one of the most skillful and exciting games in the series.

Glen Rovers beat Portlennone, Antrim, in the other thrilling semi-final. Glen Rovers have already taken Club All-Ireland honours to Cork in 1990.

Both teams have several inter-county players, so we can expect an exhibition par excellence of all that is camogie at its best.

Táim fíor bhuíoch de na hoilighigh, na réiteoirí agus de na maoir ar lúd na tíre as an obair fhónta atá déanta acu ar son na camógaíochta i rith na bliana.

Gúim beannacht agus rath ar ár lucht leanúna agus is é mo ghruí go dtiocfaidh méadú ar an líon sin sna blianta atá romhainn.

Bíodh toradh ar ár saothar chuige seo.

Brídín Uí Mhaolagáin, Uachtarán



Craobhchomórtas Idir-Chlub na hÉireann

CUIREADH tús leis an gcomórtas seo i 1964 le seasca bliain de shaol Chumann Camógaíochta na nGael a chomóradh. An naoiú Craobh is fiche atá bainte amach inniu againn, agus Fánaithe an Ghleanna agus Rath an Iúir in iomaíocht lena chéile sa Chluiche Ceannais don chéad uair ariamh.

Only seven Counties have All-Ireland Club Champions, with Cill Chainnigh leading the roll of honour.

Cill Chainnigh (8):	Naomh Pól: 1968, '69, '70, '74, '76, '87, '88, '89.
Áth Cliath (5):	Celtic: '64; Eoghan Rua: '67; Aibhistín de Staic: '71, '72; Croimghlinn: '85.
Loch Garman (5):	Buffers Alley: '79, '81, '82, '83, '84.
Corcaigh (3):	Cill Ia: '80; Fánaithe an Ghleanna: '86, '90.
An Ghaillimh (3):	Urán Mór: '73; Béal Átha an Rí: '77; Mullach: '91.
Luimneach (2):	Cruach-Cill Fhionnáin: '75; Béal Átha na Gráinseach: '78.
Tiobraid Árann (2):	Baomh Pádraig: '65, '66.

Only fourteen Clubs have the distinction of having won this competition. Will Rath an Iúir give Leinster its nineteenth title, or Fánaithe na Ghleanna give Munster its eighth? Go raibh sár-chluiche ann, pé toradh a bhíonn ar an gcluiche inniu.

AN RÉITEOIR:

Sinéad Uí Bhíataigh

(AN GHAILLIMH)

Is réiteoir, riarthóir, oiliúnaí agus iar-imreoir í Sinéad, agus ard-chaighdeán bainte amach i ngach ceann díobh sin aici.

Jane has won several honours as a player. With U.C.G. she won an Ashbourne Cup medal. She was on the winning team which brought the first All-Ireland Junior title to An Ghaillimh, and played with Connacht when that province won the Gael Linn Cup in 1973 and 1974.

Tá a cuid déanta ag Sinéad i gcúrsaí riaracháin chomh maith. She is a former Officer of both her Coiste Contae and Comhairle Chúige.

A teacher in St. Cuan's Secondary School, Castleblakeney, Sinéad coaches the camogie team. Under her guidance, many Colleges titles have gone to St. Cuan's.

In her capacity as Referee, Jane has officiated at all levels, including All-Ireland Senior Finals and Gael Linn Final.

This is Jane's first All-Ireland Club Championship Final. Go n-éirí go geal lei inniu.



NA MAOIR CHÚIL:

Máire Bhrioscú, Bríd Uí Bhruadair, Áine Ní Fhathaigh, Noilín Ní Cormacáin (An Ghaillimh)



CLÁR AN LAE

Fánaithe an Ghleanna v. Rath an Iúir

(Glen Rovers)

(Rathnure)

PÁIRC AN GHLEANNA, CORCAIGH, 2.30 I.N.

Réiteoir: Sinéad Uí Bhíataigh (An Ghaillimh)

Gabhtar buíochas leis an gClub a chuir an pháirc ar fáil duinn.

NA CLUICHÍ LEATHCHEANNAIS

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Rath an Iúir.....	2-05	Na Píarsaigh.....	1-6

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Fánaithe an Ghleanna

CONTAE CHORCAÍ

TÁ an Club seo ann le breis is seasca bliain anuas agus é ag dul ó neart go chéile faoi láthair. Chuir muintir an Chlub go mór le dul chun cinn na camógaíochta i gCorcaigh i gcoitinne, idir chursaí riaracháin agus imeartha.

Glen Rovers had its first taste of success when winning a County title in 1934, but had to wait until 1947 for its second title. By then, the Club had been reorganised by Chrissie Donovan. The present Cathaoirleach of the Club, Nóra Newman (O'Brien), helped to win the Senior County Championship in 1950. Further wins at this level were recorded in 1951 and 1957.

Bhí luach a saothair ag Fánaithe an Ghleanna sa deichmhear dár gcionn agus an Chraobh Shinsireach buaite seacht n-uaire as a chéile acu idir 1962 agus 1968. Among the famous players of those years were Deirdre Sutton, Anna Crotty, Maura Coleman, Nóra O'Mahony and Peggy Dorgan.

Although the next decade saw a decline in the fortunes of the Club at Senior level, the under-eighteen and Intermediate players, with the guidance of Nóra Newman, Mary Nott, Nancy Hourihane and Maura Coleman, brought titles to the Club in 1973, '75 and '79.

Almost fifty years after its first success, Fánaithe an Ghleanna

celebrated a unique treble in 1983 when winning the County Senior, Junior and under-18 titles. League and further under-18 titles followed in 1984 and 1985.

Cuireadh bláth ar stair an Chlub i 1986 nuair a baineadh Craobh Idir-Chlub na hÉireann amach don chéad uair ariamh. Mary Ring, daughter of the famous Christy, accepted the All-Ireland trophy on behalf of the Club after a famous victory over the then Club Championship specialists, Naomh Pól, Cill Chainnigh. They repeated that victory over Naomh Pól in the final of 1990 under the captaincy of Therese O'Callaghan. Bhí Therese ina captaen ar fhoireann Chorcaí i 1991.

Success has followed success since 1990 with several trophies going to the Club at Senior, Intermediate, under-18 and under-16 levels in addition to Corn na Cásca, Oileán Mhanainn, and the All-Ireland seven-a-side Cill Mochuda-Na Crócaigh title.

1991 saw the Club on a tour of the United States where they played matches in New York and Boston.

Apart from reaching the Club final, 1992 has particular significance for Fánaithe an Ghleanna. Its present captain, Sandie Fitzgibbon, became the first Glen Rovers player to accept Corn Ua Dubhthaigh on behalf of Corcaigh after a long-awaited victory in the All-Ireland Senior Championship. Sandie brought another honour to her Club when she also captained the Munster Senior team to Gael Linn victory.

Coach, Noel Lynam, is no stranger to medal-winning with Glen Rovers as he is the holder of County Senior Hurling medals which he won in 1958, '59 and '60. Sí seo an chéad bhliain do i gceannas ar an bhfoireann Chamógaíochta.

Rath an Iúir

LOCH GARMAN

BUNAÍODH an Club seo in 1968, bliain stairiúil i saol na camógaíochta i Loch Garman. Muintir na Camógaíochta agus muintir Chumann Lúthchleas Gael a thóg ortha féin an Club a chur ar a bhonnaibh. Among those who founded Rath an Iúir were Jim and Margaret Shiels who have held office at County Board level, Marcella Redmond, Trish Codd, the late Phil Barron who was a prominent G.A.A. official, Teddy O'Connor, the present trainer, and members of the Rath an Iúil G.A.A. Club. Another founder member was Larry Cahill, husband of the late Mary Walsh who captained Loch Garman to its historic first All-Ireland Senior Championship title win in 1968. Muintir Chorcaí a bhí i gcoinne Loch Garman ar an ócáid sin, mar atá arís inniu.

Rathnure won its first title, the County Junior Championship, in 1972, a year in which the Loch Garman Junior team reached the All-Ireland Final for the first time. The 1970s saw six County Minor titles go to the Club.

The 1980s brought further success to Rath an Iúir with the County Intermediate title in 1982 followed by County Championship titles at under-

12, under-14 and under-16. The Club also represented Loch Garman in Féile na nGael.

The Club was strengthened in 1988 when near neighbours, Cloughbawn, joined forces with it. Ba mhór ar fad ag an gClub é nuair a rugadh an Chraobh Shinsireach leis don chéad uair ariamh i 1989. This feat was repeated in 1991 and 1992. Rathnure is now contesting its first All-Ireland Club Final, having won its first Leinster Club title.

The strength in depth of Rath an Iúir is in evidence in the fact that its under-twelve team reached the County Final this year, while its under-sixteen team won the County Championship.

Tá an Club go mór faoi chomaoín ag a thraenálaí, Teddy O'Connor. Teddy has brought his considerable skills and experience as a County hurler to the Club, and he would be very proud to have Corn Idir-Chlub na hÉireann on display in Rath an Iúir.

Five of the team are contesting their second All-Ireland Final of 1992. Captain, Mary Hayden, Anne Reddy, Geraldine Codd, Eileen Dillon and Catherine Murphy represented Loch Garman with distinction in the All-Ireland Senior Final this year. Catherine a bhí ina captaen ar fhoireann an Chontae. Corcaigh, arís, a bhí in iomaíocht leo. Catherine and Anne won their places yet again on the Leinster team which contested the Gael Linn Final this year.

Beidh an-fhonn go deo ar mhuintir Rath an Iúir an bob a bhualadh ar a sean-chairde ar an ócáid seo.

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Glen are chasing a third title

BY TOM HIGGINS

CORK champions, Glen Rovers, will be seeking a third All-Ireland Club championship title when they face Rathnure of Wexford in the final at the Glen Field, Cork tomorrow (2.30).

The home side won the competition in 1986 and 1990 and while this is Rathnure's first decider they will be anxious to make up for the setbacks suffered by their county side, who went under to Cork in both the National League and All-Ireland finals this year.

Both sides have very experienced players. The Glen have five of the county's "double" winning side while the Wexford side also have a similar number who have tasted county competition.

Glen selectors, Mary Newman-Carthy, Helena Mullins and Ann O'Donovan, have only one slight injury worry. Fiona Twomey is suffering from a neck injury but apart from that they will be expected to name their best side.

They will be missing two stalwarts from the team who defeated Toomevara in the opening round of the Munster championship, Ger McCarthy and Mary Currid, and although both will be a big loss even without them they still have a very strong panel.

Rathnure will be missing one of their stars, Jackie Codd, who is recovering after an operation. Still, Teddy O'Connor, the former Wexford hurler who is their trainer, will have the girls fully fit for this confrontation and they will be able to field a very strong side and will not be easily beaten.



Trainer Noel Lynam with Glen Rovers captain Mary Ring at a training session for tomorrow's All-Ireland Club Camogie final against Rathnure. (Picture: Denis Minihane)

Glen Rovers lost to Mullagh of Galway, who went on to take the title, in last year's semi-final but Mullagh were beaten by Pearse's in their Co Championship. Pearse's then went on to win the Connacht title but failed by two points to Rathnure in the All-Ireland semi-final which suggest that Rathnure are no bad side.

Rathnure reached the Leinster final in 1989 and 1991 but were beaten on each occasion. However, this year they made it third time lucky when they took the title when defeating Lisdowney of Kilkenny.

Mary Ring, daughter of the legendary Christy Ring, who led Glen Rovers to their first All-Ireland Club title in 1986 when they defeated St Pauls of Kilkenny, again captains the side from full back and is one of eight players on the side who have already won All-Ireland club medals.

The side is built around their five Cork players, Sandie Fitzgibbon, Therese O'Callaghan, Denise Cronin, Linda Mellerick and Claire McCarthy and if they all play to their potential the home side could

prove hard to beat.

Rathnure will be relying on Catherine Murphy, who has moved to full back, and Ann Reddy to see them through. Both are top class players and were the two who stood out in the Wexford side which went under to Cork in the All-Ireland final. But they also have Mary Hayden, who came on as a sub in Croke Park, who captains the side, Geraldine Codd, a most prolific goal poacher and Eileen Dillon, who also made an appearance in the All-Ireland decider in their side and these players could prove quite a handful for the Cork girls.

Those travelling to the game should note that no cars will be allowed into the Glen Complex.

RATHNURE: M Fleming; C Murphy; A M White, M Hayden (capt), P Dreehan; A Reddy, E Dillon, N McCarthy; B Higgins, L Doyle, G Codd, B Howlin. Subs: J Codd, A Barron, E Somers, S Quigley, A Shore, M Somers, A English.

GLEN ROVERS: (panel): M O'Leary, M Ring (Capt), D McCarthy, S Fitzgibbon, D Deane, T O'Callaghan, M Kennefick, L Mellerick, C McCarthy, F Twomey, D Cronin, P Murphy, E Harte, A Coleman, A Loneragan, A Conway, U Horgan, J Hamill, J McCarthy, T O'Flynn, M Deane.

GREAT hurling matches have myriad ingredients, writes Kevin Cashman. Efficiency is invariably and indispensably one of them. Judged on that criterion, efficiency, the display of Glen Rovers in the club camogie semi-final against Portlengone was one of the greatest exhibitions of 1992.

The Glen's touch was uniformly excellent. Their close combination and longer range placing of the ball for comrades seemed telepathic. Their shooting, 25 scores, was almost frightening.

Nobody should be surprised when the Glen put forth such awesome virtuosity. It is their reward for running their show, over a dozen or more seasons, correctly - in fact, supremely well.

Of course, they had something of a head start: two of the leading camogie schools on the island, St Patricks and North Presentation, within a few hundred yards of their front gate. St Pats were and are organised by one of the truest and finest of the countless unhonoured - because they seek no fame - heroes in the annals of hurling: John Ring. Day in and day out, for as many years as anyone can remember - even on his crutches after an accident - he has worked with throngs and beives of girls and young women; always emphasising, insisting upon skill, skill above all else.

But somebody has to take over when the players leave school. And the ruin of many players and clubs is that that somebody is not always at hand. The Glen had Fin-

'Glen' running a good show

barr O'Neill: an exponent of order and organisation to the point of being a martinet. It seemed as though some utterly, ridiculously, felicitous confluence brought him and his panel together, for the meeting of hearts and minds was total.

Probably never in the history of camogie has such single-minded dedication and sheer, exhaustless, bloodyminded hard graft been put into the making of a team by so many for so long: four, often five, training sessions per week, with invariably better than 80% attendance. And rewards in the form of a couple of All Ireland titles, and a ream of county championships, duly flowed.

They had three more inestimable assets: superb leaders, by word and example, on the field, in the persons of Anne Delaney and Marie Mackey and Val Fitzpatrick; players who were not only certain to be there when the going got tough, but who positively yearned for it to get tough; players who thought long and deep about the game and its most minute detail - and, thereby, fitted themselves to react well whatever the circumstances.

RETIREMENT day arrived for those splendid players. And Finbarr O'Neill moved on to

other things in the fulness of time - and Noel Lynam took up the glory story without so much as a break of stride.

Now they have Sandie Fitzgibbon dictating matters. To see that woman give five or six yards to decent athletes in 20 yard sprints and win handily is one of the most extraordinary and exhilarating - not to mention frequent - sights in sport on this island. And the control and striking are assured and unfailingly intelligent.

Throw in Linda Mellerick, Claire McCarthy, Diane Deane, Therese O'Callaghan; all inter-county players and all operating at full throttle just now, and it is difficult to envisage a victory for Rathnure today. But they have their ration of intercounty players, too, and a score to settle with Cork folk over the happenings of September. Catherine Murphy and Geraldine Codd and Mary Hayden and Eileen Dillon and their comrades are not short of skill and experience, nor of heart, as they proved when overcoming Lisdowney of Kilkenny. But the Glen's unique levels of mobility and fitness, allied to quite uncommon ability, should see them through.

Of course, the way the weather is shaping, it may turn into a mud-bath - maybe even an unfinishable one. Luckily enough, Paice an Gleanna is one of the better fields to absorb those monsoons in which the camogie sorority - like their brothers - elect to play the majority of their fixtures. Whom the gods...

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Five Glen girls are set to make history

By Tom Higgins

SHOULD Glen Rovers manage to capture the All-Ireland Club camogie championship at the Glen Field, Cork on Sunday five members of the side will make history.

Rathnure stand in the way of Sandy Fitzgibbon, Therese O'Callaghan, Linda Mellerick, Denise Cronin and Claire McCarthy from having the distinction of winning the three most important camogie competitions in the same year.

All were on the successful Cork senior side which captured the National League and All-Ireland titles and success in the Club final would put the icing on the cake.

But, they face a difficult task as the Wexford champions are sure to make

them fight all the way. Rathnure have five players who figured on the team beaten by Cork in both this year's League and All-Ireland finals and they will be determined not to suffer the same fate again.

Although the Glen have won the club title on two occasions — 1986 and 1990 — Rathnure have yet to have their name etched on the trophy. That will make them even more determined.

Sandy Fitzgibbon, who missed training earlier in the week as she was on duty with the Irish basketball team in America, could play a major part in Sunday's game. She rarely plays a bad game for either club or county, and is perhaps the most experienced player on the side. On Sunday she will be seeking to capture her third Club championship medal

to add to the three All-Ireland, four National League and six County championship medals she possesses.

Denise Cronin will also be seeking her third Club Championship medal and she was also one of the stars of this year's Cork side. Although she has won five County Championship medals it was not until this year that she came into prominence with the County side.

Linda Mellerick is one of the best forwards in the country and is capable of getting scores from any angle. She started her career with Brian Dillons before moving to the Glen and since then has helped the Blackpool side to County titles and on the way collected a Club Championship medal. She also possesses two National League and an All-Ireland medal.

Therese O'Callaghan captained the side to victory when they last won the Club title in 1990. A winner of five County championship medals she also has two League medals and an All-Ireland medal in her collection.

Claire McCarthy made a remarkable recovery from a serious knee injury to regain her place on the Cork panel this year. She has given great service to the Glen Club, helping them to five County titles. She won a Club championship medal in 1986 on a side captained by Mary Ring who also captains this year's side. She would have also been on the 1990 side but for a knee injury. She is a very versatile player and can play either at full-back or full-forward. Although the Glen are extremely fit and quietly confident, they still will have to produce their best form to succeed.

SIMPLY THE BEST

Glen girls hit the right note

THE girls of the Glen are all a-glow today — and with good reason.

They brought the good times back to Blackpool yesterday when they won the All-Ireland Camogie Club Championship Final.

By T.P.O'Mahony

And having consigned Wexford champions, Rathnure, to the ranks of the "also ran", the Glen girls let things rip last night.

They not only sang old songs — they gave us a new one as well in the wee small hours of the morning.

It came courtesy of two of their stars, Linda Mellerick and Claire McCarthy, — and they left us in no doubt that Blackpool girls can do more than swing a camán.

They can strutt their stuff as well, on and off the pitch.

"The Glen are hip" the two girls told us — and you don't have to go back to Elvis to find out what that means.

Put simply, it means that the Glen girls are SIMPLY THE BEST.

As for the rest — well, 1993 is another year.

Conditions were appalling — rain, wind and fading light. But the result was never in doubt. It was 1-9 to 0-2 at the end, and but for Mary Fleming in the Rathnure goal it could have been twice that.

The crowd, and what a crowd on the day, showed their appreciation. Twice in the second half Mary stopped certain goals.

But the Glen were not to be denied.

Four minutes from halftime Patricia Murphy rattled the net, and from then on the result was never in doubt.

When it was all over the celebrations began — and they are still going on.

Mary Ring, Denise Cronin, Therese O'Callaghan and super-sub Ann Coleman: as the cup floated around their names were spoken of with awe.

It was like old times.



Glen Rovers player Therese O'Callaghan putting the ball over the bar watched by Rathnure player Eileen Dillon during the All-Ireland camogie club final at the Glen field yesterday. (Picture Dan Linehan).

Deep into the night — and what a night — someone sang a very old song.

A song linked in a very special way to Blackpool hearts, a song to stir old memories.

Its best-known line — "Oh The Night The Goat Broke Loose Upon The Parade" — has lifted many a rafter.

And none more so than last night.

Glory, glory Glen

By Brendan Larkin

GLEN ROVERS 1-9; RATHNURE 0-2

FOLLOWING their magnificent victory over Rathnure in the All-Ireland senior camogie final at their own pitch yesterday, Glen Rovers are the champion club in the champion county for 1992. They made light of the appalling conditions to fashion a tremendous win that gives them their third title since 1986.

In driving rain, terrible underfoot conditions and fading light, the Blackpool girls gave a great display, and had the title in safe keeping long before the final whistle. The Wexford club who travelled with great numbers, will be bitterly disappointed with the performance of their side. It was felt that the heavy conditions would suit their physically stronger team, but they could never match the superb stickwork of the Cork side, and in particular that of team captain Mary Ring, Sandy Fitzgibbon, Linda Mellerick and Ann Coleman.

Indeed it was a marvellous day for Coleman. She was a late replacement for the injured Fiona Twomey, but grabbed the chance with both hands to turn in a superb display. Galway born Ann, who is a sister of Michael Coleman, the Galway senior inter-county hurler, was a revelation at midfield, and the Rathnure girls simply had no answer to her powerful play. The Glen played into the teeth of the driving wind and rain in the first-half, and with Sandy Fitzgibbon in magnificent form at wing back, they pinned their opponents in their own half for long periods.

Points by Clare McCarthy, Patricia Murphy and Linda Mellerick, in the 12th, 13th and 14th minutes, emphasised Glen's superiority and but for some superb saves by Mary Fleming in the Rathnure goal, the home side would surely have won this game by a cricket score. She denied Therese O'Callaghan twice with great saves, but the persistent pressure

finally told in the 25th minute when Patricia Murphy goaled from the edge of the square after Ann Coleman had made the opening for her. It helped the Glen to an interval lead of 1-3 to nil and with the aid of elements to come the die looked well and truly cast for the Wexford side.

Glen played the second-half camped in the Rathnure area and it was only the magnificent goalkeeping of Mary Fleming that prevented a complete rout. With her colleagues failing to respond, the Rathnure girls fell further behind when Clare McCarthy and Linda Mellerick twice, stretched the Glen lead to 1-6 to nil, before Geraldine Codd finally broke Rathnure's duck with a point from a free in the 40th minute. It was one of the rare occasions the Wexford girls managed to get into the Glen half and they had to wait until seven minutes from time before the same player scored her side's second and final score, a point from a close-in free. In between the home side tacked on three further points from Clare McCarthy, Therese O'Callaghan, and Patricia Murphy, and while Rathnure did put in a late rally, the Glen defence, and in particular Deirdre McCarthy and Diane Deane, conceded nothing.

At the conclusion of the game it was a jubilant captain Mary Ring who accepted the cup on behalf of her ecstatic team-mates.

Scorers for Glen Rovers: P. Murphy 1-2; L. Mellerick 0-3; C. McCarthy 0-3 (all frees); T. O'Callaghan 0-1.

Rathnure: G. Codd 0-2.

GLEN ROVERS: M. O'Leary; D. Deane; M. Ring; D. McCarthy; S. Fitzgibbon; M. Kennefick; T. O'Callaghan; F. Twomey; L. Mellerick; D. Cronin; P. Murphy; C. McCarthy.

RATHNURE: M. Fleming; A. M. White; M. Hayden; P. Creelan; N. Carty; E. Dillon; A. Reddy; G. Codd; L. Doyle; B. Higgins; B. Howlin. Subs. J. Codd for B. Howlin; A. English for B. Higgins.

Referee: S. Beatty (Galway).



Captain Mary Ring holding the trophy aloft after Glen Rovers defeated Rathnure in the All-Ireland Camogie Club Championship final at the Glen Field, Cork.

—(Picture: Dan Linehan)

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GLEN'S GLORIOUS DAY

BY BRENDAN LARKIN

THEY'LL be singing the praises of Ann Coleman in Blackpool long after the memory of Glen Rovers' scintillating victory over Rathnure in the All-Ireland camogie club final fades into oblivion.

The Galway-born Ann was called in as a late replacement for the injured Fiona Twomey, and took full advantage to produce a performance that players only dream of.

She was absolutely magnificent at midfield in the trying conditions, and her powerful striking, allied to her physical strength, played a major role in the Glen winning the All-Ireland club title for the third time in six years.

Ballerina

It wasn't by any means a one woman show, however. Not far behind Miss Coleman was Sandie Fitzgibbon. The Cork star performed like a ballerina across the very muddy pitch, plucking balls out of the air and driving the Rathnure girls back time and time again with her lengthy clearances.

It's a testament to the outstanding ability of Miss Fitzgibbon that she played so well, given that she only arrived back in Ireland on Thursday after being on international basketball duty in America.

Team captain Mary Ring, Diane Deane, and Deirdre McCarthy never put a foot wrong in defence and restricted the Rathnure girls to just two points over the hour.

At midfield, Mandy Kennefick, daughter of former Glen stalwart Seanie, Therese O'Callaghan along with Ann Coleman ruled the roost, while up front, Linda Mellerick, Denise Cronin, Patricia Murphy and Claire McCarthy caused endless problems for their opposite numbers and Miss Murphy capped a fine display with the game's only goal, late in the first half.

Latest

This latest victory has thrilled the Glen and all those associated with the team. Selector Mary Newman-McCarthy was lavish in her praise for team coach and trainer Noel Lynam. "This was his first year involved with the girls and he certainly brought the best out of them.

"Yesterday's performance was just what a coach would have wished for. Everyone of the girls played out

of their skins, and when you consider that we lost four of last year's team, it speaks volumes for the talent we have at our disposal at present.

"This latest victory will undoubtedly work wonders for camogie, particularly in the local national and secondary schools where most of the team went to school, and the future is looking very secure for us", she added.

Mary, on behalf of her fellow selectors Ann Delaney

and Helena Mullins, was loud in her praise for the help and co-operation they received from the Glen Rovers and St. Nicholas clubs yesterday.

"They were simply magnificent, looking after the ground arrangements and generally providing invaluable encouragement and assistance. Our own club committee deserve special mention also. The team wanted for nothing and yesterday's victory was as much for them as the girls themselves", added Mary.

Glen Rovers camogie team who defeated Rathnure in the All-Ireland camogie club championship final at the Glen Field, Cork. (Picture: Dan Linehan)



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CAMOGIE

Glen are champions

■ GLEN Rovers beat Rathnure in the All-Ireland senior camogie final in Cork yesterday.



■ Action from the match

Glen Rovers in control

GLEN ROVERS.....1-9
RATHNURE.....0-2
CORK'S Glen Rovers proved far too strong for Rathnure of Wexford in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie club championship final at Glen Rovers yesterday.

The appalling conditions made it impossible for both sides to produce their best.

Rovers had 10 ten wides before ending the half on a score of 1-3 to 0-0. In the second half Rathnure failed to impress with just two points coming from Geraldine Codd, one from a free.

SCORERS — Glen Rovers: P. Murphy 1-2; C. McCarthy and L. Mellerick 0-3 each; T. O'Callaghan 0-1. Rathnure G. Codd 0-2.

Glen Rovers have all the answers

LEINSTER CAMOGIE

THE Wexford champions, Rathnure, found Glen Rovers, Cork too strong in the All-Ireland Senior camogie club championship final played at the Cork venue.

The strong wind and rain that continued throughout the whole game made it impossible for the sides to produce their best.

Rathnure never came to terms with the conditions, and lost out by attempting to lift the ball, while Glen Rovers pushed it along the sod.

Glen Rovers, after playing with the wind advantage in the first half, led 1-3 to 0-0 at the interval. In the second half Rathnure brought Catherine Murphy from defence to centre field, this scarcely improved the situation as Glen Rovers' Sandy Fitzgibbons and Linda Mellerick were in top form.

Their defence, headed by Mary Ring, repeatedly held off Rathnure raids. With ten minutes to go, Geraldine Codd, a great trier for Rathnure, picked off two points, but Glen Rovers ran out worthy winners on a score of 1-9 to 0-2.

Prominent for Rathnure were goalie Mary Fleming, Catherine Murphy, Mary Hayden and Geraldine Codd.

Scorers: Glen Rovers - Patricia Murphy 1-2, Linda Mellerick, Claire McCarthy 0-3 each, Therese O'Callaghan 0-1. Rathnure - Geraldine Codd 0-2.

Referee - Jane Beatty (Galway).

Offaly retained the Leinster Junior B League when they defeated Meath in the final at Kil-

lyon. This was a good, spirited encounter, with Offaly the sharper side.

Just before half time, a goal by Grainne Gath gave them a 1-8 to 0-3 interval lead. After the break, Offaly forged further ahead when Michelle Davis goaled.

Meath whittled away at the lead, with points coming from Sharon Raleigh and Stephanie Fitzsimons, and on the tenth minute they were in contention when a Laura Carney pass was finished to the net by Christine O'Brien.

But it was champions Offaly who turned on the pressure in the closing stages to run out winners on a score of 2-13 to 1-6.

Forthcoming conventions are: Sunday - Wexford, at Murphy Floods Hotel, Enniscorthy (1.30). Monday - Meath, at Wellington Court Hotel, Trim (7.30).



THE official meal after the All-Ireland Club Camogie Championship final between Glen Rovers and Rathnure was about to start down in Cork last Sunday night. Twenty invitations had been given to the Wexford club; 19 girls went in and as team manager and coach, Teddy O'Connor approached the dining room he was asked for his ticket. He didn't have one.

An official was called and a quick confab ensued. It was suggested that if he had £6 he would be welcome. Teddy walked away. He had £6 but a principle was involved. He prepared to dine alone.

The chairperson and captain of Rathnure came out. He told them the position... and that there was a principle involved. They returned to the dining room.

Just as the meal was about to commence, the Rathnure chairperson stood up, congratulated the Glen Rovers team on their victory and wished them well. Then the 19 members of the squad left the room.

Teddy O'Connor was upset that the girls' evening was being ruined. So he rang the Country Club between Waterford and New Ross and a few hours later proprietor Liam Mooney entertained the entire Rathnure panel to dinner.

Teddy O'Connor now feels like disassociating himself from a game he loves.

The camogie association would only say that Rathnure did not attend the dinner.

50 YEARS AGO:

OLD VOCATIONALS qualified for the final of the Cork County Junior Camogie Championship when they had a decisive 7-3 to 2-0 win over Farraby in the semipinal at Castletownroche, where Chrissie Morris (4-1), Matty Morris (1-0), T. Long (1-0), K. Kenefick (1-0) and Connie Morris (0-2), scored for the winners, while J. Coughlan scored both goals for Farraby.

40 YEARS AGO:

CORK won the Munster Senior Camogie Championship title when they had a very decisive 9-5 to 3-0 win over their old rival Tipperary in the final at the Cork Athletic Grounds, where the teams lined out as follows: Cork — S. Cahill, B. Walsh, T. Warren, S. O'Brien (capt.), B. Lucey, L. Coughlan, M. Delea, A. Crotty, N. Duggan, A. Lane, A.G. O'Shea, P. Lucey, Tipperary — C. Carroll, M. O'Brien (capt.), K. Wade, M. England, K. O'Keefe, W. McEvilly, K. Downes, T. Griffin, J. England, M. Morris, M. Griffin, R. Fenton. Sub: G. Feehan.

Camogie Results

ALL-IRELAND FINALS SENIOR: September 27. Cork 1-20; Wexford 2-6.

INTERMEDIATE: August 30: Ballygalget: Dublin 4-11; Down 4-4.

JUNIOR: September 20. Tipperary 6-10 Galway 2-7.

MINOR: July 26. Holycross: Tipperary 4-9; Kilkenny 1-3.

SEMI-FINALS SENIOR: August 16. Ballinlough: Cork 2-11 Kilkenny, Loughrea: Wexford 2-11; Galway 1-11.

JUNIOR: August 23. Ballyraggett: Tipperary 4-7; Kilkenny 1-7. August 23. Loughrea: Galway 3-6; Armagh 1-8.

MINOR: Antrim 3-7; Kilkenny 3-7. DRAW, Kilkenny 0-5; Antrim 1-2. Galway 3-5; Tipperary 2-8. DRAW, Tipperary 7-9; Galway 4-3. REPLAY.

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP PRELIMINARY ROUNDS
July 5. Clane: Galway 7-12; Kildare 3-5. July 12. O'Toole Park: Wexford 1-9; Dublin 0-4. Shannon: Kilkenny 9-20; Clare 0-5.

NATIONAL LEAGUES FINALS

SENIOR: June 14. Enniscorthy: Cork 2-17; Wexford 0-11.

JUNIOR: July 5. Limerick: Limerick 4-13; Down 2-6.

SEMI-FINALS SENIOR: May 31. Dublin: Wexford 2-14; Dublin 3-3. June 6. Ballincollig: Cork 4-29; Kildare 0-3.

JUNIOR: June 7. Limerick: Limerick 6-12; Roscommon 1-3. Down 4-10; Tipperary 3-7.

UNIVERSITIES CHAMPIONSHIPS ASHBOURNE CUP

FINAL: February 9. Belfast: U.U. Jordanstown, 6-3; Queen's University, Belfast, 3-4.

SEMI-FINALS: February 8. Belfast: Queen's University 3-3; U.C. Galway 1-2. U.U. Jordanstown 2-6; U.C. Dublin 1-3.

PURCELL CUP FINAL: Waterford Regional T.C. 0-7; University of Limerick 1-3.

Rathnure dream is ended by rampant Glen Rovers

GLEN ROVERS (Cork) 1-9, RATHNURE 0-2: the trip to Cork proved more of an ordeal than a celebration for the sizeable Rathnure camogie lobby as their side suffered defeat in their first ever All-Ireland senior club final appearance on Sunday. The Glen Field, home of the great Christy Ring, was an unwelcoming place for the Wexford women on a grey, damp November afternoon.

There was another Ring, daughter Mary, ready to receive them as captain of the Glen Rovers with a stern lesson in the hurling arts. Rathnure failed to score at all in the first half and two Geraldine Codd points in the second left them ten points adrift at the end.

It was a sad and soggy end to a campaign which provided so many happy memories during the Summer and Autumn of 1992. On the day they were thoroughly outplayed by a team which has the makings of one of the great club combinations and who thus regained the trophy they last held two years ago.

The result meant that Cork completed an All-Ireland double over Wexford, as their senior county squad had already taken the honours in Croke Park. Sadly, though Rathnure chased and harried to the end on this occasion, they never gave any significant signs that they were capable of challenging Rebel supremacy.

On a day when most of her colleagues were reduced to obscurity, the performance of keeper Mary Fleming shone like a light-house amidst the gloom. She made at least seven saves that were of top class, including one incredible treble block mid-way through the second half.

To start with, the Rovers' bandwagon took a little while to begin rolling with the first ten minutes passing scoreless while Eileen Dillon and Ann Reddy hit Rathnure wides. This was to prove the visitors' best period of play until eventually the Corkonians had their account opened at a '30' and Therese O'Callaghan began to assert herself in midfield.

In the circumstances, first time finalists Rathnure needed to convert whatever chances they were offered but Geraldine Codd's 13th

minute shot was batted off the goal line. Their other main chance of beating keeper Mairead O'Leary came on 19 minutes when Bernie Higgins hit low to the wrong side of the right post.

Fleming, peering out from under the brim of her cap, was finally beaten shortly before half time, when Patricia Murphy squeezed in a ground shot. The teams turned around with the scoreboard reading 1-3 to 0-0 - a major challenge but not yet a crisis for Rathnure.

Ger Codd broke the Rathnure duck on 33 minutes when she followed up her own mis-hit free to send the ball swirling over the bar. However, after that there were sixteen more minutes to wait before she added a successful free for the team's second and concluding point of the afternoon.

During that period, the full forward line were little more than spectators as Linda Mellerick and Denise Cronin teased and taunted a blitzed Rathnure defence. Anna-May White and Catherine Murphy in particular did what they could to stem the tide but the home side was quite relentless.

Had they taken full advantage of their overwhelming possession, then the damage could have been even worse. As it was, they could afford nineteen wides without suffering any unpleasant consequences.

There were no shirkers among the ranks of a Rathnure side that had nothing to be ashamed of in very difficult circumstances against very worthy champions. It was a pity perhaps that such an important game could not have been played on a neutral pitch. As it was, Glen Rovers not only held all the aces but they were also able to call trumps.

GLEN ROVERS: Mairead O'Leary, Diane Deane, Mary Ring, Deirdre McCarthy, Sandy Fitzgibbon, Mandy Kenefic, Therese O'Callaghan (0-1), Ann Coleman, Linda Mellerick (0-3), Denise Cronin, Patricia Murphy (1-2), Claire McCarthy (0-3 from frees).

RATHNURE: Mary Fleming, Catherine Murphy, Anna-May White, Mary Hayden, Tish Dreelan, Norma Carty, Eileen Dillon, Ann Reddy, Geraldine Codd (0-2, 0-1 from free), Lilian Doyle, Bernie Higgins, Brigid Howlin. Subs: Jackie Codd for Howlin (50 mins); Ann English for Higgins (50 mins).

Referee: Jane Beatty (Galway).



MARY HAYDEN, the Rathnure captain, shakes hands with Glen Rovers captain Mary Ring, with referee Jane Beatty of Galway in the centre.



CATHERINE MURPHY gets in her shot during Sunday's rain-drenched All-Ireland final in Cork.



TEDDY O'CONNOR and the Rathnure subs bench seemed happy enough early in Sunday's game against Glen Rovers in Cork.

Bad day ends in walk-out from post match meal

RATHNURE'S woes in the All-Ireland senior camogie final were not confined to events on the field of play. The club had several disputes with the sport's authorities, culminating in the team's decision to walk out of the official dinner after Sunday's game.

The problems began when the match was arranged for the Glen Field in Cork. The Wexford club discovered in the week before the game that it should, in fact, have been scheduled for Rathnure according to the official fixture list drawn up at the beginning of the season.

It seems that some administrative error was responsible for the alteration. Once the mistake was spotted by Rathnure, all attempts to transfer the big match to a neutral venue fell on deaf ears.

Then the arrangements at the Cork venue were not very good. Supporters of both teams were not allowed in to the field, but were led to a small terrace remote above the action - a sharp contrast to the homely set-up at Rathnure.

This arrangement did nothing for the atmosphere of the occasion as spectators were so far away that they could scarcely distinguish one player from another. Added to this, the terrace faced directly into a wet and wintry wind.

The Rathnure girls could have no dispute with the result of the game, in which they were beaten 1-9 to 0-2.

on the day. However, they were very annoyed and upset by arrangements afterwards when their manager and trainer Teddy O'Connor was stopped on his way in to the official dinner.

He did not have an official ticket for the function on his person and was asked to pay six pounds when he presented himself at the door. Word of this was passed to the team as they sat ready for their meal.

Full back and club chairman Catherine Murphy responded by making her speech of congratulations to Glen Rovers and then leading the squad out of the dining room. They ate later at the Rhu Glenn in Slieverue on their way back to Rathnure.

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Attending the Cork camogie team victory dinner at Jurys Hotel, Cork, were (from left): Most Rev. Dr. John Buckley, Auxiliary Bishop of Cork and Ross; Bridin Uí Mhaolagáin, National President of the Camogie Association of Ireland; Sheila Golden, Chairperson, Cork Camogie Board; Sandy Fitzgibbon, captain and Joe McGrath, Coach.

Camogie champs celebrate

By Tom Higgins.

SPEAKING at the Cork Camogie team Victory Dinner at Jury's Hotel, Cork the National President of the Camogie Association, Bridin Uí Mhaolagáin, appealed for more T.V coverage of camogie.

She said "Since the All-Ireland I have been very disappointed, as we all have, with the TV coverage we got on the day but I am very pleased to see that we have Mr Joe Barry, the new Director General of R.T.E with us this evening. I think there was a bit of a mix up and I am delighted to hear that it was just a mix and I hope that Joe will give us a definite Yes for next year".

"God knows we deserve it. We can boast 60,000 members and we are as good, if not better, than most of the other games we have seen in Croke Park. I don't know how many men I have seen and heard say how fantastic the game of camogie is to watch. I hope I will never hear again anybody else say to me *I didn't realise how good camogie was*. I hope everybody will be at the All-Ireland next year and that they will be just as big a queue for it as there is for the All-Ireland hurling and football tickets", she said.

She then went on to thank Cumann Luith Cleas Gael for their constant support. "We have on-going talks and the hardy annual at our Congress each year is about amalgamation. There is talk of a link of

somekind and we will be very prepared to work in close co-operation with the GAA because I know we have an awful lot to offer".

Bridin went on to say that she had undertaken to do a fast for Somalia and up to last night had done 504 hours since October. "All the camogie clubs in the country were notified but I would like to thank Eire Og Club who blazed the way and set a very high standard by presenting me with a cheque for £1,330 here to-night. We do boast 60,000 members and if we got one pound from each I would be delighted to give it to John O'Shea of GOAL for Somalia".

She went on to say that she hoped now that Cork were champions they would pass on their skills to the younger players. "I will be looking forward to see great success at schools level in the future" said Bridin.

The Lord Mayor in paying tribute to the team said that it was one of the highlights of his year to receive the team. "We have met on many occasions and it was a great pleasure for myself and my wife to receive you at the City Hall".

The Auxiliary Bishop of Cork Dr John Buckley also paid tribute to the team and said he was glad his prayers were answered this year.

The County Board made presentations to the team panel as well as the selectors and coach while Joe Barry the New Director General of R.T.E presented each of the player with a video of the All-Ireland Senior final, a gesture that was most appreciated by all concerned.



Colette Murphy, Eire Og camogie club, presenting a cheque in aid of Somalia to Bridin Uí Mhaolagáin, President of the Camogie Association of Ireland. Also included are Eire Og members (from left): Rose Malone, Martina Hutchinson, Sheila O'Brien, Teresa Lordan and Con Malone.

ATTENDING CORK CAMOGIE VICTORY DINNER



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Pictured at the Cork County Camogie Dinner at Jury's Hotel, Cork, were, from left — Bishop John Buckley, Sheila Golden, chairperson, Cork Camogie Board; Sandy Fitzgibbon, captain of the All-Ireland winning team; Bridin Uí Mhaolagáin, National President; Nera Newman, President, Cork County Board and Tracey Sheehan, secretary, Cork County Board.



Seen at the Cork County Camogie Dinner at Jury's Hotel, Cork, were County Board Officers, from left — Marion McCarthy, Togher, vice-chairman; Mary McSweeney, Bandon, treasurer; Mary Newman McCarthy, Ballyvolane, PRO, and Lilly O'Sullivan, Carrigaline, registrar.



Pictured at Rochestown Park Hotel were members of the All-Ireland winning Cork camogie team selectors, who received awards from McDonalds. (Pic.: Gareth O'Sullivan)

Tipp sports stars

TIPPERARY sports stars of '92, who will receive the Cidona awards at a presentation in January are: Athletics — Neil Ryan (Nenagh); Badminton — A. Fogarty (Cashel); Camogie — D. Hughes (Toomevara); Cycling — M. Fitzgerald (Clonmel); Gaelic Football — P. Lambert (Nemo Rangers); Handball — D. Moloney (Cashel); Hurling — G. Frend (Toomevara); Motorsport — F. Meagher (Cloneen); Racquetball — C. Slattery (Templederry); Rugby — Kilfeacle RFC; Soccer — C. Conran (Clonmel Town); Sports Executive — Bobby O'Brien (Thurles RFC); Knocknagow Award — (Sportsman of the Past) Johnny Ryan, Moycarkey-Borris.



The Inniscarra U-16 camogie team which defeated Killeagh in the Cork County U-16 'A' final at Rathpeacon.

Inniscarra tops in replay

Inniscarra 1-3
Killeagh 0-3

A goal by Margaret Noelle O'Sullivan less than two minutes from time gave Inniscarra victory in this Cork Under-16 camogie championship replay at Rathpeacon yesterday.

There was never much between the sides who were level at 0-2 each at the interval. However, it was Inniscarra who got the break and they made full use of it to add the under-16 title to the Junior title already won.

Scorers for Inniscarra: M N O'Sullivan 1-0, D O'Sullivan 0-2 (0-1 free), F O'Donovan 0-1.

Killeagh: M O'Connor 0-2 (free), E Leahy 0-1.

INNISCARRA: L Nolan; T Ryan; E Dineen; N Buckley; N O'Brien; F O'Donovan; E Moy-nihan; G Keohane; A N O'Sullivan; D O'Sullivan; L Daly; C O'Leary.

KILLEAGH: S Ahern; C Kirby; I Brosnan; E Sisk; C Murphy; M Murphy; E Leahy; B Kelleher; B Cunningham; M O'Connor; C Cunningham; E Landers.

Mayfield 3-1 Courcey Rovers 3-2

WITHOUT a title for ten years prior to this season, Courcey Rovers collected their third County title at Mayfield yesterday when they beat the home side in a thrilling decider to the Cork Under 16 "B" league championship.

Having already won the Under 16 "B" championship, as well as the Under 14 "B" League, Courceys were expected to make it the treble and although they did come out on top they had to fight very hard for the laurels.

Mayfield, who led at the break by 2-1 to 1-0, looked like depriving them of the title when they held a point advantage with only two minutes left. But two points, from a free and a "30" by Shirley Moloney, gave the Ballinspittal side the trophy.

Mary makes history

THE Newmarket-on-Fergus club in Clare made history at its AGM last weekend when a lady member, prominent at under-age level in recent years, was appointed as manager of the senior hurling team, writes Jim O'Sullivan. The honour, extremely rare in GAA circles, if not actually unique, fell to Mary Hanley, a married woman, who is vice-principal of St. Calmin's School.

She is a native of Newmarket and in recent years has been very active both in camogie and with the club's under-age section. She was chairperson of the minor hurling club for the past few years.

The position of manager had been occupied by Christy Ryan, a former goalkeeper with the club. And, Mrs. Hanley has the authority to pick her own selectors.

I understand that she was active in coaching in the Tallaght area in Dublin for a few years when she taught there.

Within the GAA, the appointment of lady club officers has been fairly common in recent years. However, Donegal's No-reen Hegarty is the only lady County Secretary to have been chosen so far.

Munster sweep the boards

A GREAT year for Munster.

The last of the National Camogie competitions at Ard Coista level was decided last Sunday when Glen Rovers Cork defeated Rathnure Wexford in the All Ireland Club Championship final.

Glen Rovers victory means that Munster have swept the boards.

This was a marvellous achievement never reached before.

The nearest any province came to it was Munster again in 1980, when Cork captured the senior, junior and minor championships, the senior colleges and club championships.

This years honours list is as follows - Gael Linn Inter-provincial senior and junior - Munster; All Ireland Senior championship and National Senior League - Cork; All Ireland junior and minor championships - Tipperary; All Ireland club championship - Glen Rovers Cork; National junior league - Limerick.

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Courcey Rovers, who had a one point win over Bandon, in the Cork County under 16 Camogie Championship final at Ballinscollig.

Bishopstown fail in 'male' motion



Nora Newman, outgoing president of Cork Camogie Board, who stepped down after five years in office.

AT the annual convention of the Cork County Camogie Board held at Páirc Uí Chaoimh yesterday, glowing tributes were paid to the county's senior team in winning the All-Ireland title after a lapse of many years.

During her address, chairperson Sheila Golden congratulated all concerned with the victory and expressed the hope that it was just the beginning of a great resurgence in the game in the county. She also expressed the hope that Cork would regain the minor All-Ireland title in the coming year as the minors were the future junior and senior players.

Mrs. Golden also referred to the vast amount of underage talent in the county and while she recognised that harnessing and developing that talent is going to be a daunting task, she pleaded with delegates to take on this onerous task for the betterment of camogie in Cork city and county.

The Bishopstown club failed by just one vote with a motion which sought to allow males to act as representatives on all committees and to be witnesses at objections. In proposing the motion, Rose Desmond pleaded with the delegates to change the rule and allow the men in. "We have male coaches for our teams at both club and county level and we should have no fear that they will take over if we allow them to sit on committees. This is 1992 and we

must face reality," she said. Sheila Golden said it would be a sad reflection on us as women if we have to ask men to fill positions on our committees," she said.

Fiona O'Driscoll (Fr. O'Neills), a member of this year's All-Ireland winning team, supported the motion. She said "convention has spent the last couple of hours trying to get people to take positions, while there are people out there willing to take on the jobs. We have nothing to be afraid of," she added.

When the motion was finally put, it failed to get the required two thirds majority to change the bye-law. The voting was 23 for and 13 against.

The failure of the Camogie Board to appoint a fixtures secretary in 1992 resulted in a number of the other officers sharing the responsibility and while it worked reasonably well, Mrs. Golden said the board should appoint someone to this very important post for the coming year.

During a lengthy debate on the secretary's report, and particularly on the item headed CCD (Ceoil, Caint agus Damhsa) many delegates were critical of the total lack of interest by the senior clubs in this very important annual social event.

Rose Desmond (Bishopstown) said that most club officials are too taken up with affairs in their own clubs to get involved with any additional work, while Emma Dineen

(Inniscarra) felt that perhaps the time was opportune to take a break from entering the event for 12 months and regroup for the following year.

Outgoing County Board president Nora Newman pleaded with the clubs to take a greater interest in the event and elect a sub-committee to run it, but after Sheila Golden (chairperson) called for a show of hands from those clubs interested, there were no takers.

On the question of the use of the pitch at Farranlea Road, the chairperson told the convention that the board have been offered the use of it from May 1993 to September 1993, but she was concerned at what condition the ground would be in when they take over. Miriam Murphy (Eire Og) proposed that the board meet with the VEC to discuss terms for the use of the ground, but if they were too high and the condition of the ground unacceptable to the board, we can tell them we are not interested.

Rose Desmond, herself a former secretary of the board, paid tribute to the present incumbent Tracy Sheehan, who took over the job just six months ago when the 1992 convention failed to select a secretary. In her report to the convention, treasurer Mary McSweeney showed a profit of £3,4897 on an income of £14,648, but pointed out that the recent All-Ireland victory dinner had still to be paid for. Miriam Murphy expressed her satisfaction at the financial

situation of the board, given that the county had won the senior All-Ireland this year, and she thanked the team's sponsors McDonalds, for their generosity.

Prior to the election of officers, glowing tributes were paid to the outgoing president Nora Newman for her unstinting work on behalf of camogie in both the city and county during the last five years.

In a short address, Mrs. Newman said she was thrilled that the county had won the All-Ireland during her term of office and the recent victory of her club Glen Rovers in the All-Ireland club final was the icing on the cake.

Elected in her place was, Mary Moran who had previously served as chairman of the County Board for 10 years, and was also PRO at national level. She beat Josie Pyne (Fermoy). The only other contest was for the position of PRO and Mary Newman-McCarthy easily beat off the challenge of Kay Dunne to retain her position.

The full officer board is: President, Mary Moran (St. Finbarrs); Chairperson, Sheila Golden (Inniscarra); Vice-chairman, Marion McCarthy (St. Finbarrs); Hon. Secretary, Tracy Sheehan (Mayfield); Hon. Treasurer, Mary McSweeney (Bandon); PRO, Mary Newman-McCarthy (Glen Rovers); Registrar, Lillie O'Sullivan (Ballincollig).

●A unanimous vote of confidence was passed in senior selectors, Miriam Murphy and Marian Sweeney along with a representative from the county champions, Glen Rovers.

THIS ISN'T GOOD ENOUGH

BY BRENDAN LARKIN

IN a season which saw Cork senior camogie team regain the All-Ireland title after an absence of 10 years, it was sad to note the very poor turn out of club delegates at yesterday's annual convention at Páirc Uí Chaoimh.

One would have felt that the county should still be on a high following the return of the O'Duffy Cup to Leeside, but yesterday only 13 of the 42 registered clubs bothered to send a delegates to the convention.

Pleaded

In her address to convention, the chairperson Sheila Golden pleaded with the clubs to take a more active role in the camogie organisation. "Regular attendance at the fortnightly meetings would be a start", she said, while another delegate was heard to say that the only time they see some clubs was when there was a problem with fixtures.

Mrs. Golden was loud in her praise of the Cork

senior team which won the All-Ireland recently and complimented all who played an active role in the victory.

"I sincerely hope it is just the beginning of a great resurgence for Cork camogie, and it is of the utmost importance now that we regain the minor all-Ireland as well, as these players are our juniors and seniors of the future.

"Having attended many primary school games during the year, the amount of young talent out there is vast, but it's going to be a very daunting task for us to harness and develop all these young players.

"We must take on this onerous task, however, and we may well see a return to the occasions when Cork were winning several All-Ireland titles

each year", she added.

The Bishopstown club failed to have a motion passed which sought to allow male representatives on committees. Rose Desmond who proposed the motion, pleaded with convention to come into '90s and face reality.

"We have men as team coaches and trainers and we have nothing to fear in allowing them to act on our committees", she said. Fiona O'Driscoll (Fr. O'Neills) a member of this year's senior All-Ireland winning team, said convention had spent the last few hours trying to get people to act on committees.

"There are people out there who are prepared to get involved and we should encourage them.

Senior: Miriam Murphy, Eire Og; Marion Sweeney, Kiltaleigh; plus rep from senior champions Glen Rovers.
Junior: Sile O'Brien, Eire Og; Carmel Henchion, Castlemagner; Kay Dunne, Ballincollig plus rep from Junior Champions Inniscarra and Intermediate champions, Kiltaleigh.
Minor: Mary Moran, St. Finbarr's; Kay Dunne, Ballincollig; Kathleen Healy, Cloughduv; Teresa Murphy, Courey Rovers; plus rep from under-16 county champions Inniscarra.
Under-18: Tracy Sheehan, Mayfield; Aine Martin, Na Piarasigh; Anne Ryan, Inniscarra; Fiona O'Donovan, St. Finbarr's; plus rep from county under-18 champions which are not yet known.

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Junior 'B' League Final: Cobh v Barryroe at Courey Rovers at 12 noon. Ref. Mary McSweeney.

SELECTORS

Officers and selectors, elected at last Sunday's convention are as follows:-
Officers: President: Mary Moran, St. Finbarr's; Cathaoirleach: Sheila Golden, Inniscarra; Vice-Cathaoirleach: Marian McCarthy, St. Finbarr's; Treasurer: Mary McSweeney, Bandon; Secretary: Tracy Sheehan, Mayfield; Registrar: Lily O'Sullivan, Ballincollig; P.R.O. Mary Newman-McCarthy, Glen Rovers.

CONVENTION

On the other side of the coin Cobh were unbeaten in their league campaign and despite their short time in existence recorded some marvellous victories. They were only narrowly defeated by Courey Rovers in the championship semi-final and on the day were probably the stronger side but their failure to avail of many scoring opportunities cost them dearly in the end. On their past performances they certainly will be no pushover. There is great spirit among this Cobh side and if players like Freda McDowell, Clare Roman, Ger Martin, Colette Roe and Noelle Foley play to form they could be in there with a real chance at the end.

Three weeks ago Barryroe won their first ever camogie title when they defeated Courey Rovers in the final of the Junior 'B' Championship and now on Sunday next they will be hoping to make it a double and add the Junior 'B' League title and this certainly seems very much on the cards for them. In their championship final they were strong in all sectors and were well in command. If players like the Keohane sisters, Cora and Sharon, Karen O'Leary, Elaine McCarthy, Ann Sheehy and Mary O'Sullivan repeat their performances of that day it is difficult to see them being halted.

NO REST FOR COBH OR BARRYROE!

MOST clubs are now enjoying a welcome break from the playing fields with the exception of Barryroe and Cobh who on Sunday next will contest the final of the Junior 'B' League for 1992.

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Nora Newman — severed a 30-year link with the Cork County Camogie Board.

Nora - a southside lady but very much Glen Rovers at heart

BY TOM HIGGINS

WHEN Nora Newman stood down after her five year stint as President of the Cork Camogie Board at the recent convention she was severing a 30 year link at the forefront of administration in the county.

Although she lived all her life on the southside her allegiance has always been to Glen Rovers.

"I was born in Aghabullogue and when I was young my parents moved to Blackrock. Before I was school age we moved to the inner city and I went to school in St. Maries of the Isle. I had two other brothers and three sisters and every Sunday my parents would take us to some hurling match, preferably if the Glen were playing.

"My father was a great follower of the Glen, even though we lived on the southside. We used to play hurling in our back garden in Barrack Street and my eldest brother became very involved in North Monastery. He went to school there and as a juvenile he joined Glen Rovers.

"I think that it is possibly from my eldest brother, David O'Brien, being so committed to the game that we all became involved. He has given 50 year's service to Glen Rovers this year and is very involved in the under aged sides. He was elected President of Glen Rovers last month.

"My eldest sister went up to play with the Glen when they re-organised in 1947. At that time I would have

been a 15 or 16-years-old and you were too young at that time to play senior. My eldest sister Mary, and Nancy, were playing in the very first match, a challenge match I think, against Sunbeam Wolsey.

"At that time the great Connie Buckley and his wife had been married a year or two and they had a young son. I got the job of baby sitter but when I became restless I picked up a hurley and a ball and began playing up against the ditch.

"These two men came over and said: 'whats your name?'. I told them and when they asked me where I lived and I said Barrack Street. They looked at me and asked me what I was doing in the Glen Field and I told them that my sisters were playing with the Glen.

"They then turned and said 'where's Chrissie Dunne'. Chrissie Dunne was the person who reformed the Glen. She was chairperson, trainer, the lot. He took me over to her and he said 'you have that child baby sitting when she should be outside playing'. It turned out that the man who had taken me over to meet her was the great Paddy O'Connell of the Glen. They used to call him the Father of the Glen.

"I played with my sisters but did not get my place on the senior side until 1949 and we were beaten in our first County final by Old Aloysius that year. They got a goal in the last minute and we lost by two points. My

sister Nancy was captain on that day and I was so upset I actually went to sleep in my camogie gear.

"We were again in the final the following year and this time we won our first senior Co. championship. I was proud to be on that team, as was my sister Nancy, and we were successful again the following year.

"However I was struck down with a serious illness in 1953 and was in hospital for a year and spent a further two month in bed and that put paid to my camogie career.

"I got married in 1956 and after my first daughter Mary, who is PRO of the Co. Board, was born I got back into camogie. I was a selector for years and in 1962, when I had three children, I was elected chairperson of the Glen Club. I also got involved with Cork and was an officer of the Co. Board and was Vice Chairperson for a few years. My own Club Geln Rovers won the Co. Championship in 1962 and went on to win it for seven years in a row" said Mary.

She has seen many changes over the years in camogie and most for the better. In the past the teams lined out in black stockings, a pinafore dress down to the knee, and the team's coloured jumpers.

"You had the long black stockings and you had to have the dark underwear. I was hard to get the dark underwear long enough to come down to the top of the black stockings. The new gear was great. It

gave the players great freedom. The players looked more comfortable and confident and it was a big advantage. When we wore the old gear down to your knee it looked sloppy.

"I go back to the 1960's when we had to pay our own fare in the buses. I remember one occasion when a Cork team went to play Kerry in a Championship match and they had to undress in the bus.

"We are after coming on in leaps and bounds because coming up to the present day sponsorship is very, very essential. This is the first time in well over 30 years that I remember a County team being sponsored for a League campaign. McDonald's also sponsored them for the All-Ireland final. Where McDonald are after leading I would like other Cork firms would follow.

"What I would dearly like to see in Cork is somebody who would sponsor our minor team. The minors are under 16. They are children who would be in their third year in Secondary School and possibly doing their Inter Cert and there is not money to support them. If someone sponsored the Minor team I would really be delighted for them. I think it would be great for the children.

"Sponsoring any county team takes a big burden off the Co. Board. When the senior team are sponsored it enables the Co. Board to provide transport. I think camogie is making great strides", she concluded.

Barryroe

best again

Barryroe 3-4 — Cobh 0-4

HAVING never won a county title before, Barryroe camogie club had all their Christmas come together at the end of this season. Just a few weeks ago they captured the 'B' Championship title and yesterday, at Ballinacorney, they added the League crown when pulling away from a tenacious Cobh side in the second-half.

Mainly through the sterling defensive play of keeper Marie Connolly, along with Catherine Butler and Clare Roman, the East Cork girls managed to keep their opponents at bay in the opening half. Outfield the impressive play of Ger Martin at midfield and centre-forward Colette Roe helped them exact maximum results from minimum opportunities and but for a marvellous Cora Keohane save from Ger Martin three minutes before half-time, could have been ahead at the break instead of a point in arrears.

Keohane's save had the knock-on effect of depriving the losers of going into the lead at a crucial stage and re-awakening the winners to the fact that this Cobh side was no pushover.

Even though the losers subsequently drew level, Barryroe, with Keohane continuing to inspire in goal behind a solid defence, in which Ann Sheehy and particularly Colette Cahalane emerged to dominate in the pivotal positions, saw the tide swing their way with a Sharon Keohane goal eight minutes after the restart.

Glen striking midfielder Elaine McCarthy — the best performer on view — had a hand in all the winner's three goals as she exerted even greater control at midfield. This dominance was turned into scores with another goal from a Josephine Cahalane and a second from Sharon Keohane before a late Cobh rally saw them finish with three well-struck points. But by this stage the game had been sewn up by the girls in blue.

Scores for Barryroe: S. Keohane 2-0; J. Cahalane 1-0; E. McCarthy 0-3 (all 35's); C. O'Leary 0-1.

Cobh: G. Martin 0-5 (free); Colette Roe 0-1. BARRYROE: C. Keohane, A. Sheehy, G. O'Sullivan, C. Cahalane, E. Sexton, C. O'Leary, E. McCarthy, S. Keohane, R. Barry, S. Keohane, J. Cahalane, M. O'Regan, Sub: M. Fleming and M. O'Sullivan.

COBH: M. Connolly, P. Walker, C. Butler, M. McLoughlin, M. Looney, C. Roman, L. Carr, G. Martin, C. Roe, M. Hogan, N. Foley, A. Roe, Sub: A. O'Flaherty. Referee: M. McSwiney (Bandon).

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Another Great Year For Camogie

By: P.J. FULHAM

All-Ireland finals day is always a special date on the Camogie calendar. In 1992 it was a very special day for the girls from Cork and Wexford, as the red and white, purple and gold adorned Croke Park.

The fortunes of Cork and Wexford have differed since their last meeting in 1975. Cork contested ten finals during that time winning on four occasions, while Wexford contested and lost two. Their combined defeats were at the hands of an exceptional Kilkenny team, who reigned supreme for the past seven years. Cork have won the All-Ireland Senior Championship (O'Duffy Cup) fourteen times, while their opponents Wexford won it on three occasions.

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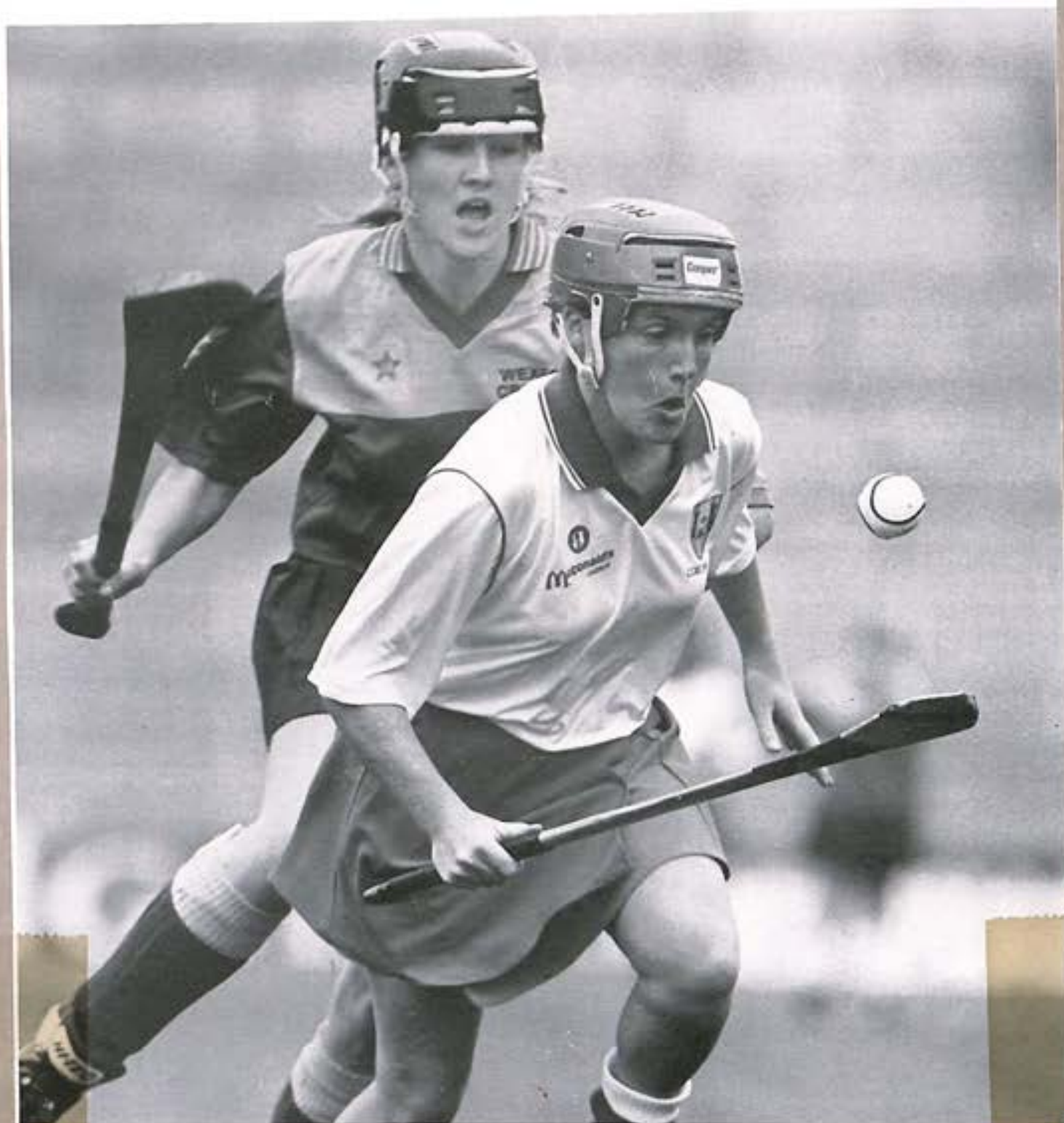
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Clare	(3)	1974, 1981, 1986.
Down	(3)	1968, 1976, 1991.
Derry	(2)	1969, 1978.
Louth	(1)	1982.
Limerick	(1)	1977.
Tipperary	(1)	1992.

MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Cork	(8)	1975, 1976, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1983, 1984, 1985.
Galway	(4)	1977, 1981, 1986, 1987.
Kilkenny	(3)	1988, 1989, 1991.
Dublin	(1)	1982.
Down	(1)	1974.
Tipperary	(2)	1990, 1992.



• Geraldine Codd (Wexford) in possession as Paula Goggins (Cork) moves in to challenge in the All-Ireland final.

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Cork - All-Ireland Senior Camogie Champions 1992



Cork's Colette O'Mahoney on the move

ALL-IRELAND CAMOGIE FINAL DAY AT CROKE PARK

Pics by Adrian Melia



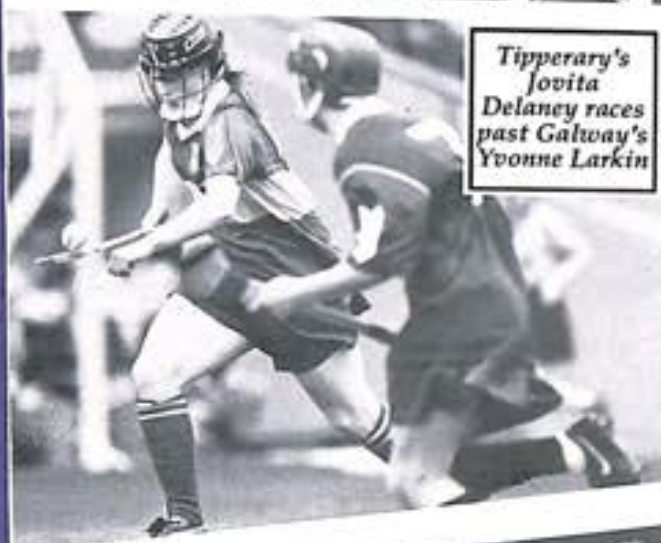
Sandra Fitzgibbon, captain of the victorious Cork team, with the spoils of victory



The Wexford team beaten by Cork in the All-Ireland Camogie Final at Croke Park



Tipperary -
Junior
Camogie
Champions
1992



Tipperary's
Jovita
Delaney races
past Galway's
Yvonne Larkin

Senior Final

CORK 1-20
WEXFORD 2-6

Junior Final

TIPPERARY 6-16
GALWAY 2-7



Another sporting
scalp for the Bonner
family
- captain Triona
Bonner with the
Junior Cup
following Tipp's
victory over
Galway



The Galway
team beaten
by
Tipperary

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Cork camogie player Sandie Fitzgibbon enjoying the long puck competition organised by St. Finbarrs Club watched by the Lord Mayor Ald. Mícheál Martin and His Lordship Most Rev. Dr. John Buckley, Auxiliary Bishop of Cork and Ross.
— (Picture: Eddie O'Hare)

'Barrs score

THE 'Barrs Road Hurling challenge, held yesterday at Lehenamore, was an outstanding success. More than 35 teams participated in this inaugural event, raising almost £4,000 for their programme of building expansion.

The celebrity team of Bishop John Buckley, Lord Mayor Mícheál

Martin, Sandy Fitzgibbon and Brian Corcoran had a great innings, though they did encounter a bit of trouble in the later stages of the event. These four had only thirty metres to the finishing line yet they took four shots to finish. Mícheál Martin blamed the bishop for his own poor performance, while

Sandy Fitz thanked the bishop for "wearing his hat", as she felt this had something to do with his fine display.

The serious side of the event produced a nail-biting climax. Two teams finished on 28 shots, and it was the team sponsored by Seán Murphy solicitors (Der Edwards, Fergal

O'Mahony, Anthony O'Regan and Kenneth Keating) that was deemed victorious. They derailed the challenge of Iarnród Éireann who had a greater number of shots at the halfway stage. The victorious team received

Tipperary crystal prizes courtesy of TSB, as did the visiting celebrities.

This Poc Fada along the roads of Togher produced an interesting mixture of "old" and "new" players including Peter Doolan,

Séamus Looney, Con Roche, Gerald and Charlie McCarthy, Jimmy Barry-Murphy and many others. The event itself was organised by Ger Cunningham, Tim Finn, Colette O'Mahony, Gerald McCarthy among others, who were the subjects of great praise by the Lord Mayor and Bishop Buckley. The Lord Mayor claimed that it was essential that... "the 'Barrs continued to cater for the needs of the surrounding community."

A year to remember for Sandie

By TOM HIGGINS

"HOLDING aloft the O'Duffy Cup after Cork had defeated Wexford in the All-Ireland Senior final was undoubtedly the highlight of the year" for Cork camogie captain Sandie Fitzgibbon.

Attending the Jurys Cork Sport Awards Banquet, the Glen Rovers player said she was hoping that Cork can retain their All-Ireland title next year.

"It has really been a great year for me as I won everything possible on the camogie front. In addition to bringing off the "double" of league and championship with Cork my club (Glen Rovers) won the All-Ireland Club title for the third time, when we beat Rathnure from Wexford in the final at the Glen Field.

"Then there was the Gael Linn Cup, the Interprovincial Championship, which Munster won. We had 11 Cork girls and one from both Limerick and Clare on the

panel for both the semi-final and final and we won the title.

"I think Leinster were disappointed that they did not win as they had players from both Kilkenny and Wexford to pick from. They really fancied their chances of beating us in the final".

Sandie went on to say that there will be a change in the League format this year. "We will be playing a full length of the pitch and will have 15 players a-side, the same as the men. It should make an interesting change". At the moment a camogie team comprises 12 players.

Asked what were her hopes for 1993, she replied. "It would like to retain the All-Ireland title and help Glen Rovers to retain their Club title, but not as captain. I had a really good year as captain of last year's side and I feel someone else deserves their honour of leading the County side next year.

"If we can win the League title for the

third year in succession as well I feel this will be a bonus".

But camogie is not the only sport at which Sandie excels. She is a basketball player of some repute, having represented her country on over 40 occasions, and is now playing with Lee Strand, Tralee having previously lined out with Blarney.

"We were beaten by 22 points by Tolka Rovers, whom we meet in the Cup semi-final shortly, last weekend and we will be anxious to reverse the result in the Cup. I would love to win another Cup medal but I know it is going to be a difficult task".

Sandie paid a special tribute to her employers, Swissco, who have been very kind to her during her sporting career as regards time off and special leave.

"I probably wouldn't have enjoyed half the success I have achieved but for their help and kindness" she said with a smile.

CROTTY (Cobh) — On January 12, 1993, at Cork Regional Hospital, in the tender and loving care of the doctors and nurses, Anna, youngest daughter of the late James and Nora Crotty, 20 Plunkett Terrace, Cobh, (late camogie player Glen Rovers). Deeply regretted by her loving sisters Mary and Kathleen, nephew, nieces, cousins, and a large circle of loyal friends. R.I.P. Rosary on this (Tuesday) evening in the hospital mortuary at 7.30 p.m. Removal on tomorrow (Wednesday) at 7 p.m. to St. Colman's Cathedral, Cobh. Funeral on Thursday after 2 p.m. Requiem Mass to St. Colman's Cemetery.

CAMOGIE STAR LAID TO REST

ONE of Co. Cork's most renowned camogie players, Anna Crotty, was laid to rest in her native Cobh last week.

Her funeral was indeed a noble occasion as many of her Glen Rovers and Cork colleagues from the 1950s and '60s formed a guard of honour beside the coffin that was draped in the green, gold, and black colours of "the Glen".

There is a thriving camogie club in Cobh at present, and it was strongly represented also at the funeral. In the past however the absence of employment opportunities for females in Cobh worked against the continuity of camogie, hence Anna Crotty's move to Glen Rovers.

She played in a succession of All-Ireland finals but ended up on

the losing side each and every time. In fact she won her long overdue All-Ireland medal only after being persuaded out of retirement.

Despite her many successes with Glen Rovers, Cork, and Munster, Anna Crotty remained the same friendly and unassuming lady. Whenever there was an attempt to get a camogie club in Cobh off the ground she rendered

all possible assistance, and for a time in the 1960s took over the training duties of the team despite her own busy schedule.

Sadly Anna suffered a number of illnesses over the years and had to undergo serious surgery more than once. But never, ever, was her spirit quenched.

Cobh, and Cork, will long remember Anna Crotty.

Anna Crotty

—An appreciation

CORK camogie lost one of its most gifted players of the past with the death last month of Anna Crotty.

Anna, who won a record nine Senior Championship medals with Glen Rovers in the late Fifties and early Sixties, was a member of both the Cork and Munster teams but was unlucky that Cork were going through a lean spell during her playing career.

As a result, she managed to win only one All-Ireland medal, in her last game in 1970.

Born a US citizen, she was a native of Cobh and was president of the Glen Rovers Camogie Club since 1976. She joined Glen Rovers in 1951 and was one of the outstanding forwards ever to wear the Cork or Munster jersey.

A member of the famous seven-in-a-row Glen team who won the Cork County championship between 1962 and 1968 she captained both her club, her county, and her province on numerous occasions.

Having retired from the game in 1970 she became a Cork selector and acted in that capacity until 1988. However, over the past 15 years she began to suffer from ill health.

She had to undergo many major operations including a kidney transplant in 1978, but she was able to bounce back to the amazement of her many friends.

Although the many visits to hospital eventually took its toll she was always bore her illness with great patience.

To say Anna Crotty will be missed is an understatement, as her passing will leave a void in Cork camogie, especially in her beloved Glen Club.

"Crot" as she was affectionately-known will be sadly missed by her many friends and admirers and those who saw her play the game she loved in her prime will retain fond memories of her brilliance and skill.

Ar dheis de go raibh a áinm.

Deaths

MOHALLY (Cork) — On January 14, 1993, at Cork Regional Hospital, Elizabeth (Betty) (née Bracken) (President of St. Finbarr's Camogie and Ladies Club), Liam Lynch Park, Glasheen Road, beloved wife of the late Billy and dear mother of Jerry, John, Eileen, Elizabeth, Pat and Mary. Deeply mourned by her loving family, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, great-grandchild, relatives, friends and neighbours. R.I.P. Reposing at Forder's Funeral Home, South Gate Bridge. Removal on this (Friday) evening at 8 p.m. to St. Joseph's (SMA) Church, Wilton. Funeral on tomorrow (Saturday) after 11 a.m. Requiem Mass to St. Finbarr's Cemetery.

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First Round of Camogie Purcell Cup Down for Decision on Sunday

On the Colleges Camogie scene on Saturday next, the first round of the Purcell Cup takes place, with four games for decision.

Waterford R.T.C., the holders, host Coact of Limerick. The champions will be in strong contention again this year with noted players such as Una Murphy - Kilkenny Senior, Geraldine Codd - Wexford Senior, Louise Curry - Dublin's Senior goalie, Marita Tobin, Sinead Neilan and Michelle Kennedy all members of Tipperary, the All-Ireland Junior champions.

University of Limerick have amalgamated with Thomond College, Limerick and are sure to be a formidable force, inspired by players such as Pauleen O'Callaghan, Melanie Dunne, Mary Regan and Cork Senior star Fiona O'Driscoll. They have home venue against St. Mary's, Belfast, a Teacher Training College who have a good record in this Competition. They will be inspired by Orla Downey, Derry, Martina Mulholland and Colleen Hynds, Down and trained by Paul Coulter, a member of the Down team that won the Ulster Hurling Championship 1992.

Dublin City University, a relatively new team cannot be under-estimated. Trained by Pat Fanning, Scoil Ui Chonaill club trainer, they have outstanding players in Ann Marie O'Connor, Wexford Senior and a number of players from the Mullagh club, Galway who won the All-Ireland Kilmacud sevens. The competition is sure to produce some excellent and entertaining games. The semi finals and finals will be played on February 6th and 7th.

The All-Ireland Senior and Junior Colleges Camogie Competitions have got underway in most Provinces.

In Connacht, seventeen Colleges affiliated. While long standing champions, St. Raphaels, Loughrea have lost top class players in Pamela Nevin, Deirdre Hardiman and Claire Lynch, they are expected to reach the Connacht final once again. They retain excellent players in Olivia Broderick, Deirdre Maher and Anne Broderick. Their main opposition should come from Loughrea Vocational School who have acquired the services of former St. Raphaels star, Claire Lynch.

In Ulster, Forty seven Colleges affiliated. The Ulster Colleges Championships are 50 years old. They run the early part of their Championships on a League basis so likely winners have not yet emerged. However, the Derry schools St. Patrick's, Maghera and St. Mary's, Magherafelt are tipped to do well.

FIXTURES:

Purcell Cup Colleges Camogie

First round Saturday January 23rd
First mentioned have venue. All matches are timed for 1.00 p.m.

Marine/St. Pats. Dromcondra	v	Athlone R.T.C.
Waterford R.T.C.	v	Coact, Limerick
Mary I, Limerick	v	Dublin City
University of Limerick	v	St. Mary's, Belfast

- P.J. FULHAM

Proud year for the women of Wexford

IN an unusual Wexford county camogie convention in Enniscorthy none of the outgoing officers, with the exception of the treasurer, sought re-election.

The outgoing secretary, Jacinta Roche, highlighted their achievement during the year when 14 competitions were run within the county from U-12 to senior. It was a successful year on the inter-county scene too, the highlights being the seniors reaching the All-Ireland and National League finals.

OFFICERS — Chairman: Ray

Quigley; Vice-chairman: Jim Bolger; Sec: Eileen O'Brien; Assist sec: Mary O'Grady; Treas: Mary Canning; Registrar and PRO: Jim Shiels.

KILKENNY secretary Brendan Williams, in his comprehensive report to Kilkenny convention, commiserated with the senior county team on the loss of the title which they had held for the past seven years.

He urged everyone concerned to give full co-operation to trainer Tom Ryan and the senior panel in their efforts to regain the title '93.

THIS WEEK . . . 50 YEARS AGO

CORK UNITED maintained their position as league leaders when they scored a deserved two goals to nil win over Brideville at Harold's Cross Grounds in Dublin, where O'Sullivan and McCarthy were the goal scorers.

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DOLPHIN were unlucky to be defeated seven points to six by their Dublin hosts Old Belvedere, when they met in a senior rugby challenge at Jones's Road in Dublin, where Fitzgibbon and Barrett scored a try each for Dolphin before F. Quinn dropped a goal and scored a try to give victory to the home side.

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COVE had a 2-0 to 0-1 win over St. Mary's when they met in a camogie challenge at the Carrignafof Grounds, where Miss B. Allen and Miss P. Tabb had a goal each for the winners before Miss N. Collins had the Old St. Mary's goal.

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F.C.J. Bunclody

A STORY OF GROWTH AND CHANGE

An excellent reputation on the playing fields also

The Faithful Companions of Jesus (F.C.J.), founded in France in 1820, established a Boarding school for girls in Bunclody, Co. Wexford in 1861. Since then the story of the F.C.J.'s in Bunclody has been one of growth and change. The Free Education scheme in 1969 saw a marked increase in enrollments with boys attending the school for the first time. Today, there are 622 pupils - 254 boys and 380 girls.

In the school the importance of Physical Education as an integral part of the curriculum is highlighted by the amount of time devoted to it on the time-table; the excellent sporting facilities and the employment of three qualified P.E. teachers, two full-time and one part-time.

Competitive games, especially hurling, football and camogie, have always been a vital extra curricular activity in the life of the school. Many staff members, including Mr. Tony O'Loughlin, Fr. Pat McGrath and Miss Lily Ralph, promoted Gaelic games and provided a foundation for the many successes that were to follow in the eighties and nineties. Since 1981 the school has built up an excellent reputation at county, provincial and national level, winning no fewer than twenty Leinster titles and Wexford's first Football Colleges All-Ireland title in 1986 when F.C.J. Bunclody defeated Falcarragh, Donegal in the Senior "B" Football Final.

The school has dominated Camogie in Co. Wexford for almost ten years. The F.C.J.'s have consistently won the honour of representing the county in Senior, Junior and Minor provincial competitions. Four Minor Leinster titles, four Junior titles and five Leinster Senior "A" titles in a row were won during this period. The strength of Camogie in the school is reflected in the fact that at least one Leinster title has been won every year for the last ten years. All Ireland series are contested at Senior and Junior level and Leinster has been represented on nine occasions by F.C.J. teams.

Defeats in four All Ireland finals and five All Ireland semi-finals have not diminished their resolve to win an All Ireland Camogie title, one which they richly deserve. Special mention must be made of Mag Kehoe, Deirdre Byrne, Deirdre Atkinson and Charmaine Gibson who were members of all five Senior Championship winning teams.

It's been a similar story on the football front too. The Wexford convent has toiled diligently and earned its due reward over the years despite some heart breaking disappointments at different intervals. Hard work, dedication and sheer persistence has been the name of the game for the Bunclody bunch. In 1983, the Convent lost the South East final to Carlow and in the following year lost out to Trim in the Leinster final. As such it was a measure of Bunclody's dogged determination when, in 1985, they rallied their forces to clinch the provincial title at the expense of Oatlands C.B.S. before bowing out in the All-Ireland semi-final to Headford.

1986, however, saw Bunclody making a B-line for a unique treble of All-Ireland final successes. The crunch came for the Convent in April of that year, as the Senior camogie stars and their Junior colleagues joined forces with the footballers at Bunclody in search of All-Ireland glory. Sadly, Bunclody's weekend trip to Croke Park for the camogie finals wasn't to turn out as planned by the Wexford brigade. In the Senior game, Bunclody played, perhaps, their best camogie of the year to deservedly draw with Saint Raphaels of Loughrea on a 3-1 to 2-4 scoreline.

Two goals in the last four minutes earned the Wexford college a deserved share of the spoils. Two players who had taken part in

the Junior match first on the programme, Deirdre Byrne and Deirdre Atkinson lined out again here and it was Byrne's goal two minutes from the end that saved the day.

The Galway side was heavily talented with some inter county players included and were expected to win readily but F.C.J. rose magnificently to the occasion.

They were 1-3 to nil down after the first quarter, playing against the wind, but a great goal by Margaret Purcell put them within striking distance at half-time, when they trailed 1-3 to 1-1.

A very heavy shower during the break and a noticeable slackening of the wind didn't help Bunclody's chances, but they improved immensely as they realised the favourites were not unbeatable and there were some magnificent exchanges.

A Loughrea goal from a penalty eight minutes from the end appeared to give them the title again, but F.C.J. weren't a spent force. With four minutes to go a 40 yards drive by Noeleen Jordan went into the net over the head of the Loughrea 'keeper and with time running out Deirdre Byrne hit the equaliser.

It was an outstanding team performance but there were some quite magnificent individual displays too. Goalkeeper Dolores O'Neill was quite brilliant and Deirdre Atkinson showed no ill effects of the first game by giving a sterling performance at full back.

Also to the fore were Paula Rankins, Lilian Doyle, Noeleen Jordan, Margaret Purcell and Majella O'Neill.



Destined for a really bright future that's ace defender Damian Fitzhenry. The F.C.J. team captain was an inspiration in his sides Leinster 'B' Championship victory in 1992



F.C.J. Bunclody's all-conquering camogie side of 1986 and the inevitable piece of silverware a picture painted many times over at the famed Wexford sports nursery. Front, left to right: Charmaine Gibson, Shirley Dagg, Noeleen Jordan, Geraldine Maguire, Dolores O'Neill, Catherine Atkinson, Deirdre Byrne, Margaret Kehoe, Deirdre Atkinson. Back, left to right: Bernadette Fenlon, Maddy Purcell, Eilis Atkinson, Martina Furlong, Paula Rankin, Lillian Doyle, Mairead Mahon, Eilis Doyle, Majella O'Neill, Ann Kelly, Mary Cowman

Their two points came from David Loughman and Noel Fitzhenry. Midway through the first half, Noel Fitzhenry was unlucky for a goal after a great solo run but his powerful shot went just inches wide.

Bunclody made a brilliant start to the second half when corner forward Matt O'Leary shot a superb and vital goal in the 2nd minute.

Though Falcarragh now trailed by 1-2 to 0-3, they never gave up trying and had Bunclody under tremendous pressure for long periods. They did manage to score another point but the Bunclody defence proved too sound for them.

Paddy Fitzhenry at full back was Bunclody's "man of the match" with his high fielding and tremendous clearances under pressure. He was splendidly flanked by Michael Sweeney and Joe Codd, while the half back trio of Thos. Cowman, Liam O'Neill and Enda Murphy stood out in a great defence. Martin Doyle was steady in goal and let nothing by.

Wexford Minor Mack Mahon, and Carlow Minor Thomas Dobbs came up against tough opposition at midfield by overall they had a slight edge. Ian Parker, Noel Fitzhenry (Captain), Albert Syle and Matt O'Leary, who got the all-important goal, impressed in an attack which worked hard all through.

F.C.J. Bunclody - Martin Doyle, Michael Sweeney, Paddy Fitzhenry, Joe Codd, Thomas Cowman, Liam O'Neill, Enda Murphy, Michael Mahon, Thomas Dobbs, Ian Parker, Noel Fitzhenry (0-1), Captain, David Loughman (0-1), Albert Syle, Liam Cotter, Matt O'Leary (1-0). Subs - Liam Farrell (for cotter), and Andrew Nolan (for Loughman).

Hurling in F.C.J. Bunclody has been slightly overshadowed by the success of the football teams but the winning of three Leinster "C" titles at Under 14, Under 16 and Under 18 in 1983 proved that the North Wexford school had great potential. In recent years the hurlers have taken pride of place in the school, contesting the Leinster Senior "B" final in 1990 and winning the title for the first time in 1992, defeating Ballyfin by one point in extra time in the replayed final.

The sporting achievements of the last ten years in F.C.J. Bunclody could not have been possible without the active support of the principal and staff. In turn, Srs. Margaret Quirke, Eileen Keane and Madeline Ryan, have given great commitment to the physical education programme in the school and to competitive team games. The vocal support, added to the financial support, of the parents and Parents' Council is greatly appreciated by the school. The local G.A.A. clubs - H.W.H. Bunclody, Duffry Rovers, Marshalstown, Ferns, Kilrush/Askamore, Carnew, Tinahely, Myshall and Kildavin must also be thanked for their

help through the years. To Sr. Christina Lovett, F.C.J. a special word of praise and thanks must be extended for the way in which she has recorded the school's sporting life in excellent year books. To local Garda, George Rankin, former Laois and Wexford inter-county star, who has assisted the school teams for many years, a special thank you. To the teachers who have taken teams over the years, especially Tony O'Loughlin, Lily Ralph, Fr. Pat McGrath, John Foley, Gabriel Wade (Co-Trainer of last years Leinster Hurling champions) and Willie Corcoran.

In September 1981 three P.E. teachers arrived on the staff: Ms. Caitriona Caulfield, Mr. Rory Kinsella and Ms. Gerry Kinsella (part-time). They set about, in a most professional and enthusiastic way, adding to an already excellent P.E. programme and succeeded in establishing a formidable sporting reputation for the school at county, provincial and national level. Caitriona, inter-provincial hockey player, used her knowledge of hockey and camogie to further enhance the sporting achievements of the school. Rory, who represented Wexford at Minor, Under 21 and Senior level in Hurling and Football, taught in St. Aidan's C.B.S., Whitehall, for six years where he helped to win two All Ireland Football titles with that famous G.A.A. nursery. He has been actively involved in the coaching of F.C.J. Camogie, Hurling and Football teams for the past ten years and is currently the Chairman of the local H.W.H. Bunclody G.A.A. club.



Pictured above is the F.C.J. Senior Camogie squad which reached the All-Ireland final back in 1988. Front, left to right: Mary Fitzhenry, Orla O'Leary, Jackie Jordan, Tina Tobin, Margaret Kehoe, Carmel Mernagh, Linda Doyle, Anita Fitzpatrick, Maura O'Donovan, Valerie Tobin. Back, left to right: Ann Marie O'Connor, Ann Kelly, Deirdre Atkinson, Mairead Mahon, Bernadette Fenlon, Susan Redmond, Martina Furlong, Charmaine Gibson, Deirdre Byrne, Melanie Dunne, Mairead Coleman

the sides. Fitzhenry, the youngest member of a famous clan, contributed all of F.C.J.'s three points second half tally, but Ballyfin replied with 1-2 to bring the game into extra time.

A point apiece was all they could manage in the first period, and David Armstrong and David Burke exchanged points after the break before Brennan pounced for the match-winning score. Seconds later the whistle sounded, and it was greeted by a tremendous roar from the Bunclody supporters who were very vocal in their support throughout the game.

Unfortunately, F.C.J. failed to go all the way to All-Ireland glory, losing to Roscommon C.B.S. on a 1-13 to 0-10 scoreline in the semi-final which was played in O'Connor Park, Tullamore, one week after the Leinster decider. Damien Fitzhenry gave a towering performance at centre back, contributing 0-7 of the final tally, but other key players failed to live up to their reputations as the Connacht champions advanced to the final.

And although there was disappointment at the end of the campaign, the F.C.J. lads certainly did their school and their county proud in 1992. Regarded as rank outsiders at the start of

the campaign, they came good with a series of spirited showings which were a credit to the shrewd work behind the scenes by the backroom team of former Wexford Senior hurler, Rory Kinsella, and Gabriel Wade.

For the record, the Leinster final winning team was: Thomas Fortune (Ferns St. Aidan's), Jimmy Murphy (Duffry Rovers), Michael Mahon (HWH-Bunclody), Mick Kinsella (Marshalstown), Kevin Atkinson (Duffry Rovers), Damien Fitzhenry (Duffry Rovers, capt., 0-8), Padraig Brennan (HWH-Bunclody), Vincent Kearney (Marshalstown), Anthony Kearney (Marshalstown), Colin Brennan (Ferns St. Aidan's, 0-1), Fintan Redmond (Carnew Emmets), David Murphy (Askamore), Anthony Sweeney (HWH-Bunclody), David Armstrong (Duffry Rovers, 0-2), James Purcell (Duffry Rovers, 1-1). Subs - Sean Murphy (Kildavin), Garret Byrne (Duffry Rovers), Darragh O'Connor (Duffry Rovers), Enda Seale (HWH-Bunclody), Maurice Mahon (Askamore), Kevin Cooney (Duffry Rovers), James Murphy (HWH-Bunclody), Garret Murphy (Ferns St. Aidan's), Eddie Cullen (Ferns St. Aidan's).

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Clare hurlers look to a lady for guidance

By Marty Morrissey

IN the beginning it was a joke. Who is John Maughan? Then Clare beat Kerry; nobody laughed, everybody cried. Now Maughan is God the Son.

Next came Dr Moosa Bhamjee a psychiatrist, an Indian married to a West Clare woman and, like Clare footballers for many years, seen as a 'no hoper' in a general election. Now he is Dr Bhamjee TD. Everyone laughed; only Brendan Daly and Mad Taylor from Quinn, the outgoing TDs, cried!

Now, Bhamjee is affectionately God The Father.

This week the people of Clare held their breath for the third time. The news spread like wildfire through the countryside that a woman had been appointed manager of one of the counties most famous clubs. Could it be, perhaps, God The Holy Spirit? The club is Newmarket-On-Fergus, the woman is Mary Hanley. This time no one laughed, no one cried. People just asked 'who is she?'

Mary Hanley is multi-talented, multi-dimensional and unquestionably multi-committed. Wife to Sheamus, a tax inspector from West Limerick, mother to Eoghan (12) and Colm (9), vice principal of St Caimin's Community School and hundreds of pupils at Shannon, and now manager of the Newmarket-On-Fergus senior hurling team where success is looked upon as a right. Twenty two county championship titles says it all.

BORN to Christy O'Brien, a native of Buttevant, and Christina McMahon from Cooraclare, Mary's parents ensured she was raised on a diet of love, affection and sport.

Irish. On the banks of the Lee she came of age, mentally, physically and sporting. The winning of two Ashbourne Cup medals (All Ireland Inter-varsity Camogie Championships) still stands out as a personal highlight. She recalls with fondness playing alongside players of great calibre. Liz Garvan, Rosie Hennessey, Pat Moloney, Louise O'Connor to mention a few.

She remembers laughingly the '72 final against UCD in Croke Park. UCC were trailing by several points at half time and John O'Halloran, the team coach and a man who six years earlier had won an All Ireland with Cork, was quite angry. In fact in a rush of blood he caught Mary by the front of her jersey and shouted: "for f... sake Mary nothing is to pass you in the second half". Nothing did. UCC won and Mary was UCC Sportstar of the Year in '72.

Other contenders for that title included such notables as Ray Cummins, Brendan Lynch and Mick Crotty.

When Clare won the All Ireland junior camogie title in 1974 Mary was absent. She had obtained a job at Tullamore Vocational School, had declared for Offaly, whom she played with for two years, and founded the Tullamore Camogie Club. In 1975 she was back in Shannon and played with Wolfe Tones for two years before she



Dublin footballer and Brian Kelleher, now Dublin hurling's first choice full back.

Officially she became the first female GAA coach in Dublin. Former President, Con Murphy appointed Mary and Brian Mullins onto Coisde Na nOg. She became chairman of the All Ireland Primary Schools Camogie Council, became a member of central council for ten years and an executive of Dublin Colleges GAA council for eight years. The story doesn't end here.

IN 1985 she came back to Shannon as vice principal of a new school. Within two years she had coached Wolfe Tones, the Shannon based club, to an All Ireland Feile camogie title. The same year, at the request of Joe Bannon and Con Woods, she joined Newmarket-On-Fergus GAA Club. For the past four years she has been chairperson of the minor club and been involved in numerous triumphs at under age level. Now comes the biggest challenge.

Mary Hanley was surprised when some members of the Newmarket hurling team approached her to take over as senior manager. Flattered, she was hesitant to make a decision, but next Thursday night she will meet her players and straight talking will be the recipe. Total commitment, complete fitness and ground hurling will be the policy.

How will she cope with a dressingroom full of naked, athletic men. Quite simple, really. "I will tell

MARY HANLEY

**THE RECENTLY APPOINTED
MANAGER OF NEWMARKET-ON-
FERGUS, ONE OF CLARE'S FINEST, IS
A FIRST NOT ONLY FOR THE BANNER,
BUT FOR THE REST OF IRELAND**

By: SEOSAMH O'MUIRCHEARTAIGH

Brendan Lynch, Mick Crotty and Pat Quigley all wore the famous Scull and Cross Banded jersey of University College Cork. Sigerson and Fitzgibbon Cup medals were as much a part of college life as lectures and study. Ray Cummins went one better than his college friends. He excelled in both codes - a dual All-Star in the inaugural awards scheme of 1971. A year later, Cummins had to give second best to a camogie player from Clare.

Mary O'Brien was selected U.C.C. sports Star of the Year for 1972. The more exalted All-Ireland medal winning performers were left in her wake. It was a liberation of sorts - a first for the college. Twenty one years later, history repeated itself somewhat. Mary Hanley (nee O'Brien) was appointed manager of a Senior hurling team. It wasn't just any Senior team, but one of Clare's finest - Newmarket-on-Fergus. A first not only for Clare, but for the rest of the country as well. A woman in the higher echelons of club management was

unprecedented. It was a second liberation.

From her own point of view this step into the limelight was totally unexpected. "The week before the A.G.M. the players approached me and asked me to take charge. I was taken aback that they came to me, given the great hurlers that Newmarket have produced down through the years that could have been offered the job".

The prospect of taking such a mould breaking step needed careful consideration. "I took a week to decide, consulting both my husband and David Barry, the principal in St. Caimin's where I teach and they encouraged me to take the job".

The task that awaits her is clear in it's simplicity. Newmarket-on-Fergus of a proud heritage want to be restored to what they consider their rightful position - kingpins of Clare hurling. This heritage makes for impressive, if intimidating reading.

Founded in 1885 as a football club, County Football Championships were won in 1887 and '88. However, following the initial Senior Hurling Championship

male or female gender shouldn't come into it, as if I have the hurling knowhow, it shouldn't be the issue. Also, the fact that the players asked me to do the job means there is mutual respect there. The players have respect for me and I have respect for them".

If personal history is anything to go by, Mary Hanley is well qualified for the task in hand. Just like Newmarket-on-Fergus her background is equally impressive. Having a Cork father ensured hurling and gaelic games in general became a way of life. A second cousin Batt Thornhill was full back on Cork's great four in a row side from 1941 to '44.

Raised on this diet of gaelic games, Mary became a keen student of the game. What better way to cultivate this interest than go to University College Cork, the home of College's hurling. The U.C.C. experience was invaluable. "It meant you mixed with the whole atmosphere of hurling which was very strong in the college, the Fitzgibbon Cup hurlers and the Ashbourne Cup Camogie players trained together in the Mardyke".

The reward of two Ashbourne Cup medals and a Bachelor of Arts in history and Irish made up for any absenteeism from the study library.

University also coincided with the emergence of Mary's organisational skills. As a student, she became the first lady sports officer in U.C.C.

After graduation Mary's prowess as a player and organiser was again much in evidence. Tullamore Vocational School provided her with her first teaching job. Fr. Gilhooly coach to Offaly's All-Ireland winning sides in 1971 - '72 encouraged her to make hurling and camogie a term of her employment. No encouragement was needed as Mary duly helped found Tullamore Camogie club. She also played Camogie for Offaly.

With the seed of hurling firmly planted in Tullamore the next stop was Shannon Comprehensive where she teamed up with Clare great Colm Honan to train the



Newmarket's team boss, Mary Hanley is seen here as wife and mother in the family home with, left to right: son Colin, husband Seamus and son Eoghan

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The Newmarket-on-Fergus Minor 'B' Camogie team performed splendidly last year. Pictured above is the battling squad. Front, left to right: C. Donlon, S. Clancy, T. Grogan, E. McCormack, R. Duggan, E. McMahon, S. Ryan, O. McMahon. Back, left to right: E. Arthur, R. Slattery, S. Cullinane, M. Arthur, M. Dume, C. McMahon, C. McMahon, B. O'Looney

hurling and camogie sides. Her next move was to Dublin and this presented her greatest challenge. "I loved teaching in Ballymun Comprehensive, it was a totally different culture and when I introduced hurling and football, they responded to the challenge".

On the playing front in Dublin, Mary won a Senior League medal with Na Fianna in 1977 and a Senior Championship with Erin's Isle in 1980. Football was played with Rathcoole Commercial and she was a member of the Dublin side for two years.

Away from playing activities her work with Ballymun did not go unnoticed. As a result of her pioneering efforts in Ballymun, she was a selector with the Dublin Colleges side that toured Australia in 1983. She also had the distinction of being the first female coach in Dublin. She was also Chairperson of the All-Ireland Primary Schools Camogie Council, a member of the Central Council for a decade and a member of the Executive of Dublin Colleges G.A.A. for eight years.

In 1985 a job as Vice-Principal in Saint Caimin's School in Shannon brought Mary back to Clare. Like the Ballymun experience, Mary didn't

gaelic games to the new school. She also renewed her acquaintances with Wolfe Tones in Shannon and in 1987 guided them to the All-Ireland Feile na nGael title.

1987 also coincided with her introduction to the Newmarket-on-Fergus club. Mary explains: "We had just moved to live in Newmarket when the hurling club approached me to start a Camogie section in the Club". She made a favourable impression for the following year marked her election as Chairperson of the Minor section of the club.

This involved being responsible for the selection of managers and mentors for the 21 teams in the Juvenile section of the club. Mary also took time out to edit Newmarket's yearly publication, Tradaraí. She did such a good job that the 1991 edition won a McNamee Award. The 1987 edition edited by Sean Donnelly also won a McNamee Award.

After a four year stint as Minor Chairperson, Mary

Munster Camogie Convention

VERY SUCCESSFUL YEAR RECALLED

Lawlor's Hotel, Dungarvan was the venue for last Sunday's Munster Convention. As predicted, all Outgoing Officers were returned including Orla Flynn (Waterford) as P.R.O.; Marie Kearney (Cork) was elected as Vice-Chairperson following the surprise withdrawal of Marian Graham (Tipperary) from the contest.

The President of Waterford Camogie Board, Fr. Pat Cooney, C.C., welcomed the Delegates to Waterford and accorded a special welcome to Sile de Bhailis - Ard Runai of Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael.

The Chairperson of Munster (Bernie O'Dea) stated that 1992 had been one of the most successful years ever in Munster with Cork winning the Senior All-Ireland title; Tipperary winning the Junior All-Ireland title and and Minor All-Ireland. Limerick won the National Junior League; Glen Rovers (Cork) took the All-Ireland Club (Championship) honours and Maria Pollard (Cathaoirleach, Portlaoise) became the first Waterford Camogie Referee to referee an All-Ireland Final in Croke Park when she took charge of this year's Junior All-Ireland Final.

A new Munster Intermediate Championship will be in-

augured in 1993 following the acceptance of a Clare motion requesting same. The extra competition should be of great benefit to all Munster counties - providing much needed experience at this grade.

Insurance was again discussed at length and with a number of schemes now available covering Camogie - all counties and clubs were encouraged to ensure that they are adequately covered.

Waterford were successful last year in getting the venue for Munster Council Meetings changed from Limerick to Cahir. An attempt by Cork to have a rotation system inaugurated was unsuccessful and the venue remains the same. Congress 1993 will be held in Galway and following last year's Playing Rules Congress - the Administration rules will once again be put forward for acceptance. As they were not accepted last year Delegates were encouraged to ensure that counties give serious consideration to the matter this year, thus avoiding any misunderstandings.

In closing the Convention An Cathaoirleach thanked Waterford for hosting the meeting. Cork was nominated as the host county for Convention Convention 1994.

COUNTY BOARD MEETING

A reminder to all Clubs that the first meeting of the Waterford County Board for 1993 will be held in Lawlor's Hotel on Wednesday, 3rd at 7.30 p.m. A packed Agenda is envisaged so please ensure that your Delegate is present.

CAMOGIE

WHEN the Munster Convention convenes tomorrow at Lawlor's Hotel, Dungarvan, at 2.30, both officers and delegates will reflect on what was one of the most successful years ever for Munster camogie.

All the major trophies came to Munster last season. Cork won the All-Ireland senior championship and national league. Tipperary won the All-Ireland junior championship with Limerick taking the national junior league.

Both the Munster senior

and junior teams were successful in the Gael-Linn interprovincials while to crown a great year Glen Rovers of Cork took the All-Ireland club championship title. This indeed was a marvellous achievement for the province.

Bernie O'Dea of Limerick is the only nomination for cathaoirleach and she will take over from the outgoing chairperson Flan McInerney of Clare. There will be a contest for the vice-chair between Marie Kearney of

Cork and Marian Graham of Tipperary while all the other officers will be returned unopposed and these are as follows:

Secretary, Rose Malone, Cork; Treasurer, Mary Casey, Cork; PRO, Orla Flynn, Waterford; Registrar, Brid Noughton, Limerick.

Finance

Among the business for discussion tomorrow will be finance and this season Munster Council are very grateful for a substantial

grant they have received from the Munster Council of the GAA.

Motions

Motions listed for discussion includes one from Cork asking that the Munster Council meetings rotate on a yearly basis between Cork, Limerick and Tipperary.

Draws

The draws for this year's Munster championships will also be made tomorrow.

Munster convention in Dungarvan

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CAMOGIE ROUND UP

UCC girls on the Cup trail

TOMORROW UCC camogie team will commence their Ashbourne Cup campaign with a preliminary round against Trinity, Dublin, at the Mardyke at 2 p.m.

Powered by players like Stephanie Dunlea, Patricia Murphy, Edel Kearney, Patricia Dwyer and Orla Higgins, UCC should have the edge over their Dublin opponents and advance to the Ashbourne Cup proper which will be held over the weekend of February 13/14, in Galway.

At last Sunday's Munster Convention the draws for the Munster Championship were made and are as follows:—

Junior — (A) Cork v Limerick; (B) Waterford v Clare; (C) A v Tipperary. Minor — (A) Clare v Limerick; (B) A v Tipperary; (C) Cork v Waterford.

Under-18 — (A) Waterford v Tipperary; (B) A v Cork; (C) Clare v Limerick.

All-Ireland Senior Championship Open Draw — (A) Kilkenny v Kildare; (B) Cork v Antrim; (C) Wexford v Dublin.

Semi-finals: A v C.

Meeting

At last Monday night's Board meeting, a vote of sympathy was passed to the families and clubs of the late Anna Crotty and Betty Mohally.

Anna Crotty was a former Glen Rovers and Cork player and as well as being an active member of her club she acted as a Cork senior selector for many years. Betty Mohally was a former 'Barrs' player and at the time of her death was the President of the Club.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha.

UCC crush TCD

UCC 5-13 TCD 1-2

UNIVERSITY College, Cork qualified for the Ashbourne Cup proper when they had a facile win over Trinity College Dublin in the Preliminary round at the Mardyke, Cork on Saturday.

This was a very one-sided affair as the visitors offered little opposition to the home side who were very much in control and turned over leading by 2-8 to 0-0 at the break.

With Patricia Murphy, Stephanie Dunlea, Neasa Ni Dhuibhir and Edel Kearney very much on form in the forward line they picked off some excellent scores but were inclined to overuse the ball in the second half and missed a lot of chances.

The backs had very little to do but on occasions will need to tighten up if UCC are to beat Jordanstown in the next round.

Scorers: U.C.C. Edel Kearney 3-0, Patricia Murphy 1-4 (0-2 '30's 0-1 free), Neasa Ni Dhuibhir 0-4 (0-1 free), Stephanie Dunlea 0-4, Deirdre Delaney 1-0, Val Twomey 0-1.

T.C.D. Aileen Mulcahy 1-0, Sinead Ryan 0-2.

U.C.C. O. Murphy, P. Dwyer, D. Walsh, S. Keohane, C. O'Callaghan, V. Twomey, E. Murphy, N. Ni Dhuibhir, P. Murphy, S. Dunlea, E. Kearney, D. Delaney. Subs: L. Crowley, M. O'Connor, O. Higgins.

T.C.D. S. Hynes, S. Ryan, N. O'Brien, S. Dillon, C. O'Doherty, E. Tobin, J. Howard, D. McGlinchey, A. Brosnan, M. O'Malley, L. McFarland, A. Mulcahy. Subs: A. Lennon, J. Crampton, A. Bates.

Referee, M. Murphy (Eire Og).

The Ashbourne Cup Camogie Competition gets underway on Saturday next. This competition involves the older Universities, a total of eight in all. The holders, University of Ulster, Jordanstown, will be going all out to retain the title. They host Coleraine University and may carry too much strength, fielding star performers in Grace McMullen, Catriona Higgins, Bronagh Burt and Fiona Quigley.

Queens University, Belfast, also appear to be in strong contention, with players of the calibre of Brona McCorry, Antrim, Pauline Greene, Down, Shauna Higgins and Mary Black, Armagh.

Cork University must be among the favourites. They are the All-Ireland Freshers seven-a-side Champions, and have an outstanding panel of players including: Nessa O'Dwyer, Stephanie Dunlea and Val Twomey.

The competition is sure to produce many close and entertaining matches. Semi-finals and finals will be played on February 13th and 14th.

The All-Ireland Senior and Junior Colleges Camogie Competitions continue. In Munster 37 Colleges affiliated. Four Counties, Cork, Clare, Limerick and Tipperary, organise additional competitions and have their own County Colleges Committees. Some play at County level only until they feel they have advanced sufficiently to enter Munster competitions.

Unlike other provinces, Munster play their Senior and Junior Championships on a knock-out system. Therefore, their competitions are much further advanced. The finalist of the Championships are known. In the Senior final, St. Mary's, Charleville will play Scariff Community College. Both are former winners of the title and, of course, Charleville are former All-Ireland Junior and Sevens champions.

The Junior Championship final will be played between St. Mary's, Nenagh, All-Ireland Champions for the past two years,

and St. Mary's, Charleville. These two finals will be played on February 6th and 13th respectively.

In Leinster 60 Colleges affiliated. The game is very strong in Kilkenny and improving in Dublin and Carlow. However, some areas, particularly Wicklow, Longford and Westmeath remain poor.

The Championships are run off on a zone basis. Many games remain before the finalists are known. However, in the Senior Championship, Callan, the holders, are expected to be front-runners. They have only lost three of last seasons team including Tracy Millea. Sinead Millea is still available. The strongest opposition is expected from Loreto, Kilkenny, FCI, Bunclody and Mercy, Enniscorthy.

It is anticipated that the Junior Championship honours will rest between FCI Bunclody (who have several of the Wexford Under 14 team) and Callan.

FIXTURES

Ashbourne Cup Colleges Camogie:

First Round Saturday January 30th.

First mentioned have venue, all matches are timed for 1.00 p.m.

University of Ulster, Jordanstown v University of Ulster, Coleraine

U.C.C. v Trinity, Dublin

U.C.D. v Maynooth University

U.C.G. v Queen University, Belfast.

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CAMOGIE

Ashbourne Cup - at Dangan, Galway: UCC 2-2 (B. Murphy 1-2, M. Black 1-0); UCC 0-5 (M. McMahon 0-5). UCC 5-13 (P. Murphy 1-4, 0-2 '30's, 0-1 free), E. Kearney 3-0, N. Ni Dhuibhir 0-4, 0-1 free, S. Dunlea 0-4, D. Delaney 1-0, V. Twomey 0-1; TCD 1-2 (A. Mulcahy 1-0, S. Ryan 0-2); UU Belfast 8-12; UU Coleraine 2-5.



Stephanie Dunlea of University College, Cork, about to collect the ball as teammate Neasa Ni Dhuibhir holds off Trinity College, Dublin, defender Sinead Ryan, in the Ashbourne Cup inter-varsity camogie championship at the Mardyke, Cork.

— (Picture: Denis Minihane)

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V

ST. MARY'S, NENAGH

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ST. MARY'S CHARLEVILLE

1. Mairead Keane
2. Muireann Harrington
3. Claire O'Donoghue
4. Breda O'Brien (capt.)
5. Gillian Reidy
6. Deirdre Sheehan
7. Jean Cullinane
8. Siobhan Buckley
9. Roni Hawe
10. Carole Sheehy
11. Karina Carroll
12. Vera Sheehan
13. Katie O'Shea
14. Laura Leslie
15. Mary Scully
16. Marie O'Brien
17. Angela O'Mahony
18. Angela Sheehy

COLOURS : NAVY and BLUE

ST. MARY'S NENAGH

1. Susan Kenneally (capt.)
2. Deirdre Kirby
3. Triona Mc Cormack
4. Patricia Hogan
5. Linda Hassett
6. Cora Young
7. Ciara Gaynor
8. Deirdre Keogh
9. Hilda Mounsey
10. Sarah Bergin
11. Catherine Slattery
12. Sara Madden
13. Siobhan Malone
14. Mairead Hogan
15. Lisa Young
16. Caroline Mounsey
17. Sandra Guilfoyle
18. Martina Melia

COLOURS : RED and B

Mary's bid to dethrone Nenagh

BY TOM HIGGINS

ST. MARY'S, Charleville will be bidding to record the first leg of a Munster double at Newtownshandrum this afternoon when they take on the holders, Nenagh, in the Munster Junior Schools camogie final. They play the senior final against Scariff of Clare this day week in Scariff.

The Cork side have a proud tradition in the game since it was introduced to the school

in 1985, winning the Munster Junior title in 1986 and 1987 going on to capture the All-Ireland title on each occasion.

A rapid transition was made to the senior grade after their initial junior success and they won Munster titles in 1987 and 1988. However, the following year they lost both the senior and junior deciders to Cashel.

Both the senior and junior sides are backboned by players

from the Granagh-Ballyagran and Newtownshandrum Clubs. The junior captain is goalkeeper Breda O'Brien, who was between the posts when Granagh-Ballyagran were beaten by Glen Rovers in this year Munster Senior Club final.

The junior side have enjoyed quite a deal of success already as a number of them helped the school to win the Munster first year title for the past two years.

They will, however, have to be at their best this afternoon as Nenagh will be seeking to take the Cup for the third year in succession and are All-Ireland winners for the past two years.

Nenagh will field five of last years successful side, plus one or two who were on the subs bench. One of their stars is goalkeeper Susan Kennealy, who helped Tipperary to All-Ireland minor honours last year. Also on that Tipperary side were Clara Gaynor, a daughter of former

Tipperary star Len Gaynor. Clara, who is only 14, is a player of great natural ability and will be expected to have a big say in the destination of the trophy.

Also surviving from last year are full-back Deirdre Kirby and forwards Hilda Mounsey and Sarah Madden.

While this present side may not be as strong as in previous years they are a very determined team and will not be easily beaten. They have

shown courage and commitment in their wins over Thurles, Scariff, Cashel and St. Patrick's, Cork on the way top the final and are sure to make a bold bid to retain their title.

The Charleville senior captain is Ursula Troy of Newtownshandrum, a niece of Canon Bertie Troy, who trained Cork to win three All-Ireland senior hurling titles in 1976-77-78. They have a strong panel, including such fine performers as Joanne Egan, Marie Foley and Susan

Sheahan and with a well balance team will fancy their chances.

This will be Scariff Community College's first time contesting a senior championship final but the side have made great strides in recent years. They won the Senior League on three occasions and took the junior title in 1990, when they defeated Macroom. The following year they reached the junior decider again only to go under to Nenagh.

To reach next

Saturday's final they had a two tough games against St. Caimins, Shannon and St. Patrick's, Shannon. But they are not overawed by Charleville as they met them in three First Year finals as well as beating the Cork side in the semi-final of a seven-a-side tournament.

Next Saturday they will be relying on Eilish Doyle, Marian Baker, Angela Hogan and county star Orla Slattery to see them through.

Camogie Round Up

The semi finals of the Purcell Cup and Shield Colleges Camogie Competition takes place this Saturday, February 6th, with both finals on Sunday the 7th. Athlone R.T.C. will host this weekend event.

St. Mary's, Belfast meet the holders Waterford R.T.C. in the Cup semi final. This should be an excellent tussle. In the first round St. Mary's defeated a very strong University of Limerick side on a score of 6-4 to 0-3.

St. Mary's are a well balanced team with prominent players in Orla Downey and Colleen Hynds. They are sure to create problems for their opponents. Waterford R.T.C. had a run-away victory over Coact, Limerick in the first round 8-11 to 0-1. They too have a host of stars: Una Murphy, Marita Tobin and Sinéad Neillan are in top form. They will not surrender the title too easily.

In the second semi final Dublin City University play Athlone R.T.C. The latter got a walk over in the first round, while D.C.U. had a 3-4 to 1-2 win over Mary I, Limerick. With Anne Marie O'Connor and Pamela Nevin at their best, they may carry too much strength for their opponents.

The Shield is certain to go to Limerick, as there are three Limerick Colleges in contention. University of Limerick are through to the final. Mary I and Coact oppose each other in the other semi final. This should be quite a close encounter, Mary I may just about shade it.

This is sure to be an excellent weekend of Camogie hosted at a very central location and it should draw large crowds.

On Saturday next the Munster Junior Colleges final takes place, between St. Mary's, Nenagh and St. Mary's, Charleville. St. Mary's, Nenagh are the reigning All-Ireland Colleges Junior Champions. En route to the Munster final, they overcame Presentation, Thurles, Scariff Community, Scoil Mhuire, Cashel and St. Patrick's, Cork.

Nenagh retain five of the team which defeated St. Mary's, Magherafelt in the

replay of the All-Ireland Junior final. They are, goalkeeper Susan Kennealy, who captains this year's side, Deirdre Kirby, Clara Gaynor (daughter of former Tipperary hurler, Len Gaynor), Hilda Mounsey and Sarah Madden.

Charleville won the 1992 Munster first year Competition, and the majority of those players have moved up to Junior grade this season. In earlier rounds, they defeated Scoil Pol, Presentation de le Salle, Hospital, Shannon Comprehensive and Presentation, Bandon. Their top performers are Breda O'Brien, captain, Vera Sheehan, Deirdre Sheehan, Carole Sheehan and Jean Cullinane. Jean is a niece of Jim, Geraldine and Bernie O'Brien, all of whom wore the Limerick and Munster colours with great distinction. It should be a very close encounter.

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PICTURES

Saturday February 6th

Munster Colleges Junior Final:

At Newtownshandrum

St. Mary's, Nenagh v St. Mary's, Charleville 2 o'clock

Purcell Cup and Shield Semi finals

At Athlone

Shield: Mary 2, Limerick v Coact, Limerick 12.30 p.m.

Cup: Athlone R.T.C. v Dublin City University 1.15 p.m.

St. Mary's, Belfast v Waterford R.T.C. 3.30 p.m.

Sunday February 7th

At Athlone

Shield Final: 1.30 p.m.

Cup final: 3.00 p.m.

St Mary's win Munster camogie title

CHARLEVILLE'S St. Mary's junior camogie stormed their way to their third Munster junior title when they brushed aside the challenge of their Nenagh opponents at Newtownshandrum on Saturday.

Every member of the team from goalkeeper Mairead Keane to full-forward Vera Sheehan played their part in this great victory for the school who last won the title in 1989.

Charleville opened the scoring in the sixth minute when Carole Sheehy doubled on a ball at the edge of the square and her rocket-like shot gave the Nenagh keeper Susan Kennealy no chance. This was followed in quick succession by pints from Vera Sheehan and Jeanne Cullinane to make the score 1-2 to nil for Nenagh.

At this stage of the game full forward Vera Sheehan was playing havoc with the Nenagh defence and her good work was rewarded with a pint to leave her team 1-3 in front.

In the 20th minute Nenagh were awarded a free at midfield and the resultant puck rebounded off a Charleville defender into the net to give the Tipperary side their only score of the game and leave the half time score 1-3 to 1-0.

On the resumption the Charleville girls continued to dictate the trend of play and only a brilliant save by Nenagh keeper Susan Kennealy denied them a goal when she deflected a Vera Sheehan shot over the bar to stretch the Charleville lead to 1-4.

They continued to dominate in all sectors, particularly at midfield where Deirdre Sheehan and Jean Cullinane were outstanding while at centre back Breda O'Brien was a tower of strength.

In the 18th minute Ronnie Howe broke through for a great goal to put the issue beyond doubt for Charleville. Breda O'Brien tacked on two more points to leave St. Mary's convincing and deserving winners of their third Munster junior title.

The Charleville team was solid throughout with goalkeeper Mairead Keane in brilliant form.

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Charleville girls win first leg

BY TOM HIGGINS

St. Mary's, Charleville 2-6

St. Mary's, Nenagh 1-0

ST. MARY'S, Charleville are on course for a Munster Schools camogie double following this win over holders, St. Mary's, Nenagh in the Munster Junior final at Newtownshandrum on Saturday.

Next Saturday their seniors travel to play Scariff in their final and they will be hoping for another success.

On Saturday the Charleville side were the more determined and deserved their win. There was little between the sides in the opening 15 minutes but a very solid defence, in which Breda O'Brien was outstanding, gave the Cork the edge and with the forwards getting a good supply of the ball the Nenagh backs were under pressure for long periods.

Charleville went ahead in the 5th minute when Carole Sheehy goaled and they added two further points from Vera Sheehan and Jean Cullinane before Nenagh had their only score of the game in the 20th minute when a free by Ciara Gaynor, their best player, was deflected into the net by one of the Charleville backs. Vera Sheehan added a further point for the winners just before the break to leave it 1-3 to 1-0 at the interval.

It was all Charleville in the opening ten minutes of the second-half and they were rewarded with their second goal in the 30th minute when Roni Howe scored from close range. Nenagh made an effort to get back into the game in the final quarter but two excellent saves from Mairead Keane kept them at bay and Charleville lifted the siege and had three points in the final ten minutes, one from Vera Sheehan and two from frees by O'Brien for a worthy success.

ST. MARY'S CHARLEVILLE: LE: M. Keane; M. Harrington; C. O'Donoghue; B. O'Brien; G. Reidy; D. Sheehan; J. Cullinane; S. Buckley; R. Howe; C. Sheehy; K. Carroll; V. Sheehan. Sub. I. Leslie for R. Carroll (half-time).

ST. MARY'S NENAGH: S. Kenneally; D. Kirby; T. McCracken; P. Hogan; L. Hassett; E. Guilfoyle; C. Gaynor; E. Keogh; H. Mounsey; S. Bergin; C. Slattery; S. Madden. Sub. C. Young for C. Slattery (half-time).

Referee: P. Twomey (Adare)



St. Mary's, Charleville player Laura Leslie wins the ball from St. Mary's Nenagh player Linda Hassett during the Munster Colleges Junior Camogie final at Newtownshandrum on Saturday. (Picture: Eddie O'Hare)



St. Mary's, Charleville, who defeated St. Mary's Nenagh, in the Munster Colleges Junior Camogie final at Newtownshandrum. (Picture: Eddie O'Hare)

UCC face a mighty task in Ashbourne

BY TOM HIGGINS

THE UCC camogie team travel to Dublin this weekend to contest the Ashbourne Cup finals, the Inter-Varsity championship.

On Saturday in the semi-final they face the reigning champions, Jordanstown, who recently hampered Coleraine in the quarter-final. The champions can field all but one of last year's successful side.

UCC are a relatively young side, but face the challenge in a reasonably confident mood, following their 5-13 to 1-1 win over TCD in the quarter-final. The Cork side have not won the trophy since 1985 and have failed to get

past the quarter-final stage in the last two years.

A great deal of emphasis has been put on the first year team in the last two years and gradually the tide is beginning to turn. Last year UCC reached the final of the Freshers Cup where they went under to Jordanstown, but this year they went one better and took the title for the first time in the club's history.

The UCC mentors are Cathy Hannigan from Donegal, who won two Ashbourne Cup medals while attending UCC, UCC Gaelic Games Development Officer Tomás Queally and

Bishopstown coach Pat Murray and they have put an enormous effort into preparing the side.

The team have played a number of challenge games — against the All-Ireland champions Cork, Bishopstown, St. Finbarr's and the St. Patrick's School.

UCD and Queens meet in the second semi-final, with the winners contesting the final on Sunday afternoon. All games will be played in Santry where the host club, TCD have their camogie pitches.

UCC will rely a lot on their high scoring forwards, Deirdre Delaney, Edel Kearney, a first cousin of Cork

star Tony O'Sullivan, Patricia Murphy, who won an All-Ireland Club medal with Glen Rovers, Val Twomey and Liz Crowley.

Team captain Sharon Keohane, Sinead Eustace, Deirdre Walsh, Carol O'Callaghan and Orla Higgins are all excellent defenders while Orla Murphy is in goal.

The midfield comprises Esther Murphy, Stephanie Dunlea, and Nessa Ni Dhuibhir, who was the player of the tournament in the Freshers final.

Although they are up against the overwhelming favourites, the Cork side



The UCC team which defeated Trinity College, Dublin, in the quarter-final of the Ashbourne Cup Inter-varsity Camogie Championship at the Mardyke, Cork. (Picture: Denis Minihane)

will not be easily beaten and could provide a surprise.

UCC PANEL: Sharon Keohane (Barryroe) Captain, Food Science, 2nd Ashbourne, Cork Junior "B" C'chip and League winner.

Deirdre Walsh (Barryroe) 2nd Science, 2nd Ashbourne, Cork Junior "B" Championship winner.

Orla Murphy (Glen Rovers), 1st Ashbourne, Freshers Cup winner.

Paula Dowling (Freshford), 1st Ashbourne, All-Ireland Under 16, Under 18 and Junior medals with Kilkenny.

Orla Higgins (Bishopstown), 2nd Electrical Engineering, 2nd Ashbourne, Under 16, Under 18 County titles and All-Ireland Felle winner's medal.

Stephanie Dunlea (Cloughduv), Food Science, 1st Ashbourne, Freshers Cup, Various Co. Championships, Cork Under 16, 18 and Junior medals.

Carol O'Callaghan (Eire Og) 1st Arts, 1st Ashbourne, Freshers Cup medal, Cork Under 16 token.

Val Twomey (Sarsfields) Computer Diploma, 5th Ashbourne, Ex Cork Senior.

Senior Co. Championship medal.

Patricia Murphy (Glen Rovers), H.Dip, 4th Ashbourne, All-Ireland Club Championship medal, Senior County Championship medals.

Nessa Ni Dhuibhir (Cashel) Commerce, 1st Ashbourne, Freshers Cup medal, Tipperary minor, Under 18 and Junior player.

Deirdre Delaney (Lisdowney), Food Science, 1st Ashbourne Freshers Cup medal, Kilkenny minor.

Edel Kearney (Bishopstown), Computer

Science, 2nd Ashbourne, Cork Under 16 and Under 18 captain, Felle na nGael All-Ireland medal.

Esther Murphy (Gaultier) 2nd Commerce, 2nd Ashbourne, Under 16 and Under 18 player.

Liz Crowley (Newcestown) 2nd Science, 2nd Ashbourne, Various Cork Championship medals, V.E.C Senior Championship medal.

Sinead Eustrace (Tipperary), 4th Science, 4th Ashbourne.

Mary O'Connor (Banteer) 4th Food Science, 4th Ashbourne Helena Bugler

(Innishannon) 1st Arts, 1st Ashbourne. Nicola O'Brien (Bansha) 1st Arts, Freshers Cup medal, 1st Ashbourne.

Valerie Nagle (Eire Og) 1st Arts, 1st Ashbourne. Pauline Nagle (Eire Og), H. Dip, 2nd Ashbourne. Greta Burchill (Skibbereen), H. Dip, 4th Ashbourne. Catherine Aherne (Cobh), 2nd Ashbourne.

Yvonne O'Brien (Eire Og), 1st Arts, 1st Ashbourne. Niamh Fitzgerald (Eire Og) 1st Arts, 1st Ashbourne. Alison Crossan (Ballincollig) 1st Arts, 1st Ashbourne.

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St. Mary's, Charleville, winners of the Munster Colleges Junior Camogie Final at Newtownshandrum.

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CAMOGIE Munster Junior Camogie Final

St. Mary's Charleville.....2-6
St. Mary's Nenagh.....1-0
St. Mary's Charleville had a good victory over St. Mary's Nenagh last Saturday in Newtownshandrum. In the Munster Junior Camogie Final, there were six girls from our club on this team and each gave a very good performance. We would like to congratulate these girls on their victory and wish them the best of luck in the All-Ireland Semi-Final against Ulster in March. The girls from the Newtownshandrum Club on this team were Mairead Keane, Jill Riedy, Muireann Harrington, Siobhan Buckley, Karina Carroll and Roni Howell.

Munster Senior Camogie Final: St. Mary's Charleville are aiming for a Munster Schools Camogie double following their victory over Nenagh last weekend. Next Saturday the senior team travel to play Scariff in the senior final. So far they have defeated Cashel in the first round and Nenagh in the semi-final. As with the junior panel our club are also well represented on the panel of the senior team. These players are Joanne Ryan, Lisa Kelleher, Yvonne Morrissey, Muireann Harrington and Ursula Troy, who captains the senior team. We wish them the best of luck in this game which takes place in Whitegate at 2p.m.



Mary Moran pictured presenting the Munster Junior Colleges Camogie Championship trophy to Breda O'Brien, captain of the successful St. Mary's Charleville team.

Scariff can win first Munster senior title

By Seamus Hayes

WHITEGATE will be the venue on this Saturday (2 p.m.) for the Munster Colleges senior A camogie final in which Scariff Community College will take on St. Mary's, Charleville. The Charleville school has won this title on two occasions and their semi-final victory over St. Mary's Nenagh gives them the favourites tag for Saturday.

Scariff have never won this title but they have been doing well in camogie circles in recent years. They progressed to senior ranks in 1988 and under coach Jack Treacy they have been a strong force in Colleges camogie since then. They have reached the semi-final stage on two occasions.

In their first semi-final appearance they had to give

best to a talented St. Mary's Cashel team while last year they were edged out by eventual winners St. Pats from Cork. Will they make it third time lucky on this occasion?

On their way to this year's final they have beaten two Shannon school sides. In their first outing they overcame St. Caimins Community School and then in the semi-final they overcame rivals St. Pats Comprehensive School. This was a very hard fought

tie with only the minimum separating the sides midway through the second half. A superb goal from Marian O'Grady following a Marian Baker cross sealed the issue in favour of the East Clare side.

These sides have clashed at the concluding stages of a number of competitions in recent years. On three occasions the schools have contested the final of the Muns-

ter Colleges first year blitz and they have also clashed in seven a side competitions and both sides have had their victories.

Scariff have trained extremely hard for this year's championship and the girls should be in peak condition for this final. Appearing in the senior final will be a new experience for them and coach Treacy is sure to have them in determined mood.

Scariff will be looking for good performances from Fiona Sampson, Dawn Costelloe, Eilish Doyle, Orla Slattery, Elaine Slattery, Angela Woods, Una O'Rourke, Marian O'Grady, Colette Walshe and team captain Marian Baker. They are sure to have huge support from all over East Clare and there are great hopes that it will be third time lucky.

Charleville will be particularly anxious to win and to complete the senior-junior double having won the junior crown beating St. Mary's Nenagh last week. They will start as slight favourites to lift the crown but they may well have to give best to the Clare side on this occasion.

SCARIFF COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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FIONA SAMPSON
WHITEGATE

2

DONNA COSTELLOE
BODYKE

3

YVONNE HOGAN
BODYKE

4

EILISH DOYLE
WHITEGATE

5

ANGELA WOODS
WHITEGATE

6

SLAINE SLATTERY
BODYKE

7

ORLA SLATTERY
BODYKE

8

SINEAD WILEY
BODYKE

9

UNA O ROURKE
SCARIFF/
OGONELLOE

10

MARIANNE BAKER
CAPTAIN
KILKISHEN

11

MARIAN O GRADY
FEAKLE

12

COLLETTE WALSH
SCARIFF/OGONELLOE

13. ANGELA HOGAN, WHITEGATE
14. JOSIE NAUGHTON, FEAKLE
15. CHRISTINA DILLON, WHITEGATE
16. CAROLINE HOGAN, BODYKE
17. MICHELLE MCNAMARA, BODYKE
18. LINDA O GRADY, FEAKLE
19. CLAIRE COLLERAN, SCARIFF/OGONELLOE
20. ANN KAVANAGH, SCARIFF/OGONELLOE

COACH: JACK TREACY

COLOURS: BLUE AND WHITE

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MARIE LAKE
GRANAGH

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GRANAGH

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JOANNE EGAN
NEWTOWNSHANDRUM

8

DEIRDRE SHEEHAN
GRANAGH

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UNA LAKE
BALLYGRAN

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URSULA TROY
NEWTOWNSHANDRUM

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AINE CAHILL
GRANAGH

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MARIE FOLEY

13. MUIREANN HARRINGTON, NEWTOWNSHANDRUM
14. CAROLE SHEEHY, BALLYGRAN
15. OLIVE BURKE, NEWTOWNSHANDRUM
16. CATHERINE DALY, NEWTOWNSHANDRUM
17. LISA KELLEHER, NEWTOWNSHANDRUM (Injured)

COACH: VINCENT HARRINGTON

COLOURS: NAVY & BLUE

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Mary's double target

By Tom Higgins

ST. MARY'S of Charleville travel to Whitehall, Scariff, Co. Clare this afternoon (2p.m.) to play Scariff Community School in the Munster Senior Camogie final and hoping to complete a double they failed to accomplish in 1989. That year they reached the final of both the Junior and Senior championship, but had to give best to Cashel in both. However, last Saturday, at Newtownshandrum, they recorded the first leg of the double when their Juniors had a comprehensive win over the holders, St. Mary's, Nenagh. So, they will be very keen to complete the second leg of the double this afternoon.

In reaching this year's final, their fourth since 1986, they had to overcome very stiff opposition from Cashel and Nenagh. They were also successful in 1987 and 1988.

The senior side, as was the case with the juniors, is backed by members of the Granagh-Ballygran and Newtownshandrum clubs and will be captained by Ursula Troy, a niece of Canon Bertie Troy, who coached Cork senior hurlers to a three-in-a-row All-Ireland success in 1976-'77 and '78.

The team has the services of some other fine performers, including Joanne Egan, Marie Foley, Susan Sheehan and Aine Cahill.

Also on the side are four players who won junior honours last week, Breda O'Brien, the Sheehan sisters, Vera and Deirdre, and Jean Cullinane, who comes in for the injured Lisa Kelleher at wing midfield.

Bells ring for St. Mary's

St. Mary's Charleville 0-15

Scariff Comm. College 0-1

ST. MARY'S College Charleville captured the Munster Colleges Senior Camogie title when they recorded a decisive victory over Scariff Community College at Whitegate on Saturday.

As the scoreline suggests, the Charleville side dictated matters throughout. This victory marked their third success in this competition and completes the provincial senior double of this year as only a few days earlier they had also won the junior crown.

Full forward Marie

Foley was the outstanding player for the winners contributing seven points of their total. Centre-back Breda O'Brien contributed six points and it was the accuracy of these two players from frees and from play which proved too much for the home team.

The Charleville side played with the aid of a strong breeze in the first half and took the lead in the third minute when Marie Foley pointed. They went on to score eight more points in this half to hold a comfort-

able lead at the interval. Scariff were not too disappointed at this stage as they had the strong breeze to come in the second period but within two minutes of the restart it was clear that Charleville had other ideas as top scorer Foley sent over their tenth point.

They continued to dominate and with Breda O'Brien punishing the home side with four great points from frees, they were well on their way to victory long before the final whistle. Scariff

consolation point came in the final minute.

Scorers: St. Mary's — M. Foley 0-7; B. O'Brien 0-6; U. Troy, U. Lake 0-1 each. Scariff — O. Slattery 0-1.

ST. MARY'S — V. Sheehan, S. Sheehan, K. Horgan, B. O'Brien, M. Lake, J. Cullinane, J. Egan, D. Sheehan, U. Lake, U. Troy, A. Cahill, M. Foley.

SCARRIFFE: — F. Sampson, D. Costelloe, Y. Hogan, E. Doyle, A. Woods, E. Slattery, O. Slattery, S. Wiley, U. O'Rourke, M. Baker, M. O'Grady, C. Walsh.

Ref: B. Phillips (Tipperary).

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ASHBOURNE CUP

UUJ 3-7 Queens 1-5

UNIVERSITY of Ulster Jordanstown retained the Ashbourne Colleges Camogie Cup in an exciting final against Queens University Belfast at Santry yesterday. Queens took the game to their opponents from the start with a goal from Jean Twohill and had three more points before Catherine Higgins opened the champions' account with a point. Queens led at half-time 1-3 to Jordanstown's 0-1.

Early in the second half a Brona Birt

goal put Jordanstown back in contention. It became a ding-dong battle with Queens holding the edge but missing out on many valuable scoring chances. In the closing stages Jordanstown star Grace McMullen put away two goals to put them on the road to victory. **SCORERS** — Jordanstown: G. McMullen 2-4; B. Birt 1-0; C. Higgins 0-3. Queens: J. Twohill 1-1; B. McCorry 0-3; M. Black 0-1.

UUJ — F. Quigley, S. Mc Eileen, F. McBurney, S. Convery, C. McGarry, C. McCamphill, C. Higgins, P. Green, G. McMullen, C. Mulholland, G. Carr, B. Birt. Subs: B. Cullen for McCamphill.

QUB — A. Crilly, N. McGee, T. Lundy, S. Higgins, K. Gilmore, R. McCluskey, B. McCorry, S. O'Kane, M. Donnelly, M. Black, P. Green, J. Tobin.

REF — P. Breslin (Dublin)

Shield final — UCG 5-6; Coleraine University 1-1.

Munster Senior Colleges final — St. Mary's Charleville 0-15; Scariff CC 0-1.

Finally, Ashbourne Cup, Shield deciders

THE semi-finals of the Ashbourne Colleges Camogie Cup and Shield competitions take place on Saturday with both finals on Sunday.

Trinity host the Cup semi-finals, the first of which sees holders University of Ulster Jordanstown for whom Catriona Higgins, Fiona Quigley and Grace McMullen are in top form meeting University College Cork. UCC look to Nessa O'Dwyer, Stephanie Dunlea and Val Twomey.

In the second semi-final Queens University Belfast take on University College Dublin in a contest that should go to the wire.

The Shield semi-finals see University College Galway favourites against Maynooth and Trinity with home advantage against Coleraine.

St. Mary's Charleville under captain Ursula Troy take on Scariff Community School in the Munster Senior Colleges final. Scariff will look to Yvonne Hogan, Orla Slattery and Colette Walsh for big performances.

FIXTURES SATURDAY

At Santry, Dublin — Ashbourne Cup and Shield semi-finals — Shield: UCG v Maynooth 12.0; Coleraine v Trinity 1.30. Cup: Queens v UCD 12.45; University of Ulster Jordanstown v UCC 2.15.

At Whitegate, Clare — Munster Senior Colleges final — Scariff Community School v St. Mary's Charleville 2.0.

SUNDAY

At Santry — Shield final 1.0. Cup final 2.30.



St. Mary's, Charleville, pictured at Whitegate, Co. Cork, after defeating Scariff Community School in the Munster Senior Camogie final.

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At the Glen Rovers Camogie Club victory dinner in the Country Club Hotel, Cork (seated, from left): Nora Newman, chairperson; Chrissie Buckley, vice-president; Most Rev Dr John Buckley, Auxiliary Bishop of Cork and Ross; Deirdre Coleman, treasurer, and Anne O'Donovan, vice-chairman — (back, from left) Fr Michael Crowley PP, Blackpool; Mary Ring, team captain; Mary Newman-McCarthy, and Noel Lynham, coach.

No joy for UCC girls

THE news that Trish Nolan had been selected for the Combined Universities camogie team was some consolation for UCC, after they were knocked out by eventual champions UUJ on a 2-8 to 3-11 scoreline in the semi-finals of the

Ashbourne Cup in Santry, Dublin.

● In the final UUJ beat QUB 3-7 to 1-5

UCC: O Murphy, P Dowling, S Keohane (capt), D Walsh, C O'Callaghan, N O'Dwyer, S Dunlea, E Murphy, P Murphy, V Twomey, E Murphy, D Delaney. Sub: O Higgins for Walsh.

University of Ulster Retain Ashbourne Cup

University of Ulster, Jordanstown, retained the Ashbourne Colleges Camogie Cup in an exciting final against Queens University, Belfast, played at Santry. Queens took the game to their opponents from the start, with a goal coming from Jean Twohill. Jordanstown found Queens rearguard in top form. Queens notched the three more points before Catherine Higgins opened the champions account with 0-1. Half time score: Queens 1-3, Jordanstown 0-1.

Early in the second half, a goal by Brona Birt put Jordanstown in contention. It became a ding dong battle with Queens holding the edge, but missed out many valuable scoring chances.

In the closing stages Jordanstown star Grace McMullen put away 2-0. Her side became dominant and had a further 0-3 without reply from their opponents to run out winners on a score of 3-7 to 1-5. Scorers: Jordanstown: Grace McMullen 2-4, Brona Birt 1-0, Catherine Higgins 0-3. Queens: Jean Twohill 1-1, Brona McCorry 0-3, Mary Black 0-1.

Shield Final: University College Galway 5-6, Coleraine University 1-1.

St. Mary's, Charleville were in top form in the Munster Senior Colleges final when they recorded a comprehensive win over Scariff Community College, leading 0-9 to 0-0 at the interval. There was some great Camogie played by both sides in the second half. Scariff were unable to match the scoring power of Charleville, who coasted home with their third title. Final score: St. Mary's Charleville, 0-15, St. Mary's Scariff 0-1. Scorers: Charleville: Marie Foley 0-7, Breda O'Brien 0-6, Ursula Troy and Una Lake 0-1 each. Scariff: Orla Slattery 0-1.

On Sunday next, the Leinster Senior and Junior Colleges finals take place at Nowlan Park, Kilkenny. In the Senior final it is an all Kilkenny affair. Callan the holders take on Loretto. This should be an excellent encounter with both sides fielding a host of stars. Callan were defeated by St. Raphaels, Galway in the All-Ireland final last year, and have only lost three players from that panel. They are sure to be well supported by Sinead Millea, Marie Maher and Margaret Commerford.

Loretto will go all out to topple the champions and will be

depending on Imelda Kennedy, Sinead Costello and Catriona Carey.

In the Junior final Presentation, Kilkenny may just prove too strong for F.C.J. Bunclody, Wexford.

This week we look at Dublin's chances of winning an All-Ireland Championship and taking the coveted O'Duffy Cup. The game of Camogie has been strongly promoted in the county down the years. They have 44 clubs affiliated and one would think it is easy to pick an All-Ireland winning team in the city. But it is very difficult to keep a good panel of players together.

Dublin hold more All-Ireland Senior titles than any other county, 26 in all. They last won the title in 1984 after a lapse of eight years when they defeated Tipperary 5-9 to 2-4. In '85 and '86 they were defeated by Kilkenny in the final. Last year they bowed out in the first round of the Championship to Wexford 1-9 to 0-4. They made it to the semi final of the National League only to be ousted again by the Slaneysiders 2-14 to 3-3.

However, the county made history when they won the inaugural All-Ireland Intermediate Championship. This was a shot in the arm for a Senior team which now carry quite a strong panel in the following: Louise Curry, Geraldine O'Neill, Catherine Boyle, Cathy Walsh, Karen Bauer, Pat Finneran, Ruth Lyons, Veronica Trehy, Ann Cooper, Geraldine Dunne, Marie Connell, Carmel Gray and Mary Mernagh.

If this panel can be kept together, Dublin can be the surprise packet. Once again they meet Wexford in the first round of the open draw.

FIXTURES FOR SUNDAY 28TH FEBRUARY

Leinster Colleges Camogie Finals

At Nowlan Park

Junior: Presentation, Kilkenny versus F.C.J. Bunclody at 2.00 p.m.

Referee: Valerie Crean

Senior: Callan, Kilkenny versus Loretto, Kilkenny at 3.30 p.m.

Referee: Padraig McMorow. - P.J. FULHAM